

The Daily Star's 15th Anniversary

# Amidst razzle dazzle...



KARIM WAHEED

To celebrate *The Daily Star's* 15th anniversary, a glitzy evening that included who's who in the country as well as foreign emissaries and distinguished journalists from overseas, was held at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Center on February 4.

A photography exhibition that displayed memorable images published in the newspaper over the years was held at the premises.

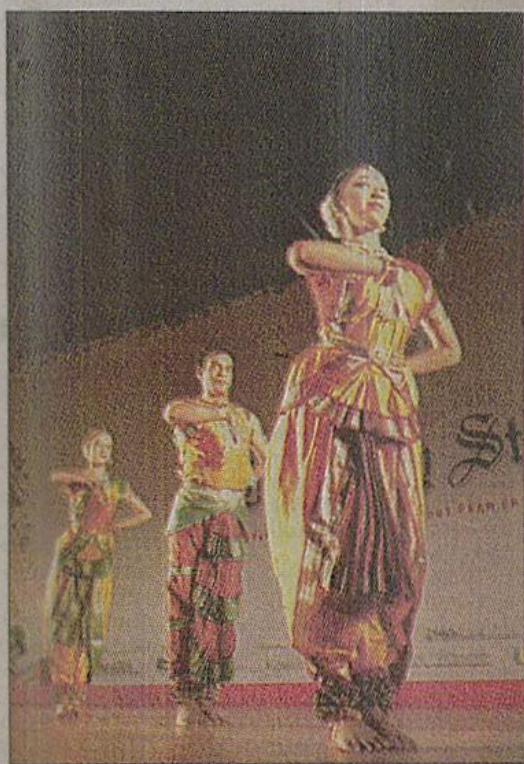
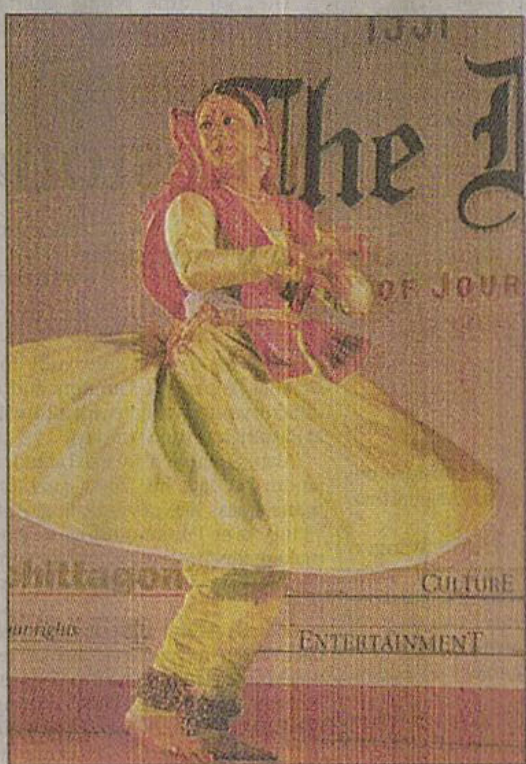
The evening began with a laser and beam show demonstrating how a newspaper is born. The smoky ambience created for the show added to the effect.

The cultural programme followed speeches by Mahfuz Anam, editor of *The Daily Star*, Professor Muhammad Yunus, chairperson of Grameen Bank and Rokia A Rahman, chairperson of Mediaworld Ltd.

Dancers of Nrityadhara, an organisation run by noted danseuse Minu Haque, presented classical dance in five segments:

*Message of Peace, Manipuri, Bharatnatyam, Odissi and Kathak.* Dancers clad in exquisite costumes, displaying impressive stances made the presentation an enjoyable experience. 'Tracing the heritage of our dance' was the theme of the presentation. *Message of Peace* and *Odissi* were choreographed by Minu Haque, *Manipuri* was choreographed by Tamanna Rahman, *Bharatnatyam* by Anisul Islam Hero and *Kathak* by Munmun Ahmed.

The major attraction of the night was *pot gaan*. *Pot gaan* or *potiya gaan* (scroll painting song) is an indigenous performing art form in Bangladesh. Through the medium of scroll painting, the choir narrates a story. The aim of *pot-er gaan* is not only to narrate a story but also to generate awareness. In ancient times the indigenous performing art form depicted legends of the Goddess Monisha, along with Gazi Kalu Chompaboti, Bonbibi and others. In the contemporary world, this decaying performing art form deals with some social issues. The



theme of the evening's *pot gaan* was 'The risk to journalism in Bangladesh'. Rupantar, a troupe from Khulna performed the *pot gaan*.

Many cultural personalities attended the programme. They were Hashem Khan, Munirul Islam, Musatafa Zaman Abbasi, Morshedul Islam, Runa Laila, Alamgir, Chashi Nazrul Islam, Atiqul Haque Chowdhury, Ramendu Majumdar, Ataur Rahman, Nasiruddin Yousuff, Asaduzzaman Noor, Aly Zaker, Tareque Masud, Catherine Masud, Farida Pervene, Sharmila Bandyopadhyay, Masud Ali Khan, Shaheen Samad, Nashid Kamal, Fakir Alamgir, Fahmida Nabi, Bappa Majumdar, Kumar Bishwajit, Shomi Kaiser, Si Tutul, Azizul Hakim and several others.

The programme was highly appreciated by the audience.

Clockwise (from left) Manipuri dance, *Message of Peace*, *Pot gaan*, *Bharatnatyam* and *Kathak*

## Showcasing quality films at Goethe Institut

ERSHAD KAMOL

Another feast for film lovers. Ten selected movies from the tri-continental film festival, held in December 2005, are being screened at Goethe Institut. Six film societies, Dhaka Film Society, Jahangirnagar Film Society, Narayanjan Film Society and Zahir Raihan are jointly showcasing these films.

Beginning on February 2, the selected movies for the film screening session are *West Beyrouth*, *Khamosh Pani*, *The Quagmire*, *Luna Papa*, *Ali Zaoua*, *Rice People*, *Hyense*, *The Silences of the Palace*, *Zulu Love Letter* and *Platform*.

One of the organisers of the film session at Goethe Institut, Munira Murshed Munni said, "Many film

lovers as well as the activists of the film societies requested us to arrange a film screening session of the movies showcased in the last tri-continental film festival."

Catherine Masud said, "Last year we arranged the tri-continental film festival and screened movies sponsored by 'South Fund' of French Government. We have the DVD versions of those films. Now we are supporting other organisations to screen these movies. These quality movies have been made by the filmmakers from the countries in North Africa, Latin America and South Asia. The filmmakers can get innovative ideas on movie making with limited resources. We are eager to support the organisations to screen these movies at different places in Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet."



A scene from *West Beyrouth*

### CULTURAL FEAST

**Book Fair**  
Title: *Amor Ekushoy Book Fair*  
Organiser: Bangla Academy  
Venue: Bangla Academy  
Date: February 1-28

**Theatre Festival**  
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy  
Schedule:  
Play Troupe Date  
Samayer Theatre Art Feb 6  
Proyogon Unit  
Rasrang Akank Feb 7  
Pragati Nalokanda Feb 8  
Circus Circus Prachyadut Feb 9  
Shyamsri Prangone Mor Feb 10

**Exhibition**  
Title: *Breakfast News*  
Artist: Yasmin Jahan Nupur  
Date: February 3-13  
Venue: Alliance Francaise Dhaka

**Movie and TV play screening**  
Film Director Date  
Joystra Touqar Ahmed Feb 8  
Lal Shati Tarik Mohammad Feb 9  
Ishak Konyia Stormi Akhtar Feb 14  
Organiser: Dhoni Choudhury LTD.  
Venue: Dhoni Choudhury Auditorium, 4 Nawaratn Colony, New Baily Road

## Second season of the ATN Taroka



Judges in the show, (L-R) Subir Nandi, Azad Rahman and Fatema Tuz Zohra

*ATN Taroka Tarokader Taroka* is a prime-time show on ATN Bangla. Auditions for the second season of the talent hunt show have begun. The objective of the show is to select Bangladesh's best singer, actor or actress, says a press release.

Fifty six selected candidates for music and 56 selected candidates for acting round from 18 centres will take part in this talent hunt programme.

Celebrity judges are called on

the show to comment on the performances and to inspire the performers. The music round will be hosted by Khandokar Ismail and Dilshad Nahar Kona, and judged by Azad Rahman (music director), Shubir Nandi (singer) and Fatema Tuz Zohra (singer). The judges of the acting round are Chashi Nazrul Islam (film director), Kabori Sarwar (actress) and Abdullah Al Mamun (actor).

Watch the music and acting rounds at 9.00 pm every Monday and Tuesday only on ATN Bangla.

## A medley of colours at children's art exhibition

KAVITA CHARANJI

The ongoing 1<sup>st</sup> annual art exhibition of the Cubic School of Fine Arts in Gulshan is a definite eye opener. Though the young artists live in Dhaka, their 38 paintings reflect nature in all its infinite variety. In addition to the urban scenes, figures and still life, there are rural landscapes complete with huts, rivers, flowers and people. The mediums are water colours, crayons and pencil.

Among the artists is nine-year-old Adeeba Mahjabeen Rahman, a student of Baridhara Scholar's Institution. Her work draws inspiration from her visits to her village in Dinajpur district. To quote her: "I love going to the village because the surroundings are natural and I enjoy living in huts."

Another promising and adventurous soul is Sheikh Iqam Mahub, who will be eight in April and is a student of Scholastica. "I wanted to show how the tsunami hit villages and left suffering people hungry," he says.

There are variations in the display. The eight-year-old Rushmi Jamil from Bangladesh International Tutorial, has depicted five figures holding aloft the Bangladesh National Flag against a backdrop of fields and trees.

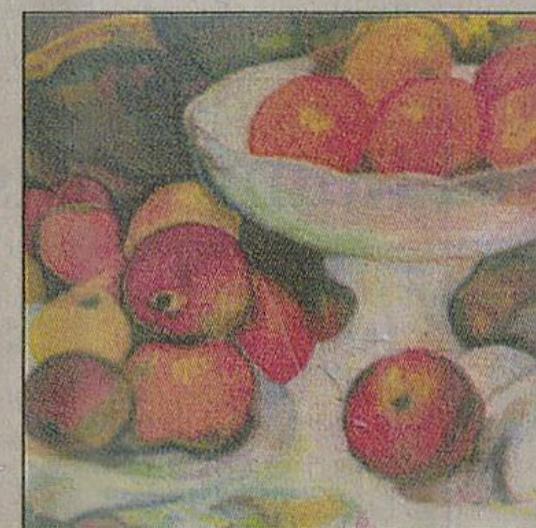
Cubic's first student who joined the art school in its present premises in 2004 is Rahat Binte Hamid, an eight-year-old student of Baridhara Scholar's Institution. Her proud mother, Zarine Akter, shows her painting of children playing amidst nature in the backdrop.

Among the older students is Dewan Sonia who will turn 17 soon and studies at Hurdoo International School. The school also has one Sri Lankan and three Korean students. Among the elder learners is Michael from the Dutch Embassy who is in the midst of doing a pencil portrait. His motivation in joining the classes, he says, is to "see if I can give expression to my hidden artistic talent." He has opted for this school, because "it is low key

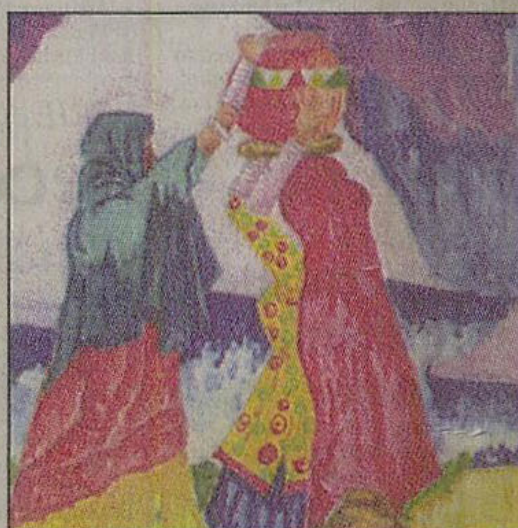
not commercialised."

At the helm of the Cubic School of Fine Arts is its director, Mujahidul Hassan (Rana), assisted by his wife Nafisa Mehboob, coordinator of the school. "The purpose of the exhibition is to inspire the children to higher levels of creativity. The children have recreated joyous images of themes chosen by

them," says Nafisa. The interesting exhibition is co-sponsored by Nestle's Nido and Alien Properties. The display concludes on February 6.



Works on display



## 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-1**  
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.  
Telecast 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.  
News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.  
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 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**  
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**  
10:00 Satellite Programme  
10:30 Shasthiya Tattvya  
11:00 Laila Gopal  
11:30 Lekha Pora  
12:00 Anu Paromani  
12:30 Nilot Tala National  
12:45 Football League 2005  
13:00 Live Broadcast  
13:10 Apon Bhumi  
13:30 Nityer Takey Takey  
13:45 Selected Programme  
14:00 Drama Serial: Enechhi  
14:15 Shurjer Hashi  
14:30 Drama Serial: Alopur  
14:45 Nuri Huda  
14:55 Shindhu Hillol

**CHANNEL-1**  
09:45 Trilipi Maatra  
10:00 Educational programme (live)  
10:15 Aaj Dupurey  
10:30 Ebon Cinema Gaan  
10:45 Public Reaction  
11:00 Shingbadporey  
11:15 Bangladesh  
11:30 Chena Mukh Oshana  
11:45 Chobi  
12:00 Amar Channel  
12:15 Darshok Forum  
12:30 Bashundhara Arader Gaan  
12:45 Sa Re Ga Ma  
12:55 Orthonity  
13:00 Music Plus  
13:15 Stargat SG1  
13:30 Business Show  
13:45 Drama Serial: Hatya  
13:55 Drama Serial: Shimana  
14:05 Sharppuna Rangin  
14:15 Drama Serial: Pothe  
14:30 Jeto Jeto

**ATN BANGLA**  
10:00 Grammer Phone  
10:05 Shironam  
10:10 Zoo Adventure  
10:15 Dhakar Cinema  
10:20 Mukdangan  
10:25 Drama Serial: Ramizer Asina  
10:30 Lux Glamour World  
10:35 Drama Serial: Gohulu Aloy  
10:40 Binnyas Swador  
10:45 Khobor  
10:50 Apon Jigyasha  
10:55 Shubho Shondhya  
11:00 Khobor  
11:05 Shondhyane  
11:10 ntv Dekhe Bolun  
11:15 Drama serial: Labanya Probia  
11:20 Bari Ghar Thik Thik  
11:25 Drama Serial: Akashi  
11:30 Chhanya  
11:35 Dindarpan

**ATN BANGLA**  
10:30 Annodishli  
10:35 Drama Serial: O Amar  
10:40 Chhotu Nai  
10:45 Musical Programme  
10:50 Chhotodur Prithibi  
10:55 Ishpani Pure Snax  
11:00 Quiz Time  
11:05 Shonali Din  
11:10 Islami Sawal O  
11:15 Jobab (live)  
11:20 BSB Education Zone  
11:25 Drama Serial: Rater  
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11:35 Drama Serial: Rater  
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12:00 ATN Taroka (Music)  
12:05 Kothamala  
12:10 Musical Programme

**RTV**  
07:45 Shukhi Thakun Deho  
08:00 Mone  
08:15 Shoto Proshno  
08:30 Shukhi Thakun Deho Mone  
08:45 Human Nature  
08:55 Aker Bangladesh  
09:00 Nazrulgeeti  
09:15 Drama Serial: Agontuk  
09:25 R-Ranna  
09:35 Drama Serial: Rater  
09:45 Golpo  
09:55 Rv Exclusive  
10:00 Drama Serial: Dhaka  
10:05 Crime File  
10:10 Blood Work

**PICK OF THE DAY**  
12:00 Drop Zone  
12:05 Martin and Lewis  
12:10 Deep Blue Sea  
12:15 The land before time  
12:20 Journey to big water  
12:25 Shelter island  
12:30 Psycho II  
12:35 Dawn of the dead  
12:40 Apollo 13

**STAR MOVIES**  
10:15 The Ticket  
10:45 Nine Months  
11:30 America's Prince: The John F. Kennedy Jr. Story  
12:00 Life Less Ordinary  
12:05 Dying Young

**Shukh Nagor Apartment**  
On ATN Bangla at 8:00 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Subarna Mustafa, Tarik Anam, Bipasha Hayat  
The 100th episode of this drama serial is independent of the others.  
Arun Chowdhury directs the drama serial. A comedy, the serial homes into the lives of 10 families who live in 10 flats at the same apartment building in Dhaka.

**STAR PLUS**  
12:00 Meri Saheli  
12:05 Shagun  
12:10 Shanti  
12:15 Maan  
12:20 Hit Film: Hit Sangeet-20 M  
12:25 Kasauti Zindagi Kay  
12:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
12:35 Bhabhi  
12:40 Kesar  
12:45 Saamhi

**Bahui Thi**  
11:30 Kahin To Hoga  
12:00 K-Street Pali Hill

**Star World**  
11:30 Charmed  
12:30 Parkinson  
13:00 The A Team  
13:30 Oprah Winfrey Show  
13:40 Bold and Beautiful  
13:50 General Hospital  
14:00 Desperate Housewives  
14:10 The Simpsons  
14:20 King Of Queens  
14:30 Touch On Japan  
14:40 Friends  
14:50 Seinfeld  
15:00 My Wife And Kids  
15:10 Everybody Loves Raymond  
15:20 Frasier  
15:30 Frasier  
15:40 Absolutely Fabulous  
15:50 Coupling  
16:00 Seinfeld  
16:10 Friends

**WILD, WEIRD CURIOSITIES**  
08:30 Zero hour One of America's Own  
09:30 War Zone Battle of the Bulge  
10:30 Extreme Engineering  
11:30 Holland's barriers to the Sea  
12:30 I shouldn't Be Alive  
13:30 Special Escape from The Amazon

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
10:30 Seconds From Disaster  
11:30 Rough Trades  
12:00 Rough Trades  
12:30 From The Heart  
13:00 From The Heart  
13:30 Secrets Of The Viking Warriors  
14:00 Megaliths  
14:30 A Tale Of Three Chimps  
14:45 Backyard Science  
14:55 Doc Eureka  
15:00 Serious: Desert  
15:10 Planet Wild  
15:20 Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures  
15:30 Storm Stories  
15:40 Storm Stories  
15:50 Last Of The Dragons  
16:00 Is It Real?  
16:10 Triumph of Life Brain Power  
16:20 Spirit of The Mountain  
16:30 Detective Stories Fatal Impressions  
16:40 Medical Diary Marle's Story: Dodging the Bullet  
16:50 Operation Junkyard Go-Cart  
17:00 Spirit of the Mountain  
17:10 Junkyard Wars Beach  
17:20 Rescue Racers  
17:30 Fa Classic Matches  
17:40 Icc Cricket World (R)

**STAR SPORTS**  
10:00 Rugby Ho Asia - Ireland  
10:30 Vs Italy 6 Nations Round 1(T)  
11:00 Five / Six Nations Championships (T)  
11:30 English Premier Football League (R)  
12:30 Inside The Pga Tour Inside (R)  
13:00 Spanish Football League  
13:30 Bull Riding  
13:45 Pride Fc  
14:00 Cricket Classics Dravid: The Wall  
14:30 Team India Programming  
14:45 India Glorious (R)  
14:55 Sportscenter India  
15:00 Sportscenter Update  
15:10 Giletto World Sports  
15:20 Special Giletto World Sports 2006 (R)  
15:30 Bull Riding Pro Bull Riders Association Bull Ford Tough Series 2005  
15:40 Dallas TX Us Sportscenter India  
15:50 Sportscenter Update

**TEN SPORTS**  
09:00 WWE Heat  
10:30 Pakistan v India 06  
10:30 Pakistan v India 06 : Straight Drive  
10:30 Pakistan v India : 1st ODI H/Ls