

CULTURAL FEAST

Retrospective

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

Exhibition

Title: Ceramics and Painting Exhibition
Artist: Halimul Islam Khokon
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Art, Dhaka University
Time: January 14-20, from 11am to 8pm
Title: Terra-cotta Ornaments & Pottery Exhibition
Artist: Shohidul Hasan
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Art, Dhaka University
Time: January 11-17, from 10am to 8pm

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

Title: Les Jours de Jean-Jacques Rousseau
Artist: Jean-Jacques Rousseau
Venue: Alliance Française, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhaka
Time: January 27-February 10

Play

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

Space Exhibition

Title: Exploring the Solar System
Organiser: British Council
Venue: British Council, 5, Fuller Road, Dhaka-1000
Time: January 16-February 15, from 10am to 6pm

Art Exhibition

Title: Exhibition
Artist: Ronni Ahmed
Venue: Alliance Française, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhaka
Time: February 18-26

Film Screening

Title: New German Feature Films
Organiser: Dhaka University Film Society
Venue: Goethe-Institut (German Cultural Centre), House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi
Time: February 01-03
Schedule
February 01
4:30pm Good Bye, Lenin
6:40pm Do Fish do it?
February 02
4:00pm Licher
6:00pm Der alte Affe Angst
February 03
4:00pm Punkilchen und Anton
6:00pm Das fliegende Klassenzimmer
8:00pm Emil und die Detektive

Capturing hidden moments with a camera

Photography exhibition on Tanvir Mokammel's films at Alliance Française



The director (3-R) and crew on the sets of Oye Jamuna

HARUN UR RASHID

PEOPLE are generally interested in films and hardly stop to think about the hard-ship of the actors, crew and the director face while filming. Pierre Clauquin's photographs at the Alliance Française attempt to reveal these hidden moments. Titled *Tanvirer Dol*, the exhibition contains a total of 39 photographs that capture the moments of the shootings of three of

Tanvir Mokammel's films--the documentary *Oye Jamuna* (A Tale of the Jamuna River), and feature films *Lalshalu* and *Lalon*.

Taken in both black-and-white and colour media, the photographs depict the different phases of the process of making a film. A number of pictures capture the director dressed in photographer's jacket and a hat discussing different aspects of the films and explaining the shots to the actors and crew.

Photographs show Tanvir planning shots of *Oye Jamuna* and *Lalon* with the famous cinematographer Anwar Hossain.

The display contains the photograph of the first "take" of the film *Lalon*, in which Raisul Islam Asad, portraying the role of the mystic bard, is walking through a village path with a disciple, and an *Ektara* in his hand.

The photographs not only speak of the labour undertaken, but also tell of some happy moments of love and leisure. *Lalon's* art director Uttam Guha and costume designer Chitrlekha Guha feature in a photograph--the celebrated couple's gestures surely proclaiming contentment in their work. A photograph captures the director with his crew of *Oye Jamuna* in a moment of respite after the whole day's work.

Pierre Clauquin's photographs are not just documentary in nature, they also delineate the cohesiveness that Tanvir Mokammel's team has come to possess throughout the years of working together. What is noteworthy about Clauquin's photographs is that the canvas of most of his pictures is panoramic, keeping a stark resemblance with Tanvir's films. His subject is the entire scene rather than any particular person, which helps him depict even the smallest aspects of the events. A few portraits of director Tanvir Mokammel, crew and actors of the films, however, fall into the genre of portrait photography.

The exhibition runs till January 24.

Terracotta ornaments and pottery on display

AFSAR AHMED

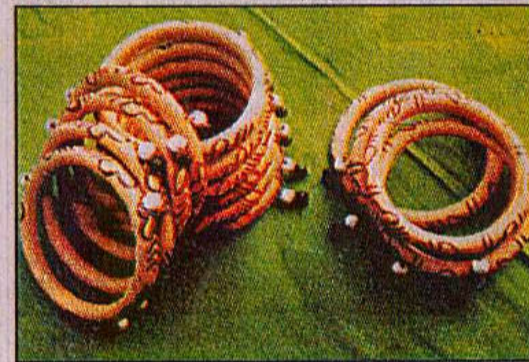
What could be more telling than the decision of five couples from Jahangirnagar University campus to wear terracotta jewellery at their wedding in June? "I hope this will be a trend-setter marriage ceremony for the younger generation," asserts artist Shohidul Hasan.

Although, people bemoan the fact that the new generation has drifted far afield from its cultural roots, Hasan is an exception. He is among the very few to focus on the conservation of the country's age-old traditional terracotta art form. His second solo Terracotta Ornaments and Pottery Exhibition at the Zainul Gallery of Institute of Fine Art, University of Dhaka, displays 76 designer clay ornaments.

"Gone are the days when our temples and houses were embellished with terracotta. I have planned this exhibition for popularising this ancient art form among the young generation. It is heartening to see that people, particularly the young, are buying clay jewellery," says Hasan.

The eye-catching clay ornaments-- necklaces, rings and even bangles-- have attracted a lot of people. Apart from the clay, metals such as brass and copper are also used in some ornaments. The different colours of the soil give the ornaments a dazzling look. "The earthy colour, white, black, burnt red-- all are natural colours and we don't use any artificial colours. Actually our country has an amazing range of colourful clays," said Hasan.

This terracotta or clay ornaments can earn foreign currencies as well. Hasan is very optimistic on this score,



Trendy terracotta jewellery

"Our clay productions are far better than our neighbouring countries, as nature has provided us with rich soil, water and climate." Most of the productions in the exhibition are totally made of local clay, though Chinese clay has been used in some cases. To Hasan the only obstacle of this industry in our country is the lack of furnaces for firing clay products. "At a personal level it is very expensive to make a furnace as it costs around Taka 5 to 10 lakhs. Our government should come forward to help the artisans involved in this art form," maintained Hasan.

Hasan truly believes that our new generation should be well versed in this art form. Towards this end, his friends and he are willing to voluntarily train people in their ceramic studio Banglar-Terracotta at Savar. "This art form has a bright future indeed and we shouldn't allow it to perish," said Hasan. The exhibition ends today.

Première

Kranti, Here and Beyond

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A film with a message. This captures the essence of the cinematic work *Kranti, Here & Beyond*, which has been sponsored by the Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST). The focus is on gender-related issues and the values that drive the search for solutions in a predominantly patriarchal society. The film will be premiered today at the CIRDP auditorium, says a press release.

The story begins here and now. The focus is on a rural community and follows the path of a woman activist Rokeya and three young women who have been traumatised by a patriarchal society.

There is Alekjan, a poor woman. Seduced with the promise of marriage, she finds herself as an unwed mother. After many twists and turns, she approaches Rokeya to help find a solution.

Second, is Shiuli, a simple village girl, coming from a fairly well-off family. Unable to fulfill the dowry demand of her in-laws, Shiuli is sent back to her maternal home. In her search for the meaning of life, she enlists Rokeya's support.

The most harrowing tale is that of 14-year-old Amina, who has been raped. Rokeya and her team come to her traumatised parents and initiate legal action against the perpetrator.

Mirza Hassan is behind the story, screenplay and direction, while the cast comprises



Rokeya Prachy (R) with co-artists in the film

Rokeya Prachy, Runa Khan, Jhumu, Anushua and Shobeb.

Solo musical evening at Prabartana

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Nari Grantha Prabartana held a solo musical soiree of Ruppu Khan at its premises recently.

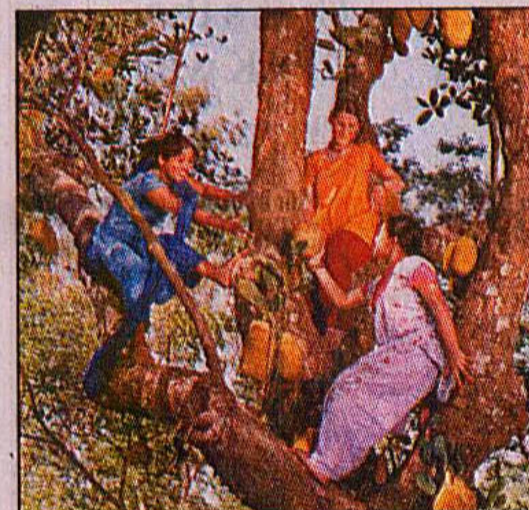
In the two-and-half-hours programme, Ruppu Khan performed songs from a number of musical genres, including Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Sangeet, Lalon Geeti, songs of Hason Raja, Radharaman, Pargal Kanai, poet Jasimuddin, patriotic songs, folk and modern Bangla songs. She also sang some famous raga-based songs such as *Kotha diye keno elena*, *Obhimaney choley jeyona* and *Chhondhey chhondhey gaaney gaaney*. Besides, she sang songs of popular musicians of the country, including Khandoker Nurul Alam, Debu Bhattacharya, Khan Ataur Rahman and Satya Saha.

She finally performed five very popular folk songs written and tuned by her father Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan. The songs included *Nishihay jao phulo boney*, *Ei je duniya* and *Agejaninarey doyal*.



Eid special

TV plays and film on ATN Bangla



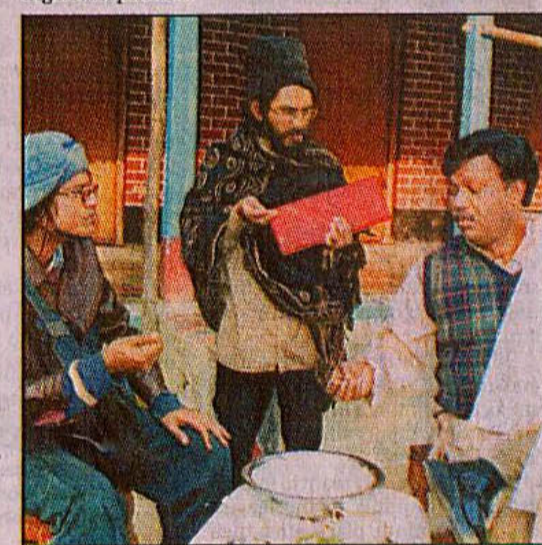
A scene from Bideshini

This Eid-ul-Azha, viewers are in for an entertainment bonanza. Take, for instance, ATN Bangla which will offer many special TV plays, feature films and telefilms. This will be telecast throughout the week, starting from a day prior to Eid. These plays will feature prominent and popular artists.

Aw Aa: Written and directed by Mamunur Rashid, the drama features Tanvin Sweetey, Tamalika, Momena Chowdhury, Liaquat Ali Lucky and Mamunur Rashid. The story revolves around a schoolmaster, Karim, who seeks a correction of the map of Bangladesh because he believes there is a major problem in our map. To orchestrate this change, he contacts his former students. While the students support him in this endeavour, he arouses the

ire of a fundamentalist fringe.

Bideshini: The world premiere of the Bangla feature film *Bideshini* will be on ATN Bangla on the Eid day at 3:10pm. Directed by Shibli Sadek, the film features Helal Khan, Carmen Brunt, Silvy Dares, Bulbul Ahmed and Eliza Chishti. The protagonist of the film, Joy Hassan, is a journalist, estranged from his wife because of his poor economic situation. Joy meets a wealthy American girl, Elizabeth Reed, who is bored of her comfortable life. She comes to Bangladesh for a change. Then follow interesting developments.



Liaquat Ali Lucky (R) Joy Raj and Sanjib in Aw Aa

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.
Teletext 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.
Teletext of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 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.
Teletext 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 Shubhechha Nin
08:15 Programme From Archive
08:40 Bishwa Protidin
09:00 Live Telecast of 2nd Test Match Between Bangladesh And Zimbabwe
04:30 Open University
05:05 National Television School Debate Competition
05:45 Chhotoder Khorob
05:55 Shomokalin Arthonoti
06:10 Dolon Champa
06:35 Nrityer Taley Taley
07:00 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast
07:35 Shur Ananda
07:30 Drama Serial: Akash Bihra Megha
08:25 Protidin Bangladesh
08:30 Drama Serial: Swapnoloker Deshey
09:00 Drama Serial: Taknai Theke Tetulia Anandakol
12:05 Satellita Programmes
CHANNEL-i
09:45 Trityo Matra
10:30 Uchcho Shikshay Dash Bidesh
11:30 TVC Sky Shop
12:00 Chaiti Pelam
12:20 Dhaka Guide
12:30 Aj Dureyey O Citycell Tarokakothon
01:00 Ebang Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Public Reaction
01:35 Bangla Feature Film: Kasam
03:45 Banglar Gaan
04:45 Sa Ro Ga Ma
05:30 Children's Programme
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Banjyo O Arthonoti

Business Show
07:50 Drama Serial: Poribar O Ekti Company
08:25 Sunsilok Opshora
09:35 Drama Serial: Shompura Rangin Career Show
ntv
09:20 Ain O Jibon
10:05 Nil Paharar Gaan
10:30 Dhakar Cinema
02:30 Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela
03:05 Right Click
03:40 Drama Serial: Akashy Anek Raat
04:25 Putul Naach
05:20 Aspar Jigyasha
06:00 Dusher Khabar
06:20 Shubho Shondhaya
06:50 Khabor: Shondhoney
08:15 Drama Serial: Sponsher Bairey Fashion Talks
08:50 Drama Serial: Anyorakam
11:20 Dindaran
ATN BANGLA
10:30 Anandashil
11:05 Drama Serial: Ek Jananeya
11:35 Musical Programme
12:15 Bangla Feature Film
03:50 Uro Gola Sast Rang
04:30 Children's Programme
05:10 Matir Shubash
05:45 Islami Sawaal O Jawab
06:20 Shobar Jonjori
08:00 Adal Badal
08:30 Drama Serial: Sushtha Thakun Live
10:30 Katha Mala
12:20 Bangla Feature Film
HBO
8:15 Quicksand
10:15 Murder She Wrote;

PICK OF THE DAY



Swapnoloker Deshey
On BTV and BTV World at 8:30pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Najma Anwar, Aupe Karim, Shams Shumon
Directed by Taher Shilpon



Rumpelstiltskin
On HBO at 11:30pm
Genre: Horror
Cast: Kim Johnston Ulrich, Tommy Blaze, Allyce
Directed by Mark Jones

STAR MOVIES
9:00 Stuart Little
10:30 My Big Fat Greek Wedding
12:15 The Wisdom Of Crocodiles
2:00 Ring Of Darkness
3:30 Clifford
5:10 Double Impact
7:00 Revenous
8:40 Shark Attack
3: Megalodon
10:15 My Big Fat Greek Wedding
11:55 Afs 100 Years...100 Movies
12:45 Children Of The Corn II
STAR GOLD
9:45 Himalayaputra
1:30 Raju Chacha
4:45 Watan Ke Rakhwale
8:30 Begabu
12:10 Khel Khiladi Ka
STAR PLUS
11:30 Patang
12:00 Kora Kagaz
12:30 Hit Film:in Hit Sangeet-20 M
1:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
1:30 Kummum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Kesar
3:00 Saaribri
3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi
4:00 Kahin To Hoga
4:30 K:Street Pali Hill
5:30 Hit Film:in Hit Sangeet-20 M
6:00 Patang
6:30 Adventures Of Mickey And Donald
7:00 Disney's The Week-enders
7:25 Film Topper
7:30 Kummum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
8:00 Hello Dolly
8:30 Dekho Magar Pyaar Se
9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
9:30 Des Mein Nikka Hog Chand
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi
STAR WORLD
12:30 Totally Outrageous Behavior Ca
1:00 When Hidden Cameras Attack
1:30 Magnum P.I.
2:28 Star Asia Travel
2:30 Oprah Winfrey
3:30 Bold And Beautiful

4:30 Hollywood Squares
5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway
5:30 Ally Mcbeal
6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 Home Improvement
7:30 Friends
8:00 Newsradio
8:30 Golden Globe
11:30 Newsradio
12:00 Cover Story
NATIONAL
12:30 The Simran Show
1:00 Storm Stories
1:30 Riddle Of The Dead
2:30 Violent Earth (Aka Death By...)
3:30 Next Wave
4:00 Next Wave
4:30 Truth Files
5:30 Game For It
6:00 Planet Wild
6:30 Dogs With Jobs S3
7:00 Storm Stories
7:30 Wild Family Secrets
8:00 Wild Family Secrets
8:30 Super Croc
9:30 Frontlines Of Construction
10:30 Riddle Of The Dead
ANIMAL PLANET
12:30 Breed All About It
1:00 Dalmations
1:30 Royal Taste Tester
2:00 Vets With And A Prayer
2:30 Emergency Vets Life
3:00 Adventure Siamese Crocodile
3:30 Crocodile Hunter Dianes II
Ultimate Killers
Chemical Killers
4:30 The Protectors Miami
Animal Police Freeway Galor
5:30 Vets In The Wild
6:00 Monkey Business
6:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:00 Amazing Animal Videos
7:30 The Blue Planet
8:30 On The Edge
9:30 On The Edge
10:00 Ultimate Killers Pack Hunters
10:30 Animal Planet Showcase Ten
Deadliest Sharks
11:30 The Whole Story Whole Story, The Spiders
DISCOVERY
12:30 Wild Discovery : Tracking Deadly Vipers
1:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows Billion Dollar Disasters: Hurricane Andrew
2:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
3:30 Night Safari
4:30 Coloured Lives: Altered Statesmen Yelstin
5:30 Truth Or Scare Wolfman
The Myth and the Science
6:00 Baby It's Your Word of Mouth
6:30 Africa's Great Rivers
7:00 Amazing Baby Videos
7:30 Wild Discovery
8:30 Futuro Perfect
9:30 Junkyard Wars
10:30 Classic Discovery Spartans at the Gates of Fire
11:30 FBI Files
STAR SPORTS
2:30 Australian Open
6:00 Extreme Programming
Wild Spirits 2004/05 (T)
7:00 Dakar Rally 2005
8:00 Australian Open
8:30 Sportline (L)
9:30 Indian Premier Hockey League
11:00 Hitz (T)
11:30 English Premier League Highlights
ESPN
11:00 English Premier Football League Newcastle United Vs Southampton
1:00 England Tour Of South Africa South Africa Vs South Africa Vs England 4th Test
9:30 Sportscenter (L)
10:00 Sri Lanka Tour Of New Zealand 1st Test Day 3 Highlights
11:30 Sportscenter India
12:00 Sportscenter Asia
TEN SPORTS
9:00 WWE Heat
9:30 ICC Cricket World Cup Classics
11:30 Cricket Classics
12:00 Gamer TV : Ep 3
12:30 ATP Tennis: Ep 11
1:00 ICC Cricket World Legends : Tiger Woods
2:30 Portuguese League : Benfica v Boavista
4:30 History of Football
5:30 WWE Raw
7:30 ICC Cricket World Top Ten Baismen
8:30 Gillette World Sport Ep 3
9:00 Speed
10:00 Gamer TV : Ep 3
11:00 Italian Serie A - Highlights
11:00 WWE Raw