

RECOMMENDATIONS

Art competition

April 18-20

Gandaria Kisholaya Kachi-Kanchar Mela, a national children-juvenile organisation, displays the works of Grameen Phone Zainul-Kamrul International Children Drawing Competition 2003 at the Nalinikanta Bhattachali Gallery of the National Museum. On April 20 the First Secretary of the Norwegian Embassy will distribute prizes among the winners.

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 04-24

On the occasion of it's fifth anniversary, the Bengal Foundation, is holding a solo exhibition by artist Jean Dometti. The show will remain open for all from 12 pm to 8 pm everyday.

Film show

April 05-26

The Indian High Commission will screen films *Bobby*, *Hungama* and *Aankhen* on April 19, 20 and 21 as part of its regular bi-weekly film show programme. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, Gulshan-2. Time: 6 pm.

Sculpture

April 13-30

British Council Bangladesh holds a bamboo sculpture exhibition at its compound at 5 Fuller Road. The display presents works of 9 sculptors and two traditional bamboo artisans. The display remains open from 10 am to 7 pm daily.

Celebration

Baishakhi carnival at Sunbeams School

Students present an impressive show



Young performers clad in colourful Banglali outfits presented a lively cultural show

KAVITA CHARANJI AND AFSAR AHMED

SHUBHO *Noboborsho*—the parents, children and teachers greeted each other for the Pahela Baishakh at Sunbeams School recently. Both the junior and senior school staged cultural shows, which are a feather in the cap for this well established educational institution. The junior school turned into an *aarong* (village fair) where terracotta vied for place with children's toys, glass bangles, *nagordola* (Ferris-wheel), and traditional foods such as *pitha*, *ghol*, lime water, *luchi* and *bhaji*. Traditional sweets like *batasha*, *kadma*, *naru* and *hawai mithai*—new delicacies for the city kids—sold like hot cakes. Even the *alta* and henna corner was crammed with the young girls and their mothers.

The cultural events of the junior school were well appreciated. Seleena Mustafa, extra-curricular activities in-charge gave us a vivid idea of the function and said, 'This kind of festival will help our students to learn traditional values.'

Dressed in traditional red and white saris and colourful kurtas with brilliantly painted faces, the little children began the morning with the famous Nazrul Sangeet *Tora Shob Joyoddhani Kor* and other songs of nature. The last performance by the children was Tagore's popular Baishakhi song *Esho Hey Baishakh*. As soon as the programme ended, the children ran off to the *nagordola* and enjoyed the day.

Watching the function of these young children, was Nishat Nawal, a parent of a

nursery child. In her words: 'This is a special day which children love to celebrate with their friends.'

The senior section of Sunbeams School also presented a cultural programme. Leena Kabir, the Bangla teacher, gave the welcoming speech and reiterated the importance of this day. With their rendering of *Bartha Prener Abojona*, a notable Tagore song, the students ushered in the new year. Some of the notable items were *Megh binhin khoro boishakey* by Uzma Samad, *Amar Je Shob Dite Hobe* by Zaariyat and Tahsina and dance performances on several popular songs. Other highlights of the day were recitation of poems by Tagore and Shukumar Ray.

The latter half of the programme was based on the open stage concept. Through this medium, the students showed their talent in songs, dances, recitation and acting. They also rendered Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Sangeet, Gano Sangeet. Other features were patriotic songs and songs of the yesteryears. A highlight of the programme was the fusion

says: 'Today, all Bangalis irrespective of religion—come together to celebrate this festival. This is one occasion which crosses all barriers. In that sense Pahela Baishakh is an apolitical festival.' The students are equally enthusiastic about this day. Says Zayeema Sarwar, a student of Class Eight: 'We look forward to this festival the year round.'

Older children like Samera and Tanjeb, O level students who are to go to India and Venezuela respectively for further studies, give their perspective on the new year. They say they enjoy this festival better than that observed by the West. To quote them: 'We have a course in our school called Bangladesh Studies. This subject helps us to get acquainted with our own traditions.'

Clearly, the younger generation has lost none of its enthusiasm for Pahela Baishakh. It is heartening to know that despite being swamped by western culture, a whole new generation in Bangladesh will observe this festival with verve in the years ahead.



The Baishakhi Mela in the Sunbeams School premises displayed a wide range of handicrafts

Around the world



PHOTO: AFP

Senegalese percussionist Doudou Ndiaye Rose with his group plays on April 16 on the island of Goree during the opening of the Dakar-Goree Jazz Festival which runs until 19 of this month.

Book launch

Renewed awareness of our past

In the present age of globalisation, it has become a necessity for our people, especially the younger generation, to be aware of our long history, rich culture and varied heritage. A renewed awareness of our past will endow our people with a sense of pride in their national heritage.

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) initiated a project for publication of a book on our national culture and heritage a few

years back. Twenty five well-known personalities were approached to write on the different aspects of our life, culture and heritage. The book, titled *Bangladesh National Culture and Heritage*, has been published recently, says a press release. It offers the readers a comprehensive picture of the history, society, culture and life of the Bangladeshis.

The launching ceremony of the book is on April 19, 2004 at 4 pm at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

Channel click

New drama serial starts on Channel-i

HARUN UR RASHID

YOUNG director Aranya Anwar seems to have stepped further towards establishing his partnership with writer Pranab Bhattacha. After making *Asroy* that was aired on the anniversary of Channel-i, the duo now present a drama serial—'a planned long drama serial' they call it. Titled *Keboli Raat Hoya Jaay*, the 52-episode serial is starting today on Channel-i at 7:50 pm. The serial will be aired twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays.

The premiere show of the drama took place at the Spectra Convention Centre on April 17. Including the writer and director, performers of the drama—Dolly Jahur, Saleh Ahmed, Dipa Khondokar, Mir Sabbir and others were present at the ceremony. Besides, some of the popular cultural figures like Kumar Biswajit, director Masum Reza and Abdun Noor Tushar, also attended the programme. Two episodes, No. 1 and 15, were screened at the premiere.

Although Pranab Bhattacha has chalked out the plot, Aranya Anwar has also collaborated with the writer in scripting the drama serial.

Keboli Raat Hoya Jaay is the story of a middle class family, consisting of a father and mother, and their three offspring. The father is a retired school-

master. The eldest son Imtiaz has just joined the business as a contractor after completing his university education. The only daughter Barsha is a final year university student and the youngest son Imran, has gone to the dogs well before graduation.

company with cadres who always carry arms. One day Imran's house is raided by the police for arms. However, Imran manages to escape.

Barsha seems to be the only one concerned about Imran. In the first episode, she is seen interrogating



Tanvin Sweetey and Mir Sabbir as Barsha and Imran in a sequence from the drama serial *Keboli Raat Hoya Jaay*

The crisis of the story stems from Imran's activities. The family members seldom meet him as he leaves the house much before anyone wakes up and returns home after everybody is asleep. He keeps

Imran one night after he returns home. She also discovers Imran to be addicted to drugs.

There are other characters too. The housemaid Kulfi falls in love with Abu Bakar, a shop owner. There

is a *chanachur* vendor Razzak who also loves Kulfi. Their activities provide a good amount of comic relief.

Barsha's university friends include Soheli who shares his secrets only with his roommate Javed.

Suhashini Sarkar seems to be the most mysterious character. She has many connections in the upper strata of the society and helps people like Imtiaz get business contracts using those influences. She takes money in return. Actress Dipa Khondokar has portrayed the character very well.

The cast of the drama serial also has Saleh Ahmed, Dolly Jahur, Fakhrul Hasan Boiragi, Lucky Inam, Mahfuz Ahmed, Tanvin Sweetey, Tushar Khan, Shahidul Alam Sachchu, Mir Sabbir, Sumaiya Shimu, Shahriar Nazim Joy, Ahsan Habib Nasim, Tisha, Hridi Haque and others.

Aranya Anwar has already secured a strong position in the arena of TV drama in the country. Recently BTV aired his drama serial *Janak* that earned huge audience popularity. Besides, he wrote a play with a solo performance by Humayun Faridi for the erstwhile ETV. The play, *Darao*, however, was not aired as the channel was closed. Masum Reza who has seen the play highly praised the drama.

With *Keboli Raat Hoya Jaay*, viewers will get another mirror view of the society.

Shubhoshandhya is going to score triple century

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Successful and popular magazine show *Shubhoshandhya*, telecast on ntv every evening at 6:20 pm, is going to mark its 300th episode on April 29. Interesting sections like *Kal Sharadin*, *Annya Chhobi*, *Hat Bariye Dao*, *Dekhechhilam Chokher Aloy*, *Tobuo Trishna Metena*, *ntv Highlights*, *Galgoppo* and

Camrawala have given the magazine show a new dimension.

Kal Sharadin gives us a vivid idea of cultural news and happenings of Dhaka and all over the country while *Hat Bariye Dao* breaks new ground. Award winning films are introduced to the viewers through *Annya Chhobi* and *Dekhechhilam Chokher Aloy* brings interesting locations and exhibitions to the viewers. *Tobuo*

Trishna Metena highlights the tourist spots and *ntv Highlights* informs viewers about the channel's daily schedules.

Galgoppo is another popular section in which popular personalities are interviewed.

Anchored by Mehazad Galib and Tina Salem Manjur, and produced by Parvez Chowdhury, the show's popularity is on the rise.



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, 3:30 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm.
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.
News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

CHANNEL-i

Breakfast News 7:15 am, 9:00am
News (Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am.
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

ATN BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
Latest News (Bangla) at 9 a.m., 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

ntv

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 5:00 pm, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA

NewsHeadlines(Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm.
Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm.
Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.
BBC WORLD
Every hour on the hour

BTV

07:30 Bangladesh Hridoy Hate
12:30 Shastha Tathyo
01:05 Priyo Shilpi Priyo Gaan
01:30 Abomhaan Bangla
02:05 Computer Protidin
02:30 Onu Paromanu
03:05 Drama Serial
03:35 Shukhi Paribar
04:05 Lekhapora
04:30 Open University
05:05 National Television Debate Competition
05:55 Shamokalin Aurthonitee
06:00 Dosh Janopod
06:10 Dolon Champa
06:35 Nritter Taley Taley
07:00 Weather Forecast
07:05 Sur Anondo
07:30 Drama Serial: Alo Chhaya
08:30 Shamokalin Nakot
09:30 Drama Serial: Hoyo Tomar Jonnyo Shindhu Hindol
10:35
10:45 Trityo Matra
12:00 Chitli Pelam
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
02:00 Feature Film: Mahaguru (Rubel Kobita)
05:00 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:45 Chitrarnela
06:10 Music Plus
06:45 Drama Serial: Johu Dewan
07:50 Drama Serial: Keboli Raat Hoya Jai
08:25 Drama Serial: Shunnoy Theke Shamudre
09:35 Drama Serial: Boomerang

10:00

Drama Serial: Juboraj

ntv

09:30 Ei Shomoy
10:05 Hello Music
10:30 Bangla Feature Film: Boner Moto Bon
12:30 Zoo Adventure
03:40 Right Click
04:15 Medhabi
05:10 Putulnakh
05:40 Apnaar Jigyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Crime Watch
08:10 Drama Serial: Champa
08:50 Dangar Bou Band Music
09:40 Drama Serial: Obosheshe Propat
11:20 Din Darpan
07:55 Live Telecast
Programme: Din Shuru Hok ATN Diye Thunder Stone
09:05 Drama Serial: Jale
09:40 Bheshe Bandhu Ashe
10:15 Annodristee
11:25 Drama Serial: Swapno Kapot
12:40 Bangla Feature Film: Khal Nayok
04:20 Meena
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khabor
05:10 Agriculture programme: Matir Subash
05:45 Islamee Sawal O Jawab
06:20 Film Magazine: Elite Cosmatika Anondo Ayojan
08:00 Drama Serial: Tobuo Bhalobashi Tomake
08:30 Drama Serial: Mogabali
09:00 Live Health

ATN BANGLA

07:55



Abasheshe Propat

Drama Serial
On ntv at 9:40 pm
Mamunur Rashid, Tania ahmed, Azad abul Kalam

Programme: Shusho

Thakun Phone In
Talk Show: Katha Mala
Bengali feature film: Dangabaz

HBO

10:15 Spring Break Lawyer
12:00 Tremors 3: Back to Perfection
2:00 Cool World
4:00 Blue Crush
6:15 Tales From the Crypt- 11: Split Second
7:00 Interview With the Vampire: The Vampire Chronicles
9:30 Ballistic: Ecks Vs. Sever
11:30 Desert Hawk
1:15 Fat Man and Little Boy

STAR MOVIES

9:15 A Business Affair

11:00

Brave New World
Beautiful Creatures
Our Lips Are Sealed
Fear Of The Dark
Black Knight
Poltergeist II: The Other Side
Carrie
Heathers (A.K.A. Lethal Attraction)
Ali's 100 Years...100 Movies
Holiday In The Sun

8:30

Autumn In New York
The Leading Man
Elvira Mistress Of The Dark
First Daughter
Small Time Obsession
Monday Movie Mania
Theodore Rex
ZMS 2

11:30

Tara News-Aaj Rate
Election Spl. Live
Doshtai
Tara News
Hoi Hullod

STAR PLUS

2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai
3:00 Karvaachauth - Ek Pati Rakhash
3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
4:30 Kahiin To Hoga
5:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz
5:25 Series
6:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
6:30 Fox Kids Series
7:30 Kumkum- Pyara Sa Bandhan
Series
Shaka Laka Boom Boom

STAR GOLD

9:00 Pyar Ka Devta
12:30 Pyaasa - Tripple Aar
4:30 Dadagiri
8:00 Startoons Countdown
8:30 Shera

TARA BANGLA

2:00 Tara Na Sona Rpt.
2:30 Angana Live
3:30 Tara News-Aaj Dupure
4:00 State Govt. Lottery
4:30 Tarpor Chand Uthlo Rpt.
5:00 Serial Probaho
5:30 Star News-Aaj Bikele
6:00 Nonte Fante
6:30 Tara Na Sona
7:00 Sree Ramkrishna
7:30 Antakshari
8:00 Serial-Jug
8:30 Serial Tarpor Chand Uthlo
9:00 Serial Swapner Rang Nil

PICK OF THE DAY



Boomerang

Drama Serial
On Channel I at 9:35 pm
Raisul Islam Asad, Pijush Bondyopadhy, Sharmen Bojol Rakhi

8:30 Krishna Arjun
9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay Des Mein Nikla Hoga Chand
9:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kahiin To Hoga
12:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz

STAR WORLD

1:30 Mac Gyer
2:30 Oprah Winfrey
3:30 Bold And Beautiful
4:30 Hollywood Squares
5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway
5:30 Miami Vice
6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 Home Improvement
7:30 Friends
8:00 Just Shoot Me
8:30 The King Of Queens
9:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30 Grounded For Life
10:00 Frasier
10:30 Third Watch
11:30 Baywatch

DISCOVERY

1:30 Baby Stories: Baby High
2:00 Fat Free:
2:30 In the line of Fire
3:30 Laponia-Land of the Midnight Sun
4:30 Schlessinger: Physical Science in Action
5:00 I Love My Music:
5:30 Globe Trekker: Sri Lanka & The Maldives
6:30 Martial Arts
7:30 Time of Plenty
8:30 Hitter of the Andes
9:30 Colour of War: Darkest Hour
10:30 World's Best Australian Beach Resorts
11:30 FBI Files: Caught in the

Act

ANIMAL PLANET

1:30 On the Edge: California-The Wild One
2:30 Animal Planet
Showcase: Cell Dogs
3:30 Pet Nation
7:30 From Cradle to Grave: The Great Bears
8:30 On the Edge: Venom
9:30 On the Edge: Costa Rica-The Arribada
10:30 Animal Planet
Showcase: Monkeys
11:30 From Cradle to Grave: Dolphins, Dancers of the Deep

STAR SPORTS

9:00 Atp Tennis U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships Houston Tx USA Final(R)
10:30 International Motorsports News 2004 (T)
11:30 The Golf Club The Golf Club 2004 (R)
12:00 English Premier Football League 2003/04 (R)
Tennis Masters Series Monte-Carlo Presented By Hsbc Monte Carlo Monaco 1st Round (L)
8:00 Sportsline (L)
8:30 Spanish Football League 2003/04 (S)
10:30 Sportsline (R)
11:00 Gillette World Sport 2004 (R)
11:30 Hitz (R)
12:00 Kiana's Flex Appeal (T)

ESPN

9:30 Asian X Games VI Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

(R)

10:30 Spanish Football League 2003/04 (R)
12:30 World Pool League 2003 Warsaw Poland
Rodney Morris Vs Tony Drago (T)
1:30 Harsha Online (R)
2:30 English Premier Football League 2003/04 (R)
4:30 Asian X Games VI Kuala Lumpur Malaysia (R)
5:30 Espn School Quiz 2004 (T)
6:00 Harsha Online (R)
7:00 Nba Anthology 1971 New York Knicks (T)
7:30 English Premier League Highlights (T)
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)
9:00 English Premier Football League 2003/04 (R)
11:00 Uefa Champions League Magazine Show(R)
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)
12:00 Espn School Quiz 2004 (R)

TEN SPORTS

10:00 Wl v Eng : 1st ODI H/Ls
12:00 IndiasTour of Pak: 3rd Test,Day 5 H/Ls
2:00 South American WC Qualifier Story
4:00 Wl v Eng : 1st ODI H/Ls
5:00 Trans World Sports
5:30 Gamer TV
7:30 Raw
8:00 ICC Cricket World : Ep 13
8:30 Gamer TV
9:00 Gillette World Sport
11:00 Wl v Eng : 1st ODI H/Ls