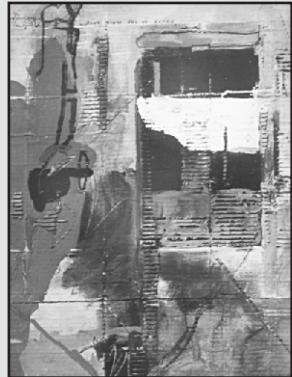


RECOMMENDATIONS

Commemorating meeting on Kabial Ramesh Shil

Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy
Venue: The second floor of National Art Gallery of the academy
Discussant: Dr Ashraf Siddiqui
Time: June 23, at 6:00 pm
Followed by folk song rendition by eminent artists.

Painting Exhibition



Artist: Monirul Islam
Venue: Shipangan, Road 5, House 25, Dhanmondi
Time: June 11-25, from 10 am to 9 pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: Image Construction
Artist: Nahid-Ul-Islam
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Time: June 07-28, from 9 am to 12 pm and 5 pm to 8 pm

Musical Soiree

Organiser: Alliance Francaise
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
June 23
Performers: Shama Rahman and artists of Shanchari Sangeet Shangsha
Time: 6:00 pm

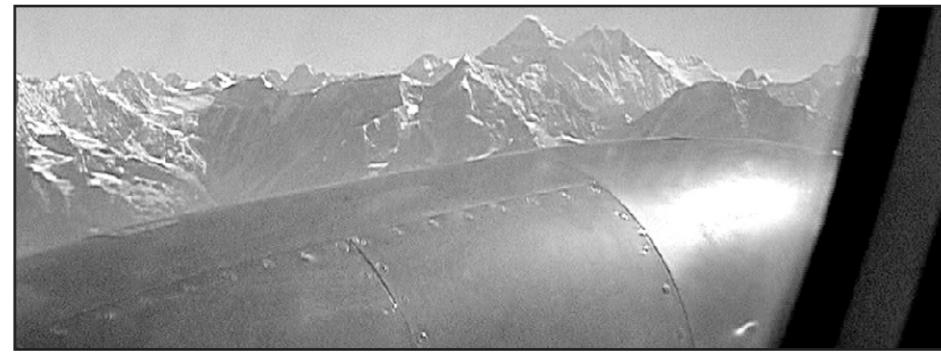
Where earth meets sky!

Shakil awe-stricken by the Himalayas

AFSAR AHMED

Only an awe-stricken silence can match the experience of going on a mountain flight to encounter the highest mountain peaks of the world. Even, while the Everest loomed in front of my eyes, it remained an enigma, the highest spot on earth,' exclaims Shahriar Shakil, the anchor of the first ever Bangladeshi overseas travel show - *RC Travel On*. After the successful ventures in Malaysia and Darjeeling, Shakil will offer us a panoramic view of the Himalayas on his *Himalayan Special* episodes, which begin today.

The snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas observed by Shakil during his Buddha Air flight is captured in video footages. 'As the aircraft lifted up and headed towards the east, passengers did not have to wait too long to find out what was in store for them,' says Shakil. Gosaithani, Dorje Lakpa, Phurbi-Ghyachu, Choba-Bharnare, Gauri Shankar, Melungtse, Cho-Oyu, Gyachungkang, Nuptse, Everest, Annapurna, Dhaulagiri and all other peaks



A panoramic view of the Himalayas from the window of an aircraft

jungles teeming with diverse wildlife and exotic birds. These features make Nepal one of the most exciting safari destinations in the world. Especially noteworthy are Shakil's vivid experience in the Royal Chitwan National Park and Baghmara Wildlife Sanctuary with elephant rides into deep jungle or thrilling canoe rides on the Budi Rapti and Young Rapti rivers with thousands of crocodiles.

Says Shakil, 'The footage includes rare glimpses of the endangered one-horned rhino, hundreds of deer, footprints of the Royal Bengal Tiger and many more. Indeed, it was a great opportunity for us to get permission to shoot in the forest which is not allowed for all.'

Nepal has earned a reputation as one of the best destinations in the world for white water rafting. 'Rivers are graded on a scale of one to six, with rating one being similar to a swimming pool while rating six is a one-way ticket to hell,' says Shakil. The Trishuli River (graded 3+) is one of the most popular. 'Trishuli's thundering water, coming from the glaciers of the mighty Himalayan range, provides unmatched thrills of immersing across the landscape while rafting,' informs Shakil. 'Just imagine, you were told before a ride that anything might happen. What would your right be?' he questions hinting at the adrenaline thrill of a raft-ride through these torrential waves. Recalling how the boat was once on the verge of sinking, he adds that he came out safely with the help of Captain Lama of the rafting group and the friends from Russia, Argentina and England.

appeared before them in turn. While the Himalayas make up Nepal's northern region, the southern lowland, known as the Terai, is covered with dense tropical

'situated amidst pine forests and tea gardens, Sarangkot lures tourists who come to see the gorgeous natural show of the Himalayan sunrise and sunset. But the main attraction, of course, is the magnificent view of the Mount Everest, the highest peak on earth, soaring up into the sky. Even the glimpse of the Pokhara valley and Phewa Lake was awesome,' says Shakil.

During this journey Shakil always wore Nepalese embroidered T-shirts with the logo 'Travel On'.

The programme, regularly telecast on Channel-i every Wednesday at 7:55pm, is made under the banner of Alpha-i Media Productions Ltd and sponsored by RC Cola. 'Even the sponsors are so pleased with the show that they are willing to sponsor another 26 episodes,' says Shakil.

After his successful Malaysian show he now plans to work in a project for the Malaysian Tourism Board. A fourth year student of Economics in Dhaka University, Shakil has other exciting plans too. He is working on another project named *Discover Bangladesh* that will project Bangladesh's cultural heritage. Likewise, the upcoming programme *Colours of Culture* will keep Bangladeshi viewers abreast with the essence of world culture.

The Everest inspires me in the grace of great dreams, the strength to overcome fears and sometimes triumph following the most desperate of outlooks,' concludes Shakil.



Shahriar Shakil, the creator of the show *RC Travel On*

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'The main ingredient of a successful acting career is observation'--Tarin

Our correspondent Shilpi Mahalanobish recently spoke to Tarin, a talented TV actress. We have seen her metamorphose from a child performer to a successful artiste. Recently, she has added a new, mature and friendly dimension to her acting performance. In an interview, she talked about her life and times.

'My more mature persona is my greatest achievement as an artiste. My experience has taught me a lot so far. I have earned recognition for my hard work. Currently I am doing a film, *Karimunessa*, a mega serial, *Shaola*, and some other singles.'

My family has helped me tremendously in my acting career. Many talented child performers get stuck at a certain stage, because they do not get family support. My family is quite different. My mother was always with me and everyone in my family has encouraged me.

My choice of an acting career happened quite unconsciously. Although, I was pretty much attached to dancing, I could not give much time, because I preferred to give most of my time to acting.

I did not join any theatre group because I am hard pressed for time. On the other hand, as we do not have any acting institute in our country, it could have been a plus point for me. However, I believe that the main ingredient of a successful acting career is observation. You have to observe extensively and then portray the characters through your acting.'

I have plans to go to London this July for a stage show. I will also take part in a shooting of a play by Shakur Majid. Regarding acting in films, I will definitely do good films if they are offered to me.'



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

News Bulletin

BTB
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.
News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm.

CHANNEL-i
Breakfast News 7:15 am, 9:00 am.
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.

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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
News Headlines (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 Bangladesher Hridoy Hotel
12:15 Shongbad Poter Pata Thekey
12:30 Health Bulletin
02:05 Computer Programme
02:30 Hijo Tomal
03:35 Geetobitan
04:30 Loko Lokalo
05:05 Mati O Manush
05:55 Shomokhali Arthority
06:10 Euro Highlights
07:30 Mortal Combat Conquest
08:30 Drama Serial: Adho Al Adho Chhaya
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10:35 Ujjibon
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