

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition April 01-29 Russian Cultural Centre has arranged a photo and stamp exhibition on aviation and cosmonautics to celebrate the International Day of Cosmonautics and Aviation at the center's library.

April 02-13 Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy has arranged a photography exhibition by Japanese photographer Hiroko Kobayashi...

April 04-24 On the occasion of its fifth anniversary, the Bengal Foundation, is organising a solo exhibition artist Jean Dometti...

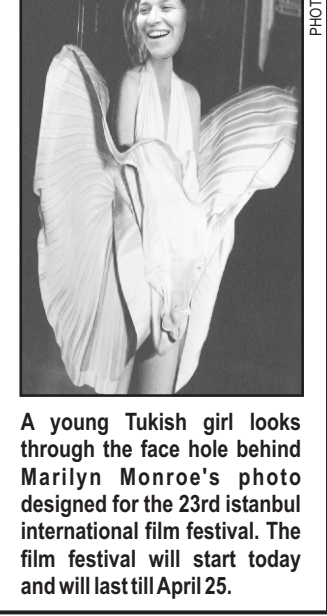
April 09-19 Saju art Gallery has arranged a ten day retrospective exhibition of painting by Shamsul Islam Nizami...

April 01-13 A photography exhibition on the fire in the Karail slum is going on at the Goethe Institut...

Film show April 11 Son of the World-Yuri Gagarin and Tragic Death of Yuri Gagarin will be screened at the library of the Russian Cultural Centre...

April 05-26 The Indian High Commission will screen 7 films as part of its regular bi-weekly film show programme...

Sculpture April 13-30 British Council Bangladesh holds a bamboo sculpture exhibition at its compound at 5 Fuller Road...



A young Turkish girl looks through the face hole behind Marilyn Monroe's photo designed for the 23rd Istanbul International Film Festival...

Face to face

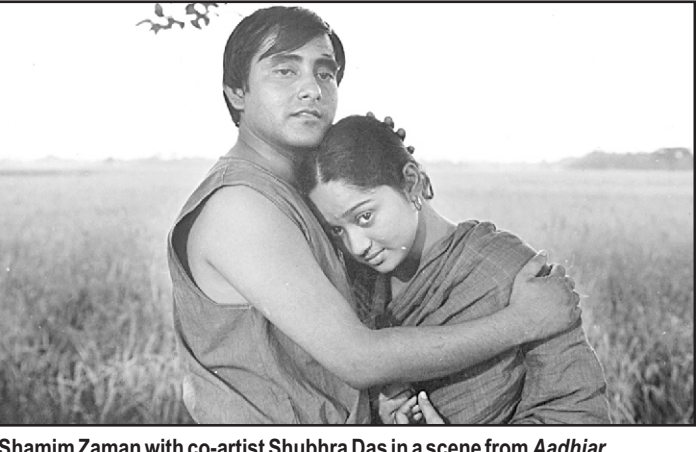
Shamim Zaman an actor with potential

HARUN UR RASHID

REMEMBER Madhob of the much applauded award-winning film Aadhaar? The youth who roams about the villages of North Bengal singing songs of the Tebhaga movement?

Although Aadhaar is Shamim's first film, it however was not his first foray in acting. To the regular TV viewers and theatre-goers, he is quite a well-known face with several remarkable roles to his credit.

When he met Tutul, the director asked him 'to live rather casually like not to have my hair cut, not to wear



Shamim Zaman with co-artist Shubhra Das in a scene from Aadhaar

shoes,' recalls Shamim. The entire cast tried to live the very ordinary life of the farmers of the northern part of Bengal. When the team went to Rangpur for shooting, 'we didn't change back into our regular clothes for 25 days since we had worn our film costumes,' says Shamim.

Shamim's role in Aadhaar portrays a youth who sacrifices his personal life for the cause of the Tebhaga movement that fought for the equal rights of the farmers.

Zamindars and the police are also leaving the scene, a spirited Madhob, armed with a scythe, goes to puncture the tyres of the police van.

Shamim believes that every actor should work in all media, 'for that is how one's acting can be evaluated properly. Besides theatre and film he has acted in a good number of TV plays and telefilms.

Shamim Zaman believes that if the present hype of making films like Aadhaar goes on, our film industry would be able to revive its golden era.

Event

Cultural meet in Australia

REZAUUL KARIM LOTUS

Members of the Bangladesh Cultural delegation staged a colourful musical soiree at the 5-day Bangladesh Festival in Sydney.

Bangladesh Commerce Minister Atif Hossain Chowdhury and Australia's Federal Trade Minister Mark Vaile jointly inaugurated the festival at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre in Darling Harbour.

The deputy leader of the cultural delegation Sherin Sultana Sherin and Programme Director and Manager Zinnat Barkatullah were also present.

Famous international Model Bibi Russel's Fashion for Development group also staged a superb fashion show at the trade fair venue.

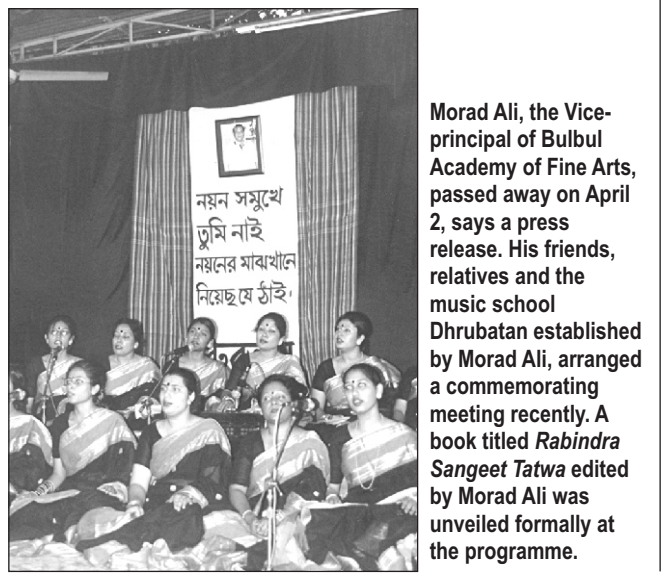
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The week gone by



Cultural group Srijon held a musical soiree presenting songs of the yesteryears recently, at the Biswa Shahitya Kendro auditorium.



Morad Ali, the Vice-principal of Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts, passed away on April 2, says a press release.

Performing art

Jadur Pradeep: where actions speak louder

The magic of mime unfolded in the Aladdin story

AFSAR AHMED

It was an evening when the season's first hail storm hit the city. On that soothing evening, Swapnodal Theatre staged a mime show at the amphitheatre of Jahangirnagar University...



A sequence from the mime show Jadur Pradeep

The main attraction of the evening was the mime show, which started two hours later than its original schedule.

Swapnodal, a theatre group formed in 2001, has already earned credentials for its play Tringsho Shatabdi (The 30th Century) and Swadhinota Sangram (Liberation War).

Composed and directed by Zahid Repon, Jadur Pradeep may present rusty gags but the story, being well known, follows the same pattern with eventual expected outcome.

The story presents young Aladdin who falls in love

with the beautiful princess, but cannot marry her as he is just a peasant. Being forced into a booby-trapped magic cave by the evil wizard in the disguise of his uncle, Aladdin finds a magic lamp and discovers that it contains a genie that will obey the orders of the person possessing the lamp.

Backed by colourful and sparkling costumes, amusing music and good spectacle of wizardry performed by Aladdin and the Genie, the show was very entertaining.

Filmdom

Historic Hollywood studios sold

BBC ONLINE

The Hollywood studio where film classic Citizen Kane was made has been sold for \$125m (£68m). Sony has sold the 85-year-old Culver Studios to a private investment group called Studio City Los Angeles (SCLA), according to the buyers.

owned by billionaire aviator Howard Hughes and US comedienne Lucille Ball, among others. They were sold to Sony Pictures Entertainment in 1991, a year after the company bought the nearby MGM studios.

The Culver Studios are now a major television production facility, where shows produced there include Peyton Place, Batman and the pilot for Star Trek.

Hollywood pioneer Thomas Ince built the studios in 1919. The original King Kong movie was filmed there in 1933.

Ron Lynch, who will run the studios for SCLA, said,

Some famous Culver Studio films

- King Kong (1933) A Star Is Born (1937) Gone With the Wind (1939) Rebecca (1940) Citizen Kane (1941) Spellbound (1945)



Gone With the Wind was filmed at the studios

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

BTV News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm. News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.

BTV 07:30 Bangladesher Hridoy Hote Shongbad Potrer Pata Theke 12:15 Shashya Tathiya 01:05 Drama of the Week Computer Prolidin 02:30 Dance Programme: Ta Ta Thai Thai Regional Cultural Programme 03:05 Shukhi Poribar 04:05 Children's Programme: Nokhatorer Alo 04:30 Jhilmil 05:55 Shomokalin Authority 07:00 Weather Forecast, Share Market, Ei Prithibi 07:05 Fortune Hunter 08:30 Drama Serial: Shera Golper Natak 09:00 Drama: Prayoshchitto 10:35 Band Show 11:00 Shoro Lohori

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS STAR MOVIES: 7:00 pm Black Knight. Adventure/Comedy/Fantasy; Martin Lawrence, Marsha Thomason, Tom Wilkinson... PICK OF THE DAY Night of the Creeps HBO at 11:30 pm Genre: Comedy/Horror/Sci-Fi Jason Lively, Steve Marshall, Jill Whitlow, Tom Atkins... STAR MOVIES: 9:30 Mercury Rising 11:30 Steven Spielberg Presents "Taken" - Episode 1... MGM: 9:00 pm Full Frontal. Comedy/Drama/Romance; Julia Roberts, Blair Underwood, David Duchovny, Brad Pitt... ATN BANGLA: 9:05 Gondoraz Samsung Cine Aaha 9:40 Drama Serial: Khuwab 10:15 Talk Show: Annodristee 10:50 Drama Serial: Jug Biogr Khela 11:25 Drama Serial: Danob 12:40 Feature Film: Rakta Nishan 1:20 Musical Prog: Uro Cola Saat Rang 4:20 Children's Prog: Cholo Gan Gai 5:10 Musical Prog.: Surer Madury 5:45 Islamic Prog: Jibon Geggasha 6:20 Cartoon: Moon Chere Tom & Jeery 8:00 Thunder Stone 8:30 Mega Serial: Bazpakhe 9:00 Drama Serial: Lal Neel Bagune 9:25 Drama: Sapno Copoth

Hawks Eagle Empire 10:30 A Horse's World 11:30 Dawn to Dusk 12:00 Lords of the Animals: The Monkey Player DISCOVERY 2:30 Secrets of Superstar Fitness 3:30 Globe Trekker: Great Historic Sites 4:30 Nero-Legend of a Monster 5:30 Curse of Oak Island 6:30 Secret Life of Richard Nixon 7:30 Nixton in the Sky 8:30 Understanding Konarak: Chariot of the Sun 10:00 Mamallapuram: A Riddle in the Sands 10:30 Inside the Eternal City Food, Glorious Food Fun Food Factories STAR PLUS 2:30 Mirch Masala 3:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron 3:30 Ek Tha Raja 6:30 Kya Baat Hai 7:00 Yatra 7:30 Kichdi 8:00 Jaadu 8:30 Kucch To Hai 12:00 Yatra STAR GOLD 9:00 Pyaar Koi Khel Nahin 12:30 Rajkumar 12:30 Badal 8:00 Startoons Countdown 8:30 City Hunter - Hindi Dubbed 11:00 Hogi Pyar Ki Jeet 11:30 Augusta Masters 2004 Second Round (R) 12:00 Augusta Masters 2004 Augusta Ga Usa Second Round (R) 3:00 Return To Athens (R) 3:30 Nba Inside Stuff (R) 4:00 Gillette World Sport 2004 (T) 4:30 English Premier League Preview (R) 5:00 Football Asia (T) 5:30 Augusta Masters 2004 Second Round (R) 7:54 English Premier Football League 2003/04 London England Chelsea Vs Middlesbrough 10:00 English Premier Football League 2003/04 Liverpool England Everton Vs Tottenham Hotspur (R) 2:00 Epl Saturday Premiership Preview (L) 2:30 Epl Postshow Premiership Postgame (L) 3:00 English Premier Football League 2003/04 London England Chelsea Vs Middlesbrough 4:30 Epl Saturday Premiership Preview (L) 4:30 Nba Basketball Indianapolis In Usa New Jersey Nets Vs Indiana Pacers (R) 7:00 Sportscenter Weekend (T) 7:10 Epl Saturday Premiership Preview (L) 7:55 English Premier Football League 2003/04 Birmingham City Vs Manchester United (L) 10:00 Epl Postshow Premiership Postgame (L) 10:30 English Premier Football League 2003/04 London England Chelsea Vs Middlesbrough TEN SPORTS 10:00 IndiasTour of Pak: 2ndTest,Day 5 H/Ls 11:00 Trans World Sports 1:00 IndiasTour of Pak: 2ndTest,Day 5 H/Ls 3:00 FA Cup 2004:Semi Finals (Arsenal v Man United) 5:00 IndiasTour of Pak: 2ndTest,Day 5 H/Ls 5:30 Gillette World Sport Heat 6:30 ICC Cricket World Winning Post 7:00 WI v Eng 4th Test, Day 1