Liberation War Museum A must visit for all

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ECEMBER is the month of victory for the Bangalees. With the surrender of the Pakistan armed forces on December 16, 1971, the Bangalees won the nine-month long Liberation War. However, the victory was earned at a high price--loss of hundreds of thousands of lives. For this reason, the legacy of our independence brings back nostalgia, pain and, of course, a sense of homage to those who sacrificed their lives for the independence of the country. The Liberation War Museum at Segun Bagicha preserves that invaluable legacy of the independence of

To preserve and promote this consciousness of cultural heritage among the future generations that have not seen the Liberation-War, a group of patriotic people joined hands: they founded the Liberation War Museum on March 22, 1996. The founding members are Aly Zaker, Asaduzzaman Noor, Sara Zaker, Rabiul Husain, Mofidul Haque, Akku Chowdhury, Ziauddin Tareq Ali and Sarwar Ali. Dr Sarwar is the present Member Secretary of

Entering the museum premises, one finds himself in front of the eternal flame, which burns in memory of the martyrs of the Liberation War. The Shikha Chirantan, as it is called in Bangla, instantly inspires respect and nostalgia for those who sacrificed their lives for the country.

According to the last count, the museum has collected 10,730 objects related to our Liberation War until May 2004. These include rare photographs, documents, clippings of media coverage, artifacts and materials used by freedom fighters and martyrs of the war. A recent inclusion is a black Morris Minor 1000 car used during 1971 by Dr Fazle Rabbi. He was killed by the Pakistani army towards the end of the war. On his last day too he went in that car to see a patient.

The museum has six galleries displaying the exhibits in chronological order of events that paved the way of the war. Gallery I presents the history and specimens of the rich cultural heritage of Bengal, the advent of the British rule and its end, giving rise to the country



One of the galleries at the Liberation War Museum

named Pakistan in 1947.

Exhibits in Gallery II depict the. Pakistan period marked by united struggle of people for secular democracy while upholding national culture. Its documentation ends with the victory of the nationalist forces in the general election of 1970.

Gallery III projects the atrocities of the then Pakistani regime--their denial of popular verdict, noncooperation movement of the Bangalees in March 1971, genocide by military authority, and establishment of provisional government by elected representatives.

The next three galleries give the most agonising experience as they display memorabilia, finds from the battlefields and other objects that demonstrate the nature of our armed struggle. Objects used by freedom fighters and martyrs, documents of international support, role of the collaborators of military regime, killing of intellectuals, excavated human remains, the final attack of the allied forces and the victory on December 16

have enriched the collection. A kiosk at the museum sells posters, T-shirts, replicas of the National Flag used at the time of the

war and other souvenirs. The museum also has a library containing about 3,000 books on different aspects of the Liberation War: history and background of the war, armed struggle, repression and genocide, international reaction, opinions of Pakistanis and literature. The museum itself has four publications--Bangladesh Newsletter, 1971: Documents on Crimes against Humanity..., My Story of 1971 by Muhammad Anisur

Besides, the museum has different projects of which the Outreach Programme and the Mobile Museum programme have earned a lot of appreciation. A huge bus mounted with 360 photographs and objects travels to all parts of the country so that those who cannot visit the museum can at least get a glimpse of it. Launched in 1999, the

Rahman and Muktijuddher Boi--a

catalogue of books on our Libera-

project aims at human rights and peace education for students in the light of the history of the Liberation War. After each exhibition, an interactive meeting is held with students and they are encouraged to collect eyewitness accounts of 1971 and send it to the Liberation War Museum.

'The response is excellent and we hope we will be able to build a central archive of these historical accounts,' says Mêmber Secretary Dr Sarwar Ali.

However, it is a matter of pity that of such a huge collection only 1,300 objects can be displayed for visitors at the Liberation War Museum due to space constrains. Currently housed in rented premises, the museum is looking for suitable land where a proper museum can be built.

The young generation has tremendous interest in the history of our Liberation War.Despite the political divide in the country we have so far been honest to history,' says Sarwar Ali.

Model Pallab now wants to be a professional actor

Pallab, popularly known as a model only, now ranks among the promising actors of small screen. His sincerity and talent are matched with good looks. Pallab recently talked about his professional experience and views on a

First appearance in the entertainment world

His entry into the entertainment world was not planned. In 1991, he participated in the Tower Fashion Show. Soon after this, he was asked to participate in a commercial. It was an ad of Garlic Oil directed by Afzal Hossain. That was the starting point. 'I feel proud that I got the chance to work with the pioneering director,' says Pallab. He has done almost 65 commercials. Some of them got huge popularity like HRC Tea, Berger Paint, Tibet Coconut Oil, Nirala Green Ball Soap.

About modeling
'A good model should have the talent, quality and music sense,' says Pallab. He thinks that the experience of fashion shows helped him a lot as a model. He has also done some radio and stage programmes which helped him in

Although he started his career in modeling, Pallab is busy with acting also. He appeared as an actor in the first package drama Prachir Periya in 1995, which was written and directed by Mustafizur Rahman. Then he acted in the popular TV plays like Jekhane Shimanto(drama), Nishshanga Gangchil, Brishtir Shabdo (telefilm), Hajar Ranger Shwapna, Boishakhi Jhar (serial). He enjoyed working with directors like Kaiser Ahmed, Ahmed Yusuf Saber and Ananta Hira. 'As actors Humayan Faridi, Nana Patekar and Uttam Kumar are myidols' says Pallab.'

Acting in commercial films

'The mainstream commercial films never appealed to me. However, now my views have changed. If I get good scripts and good directors to work with, I would like to be a regular in mainstream films,' says Pallab. He strongly believes that in the next two or three years, our films will reach a pinnacle

Own production house 'When I decided to be professional performer, I set up a

production house of my own. It is called Universal Production. A number of TV plays like Shwapner Campus, Harek Rakam Jibon have been made through my organisation' says Pallab.

Latest ventures

Recently, he has done the commercial of Tata Flour and has been acting in the drama serial Mohona. 'It is a milestone for me, The character is akin to my own personality,' says Pallab. He is also working as a consultant to the serial, 'I never aspired to be a full-fledged performer. However, I now think of becoming a professional actor,' he said.

Pepsi Music Mela 2004 comes to town

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Festivals have many colours and distinctive characters. The festive month of December has already kicked off with theatre, film and photography festivals.

Now a long awaited music festival comes to town. The Dhaka Billiard Centre Musical Café and We Communicate will jointly organise the country's first music-fest Pepsi Music Mela--2004 from December 6

organisers held a press conference on December 4 at the Dhaka Billiard Centre Music Café.

The festival will be categorised in two fragments. The first one will be launched from December 6 to 15. In this session, the participants will be the country's famous audio-visual production houses, musical instrument sellers and various media

The second segment is dedicated to those who want to rock with the sonalities of the country. This section will start from December 17 to 30. With the participation of the popular music personalities, the cultural shows will whet the musical tastes of the music enthusiasts.

This 25-day long festival will be held at the Musical Café of Dhaka Billiard Centre. The State Minister of Culture Begum Selima Rahman will inaugurate the programme on December 6. The Daily Star, Prothom Alo and ATN Bangla are the media to 30. To announce this event, the tunes of the celebrity musical per-partners of this music carnival.

CULTURAL FEAST

The car of martyred Dr Fazle Rabbi

2nd International Film Festival Bangladesh

Date: December 05 Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy 10:00am Tiktiki Baseball Boys City of Mice

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Venue: Russian Cultural Centre 11:00am **Budapest Tales** 03:00pm

REMEMBERING WALT DISNEY

The well-loved creator of Mickey Mouse and Disneyland

Walt Disney is a favourite with both old and young. Who hasn't seen his most loved cartoon characters Mickey Mouse or Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (December 1937), his first full-length animated movie? There are also other full length animated classics over the next five years such as Pinocchio, Fantasia, Dumbo and Bambi. Pursuing his dream of 'building a commu-

nity that will become a prototype for the future,' Disney directed the purchase of 43 uare miles of virgin land -- twice the size of Manhattan Island -- in the heart of the state of Florida. Here, he masterplanned a whole new Disney world of entertainment to include a new amusement theme park, motel-hotel resort vacation centre and his Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow. After more than seven years of master planning and preparation, including 52 months of actual construction, Walt Disney World opened to the public as scheduled on October 1, 1971. Epcot Centre opened on October 1, 1982.



The creator of Mickey Mouse and founder of Disneyland and Walt Disney World was born in Chicago, Illinois, on December 5, 1901. Raised on a farm near Marceline, Missouri, Disney sold his first sketches to neighbours when he was only seven years old. At McKinley High School in Chicago, Disney divided his attention between drawing and photography, contributing both to the school

paper. At night he attended the Academy of Fine Arts.

After the war, Disney returned to Kansas City, where he began his career as an advertising cartoonist. Here, in 1920, he created and marketed his first original animated cartoons, and later perfected a new method for combining live-action and animation.

From then on there was no looking back for the talented Disney. In his 43-year Hollywood career, which spanned the development of the motion picture medium as a modern American art, Disney, regarded as a modern Aesop, established himself and his product as a genuine part of Americana. David Low, the late British political cartoonist, called Disney 'the most significant figure in graphic arts since Leonardo DaVinci.' When he died of cancer on December 15, 1966, Hollywood lost one of its brightest

Today is Disney's 103rd birth anniversary. Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

Aishwarya to star in Hollywood film Taj Mahal

AFP, New Delhi

Bollywood's Aishwarva Rai is set to star in a Hollywood film called Taj Mahal, the famous monument to love built by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan for his wife Mumtaz Mahal.

A group of US-based Indian technology tycoons will fund the 10-million-dollar IMax film to be released in January 2006, the Asian

The name of the Hollywood star. who will play Shah Jahan, opposite Rai's Mumtaz Mahal, is being kept

'Even though the Taj Mahal belongs to India, the monument has been a symbol of love for all countries,' said one of the film's promoters.

'It could be the biggest international movie venture out of India since Gandhi, Richard Attenborough's epic,' he said.

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GEOGRAPHIC



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Koffee With Karan

\$100 Taxi Ride

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National Geographic

Wild Family Secrets

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Genius

Taj Mahal will be the first Indian IMax film, shown on a screen 10 times larger than the conventional

'It makes the viewer feel as if he is part of the film. The IMax version of Taj Mahal will be for only an hour. But the 35 mm version will be three hours long,' said Richard L Gelfold, IMax co-chief executive

The Indian Express said Aishwarya had also won a role in a Hollywood murder mystery called Windfall, set around the tragic gas leak that killed thousands 20 years ago in the central Indian city of Bhopal.

The shooting of the 25-million dollar film is set to start in the fall

Rai's last film Bride and Prejudice was directed by UK-based Gurinder Chadha, who found fame with Bend it like Beckham.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

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

News Bulletin

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)

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

ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 7:00 am.10:00am 2:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11:00

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.1:00pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

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.

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TARA BANGLA

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The New Shabuj Opera On ATN Bangla at 8:30pm Drama Serial Cast: Fazlur Rahman Babu, Tamalika Karmokar Written and directed by Mamunur Rashld

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