

**CULTURAL FEAST**

**Exhibition**

**Bangladesher Shoto Mandir (One Hundred Temple)**  
 Photographer: Babu Ahmed  
 Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi  
 Time: August 01-10, 12pm-08pm

**Arts and Crafts from Switzerland**

**Organiser:** Embassy of Switzerland in Bangladesh  
**Venue:** Bangladesh National Museum, Shahbagh  
**Time:** July 30-August 10, from 10 am to 5 pm

**Abhijit 6th Solo Exhibition**

**Venue:** Alliance Francaise, 26, Mipur Road, Dhanmondi  
**Time:** July 30- August 15, From 9 am-4 pm, 5 pm-8 pm

**Exhibition**

**Title:** Second Solo Print  
**Artiste:** Ishihara Makoto  
**Time:** August 02-07  
**Venue:** Zainul Gallery of the Fine Arts Institute, Dhaka University

**Books and Albums Exhibition**

**Title:** Day of National Flag of the Russian Federation  
**Venue:** Library of the Russian Cultural Centre  
**Time:** August 01-22

**Solo Exhibition**

**Artiste:** Babul ahmed  
**Venue:** Exhibition Hall of the Russian Cultural Centre  
**Time:** August 02-08

**Announcement**

A commemorative programme on legendary freedom fighter Subedar Wahab, scheduled to be held at the Liberation War Museum on August 4, has been postponed till further notice. The postponement is on account of the floods.

## Moliere comes to Natmandal

*Spirited thespians in The School for Wives*

FAYZA HAQ

THE young actors and actresses who presented the story of the maiden with two suitors were fresh faced and bright eyed. They were full of enthusiasm for their roles in the play about young Agnes, with her amorous, aging guardian, Arnolophe and her young suitor Horace. Even though the costumes were only passable and at times anachronistic and the blaring intermittent music somewhat less than melodious, the acting was sincere and at times even passionate, as in the case of Arnolophe (Mohammed Amin) and Agnes (Rowshan Shimu). The props were economical and included little else apart from a bed that folded into a bench, a chair and a small table. The audience streamed into Natmandal and the play *The School for Wives* proved a lively two-hour entertainment. Moliere has used some of the stock characters like the servants, Alain and Georgette, and techniques like the 'lost family having a reunion at the end but the play does not suffer on this account.

The performers had practiced for six days a week for a month and a half. The actors get no subsidies



Agnes and her oppressive guardian Arnolophe



The main character, Arnolophe, discussing his fate with his friends and servants

and often have to pay from their own pocket. They sometimes practice in the Dhanmandi Muktomanchi and stages as in the TSC. Mohammed Amin, who played the part of Arnolophe, said that since he had long dialogues, 'I had to develop enormous stamina and strengthen my memory. I began with this troupe Space and Acting Research Centre (SARC) from the outset, 12 years back, playing the part of Amin in *Mohammed Amin*. I also took part in seven other plays such as *Chandrbindu* and *Mitrikar Compass*. I came into acting because I was inspired by seeing others act. Apart from acting I do odd jobs for a living,' Amin said.

Rowshan Shimu, acts as Agnes, who is sought after by her guardian, who adopted her when she was young, homeless and poor. She is also courted by the young and handsome Horace, one of Arnolophe's friends. Shimu has done all the environmental and stage plays with the group SARC and also helped backstage. She has most recently played in *Ekti Shironamheen Natak* and *Look Back in Anger*. As the characters are different, she says that she gets a different sense of satisfaction in playing the different roles. She is a journalist in *Ajker Kagaj*.

Sarkar Haider, played the part of Arnolophe's

friend Chrysalde. He has acted in Dinajpur. Among his memorable performances are in *Roktokorobi* (Dinajpur Nogorupi), *Mohammed Amin*, *Ekti Banshir Golpo* and *Payer Awaj Pawajae*. He has been acting in village plays as a child and his father had been into folk music. He is a Masters student of Bangla at Dhaka College. He admires Rasiul Islam Assad and Zahid Hassan, apart from Nasiruddin Shah in India.

Suman Guha, was Alain, a stock character, the male servant. Suman has worked before with Ashish Khondokar in his plays like *Ekti Shironamheen Natak*. He has done various courses in acting as from the Shilpakala Academy and Gurukula. Abdullah Al Khaleel was Orente, a businessman and the father of Horace, the hero. He was once a friend of the main character, Arnolophe. Badiul Alam was Enrique and is from Narayanjanj where he has taken part in plays. Shahidul Biplob, who played Horace, is from Gazipur and is also fairly new to the stage. Georgette, the maid was played by Rahmat Ara Marzi. She is basically a fine arts student in the Institute of Fine Arts.

The play, directed by Ashish Khondokar presented a mixture of experienced and fresh artistes.



ILLUSTRATION: MUSTAFA ZAMAN

Our Cultural Correspondent talked to actress, Ishita. An excerpt from the conversation:

- Motto**  
 Live one day at a time. Don't harbour negative vibes for tomorrow.
- Favourite food**  
 Anything filled with ghee, greasy and rich food. I have eaten almost everywhere in the city and simply adore the food!
- Greatest fear**  
 The concept of fear, which is so complex, uncertain and unpredictable, scares me a lot sometimes.
- Dream role**  
 A role to which every future artist would refer and say: 'I wish I could play that part at least once in my life!'
- You wake up one morning, and find that your popularity is in doubt...**  
 I would be satisfied and happy if my family and friends still recognised me. I don't think I would need anything else.
- If you had the chance to be someone else, you would be...**



Me, myself! But only a better me.

- Pastime**  
 I take care of my family. I look after my husband, scream at my bua and try to manage everything along with my studying and shootings.
- One thing that you still crave to do in your life**  
 I really don't know if there's just one thing. I am excited by the mystery of the uncertainty in life, the fact that so many things are still unexplored.
- The secret to a perfect marriage**  
 Trust, space and belief in individualism.
- Advice to the newcomers**  
 Try to be happy. That is probably the most important thing in life.

## Fundraising effort for the flood victims

ERSHAD KAMOL

Kranti, a cultural organisation, arranged a solo music session by a regular group member Arif Rahman. The venue was the National Museum Auditorium at 6.00 pm on August 2. The programme was a fundraiser for the flood victims. In the concert, Arif's first music album *Mon Aamar Deho Ghari* was released. Eminent folk singer Rahindranah Roy, the chief guest, launched his album. General Secretary of Shamilito Shankshritik Jote, Golam Kuddus was the special guest of the programme.

Syed Moazzem Hossain, the President of Kranti, was in the chair in the discussion session. The programme began with the welcoming speech of Mahabubul Haidar Mohon,

the General Secretary of Kranti. Mahabubul Alam Chowdhury, the honourable guest, and Sraban on behalf of Music Mind were the other discussants of the programme.

The discussants focused on the progressive cultural activities as well as the social commitment of Kranti. They also hoped for a bright future for Arif Rahman.

After the discussion session, Arif Rahman presented few songs like *Man Aamar Deho Ghari*, *Moner Dukkho Kare Koi* and *Aamar Sharoi Mone* from his first album. Maintaining the same tune of the popular folksongs, Arif has used modern western instruments, which he claims as the remix of the popular songs.

## The Brahmaputra's tale

*A river's story*

ELITA KARIM

One of the greatest rivers on earth, the Brahmaputra, rises in Western Tibet and travels across three countries, namely China, India and Bangladesh. The documentary, titled *A River's Story: The Quest for the Brahmaputra* emphasises on Brahmaputra's power and the momentum with which it sweeps towards the Bay of Bengal. From infancy in Tibet to the final lap of its journey, the Bay of Bengal, the Brahmaputra is surrounded and sustained by greatness.

Internationally acclaimed director Jahnur Barua from Assam treats the river as its main character, as the creator, sustainer and a natural life force supporting the people and ecosystems, which flourish on the banks of the river. The 54-minute documentary, screened recently at Hotel Sarina, Banani, has been produced and conceived by the award winning journalist and author of *Bhopal, Lessons of a Tragedy*, Sanjoy Hazarika. He also made a presentation of the documentary and responded to the queries after the screening for the benefit of the spectators, visitors and journalists.



## Ash heads westwards

Queen of millions, Aishwarya Rai may soon be in for a Hollywood cruise. Industry sources say that the Ex-Miss World has allocated the period from March to December 2004 for her international projects. Ash has got two agents, one each in UK and USA, who are looking at her various assignments in the West.

Ash recently finished her first major international project for Gurinder Chadha's *Bride and Prejudice* and her next venture is alongside Hollywood icon Meryl Streep. Ash will be seen playing the role of a prostitute in the movie. However, the news might seem to be the swan song for Indian directors, who would be missing the reigning Bollywood diva. But one person who would really be in trauma is Vivek Oberoi. Can Vivek withstand Paro's separation? No prizes for guessing though!

Source: IndiaInfo.com



## A new role for Tom Cruise



Actor Tom Cruise waves to photographers as he arrives on the red carpet for the premiere of the film *Collateral* in Los Angeles August 2, 2004. Cruise stars as a contract killer in the picture that opens on August 6 in the United States.

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

**CHANNEL-i**

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

**ATN BANGLA**

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 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 9:00 a.m., 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 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, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.  
 News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 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

**CHANNEL-i**

09:30 *Shongbad Potrey* Bangladesh and Public reaction  
 09:45 *Tritiyo Matra*  
 10:45 Sports Time  
 11:30 Close Up Juke Box  
 12:00 *Chithi Pelam*  
 12:30 *Aaj Dupurey*  
 01:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
 01:30 *Sangbadpatrey Bangladesh*  
 02:00 Bangla feature film: *Morjada*  
 04:00 *Banglar Gaan*  
 04:30 *Boi Ebong Boi*  
 05:00 *Sa Re Ga Ma*  
 05:35 *Jonopoder Khobor* Bangladeshesher sthanio shakar  
 05:45 Music Plus  
 06:10 Gillette World Sports  
 06:45 RC Travel On  
 07:55 *Megh Kichhu Roddur* Drama Serial: *Din Choley Jay*  
 08:25 Drama Serial: *Gunai Bibi*  
 09:35 Talk Show: *Anandishti*  
 11:15 Drama Serial: *Nishshashe Chhue Pai*  
 11:50 Drama Serial: *Rahmat Chachar Ek Raat*  
 12:30 Bangla Feature Film: *Bahram Badsha*  
 03:45 *Uro Cola Saat Rang*  
 04:20 *Shapla Shaluk*  
 05:10 *Motamat*  
 05:45 *Islamee Sawal O Jawab*  
 08:00 *Gondoraz Samsung*  
 08:30 Drama Serial: *Khowab*  
 09:00 Drama Serial: *Jog Bityoger Khela*  
 09:30 Drama Serial: New

**HBO**

10:30 Face to Face Live  
 10:15 *Body Snatchers*  
 12:00 *Tritiyo Matra*  
 2:00 Route 666  
 3:45 Balto 2: The Wolf Quest  
 5:15 *Changing Lanes*  
 7:15 *Rush Hour 2*  
 9:00 *HBO Sneak Peek: Cats & Dogs*  
 9:30 *Hard Target*  
 11:30 *Tales From the Crypt 17: This'll Kill Ya*  
 12:15 *Someone to Watch Over Me*  
 2:30 *Sandragon*

**STAR MOVIES**

7:00 *Bad Company*  
 11:15 *The Affair Of The Necklace*  
 1:15 *Hollywood One On One*  
 1:45 *Heathers*  
 3:30 *Air Bud: Seventh Inning Fetch*  
 5:05 *Arachnophobia*  
 7:00 *Shark Zone*  
 8:30 *Crocodile Hunter: The Collision Course*  
 10:00 *Carrie*  
 1:15 *Howling Vii: Mystery Woman*

**TARA BANGLA**

10:00 *Fully Fatatati Fantasy*  
 11:30 *Tele Shopping Show Case*  
 12:00 *Shree Ramkrishna*  
 12:30 *Filmi Furti*  
 1:00 *Taka Na Sona*  
 2:30 *Tarpor Chand Uthlo*  
 3:00 *Swapner Rang Neel*  
 4:00 *Baro Eka Lage*  
 4:30 *Filmi Furti*  
 5:00 *Ghare O Baire*  
 6:00 *Serial Yug*

**PICK OF THE DAY**



**Din Chole Jay**  
 On Channel i at 9:35 pm  
 Drama Serial  
 Cast: Azizul Hakim, Deepa Khondokar, Oindrila



**Rush Hour 2**  
 On HBO at 7:15 pm  
 Genre: Action / Comedy / Thriller / Crime  
 Cast: Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, John Lone

6:30 *Taka Na Sona*  
 7:00 *Sree Ramkrishna*  
 7:30 *Tarpor Chand Uthlo*  
 8:00 *Antakshan*  
 9:30 *Swapner Rang Neel*  
 10:00 *Baro Eka Lage*  
 10:30 *Live Doshai*  
 4:30 *Kaahin Kissi Roz*  
 5:00 *Tedhe Medhe Sagneye*  
 5:25 *Film Topper - 301 Series*  
 5:30 *Hit Filmein Hit*  
 6:00 *Life Nahin Hai Ladoo*  
 6:30 *Fox Kids*  
 7:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*  
 7:55 *Film Topper - 301 Series*  
 8:00 *Shaka Laka Boom Boom*  
 8:30 *Dekho Magar Pyaar Se*  
 9:00 *Kasauti Zindagi Kay Sanjivani - A Medical Boon*  
 10:30 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii*  
 11:00 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*  
 11:30 *Kaahin To Hoga*

12:00 *Kaahin Kissi Roz*  
**STAR WORLD**  
 10:30 *John Doe*  
 11:30 *The Bachelor*  
 12:30 *Law & Order: SvU*  
 1:30 *Britannia India's Child Ge*  
 2:28 *Star Asia Travel*  
 2:30 *Oprah Winfrey Show*  
 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 *Charmed*  
 10:30 *N.Y.P.D. Blue*  
 11:28 *Star Asia Travel*  
 11:30 *Baywatch*

10:30 *Great White, Deep Trouble*  
 11:30 *Seven Deadly Arts*  
**DISCOVERY**  
 11:30 *Cars Secret life of formula one the frontline*  
 12:30 *Amazing Baby Videos*  
 1:30 *Celebrity Slimming 1 Year 2002*  
 2:00 *Diet Busters*  
 2:30 *Detective Stories: The New Detectives: Case Studies in Forensic Science Deadly Dealings*  
 3:30 *Wild Discovery Air Jaws*  
 4:30 *Operation Junkyard Master Water Blaster*  
 5:00 *Popular mechanics for kids Killer Creatures*  
 5:30 *Traillblazers Trail Blazers Nomads of the Sahara*  
 6:30 *Extreme Machines Ice Island*  
 7:30 *Wild Discovery Ice Island*  
 8:30 *The Fastest, Tallest, Biggest Building the Biggest Mega Towers*  
 9:30 *Cars Secret life of Formula One The Limit*  
 10:30 *Casino Diaries: A weekend in Paris*  
 11:00 *For Women only*  
 11:30 *Future Perfect*  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
 11:00 *Wildlife Diary*  
 11:30 *Dogs With Jobs S3*  
 12:00 *Toyota World Of Wildlife*  
 12:30 *National Geographic Special*  
 1:30 *Cheating Death*  
 2:30 *Extreme Latitude*  
 3:00 *Young Global Hot Shots*  
 3:30 *Outlaw: The Real Ned Kelly*  
 4:30 *7 Deadly Arts*  
 5:30 *Africa From The Ground Up*  
 6:00 *Sea Stories*  
 6:30 *Dogs With Jobs S3*  
 7:00 *Toyota World Of Wildlife*  
 7:30 *Great Adventures With Hayden Turner*  
 8:30 *Cheating Death*  
 9:30 *Extreme Latitude*  
 10:00 *Young Global Hot Shots*

2:30 *Wild Encounters Lions*  
 3:30 *Pet Nation Animal Hospital*  
 4:00 *Pet Nation Emergency*  
 4:30 *Vets The Alternative Episode*  
 5:00 *Pet Nation Emergency*  
 5:30 *Pet Nation Elephant Trilogy: Living with Elephants*  
 6:00 *Pet Nation Breed all about it Clumber Spaniel*  
 6:30 *Pet Nation Elephant Trilogy: Living with Elephants*  
 7:00 *Pet Nation Amazing Animal Videos Season*  
 7:30 *Wildlife Specials Polar Bear Arctic Warrior*  
 8:30 *Animal Planet Reveals Spidermania*  
 9:30 *Animal Planet Reveals Profiles of Nature Tales of the Tarantula*  
 10:30 *Wild Encounters*  
 11:30 *Elephant Delinquents*  
 11:30 *Wildlife Specials Wolf*  
**ESPN**  
 2:30 *Sportscenter India (R)*  
 3:00 *World Pool Championship Taiwan Day 3, 1st Session(T)*  
 5:00 *World Pool Championship Taiwan Day 3, 2nd Session(T)*  
 7:00 *Sportscenter India (R)*  
 7:30 *Senior Open Championship Porthrush, Ireland*  
 7:30 *SecondRound(R)*  
 10:30 *Indianoil Asia Cup 2004 Sri Lanka Vs India 6th Odi, 1st Session(T)*

2:00 *Indianoil Asia Cup 2004 Sri Lanka Vs India 6th Odi, 2nd Session(T)*  
 5:30 *Asian X Games VI Presented by Toyota Skateboard Park P.L's And Final(T)*  
 6:00 *Cricknet Gold (R)*  
 8:00 *Hitz (T)*  
 8:30 *Sportscenter India (L)*  
 9:00 *UK Domestic Cricket Twenty20 Cup Leicester, England Leicestershire Vs Nottinghamshire (R)*  
 11:30 *Sportscenter India (R)*  
 12:00 *Samsung Superskills Final - Powerpull & Deadeye(T)*  
**STAR SPORTS**  
 11:30 *Extreme Programming Rip (R)*  
 12:00 *Cricknet Gold (T)*  
 1:00 *Born To Play: Masters Of Football (R)*  
 2:30 *Asian Cup 2004 Beijing, China (S)*  
 4:30 *The Golf Club The Golf Club 2004 (R)*  
 5:00 *Extreme Programming Wild Spirits 2004/05 (T)*  
 5:30 *Extreme Programming Rip (T)*  
 6:00 *Max Power 2004 (T)*  
 7:00 *Football Asia (R)*  
 7:30 *Asia Golf Travel (T)*  
 8:00 *Sportsline (L)*  
 8:30 *Born To Play: Masters Of Football (T)*  
 9:00 *Tennis Masters Series Western & Southern Financial Group Masters - Cincinnati Cincinnati, Oh Usa 2nd Round(L)*  
 10:30 *Sportsline (R)*  
 11:00 *Tennis Masters Series Western & Southern Financial Group Masters - Cincinnati Cincinnati, Oh Usa 2nd Round(L)*