

CULTURALFEAST

Loko Oitijya
Prodorshoni:
Kantha
Organiser: Liberation War Museum
Venue: Liberation War Museum
Date: April 20-29

Rangeen Utshob:
25 Years of Natural
Dyes in Bangladesh
Organiser: The National Crafts Council
of Bangladesh
Date: April 5-5 May
Venue: Aranya, 60 Kamal Ataturk
Avenue Banani

**Photography
Exhibition**

Title: Aesthetic Beauty of Trees
Photographer: Ismat Jahan
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, House 16
Road 36, Gulshan Avenue
Date: April 5-18
Time: 11:00am-8pm

**World Film
Manifestation
Programme (50th
session)**

Organiser: Dhaka University Film
Society
Venue: Russian Centre for Science
and Culture
Date: April 18 (3pm onwards)
Film screening: Pick Pocket Ardrey
Rubelov

**Cultural
programme**

Title: Dokhina Paban-e Prokhor
Tapan-e
Organiser: SURMA and Indian
Cultural Centre
Venue: Osmani memorial Hall
Date: April 19
Time: 5pm

Nurturing traditions

Aglow in shades of Baishakh

FAYZA HAQ

THE Bengali New Year found Dhakaites adorned with the glowing colours of the season. Though these items are not expensive they are irresistible with their bursts of red, orange and white. To cater to them boutiques brought out many relevant shades in clothes. Also another attraction is 'Rangeen Utshob', which marks 25 years of the use of natural dyes in our country. Boutiques that use these colours have organised the month-long festival.

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"Rangeen Utshob has been organised by the National Crafts Council of Bangladesh," said Ruby Ghuznavi, founder of Aranya (one of the participating boutiques) "to celebrate 25 years of the revival of natural dyes in our country. This welcomed Baishakh with the traditional red and white, mustard and well as vivid blues."

In Aranya, samples from 14 other organisations are on display. Primarily the presentation included *saaris*. There were also some *shalwar-kameez* and western clothes. The *saaris* are in silk, *jamdani*, *kantha* stitch, *endi* silk and *khadi*. Use of colours is innovative. Cotton and silk are combined in a new blend.

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Saris feature vegetable dye (above) and block prints

was the first artist to establish a design centre in Bangladesh for BSCIC (Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation). We elaborated the artist's brush strokes, from these we reconstructed motifs."

The city looked bright and cheerful with people dressed in the new creations of the boutiques.



Art school Shat Rong and Prothom Alo Bondhushobha brought out a rally on Pahela Baishakh in Bogra



Silverdale Preparatory & Girls High School organised special programmes featuring painting competition, folk and patriotic songs, traditional dance, recitation and drama on April 14 to mark Pahela Baishakh. Cultural personalities attended the event



Nazrul artistes honours Sohrab Hossain and Sudhin Das

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Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad (NSSP), an organisation of Nazrul artistes, celebrated the 87th and 77th birth anniversaries of Nazrul exponents Sohrab Hossain and Sudhin Das respectively (both were born in April).

Artistes of NSSP felicitated the dedicated artistes with bouquets at the event. A short discussion followed. Dr Rafiqul Islam (chairman, Nazrul Institute trustee board),

songs with his creative genius. Gifted artistes like Sohrab Hossain and Sudhin Das have contributed immensely to preserving and performing Nazrul songs for over half a century.

National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam enriched the collection of Bangla

Fatema Tuz Zohra, Bulbul Moholabish, M A Mannan, Nashid Kamal, Sujit Mustafa, Khilkhil Kazi (granddaughter of Kazi Nazrul Islam), members of the organisation and Nazrul Institute trustees were present at the event.

The programme was held at the Nazrul Institute on April 16 at the Kabihaban auditorium, Dhanmondi.

Mega-serial 'Ei Shob Ondhokar' to be aired on Banglavision



Rosy Siddiqui and Zahiruddin Piar in the TV serial

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Society is an admixture of the amoral and the ethical. Though most people do not commit serious offences, a handful of evildoers gnaw away at the roots of a society.

Iraz Ahmed's mega-serial *Ei Shob Ondhokar*, to be aired every Tuesdays at 8:15pm on Banglavision, features the turmoil created by the wrongdoers. As a result many are victimised,

exploited and end up losing everything in life.

However, there are many who try to overcome their losses. Pijush Bandyopadhyaya, Zahiruddin Piar, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Shampa Reza, Rosy Siddiqui and others play the central roles in *Ei Shob Ondhokar*. The mega-serial is jointly directed by Shahiduzzaman Selim and Zahiruddin Piar. The first episode of the serial will be aired on April 24.

Protesters in India burn Gere effigies

Angry crowds in several Indian cities burned effigies of Richard Gere on Monday after he swept popular Bollywood actress Shilpa Shetty into his arms and kissed her several times during an AIDS-awareness event.

Photographs of the 57-year-old actor embracing Shilpa Shetty and kissing her on the cheek at an HIV/AIDS awareness event in New Delhi were splashed across Monday's front pages in India where public displays of affection are largely taboo.

In Mumbai, members of the right-wing Hindu nationalist group Shiv Sena beat burning effigies of Gere with sticks and set fire to glamorous shots of Shetty.

Similar protests broke out in other cities, including Varanasi, Hinduism's holiest city, and in the northern town of Meerut, where crowds chanted "Down with Shilpa Shetty!"

The two appeared at a press conference in New Delhi on Sunday to highlight the HIV/AIDS epidemic among India's truck drivers. In front of a cheering crowd, Gere kissed the giggling Shetty on the hand, then kissed her on both cheeks before bending her in a full embrace to kiss her



Richard Gere gets friendly with Shilpa Shetty

cheek again.

"This is a bit too much," Shetty said after the embrace.

On Monday, Shetty tried to stamp out the controversy.

"I understand this is his culture, not ours. But this was not such a big thing or so obscene for people to overreact in such manner," she told the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency.

"I understand people's senti-

ments, but I don't want a foreigner to take bad memories from here," PTI quoted her as saying.

The spokesman for Hindu nationalist party Bharatiya Janata Party condemned the kiss.

"Such a public display is not part of Indian tradition," said Prakash Javadekar, according to PTI.

Source: The Associated Press

(L-R) Sohrab Hossain and Sudhin Das are greeted by Nazrul researcher Asadul Haque

PHOTO: STAR

TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

BTV

11:15 Drama Serial
12:05 Maa O Shishur
12:30 Kotha
12:30 Swapno Shonar
01:00 Musical Programme
01:30 Shukhi Poribar
02:15 Sisimpur
02:40 Quiz Quiz
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Cricket Shekha
04:30 Shopnil Agami
05:05 Cooking Show
05:30 Hijli Tomal
06:40 Cricket Cricket
07:15 ICC World Cup 2007: Ireland Vs Sri Lanka

ATN Bangla

08:30 Kath Koilar Chhobi
09:20 ATN Commentary BOX
10:30 Talk show: Akte Onyodristi

ETV

11:05 Drama Serial: Meet the press
12:15 Cinema Cinema
01:30 Gan Shure Taruney
02:00 Notun Chhobir Gaan
03:10 Drama Serial: Bhalobashar Rang
03:45 Children's Programme: Shapla
04:20 Cooking Show
05:00 Nijike Jano
05:45 Islamic Programme
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm.

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

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

CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh

CHANNEL 1

10:00 Drama Serial: Kacha

STAR MOVIES

09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Triloymatra
11:05 Sports Time
12:30 Citycell Tarokathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar
Gaon
01:30 Shangbadpotrey
Bangladesh
02:40 Selected Drama
04:05 Crictalk Bishwa Cup
Special
04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 Mukti Juddho Protidin
06:00 Music Club
06:20 Desh Bishesha Ranna
07:50 Aloye Bhubon
Bhora
09:35 Drama Serial: Rang Mohol
10:00 Grameneephone Ajker Shangbadpotro

BANGLAVISION

08:40 Shuprobhat Bangla-desh
09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi
10:00 Cartoon
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
09:30 Olipo Sholpo Golpo
03:30 Drama Serial: Shomrajo
04:00 Raat Biratey
05:00 Rupantor Golpo
05:00 Drama: Gor
06:00 Jana Ajana
06:30 Drama Serial: Bauliana
07:00 Shurma Parer Gaan
07:30 Top News
08:15 Drama Serial: Dinar Bonantorey
08:40 Cookery Show
09:00 Drama Serial: Nokol
09:20 Drama Serial: Agun Laga Shondha
09:30 Drama Serial: Bohemian
09:40 Drama Serial: Kacha

STAR CHANNEL

11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kayamat
12:00 Paraya Dhan

STAR WORLD

09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 Prison Break
11:30 Falcon Beach
12:30 The O.C.
01:30 Koffee With Karan
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Fashion House
06:00 Less Than Perfect
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 Cheers
07:30 Friends Sr 8
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 American Idol
09:30 Heroes
10:30 Grey's Anatomy
11:30 Fashion House

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

08:30 Triumph of Life
09:30 Inside The Forbidden City
10:30 Telemall
11:15 Global Sky Shop
12:30 Naked Science
Records: Primetime (Season III)
1:30 Sports Disasters 4
2:30 House
3:30 Maximum Exposure
5:00 Amazon
6:00 The 4400
7:00 Aladdin
8:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
8:30 Karam Apna Apna
9:00 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
9:30 Englishman Who Went Up A Hill...
10:15 K-9
10:45 Red Dragon
11:00 Submerged
11:30 Thunderball
12:30 Tremors li
13:00 I Am David
14:00 Kayamat
15:00 Karam Apna Apna
16:00 Saibaba
17:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
18:00 Pritiviraj Chauhan
19:00 Boom
19:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
20:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
21:00 Supernatural
22:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
22:30 Kayamat

STAR SPORTS

08:30 Secrets of First Emperor
11:30 Shadow Stalkers

STAR PLUS

08:30 Lion Week
09:00 Yummy Mummy
09:30 Runway Moms
10:30 Baby Story
11:30 Baby Whisperer
12:30 Body Basics
01:30 Wild India Week
02:30 Detective Stories
03:30 Million 2 One
04:00 Everything You Need To Know
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06:30 Impact Stories Of Survival
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08:30 Destination India
09:30 Drama On Discovery
10:30 Extreme Engineering
11:30 Deadliest Catch

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10:00 PSI Factor
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