### CULTURAL FEAST

#### Retrospective

Title: Tanvirer Dol, retrospective on Tanvir Mokammel Organiser: Alliance Française Schedule

January 14 06:00pm Inauguration of photography exhibition of Pierre Claquin on making of Lalshalu, Oyee Jamuna and Lalon.

Screening of Achin Pakhi January 16 05:00 pm Oyee Jamuna 06:00 pm Chitra Nodir Parey

January 17 05:00 pm Images and Impressions (Documentary on the ideals of the International Folk High School in Denmark) 06:00 pm Lalshalu January 18

06:00 pm Lalon



### Children's Art Competition

Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, National Museum and Bengal Foundation Occasion: 90th birth anniversary of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Venue: Bengal Shilpaloy, House 275?F, Road 27, Dhanmondi Time: January 13, at 3:00pm

#### Exhibition

Title: Book and album exhibition Occasion: 210th birth anniversary of Russian painter Valentine A Serov Venue: Library, Russian Centre of Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7: Dhanmondi Time: January 09-13

Title: Terra-cotta Ornaments & Pottery Artiste: Shohidul Hasan Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Art, Dhaka University Time: January 11-17, from 10am to

Title: Russian Crystal Mela Venue: Exhibition Hall, Russia Centre of Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi Time: January 10-19, from 11am and

### Play

Titie: Sangbad Cartoon Group: Chekhov Theatre Venue: Auditorium, Russian Centre of Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi Time: January 17, at 5:00pm

# Tanvir Mokammel

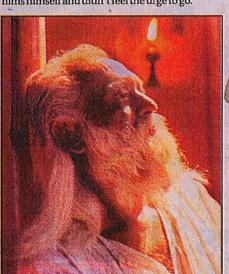
# A journey back in time

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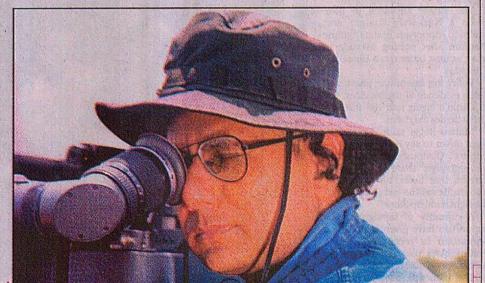
Tanvir Mokammel, an acclaimed film director with many awards to his credit, and whose film retrospective will run at Alliance Française from January 14th, speaks about how he got into films. He says, "From my childhood films always fascinated me. My father had a definite role in it. He himself was an avid viewer of films from the western countries and I was his companion. The decisive influence was, I guess, from my university days when my friends and I formed a film club and began to watch films and write about cinema seriously. Then at one stage I thought it might be more interesting to make a film by myself rather than only talk and write about cinema. Hence, I made my first short film on a poem by Nirmalendu Goon titled Hooliya.'

Tanvir's films are influenced by the great names of the Western world. Nearer home, it is Tanvir's dream to have Ritwik Ghatak's passion and Satyajit Ray's perfectionism.

Tanvir had two opportunities to study filmmaking formally. But by the time he was awarded the Pune scholarship, he had become a political activist and couldn't make it. When he got a scholarship to go to Europe he was making films himself and didn't feel the urge to go.



Raisul Islam Asad in a scene from Lalon



Tanvir in action behind the camera

Asked if he only gave direction or took camera shots as well, he says, that he shot only one film himself. This was a documentary on the lane of Shankharibazar of old Dhaka *Tale Of A Lane*.

Talking about which film he enjoyed making the most and which posed most problems for him, Tanvir says that so far he has made four feature films and seven short films and docu-mentaries. "It is difficult to pinpoint which one I liked most, as each one had some pleasant memories (some bad memories as well!). But, I guess the film that I enjoyed making the most was Chitra Nodir Parey(Quiet flows the river Chitra), as the film was also a journey back to my

"On the opposite end, I faced the most acute problem with the film *Nadir Naam Modhumati* (The river named Madhumati). We were faced with financial constraints. We did not receive any help from the concerned services. Hence the battle scenes of the film were unprofessional."

Talking about the problems that he normally faces, Tanvir says that the paucity of funds is the major problem. The absence of proper technology in Bangladesh is also a big handicap, he comments. Likewise the Censor Board and its

Actor Amrish Puri passes away

Amrish Puri, the "Mogambo" of Indian cinema, passed away in Hinduja

Puri suffered a blood clot in the brain and slipped into coma, family

sources said. He was also being treated for malaria, they added. The

Amrish Puri, the epitome of villainy in the Indian cinema was the younger brother of character actor Madan Puri. He had initially screen tested for a hero's role in 1954. But he was rejected as the producer thought he had a "crude and harsh face". Amrish then turned to theatre

When he was almost 40, director Sukhdev signed him for Reshma Aur Shera. But, when producer Sunil Dutt took over as the director of the film, Amrish receded into the background.

After a forgettable debut, it was a long wait for Amrish, before being

For his memorable performance in Ghatak he also received the

However, it was only after the commercial success of his portrayal of Duryodhana in Hum Paanch, a modern-day version of the Mahabharata, that he was recognised as an actor. He cruised ahead

Soon Amrish Puri became synonymous with villainy. Hollywood director, Steven Spielberg was so impressed with him that he cast him as the main villain in his film *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* in

His venomous performance in Nagina was a landmark, but his career-defining role came as Mogambo in Mr India in 1987. The memorably vicious catchline, "Mogambo khush hua" became one of the most

famous lines in the history of Hindi cinema. With Mogambo, Amrish

Hospital in Mumbai yesterday morning following a brain hemorrhage.

He was 72. He is survived by wife, a son and a daughter.

and also lent his voice to several advertisement jingles

Filmfare award for best supporting actor in 1997.

when Vidhaata and Hero became hits.

actor had undergone a surgery last week.

and Bhumika.

undemocratic and archaic rules are also a hindrance, he adds.

Dwelling on the themes of his films, Tanvir says that they differ from film to film. Tanvir observes, "The themes generally relate to our history or the secular and progressive aspirations of our people. But, I think, at the end; they are stories of human interest."

Dwelling on his selection of actors and actresses, Tanvir says, "I choose my actors and ctresses from theatre groups.'

Asked to give his opinion of the standard of film-making in Bangladesh, Tanvir says, "Technologically, film-making in Bangladesh is lagging 30 years behind the global scenario. In the commercial filmdom the picture is very dismal. The makers seem to have run out of ideas."

Giving his opinion on the leading filmmakers of Bangladesh, Tanvir talks about Tarek and Catherine Masud, Morshedul Islam and Shameem Akhter. "It is inspiring to see upcoming talents like Saidul Anam and Taukir Ahmed. Among the documentary film-makers Manzare Hassin Murad, Kauser Choudhury and Yasmin Kabir are also noteworthy," he adds.

### Musings

In the countdown to Eid, our cultural correspondent spoke to talented pop singer Baby Nazneen. She has won a number of awards for her singing skills and is the recipient of the title Uttar Bang-er Kokil (The cuckoo of North Bengal) for her melodious voice. She will perform in a programme on BTV titled Ananda Mela on Eid day. Here's what she has to say about fashion this festive season:

How important is glamour for a singer?

Glamour should be the second priority for a vocalist. Talent and commitment to music come first. No doubt about that!

What is more important: beauty

Beauty without brains is like fire without warmth. One can become beautiful by simply applying intelligence. So obviously you need brains first.

How important is fashion?

Fashion is not really important for everybody. But it is important to be presentable. Everybody must remember that one should follow the fashion that suits one and what others appreciate.

Do you have any fashion icon?

Nobody specific. I was not aware of fashion in my early days. I used to be a tomboy in myschool days and often dream of going back to the earlier days. I like the traditional attire, like sari and shalwar-kameez and also western outfits like jeans and T-shirts.

Will you follow any specific fashion

Not really. I think fashion should help the person look elegant and impressive. Even if we don't want to, we should dress according to the cultural



# Eid special

# Drama Putra-Shukh on ATN Bangla



Bonnya Mirza and Joy appear in the drama

drama Putra-Shukh. Based on a story by Brindaban Das, the adaptation and direction is steered by Sayeed Kajol. The drama is produced by Proshika Human Development Centre and features Jayanto Chattopadhya, Shirin Bakul, Joy, Bonnya Mirza, Chanchal Chowdhury, Nazneen Hasan Chumki, Ripa and Oishi. This is a story of a poor rural family. Sunai Mallik has two sons and a daughter-in-law. His younger son is a music enthusiast with little ability to sing. The elder one is fond of sports. The family members lived happily, until everything changes when the youngest brother gets married. The two daughter-in-laws fight constantly and the total environment

## Bangladeshi children in Japanese art festival

### CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A special exhibition of artworks by 10 children selected for the Mitsubishi Impression Gallery Festival of Asian Children's Art 2004-2005 is being held at the gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. State Minister for cultural affairs Begum Selima Rahman inaugurated the exhibition yesterday.

About 2,500 sets of art paper were distributed among children across the country by Shilpakala Academy for this year's festival, informs Director of Fine Arts Department of Shilpakala Academy, ABM Salauddin. "We have received 8045 paintings from 1609 children. A panel of three judges selected works of 291 child artists," he adds.

Selected artworks of 10 children will be sent for the festival to be held in Japan in

Frontlines Of Construc-

Wildlife Dian

Game For It

Planet Wild

Dogs With Jobs

Storm Stories

Wildlife Diary

Mosquito Hell

Killer Leopards

20th Century: Howard

Hughes & Eva Gardner

Legends of the Isles St.

The Case Studies In

I Love My Music, My

Animal and My House

Reversions: Wheels of

Lethal & Dangerous

Venomous Snakes

Wildest Arctic

Story of Evolution

Fields of Armor: Gentle

Human Instinct

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DISCOVERY

The exhibition runs till January 18.



# TV GUIDE

With occasional positive roles in films like Phool Aur Kaante (1991)

Mujhse Shaadi Karogi, also starring Akshay Kumar, Priyanka Chopra

and Dilwale Dulhaniya Le Jayenge (1995), he also played versatile roles in films like Ram Lakhan, Saudagar, Karan Arjun and Koyla.

### 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

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.

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Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 **BBC WORLD** Every hour on the hour

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Drama Serial: Arai

03:50 Shundar Jiboner Cinema Cinema 06:20 Film Show: Mortal Combat Conquest 08:00 Drama Serial: Tana Drama Serial: Mati Drama Serial: Rater 10:35 Musical Programme

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STAR MOVIES 8:45 10:15 Kanna Bhorer Shishir Drama Serial: Mohona 1:30

Tola Bari

Sprosher Bairey Nati Gharey Bairey Priamukh Dhakar Cinema Drama Serial: Sporsher Bairey Kichhu Katha Kichhu Drama Serial: Shaola Gambhira Shubho Shondhya Special Programme

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ATN BANGLA 10:30 Annyodrishti Magazine Show: Ek Islamic Programme 12:10

Shomali Shadakalo Tele Film: Bebodhan 9:30 12:15 2:15

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The Good Girl Hollywood One On The Assassination 3:45 Married to the Mob Visions of the Future 5:25 Visitors My Best Friend's

City by the Sea

**Getting There** 

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Path to War

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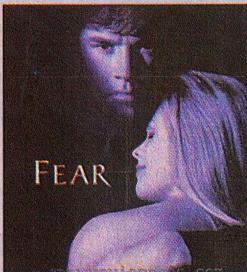
Den of Lions

PICK OF THE DAY

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

was instantly catapulted to success.

and Kareena Kapoor, was his latest release



Fear On Star Movies at 8:55pm Genre: Drama/Thriller/Horror

Cast: Mark Wahlberg, Reese Witherspoon, William L.

Directed by James Foley Nicole is a 16-year-old girl and, like most teenage girls, likes to have fun. When she and her best friend, Margo, go out to a party one night, Nicole meets the handsome and mysterious David, who she ends up getting together with. After a couple of weeks, Nicole realises that David is becoming really possessive and he gets very jealous when she talks to other guys and not telling him where she's going, etc. David even beats up one of Nicole's male friends because he's seen walking Nicole home. When Nicole ends up breaking up with David, he's obviously not happy about this and does everything

to try and get her back... Holy Man The Chronicle 10:30 My Big Fat Obnoxious

8:55 10:30 Den of Lions Ring of Darkness STAR WORLD

12:30 Third Watch III 1:30 Magnum P.I. 2:30 Oprah Winfrey 3:30 **Bold And Beautiful** 4:30 Hollywood Squares 5:00 Whose Line Is It Ally Mobeal 6:30 The Simpsons Home Improvement

Friends

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Newsradio

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12:00 Cover Story STAR PLUS 4:00 Kahlin To Hoga 4:30 K.Street Pali Hill 5:00 Maan 6:00 6:30 and Donald

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Saara Akaash Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii 10:30 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi 11:30 Kahiin To Hoga 12:00 K.Street Pall Hill STAR GOLD 9:55 Betaab 1:30 Bandish 4:25 Maya Kartoos 5:00 8:30 Jigar Sher Khan 12:15 NATIONAL

GEOGRAPHIC Storm Stories

Riddle Of The Dead

**Next Wave** 

man's War 11:30 World's Best Kept Secrets of Mysterious ANIMAL PLANET K-9 to 5 Stabbed K-9, Airport Bird Chaser, Cappucino Kid **Emergency Vets** 

Thunderbolts Emergency Vets Partial Victories Growing up Wild 4:30 The Protectors Cell 5:30 The Crocodile Hunter Monkey Business 6:30 The Planet's Funniest

Frontlines Of Construc-Wild on the Set Rodents 7:30 Ewan McGregor : Polar Riddle Of The Dead Bears Growing up Wild 8:30 The Blue Planet, The Open Ocean Ultimate Cars Beauty Journey of The Giant **Building the Ultimate** STAR SPORTS Suspension Bridges Why Intelligence Falls Max Power 2005 (R) Intelligence to Please Slam! Road to the Great Romances of the

Australian Open (R) Asian Touring Car Series Japan Round 9 11:30 (T) Telefonica Dakar Rally 2005 Day 13 Highlights Australian Open 2001 Official Film (R) 1:30 Australian Open 2002 Official Film (R) Great Run Review (T) 3:30 Indian Premier Hockey League (R)

Extreme Programming Sports Mania (T) 4:00 Football Crazy (L) World Strongman Cup 2004 (T) Telefonica Dakar Rafty 7:00

2005 Day 13 Highlights Really Bend It Like Beckham (T) Sportsline (L) Indian Premier Hockey League Tier 1 Sher E Jalan Dhar Vs

Hyderabad Sullans (L)

Sportscenter India (R) Sportscenter Asia (S) **TEN SPORTS** 11:00 Gillette World Sport 11:30 ICC Cricket World 12:30 Portugese League H/Ls Transworld Sports V8 Motorsport Champi onship 04 Legends: Tiger Woods

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Sportscenter India (L)

Harsha Closeup Dream

Job Studio Round #2 (T)

Motorsport Asia (R)

Test Series 3rd Test Day

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11:00 Transworld Sports WWE: The Bottom Line