### **CULTURAL FEAST**

### **Ekushey Special Programmes**

Title: Amar Ekushey 2005 Organiser: Bangla Academy Venue: Bangla Academy premises Date: February 01-28

February 01-28 **Ekushey Book Fair** 

Time: Weekdays: From 3pm to 9pm; Weekends: From 11am to 12 noon and 2pm to 9pm

February 26

February 27

Programme: Cultural programme

**Programme:** Closing ceremony of Ekushey Book Fair and announcement of the best book-stalls followed by cultural programme Time: 4pm

### Musical **Programme**

Title: Phele Asha Diner Gaan Venue: Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbag Date: February 27 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Exhibition**

Title: Children's Painting Exhibition Artists: Child artistes ranging 4 to 16 years of age

Organiser: Artiste Muhammad Abu Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road Date: February 25-March 01, from

3pm to 8pm Title: Third Solo Exhibition Artiste: Ronni Ahmed Venue: Alliance Française, 26, Mirpur

Time: February 18-26, from 10am to 12am and 5pm to 9pm

### **Exhibition**

Title: Bangla Calligraphy Exhibition Organiser: Amar Desh and Islami

Artists: 14 artists including Masum Akhtar Mili, Arifur Rahman, Ferdous Ara Ahmed

Venue: Novera Hall, National Date: February 26-28, at 3:00 pm

## **Folk Festival**

Title: Lokokarushilpa Mela O Lokojo **Organiser:** Ministry of Cultural Affairs Venue: Sonargaon at Narayanganj Date: February 25-March 17

# Play

Title: Shubha Lagan Story: The Proposal by Anton

**Group:** Chekhov Theatre Venue: Russian Centre of Science & Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi

## Date: February 27 at 5:00pm **Debate Festival**

**Fifth National Debate Festival** Organiser: Bangladesh Debate Federation

Venue: National Museum Auditorium Date: February 26-27 at 2:00pm

# Exhibition

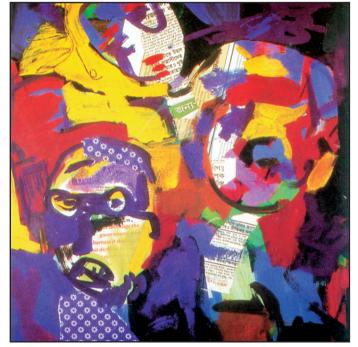
DHAKA SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2005

# Kakoli's portrayal of human strife and struggle

AHAMIDA Akhter Kakoli continues to be concerned about the socio economic problems that surround us in the city. In her words, "Whenever you sit together to talk, you get news of murder, arson, rape, kidnapping and various other nefarious activities in the city. If it isn't that, the natural disasters shock us. My paintings are about the mishaps and wrongs that rock the city from time to

Her paintings, titled Reminiscence and Nightmare, were among the 24 works on display at a recent exhibition at Zainul Gallery. The men in the paintings were seen as trapped in time, where terror and travails prevail. The condition of women, in particular, was even more deplorable, as they were the helpless victims of acid attack and rape. The shattered and dehumanised beings speak for the endless pain and frustration in our minds.

The raw and loud colours that jar our sensibility and the naïve manner of portrayal of human figures are there to shake us out of our complacency. Kakoli teaches children and the figures and colours have been taken from the raw work of children. The artist feels that there is a lot to learn from child art. Added to the dismal image of our surroundings are some new images of personal joy and satisfaction in



One of the paintings from Kakoli's Reminiscence series

which one finds quixotic selfportrayal in the form of collages, swirling with gold and silver. In her present lonely state, she marvels at the camaraderie of some of her old friends, which gives her hope and

cence 21 is a scene from a restaurant, where the woman has forgotten about the fish placed Kakoli has not given separate

personal reflections of our everyday incidents around us. In another are two figures, apparently talking to each other. In vet another is a mindwhirling depiction of a madrassa teacher killing his young student, as a revenge for not being able to conceal the homosexual relationship. The story had been flashed in many of the local newspapers Kakoli informs. In another painting we see the face of a lamenting mother, with the heads of three dead children beside her. "This scene of bereavement is now common in our country as children are being kidnapped or killed in some disasters like the drowning at sea," Kakoli elaborates

in the presence of the man beside

her. The shapes of the human forms

are stylised and the colours are loud

and raw. This is one of her private

Fabrics and washes of gold come into the delineation of the artist herself, in a mood of celebration and satisfaction. Gum, glitters and printed paper have all gone into the collage. There is the inclusion of dark patches to the left of the composition to depict the fact that nothing can be enjoyed freely as even in incidents of social celebrations there is a fear of disasters like hidden bombs.

Fahamida Akhter Kakoli has won four awards, and has taken part in 19 group exhibitions. She has participated in eight workshops.

# Channel click

# Neerey Tar Neel Dheu A new comedy serial with a message

**NOVERA DEEPITA** 

The unique element of drama serial Neerey Tar Neel Dheu is that it offers subtle and witty humour which is rare in today's comedy serials," said Abu Sufian, the scriptwriter and director of the 52-episode serial.

Under the banner of Viking Productions, the drama serial features popular actors such as Tauquir Ahmed, Joya Ahsan, Richi Solaiman, Dilara Zaman, Saleh Ahmed, Masum Aziz, Dolly Zahur, Shabnam Parveen, Ferdousi Leena, Challenger and Mithu

Directed jointly by Abu Sufian and Mizanur Rahman Labu, the background music and theme song of the serial is composed by Maksud Jamil Mintu. The story of the serial starts with a

dramatic sequence. "My name is Maria. My mother is an Indian and my father: a Pakistani. I was born in an airplane en route to the USA. But at heart I am Bangladeshi". This is how a girl describes her identify in a matrimonial. Out of curiosity, the protagonist of the serial. Redwan comes to attend the interview and gets involved with her. However, he learns that she is looking for a true friend not a suitable husband. The story also includes some interesting people related to Redwan such as his uncle. After losing his job because of being outspoken about his boss, the latter decides to start a business. But somehow he also fails in business and plans to join the service sector. Redwan's grandma is



Joya Ahsan and Tauquir Ahmed in Neerey Tar Neel Dheu

another peculiar person who attempts to commit suicide by umping from her 2-foot-high bed.

About the casting Abu Sufian says, "The casting of the serial is different from other television plays because Tauquir Ahmed usually does not act in mega serials." And the character, Redwan, who he plays, is a very innovative boy who tries to develop interesting ideas in order to eliminate the unemployment problem. "Added Sufian, "The serial will be successful because of the witty dialogue and a good story which offers not only entertainment

but a message also."

This is Sufian's third television play. The previous works were a onehour comedy Keherman and a miniseries Moncheli for channel i. The 52-episode serial will be aired on a private channel from next month.

At the premiere show of the serial. held at an auditorium of a private university recently, popular writer Anisul Haque, venerable columnist Syed Manzurul Islam, media personality Nawajish Ali Khan and others were present.

# **Delightful Japanese treat**



The colourful display of Japanese dolls and orgami

# AFSAR AHMED

What comes to mind while thinking of Japan? Technological excellence, a panoramic view of nature--the Fuji Mountain--kimonos, the living art of bonsai, the aesthetic appeal of Japanese dolls and toys, ikebana, the traditional arts of self defe ce--iudo and karate giant Sumo wrestlers, mouthwatering cuisine, cherry festival and many more. The daylong Japanese Cultural Exhibition 2005, held on February 24 at the Central Public Library, reminded the huge crowd of these facets of Japan. The event was iointly organised by the Dhaka Japanese Language Institute Alumni Association and Bangladesh-Japan Youth Friendship Association (BJYFA) in cooperation with the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh.

The exhibition was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University, Professor SMA Fayez, while Matsushiro Horiguchi, Japanese

desh, was special guest on the occasion. Although it is not

names to her individual composi-

tions. She wanted the viewer to

have his own perception and come

to his own conclusion. In Reminis-

possible to project the entire culture of a nation in only eight hours, the slogan of the event--Discover Japan--was apt as the display contained glimpses from almost all major raditions of Japan. The exhibition of ikebana, the artistic arrangement of cut flowers, stems, leaves in vases and other decorative containers, had the true Japanese essence of beauty. And viewers were taken in by the miniature version of

living trees--the display of bonsai--which looked even prettier than those growing in the wild.

Inquisitive children and adults alike crowded in front of the stall of Japanese toys where colourful attractive handmade traditional playing gadgets were displayed. The of animals delighted a lot of people. The Japanese Geisha dolls and other traditional dolls also caught visitors' attention. The Japanese cuisine, featuring milder

herbs and spices, however, drew the most visitors. Kazuko, the Japanese lady in kimono, surprised many with her fluent Bangla while describing the food like sushi, bento, tempura and soba.

Another interesting part was the live exhibition of judo and karate.

Students had the opportunity to gain information about education in Japan as well as learning

Bangla Feature Film:

Top Rongbaj

Second String

Two Can Play That

Juwanna Mann

HBO The Big

Black Mask 2

Eraser

Game

Japanese. Japanese books--some of them written by Bangladeshis--magazines, newspapers and posters on Japan also evoked curiosity. Four documentaries Japan Video Encyclope-

dia, Mount Fuji and Traditional Japanese Sports Karatedo and Judo captivated the audience with its glimpse of the rich cultural heritage of Japan. "I hope this fair will help our people take a

cue from the perseverance and dedication of the Japanese. With that spirit our country will be on the road to development," commented Momtazuddin Bhuiyan, president of Dhaka Japanese Language Institute Alumni Associ-



Japanese ladies in kimono welcomed visitors at the cuisine section

# Aishwarya Rai at Oscars!



Once again the Hollywood spotlight is on Aishwarya Rai. Sources say the Oscar organisers have invited her to present a trophy at the awards ceremony on Sunday

"It's a unique honour for an Indian entertainer, and one that Ash shouldn't miss for the world." exults Gurinder Chadha, who directed her in Bride and Prejudice. She will be shooting for Chadha's husband Paul Berges' Mistress Of Spices on the night before the ceremony.

Aishwarya is currently shooting for the film in Britain. The film's US distributors, the prestigious Miramax, have opted for a large number of prints of Bride and Prejudice in the second week.

The Shayannhika Theatre staged Munier Chowdhury's famous drama Kabar and Apni Ke on International Mother Language Day at Dania Club in Demra thana. In addition, the group put up the popular Payer Awaj Pawa Jaay, a play by Syed Shamsul Hague, says a press release.

Shayannhika also played its own productions Tumi Ki Keboli Chhobi and '71 Prothom Prohor, written and directed by Khairul Alam Tutul. The theatre group also held a daylong cultural programme where guests were invited to join in the recitation of poems, patriotic songs, improvisation and a drama.



# 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 nm 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

Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and

### English) at 11:30 pm **TARA BANGLA**

pm.7:30 pm.10:30 pm.

NewsHeadlines(Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 Tara News (Bangla) at **8:30 pm. 11:30** 

Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30

**BBC WORLD** Every hour on the hour

**BTV** 08:15 Quiz Quiz 08:40 Bishwa Protidin Satellite Programme 12:15 Shangbadpatrer Pata Thekey 12:30 Health Bulletin 01:05 Nibedon

02:05 Online Shukhi Poribai Selected Drama 04:05 Alor Shatadal 04:30 Shorashori 05:05 School Debate Programme Desh Janopad

Shamakalin Arthonity Wrestling 07:00 **News Headlines** Share Market Weather Forecast Shatadal Phuttev Dao Shurey Shurey Protidin Bangladesh 08:25

Ekush Amar Ahangkar 08:35 Drama Serial: Ashaptoparer Tumi Drama: Amar Ghar Teknaf Thekey Tetulia Prothom Antara Upahar

### 12:05 Satellite programmes CHANNEL-i

Tritiyo Matra Naa Bola Kotha 12:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaar Dhaka Guide Aaj Dupure O Citycell Tarokakothon 01:00 Bangla Film: Mahaguru (Rubel, Kobita)

08:00 Public Reaction 08:30 Banglar Gaan 04:20 Roi Mela Protidin 04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma 05:15 Janopader Khabor Cine Music 05:30 10:25 06:00 Music Plus

Dalchhut Lashvo

07:50

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ntv 08:30 Aaiker Shakal 09:05 Drama Serial: Ure Jay Bakpokkhi 09:30 Amra Ekhon Unish 10:30 Bangla Feature Film 02:30 Drama Serial: Ure Jay Bakpokkhi Pepsi Music Express Drama: Pronoy Kahin 04:25

Shonkskritv Ei 08:15 Drama Serial: Jhut 08:50 11:25

## **ATN BANGLA** Drama Serial: Mohona Bangla Film: Shobai

To Shukhi Hotey Chay Musical Programme Surer Madhuri Hattima Tim Tim Ishkul Bela Auto Man Drama Serial: Lodiya Drama Serial: The New Shabui Opera Drama Serial: Lal Neel Beguni Drama Serial: Ek

Rock & Rhythm

Drama Serial: Hashyo Drama Serial: Swapno Hridoye Mati O Manush Drama Serial: Ekhane Megher Ghanaghata

**Bhalobasho Mor Gaan** Gallery Itihasher Ei Dinev On ntv at 8:50pm Alokpat **Musical Programme** Shubho Shondhva Host: Ferdousi Rahman

12:10 Bhalobasho Mor Gaar Dindarpan **HBO** 

# 3:30 5:45 03:45

Saturday: Blade II Tales From The Crypt 42: The Pit 12:30 Babe STAR MOVIES Home Alone 2: Lost II New York 11:15 Pirates Of The Caribbean: Curse Of

1:30

7:30

Ferdous Ara, Fahmida Nabi, Nashid Kamal

Sleeping With The Far From Heaven Bringing Down The 5:15 House 7:00 Down With Love 9:45 Swimfan 10:15

12:15 Tezaab 4:30 8:30

Home Alone 2: Lost In New York

STAR GOLD Biwi Ho To Aisi Disco Dancer The Big Boss Lakhon Me Ek STAR PLUS

Star Bestsellers

8:30 Afi's 100 Years...100 STAR WORLD 1:30 2:00 Roboroach 2:30 3.00 Action Man 3:30

5:30

Hit Filmein 2:30 Dhaai Akshar Prem Ke 5:30 Mirch Masala 6:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron 6:30 Disney's Mickey Mouse Works Marsupilami Piya Bina Pardey Ke Peechey Biwi No 1

Rock & Rhythm

**Musical Programme** 

On ATN Bangla at 10:25pm

Directed by Gazi Ahmed Shubhro

Today's Artiste: Kaniz Subarna

The Kids From Room Monster Farm The Kumars At No. 42 4:00 Cops 4:30 Koffee With Karan

Britannia India's Child

The X Files 6:30 7:30 **Totally Outrageous Behavior Ca** 8:00 Weird Tv 8:30 Tna Wrestling 9:30 World's Worst Drivers li 10:30 Coupling 11:00 Absolutely Fabulous 11:30 Goodness Gracious Me **DISCOVERY** 

Genius

11:30 Master of the Spirits The Ta Peshala **Great Crimes And Trials** of The 20th Century Wild Discovery Crowned Lemurs And The Crocodile Caves 1:30 Wings Scrapping Aircraft Giants

Widening The Panama Canal Countdown Death At Midniaht Master of the Spirits.

3:30

4:30

The Vampire Fish **Great Crimes And Trials** of The 20th Century Energy in Action, **Energy Resources** 6:00 Baby Story, Baby Martin Ushuaia Nature Life Against All Odds Life on the Vertical: The

8:30 Discover India Urdu Hai Jis Ka Naam 9:30 Drama on Discovery 10:30 History in Colour 11:30

Goats of Canada's

Weird Nature Peculiar

### ANIMAL **PLANET** Cats Felines & Pharoahs

12:00

8:30

9:00

9:30

Potions Growing up Wild.. The Crocodile Hunter, 2:30 Animals A-Z Sensitive Sharks 3:30 Wild Encounters Profiles of Nature Wasps 4:30 The Jeff Corwin Experience Icy Rescue

Animal Miracles Biyou's The Protectors Cell Dogs Lexington The Crocodile Hunter, Animals A-Z Spiders From Mars Animals A-Z Enter The Mantis Wild Encounters

In The Wild In The Wild

Wild Encounters Dogs Of Peace **NATIONAL** 

**GEOGRAPHIC** 11:45 Doc Eureka 3:00 12:00 Serious: Jungle 4:00 12:30 Dogs With Jobs 4:30 1:00 Storm Stories 1:30 Truth Files 5:00 Scientific American **Frontiers** 5:30 3:30 Science Times 4:30 National Geographic Special 6:00 5:30 Dogs With Jobs Storm Stories National Geographic 6:05

#### The World Away Truth Files 11:30 **Demolition Squad STAR SPORTS**

Special

Frontlines Of

Construction

**English Premier League** 

8:30

Locker Room Football Locker Room (T) 12:00 **Uefa Champions** League Football Asia (T) **Uefa Champions** League Magazine Shows (T) Locker Room Football Locker Room (R) Nba Inside Stuff (T) 5:30 World's Strongest Asian Tour Magazine South Africa Vs Zimbabwe 1st Odi Highlights(R) Super Centuries (T) Liverpool Vs Blackburn

Rovers (L)

#### **ESPN** 10:30 Hitz (R) New Zealand Vs

Session(L) Here We Go (R) Icc Cricket World (R) Sportscenter Week In Born To Play: Masters Of Football (R) **Uefa Champions** League Magazine Shows (T) Sportscenter Sportscenter Weekend

Australia 3rd Odi 2nd

**Epl** Saturday Premiership Saturday 6:40 Southampton Vs The Volcano That Blew Arsenal (L) Epl Saturday

Premiership Saturday Chelsea Vs West 8:55 Bromwich Albion **Epl Saturday** Premiership Saturday

11:10 ManchesterUnited Vs Portsmouth (L) **TEN SPORTS** 

Winning Post 11:00 Trans World Sports 1:00 German League :Stuttgart v hertha Berlin 2:00 Legends War Of A Million 4:00 French League Highlights 4:30 Indian Horse

10:00

Racing:Nanoli Stud Calcutta Million Winning Post 5:30 WWE Experience

7:00 Speed