

Ability and inclusion

Photo exhibition at Shilpangan



Clockwise (from top-left): Being visually impaired does not seem to hamper chores, Tahia and her mother, writings and drawings by Akhi who uses her feet to do everything

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On the occasion of Helen Keller's 127th birth anniversary (June 27), Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) is holding a photography exhibition at Shilpangan, Dharmundi.

All photos by Shumon Ahmed are vignettes of differently-abled, leading lives that are not so different from ours -- thanks to programmes operated by CDD and its partner organisations.

CDD was established in 1996, as a non-governmental organisation and has been working to ensure a better life for individuals with disabilities through integrating them in mainstream development activities like education, income generation and health services.

CDD provides training to staff from partner organisations -- from management to field worker level -- on areas including rehabilitation therapies, making devices available to assist those with disabilities and generating awareness within communities and families on different types of disabilities. So far 10,000 Community Handicap and Disability Resource Persons (CHDRP), working for CDD's partner organisations all over the country, have received training and through them rehabilitation services have been provided to 80,000 differently-abled individuals. CDD is also working towards development and pro-

motion of sign-supported Bangla for the hearing impaired and information, communication, technology for the visually impaired.

According to Shumon Ahmed (the photographer), "These images are my experiences with some amazing people. I hope my endeavour will trigger dialogues among the viewers about 'abilities' rather than 'disabilities'; about 'inclusions' and not 'barriers' between us."

A series of photos feature 5-year-old Tahia, who was born with cerebral palsy (neurological disorder that causes physical disability, specifically movement and posture). In a photo Tahia is shown playing with her CHDRP Jahangir Hossain. Jahangir works for 'Bondhu Kallyani Foundation'. To Tahia, the combination of physical therapies to help develop her coordination abilities are fun and games. According to Eloara Begum, Tahia's mother, "She (Tahia) has made major improvements."

"In a few months she'll be able to walk," hopes Eloara. After noticing improvements in Tahia, neighbours have asked Eloara about the therapy and Bondhu Kallyani Foundation.

Nasima Akhter, 19, has just completed her HSC from Chittagong City College. Nasima is visually impaired and takes class lectures. A CHDRP from the organisation 'Barnaly', Beauty Sultana Khanam, helps Nasima study. A photo shows Nasima taking the stairs with help from no one. Nasima wants to be a law-

yer so that she can give back to the society.

Bimal Marandi, now 18, lost both his arms following an accident when he was 7. In 2002, he met Noumi from Community Centre for the Handicapped (CCH) in Mymensingh. Noumi helped Bimal learn to paint with feet. She and other CHDRPs from CCH also trained him to eat and go about other daily activities by himself. Bimal's artworks are marketed through CCH. Bimal has enrolled in the Zainul Abedin Art School in Mymensingh, to hone his artistic abilities. He currently works at CCH and eventually wants to start an art school for individuals with disabilities.

Bappi, 22, in charge of handicrafts unit at CCH, Mymensingh, treats his wheelchair like an extension of his body. The talented athlete came first in shot-put and wheelchair race at the 2003, '04 and '05 National Athletic Competition for Disabled Persons. "I don't feel sorry for myself. But it does bring me down when people feel sorry for me," says Bappi.

That seems to be the message. The differently-abled can excel in their fields of interest just like other members of a community. They expect proper education, healthcare, guidance, understanding and opportunity -- all of which should not be considered privileges but rights they are entitled to.

The exhibition ends on July 7.

Fourth anniversary of ntv

An array of special programmes

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Satellite TV channel, ntv turns four today. On the occasion, ntv will air several special programmes -- including TV plays,



Kiran Chandra Roy performs in *Nana Tarubar Mouliro re*

musical programmes, talk shows, films and more -- today and tomorrow. Highlights:

Nana Tarubar Mouliro re

Special musical programme *Nana tarubar mouliro re*, produced by Alfred Khokon and hosted by Lopa Mortaz will be aired at 7am today and at 10:05am tomorrow. The programme features songs rendered by Kiran Chandra Roy, Jannat-e-Ferdousi, Abu Bakar Siddique, Aditi Mohsin and Kafil Ahmed.

26 February Ebong Atoppa

Produced by Kawsar Ahmed, a special documentary programme *26 February Ebong Atoppa*, will be aired at 11:30am today. The documentary highlights the fire that engulfed ntv office on February 26 and the TV station's recovery after the disaster.

TV play "Brishti"

Based on Mohammad Zafar Iqbal's story and directed by Moshedul Islam, special TV play *Brishti*, will be aired today at 9pm.

Brishti revolves around two characters, Rukhsana (Aupi Karim) and Iqbal (Asaduzzaman Noor). Iqbal selects Rukhsana after an interview, from a pool of applicants. Rukhsana turns out to be an efficient employee. Iqbal discovers

that Rukhsana misses office on rainy days. After Rukhsana has missed office for three consecutive days, Iqbal goes over to Rukhsana's to find out if she is okay. At Rukhsana's place, Iqbal discovers the reality.

Hajar Bochhor Dhorey

Feature film *Hajar Bochhor Dhorey* will be aired tomorrow at 2:30pm. Based on Zahir Raihan's novel and directed by Suchanda the movie narrates the quintessential rural life. Riaz, Shoshi and ATM Shamsuzzaman play the lead roles in the film.

Sunday would have been Diana's 46th birthday.

Her death in a car crash in Paris in 1997 provoked an unprecedented outpouring of grief from the normally reserved British, reflecting their love of the royal dubbed the "queen of hearts" who was one of the world's most photographed women.

The princes, who danced and joined a Mexican wave during the concert, organised the event to mark the 10th anniversary of their mother's death and celebrate her charity work, which they felt had been forgotten amid negative press.

"For us this has been the most perfect way of remembering her and this is how she would want to be remembered," William, 25, said at the end of the gig, to loud applause.

The show, interspersed with video clips from charities Diana supported and footage of her as a child, was broadcast to around 140 countries with a potential audience of 500 million people.



Prince William (3rd R) and Prince Harry (2nd L) wave at the Concert

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Shongshaptak
On BTV at 9:20pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Ferdousi Majumdar, Humayun Faridee



Mihir Alir Protaybarta
On ATN Bangla at 8:45pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Zahid Hassan, Tushar Khan

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| FM radio |
| 07:00am Hello Dhaka (Apu) |
| 11:00am Amar 98.4 (Nusrat) |
| 03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib) |
| 07:00pm Seven Eleven (Sadia) |
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| NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC |
| 09:30 Naked Science |
| 10:30 Sauna Belt |
| 11:15 Global Skyshop |
| 11:30 Bomb On Board |
| 12:30 Seconds From Disaster |
| 01:30 Air Hijack |
| 04:30 Mad Labs |
| 05:00 Rattlesnake Road Trip |
| 05:30 Backyard Science |
| 06:00 Toxic Crocs |
| 06:30 Naked Science |
| 07:00 Killer Cats |
| 08:00 Friends |
| 08:30 Seinfeld |
| 09:30 Life As We Know It |
| 10:30 The O.C. |
| 11:30 Seconds From Disaster |
| ESPN |
| 09:30 Major League Baseball |
| 12:30 English Premier Football League |
| 02:30 U.S. Women's Open Golf Champions |
| 05:30 Ibf World Grand Prix - German Open |
| 06:30 2006 Expn 2day |
| 07:30 Caribbean Kings |
| 09:30 Ali Vs Jerry Quarry li |
| 10:30 Sportscenter India |
| 11:00 Sportscenter Asia |
| 11:30 Npower Test Series |
| DISCOVERY CHANNEL |
| 09:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows |
| 11:30 How Do They Do It? |
| 12:00 Million 2 One |
| HISTORY CHANNEL |
| 09:30 Inside Soviet Military |

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

BTV

08:45 *Bishwa Bichitra*
11:15 Documentary Programme

11:40 Educational Programme
12:05 *Maa O Shishir Kotha*

12:30 *Desher Gaan*
01:00 Talk Show

01:30 *Mati O Manush*
02:15 Musical Programme

02:40 Selected Programme
03:05 *Cartoon*

03:30 *Shukhi Poribar*
04:30 *Geet Bitan*

05:05 *Moner Kotha*
05:30 *Anushilon*

06:10 *Quiz Quiz*
06:40 *Laukik Bangla*

07:00 *Computer*
07:30 *Dur Dehsay Apjonjon*

08:30 *Protidin Bangladesh*
08:45 *Drama Serial: Rahu*

09:20 *Drama Serial: Shongshaptak*
11:00 *Shoyer Shondhanei*

Kirin Chandra Roy performs in Nana Tarubar Mouliro re.

Programme: *Rang Moncho Taal*
12:00 *GrameenPhone Lead News*

09:30 *Shongbad Potrey*
10:45 *Public Reaction*

09:50 *GrameenPhone Tritiyomatra*
11:05 *Cricket On Line*

12:30 *Citycell Tarokathan*
01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*

01:30 *Shangbadhpotrey*
01:45 *Public Reaction*

02:40 *Mega Serial: Prio Bash*
03:05 *i-Sports*

03:30 *Special Programme*
04:05 *Sa Re Ga Ma*

05:00 *Mukti Juddho Protidin*
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06:00 *Drama Serial: Klanto Shomoy*
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07:00 *Drama Serial: Shomeeki*
07:50 *DrRockstar-2*

08:00 *Drama Serial: Kobi*
10:30 *Talk show: Aktel*

10:00 *RC Travel on Pichhutan*
11:30 *Ei Shomoy*

12:00 *GrameenPhone Ajker Shangbadpotro*

11:35 *Pahar Dhosh*
12:15 *Cinema Cinema*

01:25 *Shodhajati*
02:30 *Nirob Koshti*

03:15 *Drama Serial: O Amar Cokhkhui Nai*
10:30 *Bibhraat*

11:30 *26 February Ebong Atoppa*
12:10 *Talk Show: Ei Shomoy*

01:05 *Srijonor Ontoray*
02:30 *Tomader Pelo*

03:45 *Hattimatim*
04:20 *ATN Music*

05:00 *Gram Gorjor Khobor*
05:20 *Ainar Shamney*

06:20 *Kotha Mala*
08:00 *Drama Serial: Moner Janala*

08:45 *Drama: Mihir Alir Protaybarta*
09:00 *Weekly Cultural*

CHANNEL-i

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