

CULTURAL FEAST

**Celebration of Independence Day**  
*Organiser:* The Liberation War Museum  
*Venue:* The Liberation War Museum, 5, Shegun Bagicha  
*Date:* March 22-28, at 5pm everyday  
**Schedule**  
**March 22-28**  
*Programme:* Book Fair themed on the Liberation War  
*Venue:* The Liberation War Museum, 5, Shegun Bagicha  
*Date:* March 22-28, from 10am to 8pm  
**March 25**  
Description of the massacre based on the interviews of the students of Panchagar and Sherpur. Chhayanaut will present songs in the next session.

**Children's Drama Festival**  
*Organiser:* Zia Shishu-Kishor Shanggathan  
*Venue:* Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy  
*Date:* March 21-28, at 5pm everyday  
**Schedule**  
**March 25**  
Lichi Chor (Dhaka)  
Bindu Thekey Brityo (Dhaka)  
Esho Shooley Jai (Pirojpur)

**Exhibition**  
*Title:* Traditional Boats of Bangladesh  
*Venue:* Bangladesh National Museum  
*Date:* March 19-April 06, From 10am to 5pm and 39m to 7pm on Fridays  
*Title:* Colour of SHAKO  
*Artists:* 13 artists of the women artists association SHAKO  
*Venue:* Bengal Gallery of fine Arts, House 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmoni  
*Date:* March 23-April 06, 12pm to 8pm  
*Title:* The Deepest Part of My Heart  
*Artist:* Mamun Reazi  
*Venue:* Gallery Dhrupad, Road. 5 House 36, Block G, Banani  
*Time:* March 25-31

*Title:* Opening Exhibit  
*Artist:* Md. Tarikat Islam  
*Venue:* Art & Soul Gallery, Road. 36 House 16, Gulshan  
*Time:* March 25-April 4, 12pm to 8pm.  
*Title:* C for Courage  
*Organier:* Central Kachi-Kanchar Mela  
*Venue:* Kachi Kanchar Bhaban, 37/A, Segunbagicha  
*Date:* March 18-April 01  
*Title:* The Walls of Dhaka  
*Artist:* Bruno Ruhf  
*Venue:* Alliance Fraincaise, 26, Mirpur Road Dhanmondi  
*Date:* March 18-31

**16th National Art Exhibition**  
*Artists:* Eminent and promising artists of the country  
*Venue:* National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
*Date:* March 12-April 11, from 1am to 7pm and 3pm to 8pm on weekends

**Seminar**  
*Topic:* Zamindar Darpan by Mir Mosarraf Hossain  
*Discussants:* ABM Musa, Keramat Meola, Biswajit Ghosh, Ratan Siddiqui  
*Venue:* Theatre Office, Guide House  
*Date:* March 25, at 4pm

**Film Screening**  
*Film:* Matir Moina  
*Organiser:* Tapur Tupur Entertainment  
*Venue:* Shawkat Osman Smriti Auditorium, Public Library  
*Date:* March 25-27  
**Schedule**  
**March 25**  
At 3 pm, 5 pm and 7 pm  
**March 26**  
At 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm and 7 pm

**Play**  
*Title:* Amar Shantan Amar Anchol  
*Artist:* Nagarik Natyangan Enemble  
*Venue:* Mahila Shamiti Auditorium, Baily Road  
*Date:* March 25, at 7pm

Scholastica's Annual Play

# Tagore's Achalayatan

Young performers captivate the audience

KARIM WAHEED

**R**ABINDRANATH Tagore's cogent drama *Achalayatan* is being performed by students of Scholastica at the STM Hall in the school's main campus at Uttara, Dhaka. The students of the senior section are performing in the three-day stage show, which began on March 23.

The leading English medium schools have long been criticised by some for not sufficiently motivating their students to associate with the mainstream Bengali culture and literature. This harsh criticism would be nipped in the bud, if the judgmental critics take the time out to attend this play. The young performers have already mesmerised the audience that had a chance to relish *Achalayatan*.

*Achalayatan* depicts the eternal contention between old, rigid, restraining values and rebellious, free spirited, revolutionary ideas. The play is about an institution steeped in ancient traditions that has not seen



A colourful dance sequence from the play



Students performing in the play, Achalayatan

## Movie buzz

### Congeniality guns for top spot



William Shatner and Sandra Bullock

REUTERS, Los Angeles

Warner Bros Pictures is releasing *Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous* on March 24.

That move should put the much awaited sequel in the top spot at the box office for the Easter weekend. But Sony Pictures will also be out to lure a wide audience this weekend with its comedy, *Guess Who*.

The original *Miss Congeniality* grossed US \$106 million domestically in 2000.

In the sequel, Sandra Bullock is forced to go undercover in Las Vegas to find pageant host Stan Fields (William Shatner) and Miss United States, Cheryl Frazier (Heather Burns). Bullock's original co-star Benjamin Bratt has been replaced by Regina King as Bullock's new partner. The film was directed by John Pasquin.



Tapur Tupur entertainment will screen the international award wining and critically acclaimed film, *Matir Moina* at the Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium, Central Public Library. The film will be screened from March 25 through 27.

lights, set, costumes, make-up, music and props deserve applause. Azad Abul Kalam demonstrates his skills again as the director of the play. Fareha Zeba has managed to enthrall the audience by the delightful props, one of which needs to be mentioned: the cleverly designed replica of a degenerating brick wall which goes up to reveal a completely different looking set as the scenes change. Incorporating dancers and live music by the group of singers into the play are other elements that deserve acclaim.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chairperson of the board of management of the school, Yashmeen Murshed pointed out that Scholastica wants its students to be proud of our culture and heritage, besides learning about the global culture and literature. Last year the students performed *Alice in Wonderland* and *Hirok Rajar Deshe* the year before.

any change through out the decades. In this institution called Achalayatan, Panchak and Mahapanchak are two brothers who are radically opposed to each other on the axioms of life. Panchak is a rebel opposing everything traditional, whereas Mahapanchak does not want to give up his traditional values. There is a clash of wills between these characters and trouble seems to be brewing in the institution. Amidst the chaos arrives their guru, throwing open the gates of Achalayatan for the first time. The residents of the institution get a taste of the real world and real people. Although, apparently it might seem that the new revolutionary ideas have completely replaced the age-old traditions, in the end, Mahapanchak's conventional values find a place of honour among the people.

Though some of the performers seem to be novices, the team effort and the professionally handled

## Display

### Stories on the walls of Dhaka

HARUN UR RASHID

The walls of a city speak a lot—about its socio-political culture, its citizens and, of course, about big events of a certain time. They speak through the writings, posters and notices posted on them.

The walls of Dhaka are even more eloquent.

French artist Bruno Ruhf presents a number of artworks on the walls of Dhaka at the Alliance Française. A blend of photography and painting, the works depict a more colourful and lively Dhaka, especially as characterised on the walls of the metropolis.

Bruno Ruhf wandered about the streets of the city throughout March, April and December last year. During those walks, he captured on photographs the walls of Dhaka with all their writings and posters. He has then manipulated his creativity on those photographs through the brush and paint. Giving them a blended look of painting and photography, Ruhf has created a wonderful collection of artworks.

The walls of Dhaka city have come up with all their salient features in Bruno Ruhf's works. Posters depicting the campaign of politicians from the major parties are most common on the walls of this megacity. Besides them, there are publicity posters of different organisations claiming great achievements.

Another prominent characteristic of Dhaka walls is the writings on them. Starting with political slogans and propaganda and the commer-



A piece by Bruno Ruhf

cial allure of products, the "canvas" of Dhaka walls has even facilitated personal issues: wishes, hopes and frustrations.

What is very important about Bruno Ruhf's perspective is that in his presentation of the Dhaka walls he has not excluded the floating life of the streets of the capital. The sidewalks of most walls in this city are occupied by the floating

population—beggars, vagabonds, prostitutes, urchins and the destitute. A couple of artworks depict these "insignificant" people.

A few other art works portray an indifference that is most common about the passersby while they pass by the walls.

As a whole, the exhibition is quite interesting. The display is open until March 31.

## Children's Art Exhibition

### Generating awareness about drugs

KAVITA CHARANJI

One painting depicts a crowd of people with the slogan "Stay away from drugs" Another shows a woman begging her husband not to drink and smoke, while their neglected child lies prone on the ground. Yet another reveals two half faces—one half with drugs and the other with musical instruments, such as the guitar and tabla, along with flowers, a book and ball.

These are glimpses of children art which were on display recently at the Bengal Art Gallery, courtesy ALO, a voluntary organisation dealing with drug awareness, and Brac. "The objective was to find out what children outside Dhaka (8th, 9th and 10th grade—which are vulnerable stages) feel about drugs," says Tootli Rahman, founder member and president of ALO.

Prior to the current exhibition, ALO together with Brac had hosted a painting competition in eight districts at the Brac *gonokendros* (libraries) with the participation of 24 schools and 480 participants. The caption was: *Moder Gorbo, Moder Desh, Madok Mukto*, Bangladesh. After shortlisting, 60 paintings made it to Dhaka. Finally, eminent artist Rafiqun Nabi, in consultation with artists Jamal Ahmed and Kuhu Plamondon, made the final selection of three young talents.



The winners (at the back) seen with the organisers

The lucky winners of the art competition were Shariful Islam (Gaibandha), Dolly Akhter (Gazipur) and Sanjida Sultana Lisa (Narsingdi).

The urban areas were not neglected either. Several schools in Dhaka were asked to do a painting on the same topic. Around 20 children came to the gallery on March 21 for the competition. They were also given prizes—the first prize went to Anika Mariam Ahmed of Sunny Dale School (class 10), the second prizewinner was Fatema Matin of Scholastica School (class 10), while the third prize winner was Suchita Yasmeen Sharma of

Scholastica School (class 10) and the winner of the fourth prize was Nayema Rahman of Sunny Dale school (class 9)

The recent exhibition and competition is a precursor to a poster programme all over Bangladesh with the anti-drugs message. The posters will be derived from the paintings--especially from the rural areas.

On the cards for ALO also is a documentary film on drug awareness, a possible fund raising programme and a seminar with parents, doctors, teachers and key representatives of the rehabilitation centres.

## 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, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00 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, 11pm.  
News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm  
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.  
**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.  
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
**TARA BANGLA**  
NewsHeadlines(Bangla)at5:30pm,7:30pm.  
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**  
08:15 Smritimoi Archives  
08:40 Asia This Week  
09:05 Drama Serial: Shobai Miley  
09:30 Amra Natun Amra Kuri  
10:45 Hello Apnakey Bolchihi  
11:45 Alor Dishari  
12:15 Spiritual Songs  
12:30 Satellite programmes  
03:15 Shangbadpotrer Pata Thekey  
03:25 Bangla Feature Film  
06:00 Desh Janopad  
06:35 Programme From Chittagong Centre  
07:00 News Headlines and Weather forecast  
07:05 Priyo Shilpi Priyo Gaan  
07:30 Special Programme  
08:25 Protidin Bangladesh  
08:30 Swadhinota Mohan Swadhinota  
08:35 Anirban Shikha  
10:25 Teknat Thekey Tetulia  
10:30 Lal Golap  
12:05 Satellite programmes  
**CHANNEL-i**  
09:45 Tritiyo Matra  
10:30 Grameen Phone Tele Shomoy  
12:00 Kora Aalap  
12:30 Drama Serial: Shampurna Rangin  
01:00 Banglar Gaan  
01:30 Public Reaction  
02:15 Tritiyo Matrai Apni  
04:15 Dekhar Gaan Shonar Gaan  
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma  
05:15 Janopader Khabor  
05:30 Shamoyiki  
06:00 Music Plus  
06:30 Amar Gaan  
07:50 Drama of the Week  
09:35 Drama Serial: 69  
10:00 Close Up Juke Box  
**ATN BANGLA**

10:25 Annodrishtee  
11:05 Friday's Islamic Programme  
03:30 Binodon Jummabar  
05:10 Shesh Akkhar  
06:20 Aamra Korbo Joy  
08:00 Drama Serial: Obhigat  
08:30 Drama Serial: Khowab  
08:30 Drama Serial: Lal Neel Beguni  
09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Janomey  
10:35 Ekatturer Juddho Jatra  
**ntv**  
08:30 Ajaker Shakal  
09:05 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush  
09:30 Documentary Programme  
10:05 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe  
10:30 Apnar Jigyasha  
11:30 Trans World Sports  
01:05 Smritir Janalay  
02:35 Drama: Haraner Nat Jama  
03:50 Millennium  
05:15 Iltashar Ei Diney  
05:20 Tiffner Phakey  
05:30 Shubho Shondhya  
06:50 Amra Ekhon Unish Kuri  
08:30 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush  
08:50 Pepsi Music Express  
09:40 Drama: Amakey Ekti Phul Dao  
11:25 Dindarpan  
**HBO**  
8:15 Striking Distance  
10:15 Naked Gun 33 1/3 : The Final Insult  
12:00 The Portrait of a Lady  
3:00 Red Planet  
5:15 Ali G Indahouse  
7:00 Batman & Robin  
9:30 Sphere  
12:15 Secretary

**Obhigat**  
On ATN Bangla at 8:00pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Chandni, Mir Sabbir, Chumki

**STAR MOVIES**  
8:40 Murder Of Crows  
10:30 Spider  
12:15 I Dreamed Of Africa  
2:15 Beast The (Part 1)  
3:45 Beast The (Part 2)  
5:25 Dick  
7:00 Bruce Almighty  
8:40 Nine Months  
10:30 Terminator  
12:15 A Woman Hunted

**STAR PLUS**  
2:00 Tu Tu Main Main  
2:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshiri  
4:00 Aur Phir Ek Din  
4:30 Rajdhani  
5:00 Pardey Ke Peechey  
6:00 Nargis  
6:30 Adventures Of Mickey Anddonald  
7:00 Disney's The Weekenders  
8:00 Sonpari  
8:30 Shararat - Thoda Jadu  
9:55 Gharwali Baharwali  
1:30 Jaijantram Mamantram  
4:30 Dulara  
8:30 Dabur Red Gel  
10:00 HumseDostKaroge  
12:00 Hera Pheri

**STAR GOLD**  
9:55 Gharwali Baharwali  
1:30 Jaijantram Mamantram  
4:30 Dulara  
8:30 Dabur Red Gel  
10:00 HumseDostKaroge  
12:00 Hera Pheri

**PICK OF THE DAY**

**Bruce Almighty**  
STAR Movies at 7:00pm  
Genre: Comedy/Fantasy/Romance  
Cast: Jim Carrey, Morgan Freeman, Jennifer Aniston

**STAR WORLD**  
10:30 American Idol  
11:00 Growing Up Gotti  
11:30 The Chronicle: News From The E  
12:30 Nash Bridges  
1:30 Magnum P.I.  
2:30 Oprah Winfrey  
4:30 Hollywood Squares  
5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway  
5:30 Ally Mcbeal  
6:30 The Simpsons  
7:00 That 70s Show  
7:30 Friends  
8:00 Newsradio  
8:30 Tna Wrestling  
9:30 The Apprentice  
10:30 Koffee With Karan  
11:28 Star Asia Travel  
11:30 Newsradio

**12:00 Cover Story**  
**ANIMAL PLANET**  
12:30 Pet Nation Breed All About It American Cocker Spaniel  
1:00 Pet Nation K-9 To 5  
2:30 The Most Extreme, The Eaters  
4:30 The Protectors Animal Precinct 4  
5:30 Vets on the Wild Side  
6:00 Monkey Business  
6:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals  
7:00 Barking Mad  
7:30 Weird Nature Marvelous Motion  
8:00 Cats Aristocrats

**DISCOVERY CHANNEL**  
12:30 Wild Discovery 10  
1:30 Million Wildcats  
2:30 Wildest Asia  
3:30 Story of Evolution  
4:30 Human Odyssey, The New World  
5:30 Fields of Armor  
6:30 Gentlemen's War  
7:00 World's Best kept Secrets of...Mysterious Societies  
8:30 Real Kids Real Adventures 3 Avalanche  
9:30 Diet Busters  
10:30 Desmond Morris' The Human Sexes Different But Equal  
11:30 Wild Discovery Tracking Deadly Vipers  
12:30 Wings Concorde Icon of the Skies  
1:30 Extreme Engineering  
2:30 Subways in America  
3:30 Countdown Unsolved  
4:30 History Season Death of Princes Diana  
5:30 Master Of the Spirits, The World of the Punans  
6:30 Great Crimes And Trials of the 20th Century  
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**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
12:00 Serious: Jungle  
12:30 Creative Vision  
1:00 Science Times  
2:00 Marine Machine  
3:00 Saving The Jackass Penguin

4:00 Dogs With Jobs S3  
4:30 Backyard Science  
4:45 Doc Eureka  
5:00 Serious: Jungle  
5:30 Ng Explorer  
6:30 Interpol Investigates  
7:30 National Geographic Special  
8:30 National Geographic Special  
9:30 When Nature Strikes Back  
10:30 Seconds From Disaster  
11:30 National Geographic's Taboo  
12:30 Wild Discovery 10  
1:30 Million Wildcats  
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6:30 Great Crimes And Trials of the 20th Century

**STAR SPORTS**  
7:30 Nba Basketball  
8:30 Cleveland Cavaliers Vs Houston Rockets (L)  
9:30 Golf Focus (R)  
10:30 Asian Festival Of Speed  
11:00 Asian Touring Car Series Macau Rd 11 & 12(R)  
12:00 Soccer Really Bend It Like Beckham Ep #7 & #9(R)  
1:30 English Premier Football League 2004/05  
2:30 Birmingham City Vs Aston Villa (T)  
3:30 Asian Tour: Indonesian Open Day Two(L)  
4:30 Extreme Programming  
5:30 Sports Mania (T)  
6:30 Rugby 7s Tour 2004/05  
7:30 Los Angeles Ca Usa Highlights(T)  
8:30 Yachting Oryx Quest 2005 Highlights(T)  
9:30 Nba Basketball  
10:30 Cleveland Cavaliers Vs Houston Rockets (R)  
11:30 Sportsline (L)  
12:00 Asian World Cup Qualifiers 2006 Fifa World Cup : Asian Qualifiers Tehran Iran Ir Iran Vs Japan Gr Oup (BL)

10:30 Sportsline (R)  
11:00 Nba Inside Stuff (T)  
11:30 Golf Classics Best Shot Of The Masters (T)  
**ESPN**  
7:30 Icc Cricket World (R)  
8:00 The Natwest Series  
9:30 London England  
10:30 England Vs India Final  
11:00 10th Odi Hig Highlights(R)  
12:30 Australia Cricket 3 Test Series Australia Vs India  
1:30 2nd Test Day 5 Highlights (R)  
2:30 Australia Cricket Vb Series Australia Vs India  
3:30 5th Odi Highlights(R)  
4:30 Asia Cup 2004 Colombo Sri Lanka 11th Odi Highlights(R)  
5:30 Australia Cricket Down Under - India's Tour Of Australia 2003/04 Part I(R)  
6:30 Australia Cricket Down Under - India's Tour Of Australia 2003/04 Part II(R)  
7:30 Cricket Gold (R)  
8:30 Super 12 Rugby 2005  
9:30 Wellington New Zealand Hurricanes Vs Stormers Round 5(S)  
10:30 Australia Tour Of New Zealand 2nd Test Day 5 Highlights(R)  
11:30 Sportscenter India (L)  
12:30 Motorsport Asia (R)  
1:30 Brazilian Goal (T)  
2:30 Icc Cricket World (T)  
3:30 Classic Boxing Joe Frazier Vs Oscar Bonavena (R)  
4:30 Sportscenter India (R)  
5:30 Australia Tour Of New Zealand 2nd Test Day 5 Highlights(R)