

# Soaring High...

Paintings of Bangladeshi kites and album launch at Drik Gallery

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KITES made their appearance over 3,000 years ago, in China. Gradually kites were reproduced throughout Asia, then later, in Europe. Over the centuries kites have become a part of our heritage. Incorporating local designs, patterns and materials, kites have long been 'Bangalee-fied'. Eid or Baishakhi in Old Dhaka have always been marked by kites of varied shapes and colours soaring in the sky, or the air resonating with competing kite-flyers hollering 'Vo katta'.

Artist Rashid Khan's third solo exhibition titled *Kites of Bangladesh* features paintings of kites sporting traditional *deshi* patterns as well as unfamiliar, intriguing designs. The exhibition was inaugurated at Drik Gallery on March 27. *Tui Thakrey Tor Motor*, the first solo album by Rashid was also launched at the occasion.

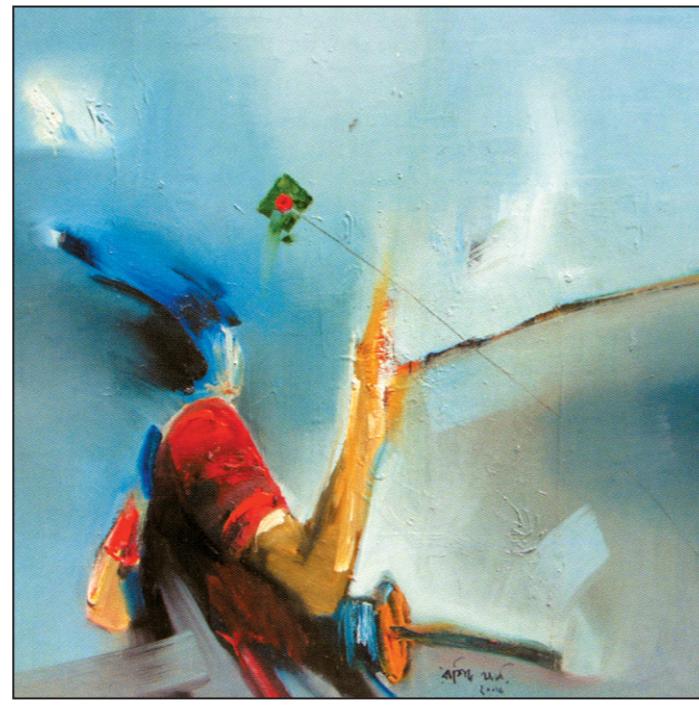
Cultural personality Afzal Hossain inaugurated the event.

About Rashid's paintings Afzal Hossain said, "The subject is definitely unique; treatment of colours is mature. It's hard to believe that being an amateur painter, Rashid Khan could produce artworks of this depth."

About his work, Rashid says, "Painting was and continues to be my passion. I have always tried to highlight individuality in my works."

"Kites were often used in my past works. I've had the opportunity to feast my eyes on kites of different sizes, shapes, brilliant colours and names at home and abroad. I have been working on the theme for a year and have tried to feature the splendor and variety of kites available in our country through these paintings."

*Golla* (oil on canvas), one of the works with a crimson background depicts the Bangladeshi flag in the



An artwork by Rashid Khan (Above), Afzal Hossain and the artist (L) at the exhibition

form of a kite. *Kani Kata* (oil on canvas) features the basic rectangular kite frame with orange triangular shapes at four corners.

*Rocketdar* (water and wax) displays inner designs that resemble paper-made airplanes. *Dabadar* (oil on canvas) features the basic kite frame with a chessboard pattern. Pawns in the bright scarlet background add to the effect.

Some paintings feature kites shaped like birds. *Dhupu/ Fescay* (water and wax) shows a kite with a tail similar to that of the local bird *Fringey*. *Cheel* (oil on canvas) displays kites shaped like hawks. The basic frame of the kites is

divided in two colours.

*Baksho/ Box* (water and wax) shows 3-D kites shaped like boxes. The painting also displays two or more boxes joined to make a single kite.

Rashid has had previous solo exhibitions at Drik Gallery (2000) and Shilpangan (2002). He had also participated in group exhibitions held at IUB (2000) and National Museum (2001, 2003). The artist has received honorary awards from Bangladesh Journalist Association and Rajdhani Shangskritik Forum (both in 2000).

The exhibition will continue till April 4 from 3 to 8 pm.

The basic frame of the kites is

# Swadhinota O Boshonto Mela Promoting indigenous goods

## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The Design Centre of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) has organised a fair titled *Swadhinota O Boshonto Mela*. The fair began on March 26 and will run till March 31 at BSCIC in Motijheel. BSCIC conducts advisory and industrial promotion services, including training of entrepreneurs, skill development of artisans and craftspeople, creation of jobs for small and cottage industries (SCI) and development of linkages between SCIs and large and medium-sized industries.

The third day of the fair showcased an array of products made by the students of the Design Centre of BSCIC, such as block prints, screen prints, wood carvings, terra cotta, handicrafts,



Handmade Bangladeshi dolls on display at the fair

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

jute and leather products. The pricing of the products was reasonable and there were 68 stalls in the fair.

The Design Centre organises fairs quarterly and this is their 26th such fair. "The purpose of the fair is to promote the products in the local market and motivate the students," said AKM Abdus Sattar, assistant chief designer and

coordinator of the fair. A certification ceremony was also held on the first day of the fair. The chief guest of the event was SR Osmani, chairperson of BSCIC. The special guest was ABM Kamrul Islam, director (Marketing and Design), while Jamilul Alam, regional director of BSCIC, presided over the function.

## Shubho Shondhya crosses 1000th episode tonight

The daily programme on ntv, *Shubho Shondhya*'s 1000<sup>th</sup> episode will be aired this evening at 6:20 pm, says a press release.

The programme has attained popularity among the TV viewers within a brief period. Parvez Chowdhury was initially the producer of the programme, currently the executive producer. The programme is hosted by Tina Salem Manzur, Premanjita Chowdhury and Farah Sharmin. The TV show includes several



Al Mansur and Tina Salem in *Shubho Shondhya*



The students of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) organised a cultural show and a play on the eve of the 35th Independence Day. The function was held at the University premises, Baridhara

## Theatre festival in Bogra comes to an end

### OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A weeklong 'Inter-district Cortege Drama Festival', began on March 23 at the Aminul Haque Dulal Auditorium in Bogra Zilla School premises of the district. Around 18 theatre groups attended the festival to celebrate 25 years of Bogra Theatre. The organisers said the plays are based on facts during the

Liberation War, including the historic *Banar Pokur Killing* in Bogra district where 17 unarmed people were killed by the Pakistani forces.

A colourful rally was brought out, led by well-known theatre artiste Pijush Bandapadhyay, president of Gram Theatre, Dhaka. The first play to be staged was *Kolbart Bibro* by Bogra Theatre.

## TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

### News Bulletin

**BTW**  
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, 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; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm; 11pm.

News (English) 8:20am; 7:00pm.

Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

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News (Bangla) at 7:00 am; 10:00 am; 2:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm; 11pm.

News (English) 8:20am; 7:00pm.

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**TARA BANGLA**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 4:30pm; 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

**STAR CHANNEL**  
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am; 10:00 am; 2:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm; 11pm.

News (English) 8:20am; 7:00pm.

Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

**Channel 1**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 7:00 am; 10:00 am; 2:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm; 11pm.

News (English) 8:20am; 7:00pm.

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**STAR PLUS**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 7:00 am; 10:00 am; 2:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm; 11pm.

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**STAR SPORTS**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 7:00 am; 10:00 am; 2:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm; 11pm.

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**STAR MOVIES**  
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**DISCOVERY**  
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**STAR CHANNEL 8**  
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**STAR CHANNEL 9**  
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News (English) 8:20am; 7:00pm.

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**STAR CHANNEL 10**  
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News (English) 8:20am; 7:00pm.

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