

CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition
Title: Songs in Praise of Trees



Photographer: Ismat Jahan
Venue: Shipangan, House 25, Road 5, Dhanmondi
Time: October 27-November 02, 10:30am-03:30pm and 06:30pm-08:30pm

Title: Neel Indigo Exhibition
Organiser: Aranya & Source (MCC)
Venue: Aranya, 60 Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani
Time: October 22-November 15
The event features daily demonstrations of dyeing and printing with indigo as well as information on its cultivation and extraction.

Tapestry Exhibition

Title: Golden Tapestry Exhibition
Artists: Students from different schools of Bangladesh
Venue: British Council, 5, Fuller Road
Time: November 2-4, from 10am to 4pm

Title: Italian Art Books and Handicrafts Show
Organiser: The Italian Embassy
Venue: The Italian Ambassador's residence, House NW 7, Road 54, Gulshan 2
Time: October 29-30, from 10am to 2pm

Title: Even the Walls Have Ears
Artist: Tayeba Begum Lipi
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Time: October 21-31, from 5pm to 8pm

Title: Islamic Calligraphy & Italian Reproduction Art
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Road 36, House 16, Gulshan
Time: October 29-November 20, from 12pm to 4pm, 7pm to 9pm

Title: Power
Artist: Khalid Mahmood Mithu
Venue: Gallery Chitrag, Road 4, House 21, Dhanmondi
Time: October 22-31, from 10am to 8pm

Title: Calligraphy Exhibition 2004
Organiser: Lalbagh Art Group
Artists: Ha Mim Kefayatulillah, Ishak Ahmed, Ata Imran and Morshedul Alam
Venue: Novera Gallery, National Museum
Time: October 23-27, from 9am to 3pm

Film Show

Title: Tolstoy in Film
Organiser: Dhaka Film Society and Centre for Asian Arts and Cultures
Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi
Time: October 26-27
Schedule
October 27
3:30pm War and Peace (Feature Film)

Kabori sails into direction and script-writing

Ayena--travails of an acid victim

FAYZA HAQ

KABORI Sarwar, after 30 years in films and with 100 films to her credit, is now into directing and script writing for films. This is something she had in her mind for ages now, being involved in social work since the sixties, when she began her career in her teens.

Why choose acid victims for her theme rather than any other current social evil? For ages Kabori had harboured the ambition to make films based on the plight of unwanted children and women acid victims. She has made a film, *Ekatturer Michhil* based on a child. Kabori has been working at the Acid Victim Rehab Centre at Banani for quite some time.

Six months ago, she began her Herculean task with little care for the natural elements. The protagonist is a woman called Kushum (Saba, a new face) and the film follows the vicissitudes of her life. *Ayena's* storyline, based on her own imagination and experience, contains the childhood and youth of the protagonist, whose father is strangled by the villain. The aging father, Azim Ali (Shubash Datt) is cruelly murdered, when he discovers that the evil Casanova is not only a nondescript



Ferdous and Saba in *Ayena*

chandabaz (extortionist) but is also a lecherous and licentious womaniser--with no qualms, what so ever--and who is only hell-bent on ravishing, innocent young and guileless women.

The plot continues to spin out

Kushum's tale of untold travails, when she is attacked by the ruthlessly evil and conniving Ramiz (Joyra), as she tries to blind him with a date-tree spike, taken from her father's grave spot. She had gone there to lament her fate and pray for guidance. She escapes to catch a train, which brings her to a garment factory. There she eventually falls in love with the dashing and impeccable Dolon (Ferdous).

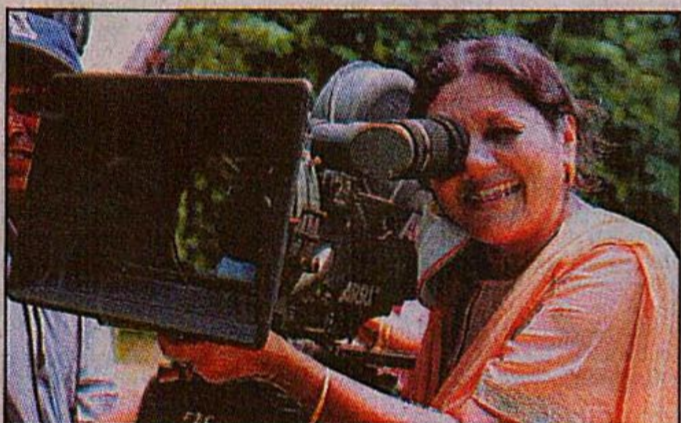
However, destiny has its tragic turns. On the wedding night, the heroine has acid thrown on her, leading her to go overseas. From there she returns, full of optimism, thinking that she is beautiful as before, when in actuality she is not. The rest is left to the imagination. Other sub-plots are interwoven in the moving social episodic film of numerous tear-jerking incidents. Kabori eventually seeks the mantle of a vengeance seeking lawyer-cum-human rights activist.

Dwelling on the problems that she faced in the course of filming

Ekatturer Michhil, Kabori says that she's faced the age-long task of raising adequate funds for the venture. In her words, 'I approached numerous embassies, and many promises were given, but not kept. Eventually Machranga Production helped out. We worked in bad weather and good--the summer rain being included in the film shots. I'm weary of political intrigues and inevitable lobbying, that are now an integral part of the life of many creative people in Bangladesh.'

The local version of the film is a little over two hours, while the overseas package is for an hour and 30 minutes.

Kabori Sarwar--like the famous World War II French singer, Edith Piaf--has no regrets' and looks forward, in her twilight years, of making thought-provoking, meaningful films. She takes pride in raising five stalwart sons.



Kabori in her directorial role

Groho Konya: a sci-fi drama serial

NOVERA DEEPTA

A girl is dying in a hospital bed due to complications caused by wrong treatment. All her friends and relatives are there with her. In this poignant moment, an alien spaceship looks at this dying earth-girl. The female alien looks at her boss and asks for permission to go to earth to save the girl from the cruel claws of death. Moved by the pain of the girl, she comes down to earth. However, she is unable to save her. She then makes the girl come to life by taking over her body. With her sensitive soul the alien tries to change the hostile mindset of the people. She tries hard to make the human beings follow their good instincts rather than seek for fulfillment for their

evil desires.

This is the story of the sci-fi drama serial *Groho Konya*. Directed and written by Murad Parvez, the drama serial will be telecast on BTV in the beginning of next year. The distinguished cast includes Bijori Barkatullah, Tauquir Ahmed, Mahfuz Ahmed, Tushar Khan, Azizul Hakim, Srabonti, Sharmin Shila and others. This is a 13-episode drama serial.

Murad said, 'The computer graphics of the drama serial will be very attractive. There will be no artificial or unprofessional elements.' He said that building the set for the extra terrestrial spaceship is costly but it was not troublesome because it was done on the computer. Under the banner of A New Invention of



A sequence from *Groho Konya*

Making (ANIOM), the drama serial is not just a sci-fi drama, but it will also convey an impor-

tant message. The director is hopeful that the serial will be widely viewed.

Shimul: A champ on the ramps

Novera Deepita recently spoke to popular model Shimul. Excerpts from the interview:

How to win over an audience?

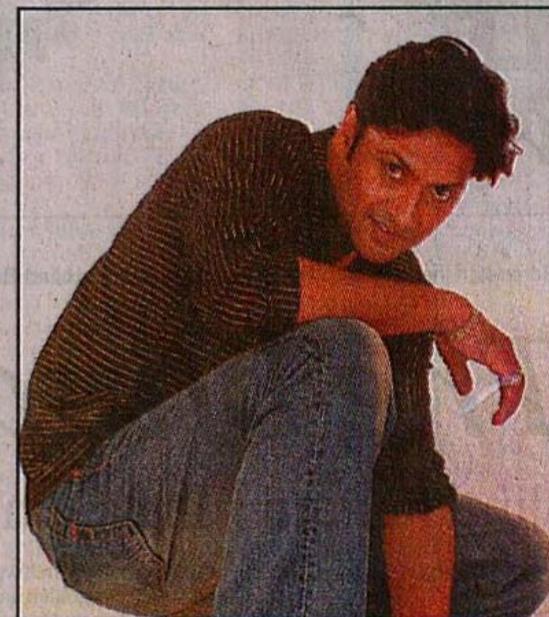
To me winning takes second place to communication. What is generated through my performance is my feeling, not my look or style. I give importance to detail. And performance is a total teamwork. I want to say that to meet the expectation of the audience I always try to satisfy myself first. Subsequently, I know how to please the audience with my performance.

Taste in apparel

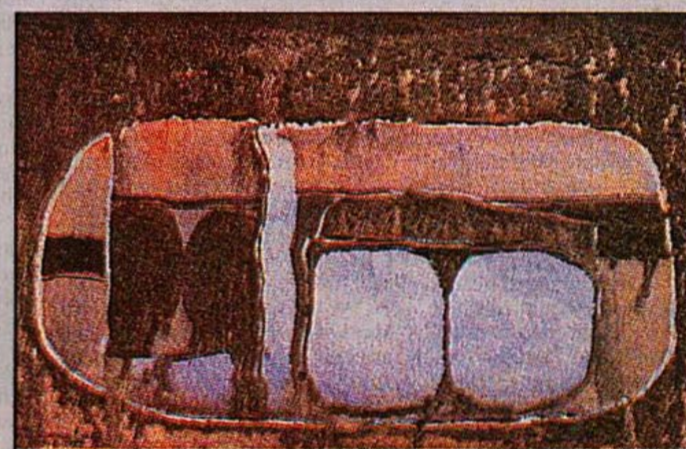
I do not follow a specific style. I give importance to comfort, so I dress according to the weather or environment. For instance, during the rains I wear sneakers which can go without socks. And I often wear Denim jeans for comfort and they are my favourite. But, yes, in case of formal occasions I go in for matching clothes. As I used to be a painter earlier, I know the colour grammar.

Fashion icons

Mahatma Gandhi is my icon, even for fashion. I wish I could wear only one cloth and carry it off like him.



Posthumous exhibition of Sanatan in Japan



Untitled, acrylic

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

In remembrance of Dhaka University artist, late Sanatan Biswas, an art exhibition began on October 25. The venue: the Chuwa Gallery of Tokyo, Japan. The first international display of Sanatan follows his first solo exhibition at the Zainul Gallery of Institute of Fine Arts in July last.

Organised with the help of Japan-based Bangladeshi artist GS Kabir, the exhibition mainly features 42 watercolour and acrylic works of Sanatan. Titled *Deshey Deshey Mor Desh Achhey*, the display will run till November 06.

In December this year, a three-day fair will take place on the bank of Jhalmolia Dighi of Sanatan's birthplace Hoorka village in Bagerhat.

Yikes! Scooby sets world record

It's no shaggy dog tale--*Scooby-Doo* has become the most prolific cartoon of all time. Those meddling kids and their pooch have overtaken *The Simpsons* as the cartoon comedy series with the most episodes--a huge 350. Homer and his family of misfits had held the title with an almost as impressive run of 335 shows.

American animation giants Hanna-Barbera first unleashed Scooby, Shaggy, Velma, Fred and Daphne on the US screens way back in 1969. It had been due to be called either *Mysteries Five* or *Who's Scared with Scooby*, real name Scoobert, only having a minor role. But TV bosses were worried that in that form it would be too scary for children, so decided to give the Great Dane the lead role and name it after him. And in 1979, Scooby's feisty nephew Scrappy joined the gang and their Mystery Machine van.

Third in the all-time cartoon list



The Scooby-Doo gang

is *Tom and Jerry* with 209 episodes then, with 166 shows, are Stone Age family *The Flintstones* followed by Disney's *Mickey Mouse* on 120.

Scooby's achievement will be officially recognised in the 2006 Guinness World Record book. Source: Internet

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Banglar Gaan
On Channel i at 3:40pm
Musical Show
Today's performer: Mehreen



Phone Booth
On Star Movies at 8:40pm
Genre: Thriller
Cast: Colin Farrell, Kiefer Sutherland, Forest Whitaker

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.

CHANNEL-i
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.

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News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 8:15 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

BTV
12:15 *Shongbad Potrer Pata Thekey*
01:05 Selected Programme
02:05 *Khelle Khelle Computer*
02:30 *Hijal Tomal*
03:05 *Shukhi Panbar*
03:35 *Gilo Bilan*
04:05 *Open University*
04:30 *Angikar*
05:05 *Mahe Ramjan*
05:40 *Apon Bhumi*
06:10 *Malancha*
07:05 *Barta Probaha*
07:30 *Film Show: The World Greatest Show*
08:30 *Drama Serial: Photo Na Bashanto*
09:00 *Drama Serial: Abhimaner Rakam Shakam*
10:25 *Teknal Theke Tabula*
11:00 *Ananda Dhara*
09:30 *Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public reaction*
09:45 *Trityo Mitra*
10:45 *Sports Time Close Up*
11:30 *Shonali Danar Chil*
12:00 *Sa Re Ga Ma*
12:30 *Aaj Dupurey and City/Call Teroka Kathon*
01:00 *Ebong Othmar Gsan*
01:30 *Public Reaction*
01:45 *Bangla Film: Rabberi*
03:40 *Banglar Gaan*
04:10 *Bangladesher Shiano Shaika*
04:50 *Ranjanul Mubarak*
05:45 *Manohar Itar*
06:00 *Music Plus*
06:30 *Gillette World Sports*
07:55 *RC Travel On*
08:25 *Drama Serial: Kichhu*
09:35 *Megh Kichhu Roddur*
Drama Serial: *Din*

ATN BANGLA
10:30 *Talk Show: Annodishti*
11:15 *Drama Serial: Sarser Japon*
11:50 *Shimshin Shimanay*
12:30 *Bangla Feature Film: Abhuj Sherian*
03:50 *Musical Programme*
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06:20 *Manshi*
08:00 *The sword of Tipu Sultan*
08:30 *Drama Serial: Khowab*
09:00 *Drama Serial: Shu Patrer Shondhane*
09:30 *Drama Serial: New Files*
10:30 *Face to Face Live*

HBO
9:45 *Innocent Moves*
12:00 *Infested*
1:45 *Screwed*
3:30 *Tango and Cash*
5:30 *Dragon Fighter*
7:15 *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*
9:30 *Evolution*
12:45 *Batman Forever*

STAR MOVIES
10:45 *Signs*
12:30 *Boiling Point*
2:00 *Skeletons*
4:00 *Commandments*
5:25 *The Grid*
7:00 *American Ninja 4*
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Sesame

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5:00 *Nazar: Ke Samne*
8:30 *Biwi No. 1*
12:00 *Muqabala*

STAR WORLD
2:30 *Oprah Winfrey*
3:30 *Bold and Beautiful*
4:30 *Hollywood Squares*
5:00 *Whose Line Is It Anyway*
6:30 *Miami Vice*
7:30 *The Simpsons*
8:30 *Guinness World Records: Primetime*
9:30 *Vegas Showgirls*
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11:30 *The Associates*
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2:30 *Vegas Showgirls*
3:30 *Rescue 911*

ZEE CINEMA
9:30 *Sheshaag*
1:00 *Hum Ho Gaye Aapko*
5:30 *Hathyar*
9:00 *Baazigar*

STAR PLUS
5:00 *Zindagi Milke Bitayenge*
6:00 *Maal Hai To Taal Hai*
6:30 *Fox Kids*
7:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*
8:00 *Hello Dollie*
8:30 *Dekho Magar Pyaar Se*
9:00 *Kasauti Zindagi Kay*
9:30 *Sanjivani - A Medical Boon*
10:30 *Kanaani Ghar Ghar Ki*
11:00 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhi Thi*
11:30 *Kahin To Hoga*
12:00 *K Street Pali Hill*

ZEE TV
6:30 *Cartoon Network On Zee*
7:25 *Jhalak*
7:30 *Hip Hip Hurray*
7:55 *Ek Nazar*
8:00 *Reh*
8:30 *Tumhari Disha*
8:00 *Pya Ka Ghar*
8:30 *Asitva - Ek Prem Kahani*
10:00 *Kareena Kareena*
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CARTOON NETWORK
12:00 *Baby Looney Tunes*
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1:00 *Boo!*
1:30 *Rubadubbers*
2:00 *Baby Looney Tunes*
2:30 *A Pup Named Scooby-Doo*
3:00 *The Legend of Snow White*
3:30 *The Powerpuff Girls*
4:00 *Codename: Kids Next Door*
5:00 *Justice League*
5:30 *Pokemon*
6:00 *Digimon*
6:30 *Tom and Jerry Show*
7:00 *All New Popeye*
8:00 *Dexter's Laboratory*
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10:30 *The Mask*
11:00 *Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries*
11:30 *The New Scooby-Doo Movies*

DISCOVERY
4:30 *Great Crimes And Trials of the 20th Century*
5:30 *Trekking In Kenya*
6:00 *Mystery Hunters*
6:30 *Junkyard Wars*
7:30 *African Great Apes*
8:30 *Death of Marilyn Monroe*
9:30 *In Therapy*
10:00 *Building The Ultimate Tanks*
10:30 *Dangerman, Warrior Women*
11:30 *Medical Detectives*

ANIMAL PLANET
4:30 *Animal Precinct Fighting Birds*
5:00 *Animal Precinct*
5:30 *Rotweiler Rescue*
5:30 *The Planet's Funniest Animals*
6:00 *Amazing Animal Videos*
6:30 *Zookeepers*

7:00 *Monkey Business*
7:30 *Unexplained, Unexplored*
8:30 *Lords of the Animals*
9:30 *Island of the Monkey God*
10:30 *Predators Mass Attack*
11:00 *Supernatural Paranormal*
11:30 *Beyond The Unexplored*
Forgotten River

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
4:30 *Marco Polo*
5:00 *Two Way Tea Journey*
5:30 *Be The Creature*
6:30 *Planet Wild*
7:00 *Toyota World Of Wildlife*
7:30 *National Geographic Special*
8:30 *Cheating Death*
9:30 *Sea Hunters*
10:30 *Ant That Ate America*
11:30 *Marco Polo*
12:00 *Two Way Tea Journey*

STAR SPORTS
8:00 *New Zealand Tour Of Bangladesh 2nd Test Day 1 Highlights (R)*
9:20 *New Zealand Tour Of Bangladesh 2nd Test Day 2 (L)*
4:30 *Wild Spirits 2004/05 (T)*
5:00 *Hiz (R)*
5:30 *Crickit Gold (R)*
7:30 *Japan Gt Championships 2004 Preview (T)*
8:00 *Sportline (L)*
8:30 *UEFA Champions League Extra Group Phase 1 (T)*
10:30 *Sportline (R)*
11:00 *Asia Golf Travel (R)*
11:30 *New Zealand Tour Of*

Bangladesh 2nd Test Day 2 Highlights (S)

ESPN
12:30 *English Premier Football League 2004/05*
Newcastle United Vs Manchester City (R)
3:30 *English Premier Football League 2004/05*
Manchester United Vs Arsenal (R)
5:30 *Asian X Games VI Bike Stunt Park P/L's & Final (R)*
6:00 *English Premier Football League 2004/05*
Tottenham Hotspur Vs Bolton Wanderers (R)
8:00 *Hiiz (T)*
8:30 *Sportscenter India (L)*
9:00 *Goals! (T)*
9:30 *Classical Boxing (T)*
10:30 *World Pool Masters 2004 (R)*
11:30 *Sportscenter India (R)*
12:00 *Goals! (R)*

TEN SPORTS
10:30 *GameTV*
11:00 *European Tour Weekly 2004*
11:30 *ATP World*
12:00 *Gillette World Sport*
12:30 *ICC Cricket World European Tour Weekly 2004*
1:00 *German League Highlights*
2:30 *GameTV*
3:30 *Cricket Classics*
5:30 *Legends*
6:30 *WWE: After Burn*
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11:00 *Portugese League H/Ls*
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