

National Museum highlights global civilisation

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DIGNITARIES speaking at the National Museum recently had all praise for opening of the World Civilisation Gallery. The new gallery features artifacts, paintings, statues, carpets and many more from China, Iran, Korea, Japan, Switzerland, India, Bhutan, Bangladesh etc.

The speakers said that with globalisation every step such as this is a growth towards understanding and harmony. This would enhance cultural ties with other countries, they added. The onlookers would benefit greatly by learning from other cultures and heritage. The speakers added that the venture by the National Museum should have a lasting impact.

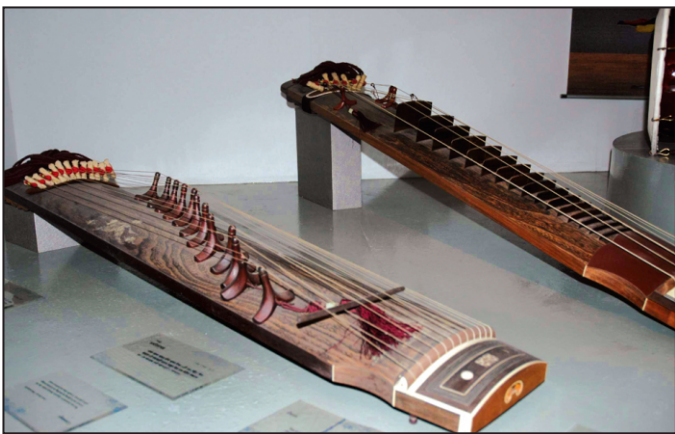
The new gallery features 40 portraits and digitally regenerated copies of paintings by old masters.

Professor Mahmudul Haque, director general of the National Museum, said that it was tough to make the selection of the artworks. Torun Ghosh helped him, especially in making the prints. The four embassies of Korea, Switzerland, Iran and China also played an important role in making this a success. Haque hoped that the gallery would help in teaching students of fine arts and art enthusiasts.

Dora Rapold, Swiss ambassador said the exhibition would contribute to international understanding. It is a collection of arts and crafts, urban and rural, new and old. She added the embassy was happy to donate items to the museum.

The counselor of Iran in his turn said Iran and Bangladesh has century-old ties and the artifacts reflect the Iranian life. Others present at the function said that the museum authorities deserve applause for expanding the number of galleries in the National Museum from 12 to 18.

Abul Barq Alvi, professor of the Institute of Fine Arts, said, "We have no collection of works by the old masters. People in Bangladesh long to look at paintings from overseas specially the Western classics. Copies of the classics in the new collection would satiate that keenness to some degree."



Artifacts and musical instruments on display at the National Museum

'Kathin Chibar Dan Utsab' observed in Rangamati

SHANTIMOY CHAKMA, Rangamati

'Kathin Chibar Dan Utsab', one of the biggest religious festivals of the Buddhist community was celebrated at Ananda Vihar recently in the Rangamati hill town.

In the function, Gyanananda

Mohathero, principal monk of the Maitree Vihar, delivered his religious speech.

Gyanananda in his speech warned the devotees of the worldly sins. Quoting Lord Buddha, he said, "Killing and misbehaving with parents are great sins and if anyone

does it, they have to suffer the dire consequences."

"Kathin Chinbar Dan" implies an extremely difficult task. Literally translated, 'Kathin' means difficult, 'Chibar' means cloths and 'Dan' means donation.

During the festival the specific clothing material, which is used by Buddhist monks (known as 'Bhante') have to be prepared within 24 hours from 'jum' cotton. The cotton is first processed in spinning wheels into threads and finally the cloth is made from the threads.

Agrabangsa Mohathero, Kondinya Bhikkhu and Gyanalankar Bhikkhu also addressed the congregation.

Ananda Vihar Managing Committee (AVMC) organised the festival. District Council Chairman Dr Manik Lal Dewan attended the event as chief guest while professor (Retd) Mongsanu Chowdhury professor of Cultural College was present as special guest.

Hundreds of Buddhist devotees thronged the compound of Ananda Vihar on the occasion.



Buddhist devotees gather at the festival



Telefilm *Payer Tole Banbhashi* featuring Ilias Kanchon, Champa, Probir Mitra, Shomu Chowdhury and Romana among others will be aired today at 12:10pm on Channel i. The telefilm presents the struggle of a woman rendered homeless by river erosion. *Payer Tole Banbhashi* is written by Rokeya Islam and directed by Sadek Siddiqui

Doing the catwalk around the world

In conversation with the promising model Shaon

KAVITA CHARANJI

"Having walked the ramps of Paris and Milan, why not New York as well?" questions gutsy model and VJ Tabassum Shaon on a visit to Dhaka from Mumbai. She refers to a three-year contract offer from Ikon New York Model Management to model for the print media, ramp and even acting. "I am really fortunate to have bagged this contract," she says.

All set to make her way to the US by January, Shaon has been busy on several fronts in Mumbai and Dhaka: as print media model for Mumbai's Taj Hotel beauty salon, the Kerala resort of Taj, special Eid programmes for Channel i. In addition, she walked the ramp at the Bollywood Fashion Award function in New York and New York Fashion Week this year. In the former, she displayed attire designed by Sabyasachi and Manish Malhotra.

As if that wasn't enough, she has received several film, TV serial and choreography offers. She would also like to continue her studies side by side. She has gained admission to study law at the Bandra National College, Mumbai but has to fine tune the balance between academics and her passion for modeling.

At a relatively young age, Shaon has had a heady taste of success. Despite her busy career in showbiz, she has bagged a first class in economics from Symbiosis College, Pune in India. She has also worked with top designers in India and Bangladesh. Among the Bangladeshi designers are Maheen Khan, Tamara Abed, Roxanna Salam, Anila Haque, Kuhu and Ruchi. In India she has worked



Shaon

closely with choreographers Rashmi Virmani and Elich D'Souza.

There's no place like home for many who are based overseas. However, Shaon is hard headed enough to realise that in Bangladesh the fashion industry is still in its infancy. Often models are expected to work gratis, without regard for getting their due. "There is a great need for professionalisation of the industry," says Shaon.

Certainly Shaon's voice ought to carry weight. She has to her credit the title of Miss Bangladesh and represented the country in the Miss

World contest held in Sun City in South Africa in 2001. Later she was VJ for a show, *Fully Phataphati*, branded by MTV for Tara Bangla. Here Shaon perused listeners' requests and played the songs of well known artistes.

Now bound for New York, Shaon is optimistic about her future. "By representing Bangladesh in New York, I hope to be a catalyst for change and professionalisation in the country's fashion world," she says.

Buzz

'Color of the Cross': New Jesus film puts race into religion

The life of Jesus has always provided controversial subject matter for filmmakers.

From Monty Python's irreverent *The Life of Brian* to Martin Scorsese's *The Last Temptation of Christ*, Hollywood's often-iconoclastic interpretations of the gospel story have rarely failed to stir up religious fury. Mel Gibson's bloody account of the final hours of Jesus, *The Passion of the Christ*, was named the most controversial Hollywood movie of all time by US magazine *Entertainment Weekly*. Appearing on the same list was the movie adaptation of Dan Brown's blockbuster, *The Da Vinci Code*.

But a new film covering the last two days of Jesus' life is aiming to stir up a new debate about popular representations of Christ by depicting him as black. Furthermore, the film suggests that the persecution suffered by Jesus may have been racially motivated.

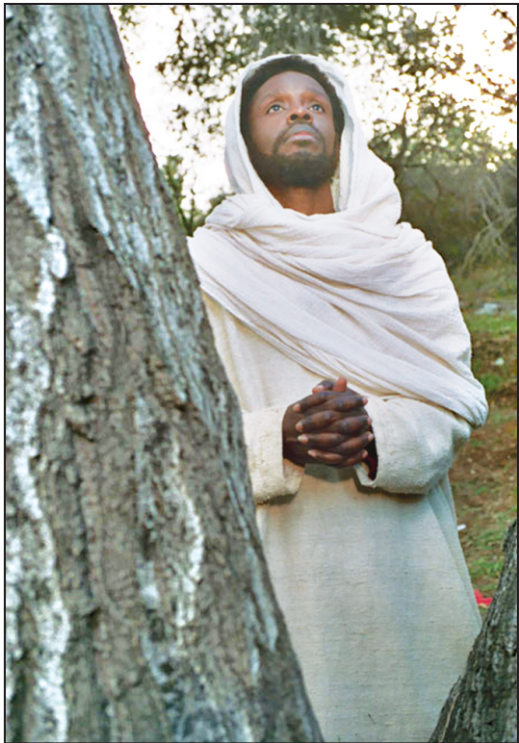
Color of the Cross, written, produced by and starring Haitian-American filmmaker Jean Claude LaMarre opens in the US on Friday. The film is scheduled to open to broader audiences next month.

LaMarre said the film was intended as a step towards rehabilitating the portrayal of black characters in Hollywood films after decades of negative stereotyping.

"The idea of re-imaging is very important to my vision of this story," said LaMarre. "For decades blacks have been the victims of negative imaging... Jesus is a great place to start."

The 1973 musical *Jesus Christ, Superstar* controversially depicted Judas as a black character while a 1992 film called *The Second Coming* featured a black Jesus.

Stephenson Humphries-Brooks, an associate professor of religious studies at New York's Hamilton College and author of *Cinematic Savior: Hollywood's Making of the American Christ*, said, "Color of the Cross is the first film to feature a black lead character in a straight interpretation of the Gospel story -- and that it



LaMarre in *Color of the Cross*

could have a powerful effect on African-American self-identity by suggesting an alternative to the dominant white stereotype of Jesus as a white European male."

Source: CNN

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, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 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
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30pm, 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
08:10 Selected Programme
08:30 Selected Programme
09:05 Satellite Broadcast
11:15 *Songbad Potrer Pata Thake*
11:30 Bangla Feature Film
03:30 Tele Film
06:30 Drama
08:30 Drama
10:25 *Teknaf Theke Tetulia*
CHANNEL-i
08:30 *Sa Re Ga Ma Grameen Phone*
09:50 *Tritiyomatra*
12:10 Tele Film: *Payer Tole Ban Bhabshi*
07:50 Drama: *Jobbar Ali*
09:35 Drama: *Pain*
12:00 *Grammephone Ajker*
ATN BANGLA
09:20 ATN Commentary Box
10:30 Talk Show:
11:05 *Annyodrishti Shath Din*
12:15 *Motamot*
01:25 *Colochitrer Golpo Nirob Kosto*
02:30 *O Amar Chokhuk Nai*
03:45 Cartoon: *Mina*
04:20 Children's Programme
05:10 ATN Music
05:40 Islamic Programme
06:20 *Ashey Pasher Manush*
07:50 Drama Serial: *Kath Koylar Chhobi*
08:20 Drama Serial: *Udhar*
08:50 Drama Serial: *Nishobdo Bhalobasha*

10:40 Talk Show: *Kothamala*
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08:35 *Aajker Shokal*
09:05 *K Tahare Chinite Pari*
09:30 *Gete Malancho*
10:05 *Zoo Adventure*
10:30 *Dhakar Cinema*
01:05 *Muktangon*
02:35 Drama Serial: *Ramizer Aaina*
03:15 USA Concert
03:50 *Apnar Jigyasha*
04:25 *Bhinno Swader Khobor*
05:10 *Ein Dorpon/Itihasher Di Diney*
05:20 *Apnar Jigyasha*
06:20 *Shubho Shondha*
06:45 *Crime Watch*
08:15 Drama Serial: *Labonya Proba*
09:00 Music Express
09:50 *Bibarno Bhalobasha*
11:25 *Din Dorpon*
Rtv
09:05 *Aj Potrikai*
09:10 Children's Programme
09:35 Talk Show: *Prio Mukh*
10:30 *Wide Angle*
11:00 *Jugolbondi*
12:00 *Bishwa Jurey*
01:00 Human Nature
02:30 Islamic Programme
03:40 Drama Serial: *Aguntak*
05:10 Drama: *Kobir Mamu*
05:30 Tagore Song
06:30 Rtv Exclusive
08:00 Drama Serial: *Agantuk*

Jobbar Ali
On Channel i at 7:50pm
Special Play
Cast: Amjad Hossain, Abdul Qadir, Tele Samad
08:50 Magazine: *Purush*
09:20 Drama Serial: *Boro Didi*
10:45 Rtv Exclusive
10:50 Health Show: *Heart Beat*
CHANNEL 1
08:40 *Shuprobhat Bangladesh*
09:30 *Baul Fusion*
10:30 Bangla Feature Film: *Moumachhi*
02:00 Show Case
03:00 Tele Film: *Balighar*
05:15 NG Shot
06:10 *Saaj Bela*
06:45 *Jonotar Ishtihar*

PICK OF THE DAY



Genghis Khan
On Discovery Channel at 8:30pm
The great Khan's indomitable spirit, brutality and unquenchable desire for conquest

STAR MOVIES

08:15 The Ticket
08:45 3 Ninjas Knuckle Up
10:30 I, Robot
12:30 Fatal Reunion
02:00 Rapid Fire
03:30 Home Alone 3
05:20 Ice Princess
07:00 Lizzie McGuire Movie, The Boogeyman
08:35 Kyun Hota Hai Pyarr
09:00 V First Day First Show- Starplu
09:05 V Trailers - Star Plus
09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
10:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
11:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
11:55 V First Day First Show- Starplu
12:00 Bolly V - Star Plus
12:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
12:30 Kyaa Hoga Nimmo Kaa
01:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Bhabhi
02:30 Kesar
03:00 Saarthi
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:00 Kahiin To Hoga

04:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
05:00 Pritiviraj Chauhan
05:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
05:55 V First Day First Show- Starplu
06:00 Mum Tum Aur Hum
06:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
06:30 Buzz On Maggie
07:00 Timon And Pumbaa
07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
07:30 Sonpari
07:55 Bolly V - Star Plus
08:00 Karishma Ka Karishma
08:30 Antariksh
09:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
09:30 Virasaat
10:00 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kahiin To Hoga
12:00 Saibaba
STAR WORLD
08:30 Cheers
09:00 The Simpsons
09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 Ncis
11:30 World's Scariest Ghosts
12:30 J.A.G.
01:30 Criminal Minds
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:30 General Hospital
05:30 Monk
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 Cheers
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 My Wife And Kids
09:00 Everybody Loves Raymond

09:30 The King Of Queen
10:00 Becker
10:30 Wild Card
11:30 Seinfeld
12:00 Friends
SONY
08:00 Shree Ganesh Spiritual
09:00 Telebrands Tele Shopping
09:30 Chartbusters Music
10:00 Music Mantra Music
10:30 Music Beats Music
11:00 Vaidehi Drama
12:00 Kaajjal - Sabbki Ankho Mein Basi Drama
12:30 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si Drama
01:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama
01:30 Kabhie To Nazar Milao Drama
02:00 Risshton Ki Dor Drama
02:30 Aisa Des Hai Mera Drama
03:00 Matinee Movie - Papa Kehnte Hai Movie
03:30 Contd. Movie
06:30 Music Beats Music
07:00 Music Mantra Music
07:30 Chart Busters Movie Based
08:00 Thode Khushi Thode Gham Drama
08:30 Kaajjal - Sabbki Ankho Mein Basi Drama
09:00 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si Drama
09:30 Aisa Des Hai Mera Drama
10:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama
10:30 Vaidehi Drama

11:00 Vaidehi Drama
11:30 Khauffnaak Thriller/ Horror
12:00 Contd. Contd.
DISCOVERY
08:30 Land Of The Tiger
09:30 Discovery Biggest Shows
11:30 Anatomy Of A Formula One Team
12:30 Baby It's You
01:00 Yummy Mummy
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Detective Stories
03:30 Mystery Hunters
04:00 Great Moghuls
04:30 Land Of The Tiger
05:30 Anatomy Of A Formula One Team
06:30 Extreme Machines
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Discovery Marquee
09:30 Discovery Marquee
11:30 Junkyard Wars
11:30 FBI Files
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
08:00 WWS Sky Shop
08:30 Nat Geo Junior
10:30 The Living Edens
11:30 Frontline Of Construction
12:30 Weddings & A Funeral
01:30 People Out There
02:00 Weddings & A Funeral
02:30 Wild Safari
03:30 Nat Geo Ultsav
04:30 Nat Geo Junior
07:30 Wild
08:30 Seconds From Disaster
09:30 Air Crash Investigation
10:30 Triumph of Life
11:30 Rated W