

## CULTURAL FEAST

## Dance programme for promising dancers

Organiser: Department of Dance and Music, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: December 28  
Time: 5:30pm

## Solo Classical Vocal Recital

Artist: Pandit Sarathi Chatterjee  
Organiser: Bengal Foundation  
Venue: Bengal Shilpakala House no-27/F, Road no-27 (Old), Dhanmondi  
Date: December 28 at 6:30pm

## Paintings and Sculpture Exhibition by Young Artists

Organiser: Dots, Contemporary Art Centre  
Venue: 191/A Haque Tower (2nd floor), Tejgaon-Gulshan Link Road, Gulshan  
Date: December 20-30  
Time: 11:00am to 8:00pm

## Theatre

500th staging of 'Kanjus'  
Troupe: Loko Natyadal  
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: December 29

## Dhaka Art Circle 2006

Artists: Abu Taher, Samirajit Roy Choudhury, Mohammed Mohsin, Syed Enayet Hossain, Anwarul Huq, Rejaul Karim, Biren Shome, Matib Ali, Swapan Chowdhury, Abdus Shakoor, Chandra Shekhar Dey and Rafi Haque  
Venue: Shilpangan, House 26, Road 3, Dhanmondi  
Date: December 18-31  
Time: 9:00am-12:00pm and 5:00pm-8:00pm, except Saturdays (only 5:00pm-8:00pm)

## Indigenous Theatre Festival

Play: Kania  
Troupe: Sadori Theatre  
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: January 9  
Time: 7:00pm  
Play: Tuanya  
Troupe: Hor Gayan Dol  
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: January 10  
Time: 6:30pm  
Play: Sri Krishna Kirtan  
Troupe: Manipuri Theatre  
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: January 11  
Time: 6:30pm  
Play: Hokkani Dhonpara  
Troupe: Jum Aesthetic Council, Rangamati  
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: January 11  
Time: 6:30pm  
Play: Mangula  
Troupe: Palakar  
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: January 12  
Time: 6:30pm  
Play: Rarang  
Troupe: Aranyal Natyadal  
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: January 13  
Time: 6:30pm

One of the participants at the programme

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## Films

## Children and war under the spotlight

AHSAN HABIB

THE Children's Film Society organised a session of children's films on the Liberation War to celebrate Victory Day. The venue was the German Cultural Centre. On

December 26, city children had the opportunity to get acquainted with the history of the Liberation War through three films produced by Bangladesh Shishu Academy -- *Amra Tumader Bhulbona*, *Shorot '71* and *Kathal Burir Bagaan*. "Children learn about the history of Liberation

War from textbooks. Through imaginative cinematic techniques and ideas, more interest can be generated about the history of the War and its cultural importance. What's more, their vacations will be utilised properly," said Munira Morshed Munni, general secretary of the organisation.

*Amra Tumader Bhulbona*, directed by Harunur Rashid, is a story of war. At its centre is an orphaned child Motlub whose lost childhood prompts him to fight on the front during the Liberation War. During an operation his heroic actions lead to a victory but take his life. Many little boys often fought on the frontlines during the war like the young Motlub.

In *Shorot '71* the Liberation War is presented from a child's perspective. When the war affects children, they are made to feel like helpless victims. The physical discomfort and psychological trauma of a child under army occupation are projected in this film.

*Shorot '71*, directed by Morshedul Islam, is an important film for handling issues affecting children during the war.

*Kathal Burir Bagaan*, directed by Badol Rahman, is about the post-war situation. Even after the war ends, children are still in danger.

"While working for the session we find that children's films on Liberation War are rare. We hope everyone involved will give a hard look at this issue," said Munni.

Educational efforts such as those of the Children's Film Society go a long way in building children's awareness about an important chapter in our history.



The stark reality of war in Morshedul Islam's film *Shorot '71*

## Three day programme for promising dancers

## 50 artistes to participate

ERSHAD KAMOL

To boost young dancers, Department of Dance and Music of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) has arranged a three-day programme at the plaza of National Art Gallery of BSA. ABM Abdul Haque



One of the participants at the programme

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Chowdhury, secretary of Ministry of Cultural Affairs, inaugurated the programme on December 26 in which about 50 promising dancers from different corners of the country are participating.

The opening ceremony was presided over by Quamrul Hassan, DG of BSA. Suni Chandra Das, director of Department of Dance and Music, delivered the welcome speech and eminent dancer Rahija Khanom Jhunu was the main discussant at the inauguration programme.

Suni Chandra Das said, "Promoting younger artistes of the country is one of the major responsibilities of BSA. Each year BSA arranges promotional programmes for the dancers and singers. Such arrangements provide a great opportunity for the promising artistes to prove their worth. The talented dancers will be included in the cultural teams sent abroad."

Rahija Khanom Jhunu basically focused on the necessity of proper training for quality dancers.

Most of the participants are from Dhaka. On the selection process of the dancers from outside Dhaka, Dipa Khondokar an official of Department of Dance and Music pointed out that the department asked for the names of the talented dancers at the district levels from the officials of district Shilpakala academies. Dipa said, "Based on their recommendations, the artistes have been invited to perform in the programme."

Besides 11 participants from Dhaka, dancers from Barisal, Faridpur, Jamalpur, Cox's Bazar and Patuakhali performed dances on the opening day. Young artistes presented folk, Manipuri, classical and other forms of dance. However, holding of the dance programme out in the open, evoked criticism.

## Awareness programme of Bangladesh Betar

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A programme on 'Development of Women and Children's Activities' was organised by Bangladesh Betar, Dhaka with Abdul Aziz Talukder, Regional Director (programme) in the chair. The function, held in Mymensingh, was a part of outreach programme of Bangladesh Betar.

A cultural function, held recently at the local Shilpakala Academy, was aimed at creating awareness among the women folk and children on various common diseases, including diarrhea and sanitation through songs, *jatra pala* and skits. Eminent actors of Bangladesh Betar, BTV and cinema including Anisuzzaman Anis, Abdul Aziz Talukder, Rita Banerjee, and Farid Ali took part in the function.

Popular singers Fatematz-Zohra, Rafiqul Alam, Abubakar Siddique along with Babul Sarker, Moly Akhtar, Rokshana Momtaz and others performed patriotic, Tagore, Nazrul and regional songs of greater Mymensingh.

## Cultural Programme on spirit of Liberation War



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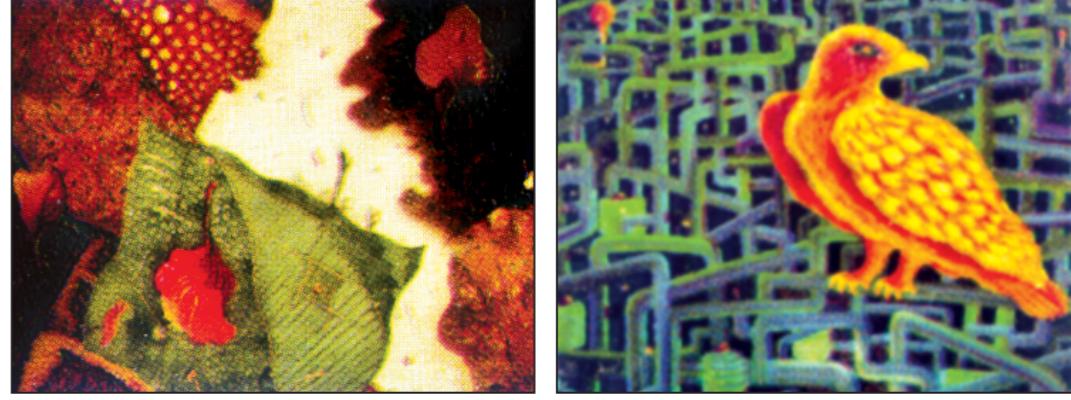
titled *Nine Months to Freedom* and presentation of the documentation on Liberation War by school children, which is a part of 'outreach programme' of Liberation War Museum.

The event began with our National Anthem. Subsequently, artistes of *Srot Abritt Shangshad* presented recitation on the spirit of freedom. Then artistes from Udichi performed songs on the Liberation War. Mamun Zahir

Khan and Borna both rendered patriotic songs. Jhorna Sarkar and Naila Taranum presented two solo recitations. Somor Barua, one of the artistes of *Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra*, performed Gono Sangeet.

The event wrapped up with the main attraction of the evening, the projection of the documentary *Nine Months to Freedom*, by S Shukdev of India. Some clips of the 1971 genocide were also shown.

## Art exhibition A platform for budding artists



Clockwise from top left, art works by Farjana Ahmed, Sanjay Das, Arif Haque and Nahid Rokhsana

Rokhsana, Abdus Sattar Towfiq, Arif Haque and Kazi Zahid.

In the ranks of the sculptors are Uttam Kumar Ray who has fashioned an abstract sculpture which depicts figures. There is also Asif Uzzaman's sculpture which represents a tree trunk.

The exhibition gives viewers a chance to get acquainted with the works of upcoming artists in the country. Here's to more such art displays.



## 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. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

**CHANNEL-i**  
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am; 9:00am, 2:00pm; 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am.

**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  
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am; 10:00 am; 11:00 am; 1:00 pm; 3:00 pm; 4:00 pm; 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; 12:30 am.

**CHANNEL 1**  
News (Bangla) at 8:00am; 12:00pm; 2:30pm; 6:30pm; 7:30pm; 10:00pm; 12:30am.

**BANGLAVISION**  
News (Bangla) at 8:00am; 2:00pm; 6:00pm; 7:15pm; 10:30pm.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00pm  
News Headlines (English) at 9:05pm

**RTV**  
News (Bangla) at 7:00am; 3:00pm; 7:15pm; 10:00pm.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:30am

## BTV

11:15 Cookery Show  
11:40 Shotorupa  
12:30 Maa O Shishur

01:00 Shukhi Porbar  
02:15 Children's Drama  
02:40 Esho Gaan Shikhi

03:05 Cartoon  
04:00 Esho Computer  
04:30 Bansuri

05:05 Matri Bhasha  
06:40 Jiboner Alo  
07:00 Shangita

08:30 Protidin Bangladesh  
08:40 Drama of the Week  
10:30 Musical Programme

09:20 Drama Serial: Shokal  
10:30 Talk Show  
12:15 Rtv

03:45 ATN Ranna Ghar  
04:20 Shundor Jiboner  
05:10 Amader Joto Kotha

05:45 Islamic Programme  
06:20 Akter Protidin  
08:00 Drama Serial:

Shokal Shondha  
03:40 Grih Soiily  
05:10 Tagore Song  
05:30 Children's  
Programme

09:20 Drama Serial: Koto  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Grameen Phone

10:45 Rtv Exclusive  
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## ATN BANGLA

09:20 Drama Serial:

Shondha

10:30 Talk Show

12:15 Rtv

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## Rtv

08:00 Ei Shokal

09:30 Shundor Jiboner

10:00 Amader Joto Kotha

10:45 Islamic Programme

06:20 Akter Protidin

08:00 Drama Serial:

Shokal Shondha

09:00 Grameen Phone

10:45 Rtv Exclusive

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## BANGLAVISION

08:40 Shuprat

09:30 Koli

10:00 Shundor Jiboner

10:45 Amader Joto Kotha

06:20 Akter Protidin

08:00 Drama Serial:

Shokal Shondha

09:00 Grameen Phone

10:45 Rtv Exclusive

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