

## CULTURALFEAST

## Film Screening

Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society in association with Russian Centre for Science and Culture  
Title: Contemporary Russian Film Session  
Venue: Russian Centre for Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi

Date: July 30

Film: Shadow Boxing (2005) by Aleksei Sidorov  
Time: 4:00pm

Film: The Stroll (2003) by Aleksei Uchitel  
Time: 6:30pm

Date: July 31

Film: Transit (2006) by Aleksandr Rogozhkin  
Time: 4:00pm

Film: War (2002) by Aleksei Balabanov  
Time: 6:30pm

## Art Exhibition

Title: Colours from Hills  
Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A (new), 26 (old), Dhanmondi R/A

Date: July 19 to August 1  
Time: 3pm to 8pm

Title: Contemporary Art of Malaysia  
Organiser: Buriganga Arts & Crafts and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Segun Bagicha

Date: July 27 to 31

Time: 2-7pm

Title: Contemporary Artiste 4  
Artistes: Bipul Shah, Rashedul Huda, Saleh Mahmud, Shaheed Ahmed Mithu

Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka  
Date: July 26 to July 31

Title: Art Camp-2007  
Organiser: Shilpangan  
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, House 26, Road 3, Dhanmondi  
Date: July 27 to August 7  
Time: 12pm to 8pm

## Solo Art Exhibition

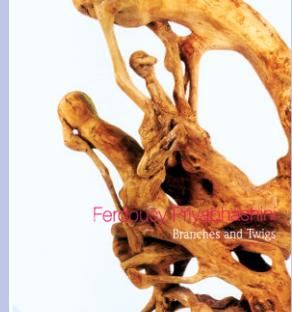
Title: The Endless Mystery  
Artist: Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury  
Venue: Saju Arts & Crafts, F/28, D.C.C. North Super Market, 2nd Circle Gulshan

Date: July 23 to August 7  
Time: 10am to 8pm

## Solo Sculpture Exhibition

Title: Branches and Twigs  
Artist: Ferdousi Priyabhushini  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House 257F, Road 27 (old), Dhanmondi

Date: July 30 to August 10  
Time: 12-8pm



## In Conversation

## Bappa Majumder on Dolchhut's new album and more

JAMIL MAHMUD

After releasing their debut album *Aah* in 1997, Dolchhut, one of the leading contemporary bands in the country, is working on their fourth album. Their previous albums are *Hridoypur* and *Akashchuri*. Bappa Majumder, vocalist of the band, talked about Dolchhut's new album as well as contemporary music, musicians and other issues in a recent interview with *The Daily Star*.

Nearly five years after releasing their last album *Akashchuri* (2002), Dolchhut is working on new compositions. Songs by the band that went on to become popular include *Chokh, Rongila, Yasmine, Joler daamey, Gari choley na, Baaji, Bioscope, Akashchuri* and many more.

Dolchhut's new album will include ten songs; four have already been recorded. According to Bappa, the band's new songs maintain the genre audience is used to. However, certain songs on contemporary issues are experimental. *Dhori machna chhui pani*, one of the new songs, is an adaptation of M. Aslam Liton's poem. Bappa is composing all the songs. The title of the album is yet to be finalised.

About the rather long gap since their last album was released, Bappa said, "Sanjib Chowdhury (another member of Dolchhut) was busy and I was occupied with my career as a singer-composer. A new album requires undivided attention."

Apart from Dolchhut's new album and his career as a solo musician, Bappa is currently working in several TV programmes. He is one of the guest judges in the popular



talent hunt on Channel-i, *DrockStars 2*. He is also working with some new talents; grooming them to carve a niche in our music arena.

Bappa featuring Sandipan - tribute to S.D. Barman and R.D.

re-arranged by Bappa.

On the album Bappa said, "I've always been an ardent fan of Sachin Dev and R.D.'s songs. It was a great experience to be able to interpret them in my own way, keeping the compositions intact."

Bappa has also worked with Anjan Dutt, popular *jibonmukhi* singer of Kolkata, in the album *Icchey Korey Ekshathey*. Bappa composed all the songs, except one, for the album. For the first time, Anjan Dutt rendered a composition by another musician. "Anjan Dutt singing my composition was one of my greatest achievements," said an elated Bappa.

About contemporary musicians and the music scene, the artiste said that our musicians are talented and each has developed a unique style. *Ornob, Habib, Fuad, Nemesis, Watson Brothers and Parthib* have all made an impact on the contemporary music scene.

On the talent hunt, *DrockStars*, Bappa said that initiatives such as this can have a positive impact on our music in many ways. "The programme is creating opportunities for budding musicians to demonstrate their potentials, which will be beneficiary for them as well as for the music industry. Besides, the show has become a platform for popular bands, exchanging views, which is also essential for our music," added Bappa.

Barman, is a recent album that was appreciated by music lovers. The album featured hugely popular songs of legendary composers S.D. Barman and R.D. Barman like *Phireyesho Anuradha, Mon-e porey Rubi Roy, Jhilmil jhilmil* and more.

## Campaign against corruption through theatre



Actors of Gana Natya Dal in the play

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**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira**

Shachetan Nagorik Committee (SNC), Satkhira district unit of Transparency International of Bangladesh (TIB), has started an innovative campaign to generate awareness among the people to combat corruption.

A six-day-long drama workshop was recently organised by SNC's Gana Natya Dal. The workshop concluded at Satkhira Pourashava Auditorium. Convenor of the workshop Advocate A.K.M. Shahidulah chaired the event.

Artists of Gana Natya Dal staged a play at the venue to create awareness among the people about the ill effects of corruption in the society. The play depicted how corruption hinders development.

Advocate Tapan Kumar Chakraborty inaugurated the workshop and Paltu Bashar presided over the event.

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## 'Ashadi Purnima' celebrated at Rajban Bihar

SHANTIMOY CHAKMA, Rangamati

'Ashadi Purnima', a Buddhist religious festival was celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervour at the Rajban Bihar in Rangamati town last Saturday.

Buddhist devotees from far-flung areas of Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari gathered at the Bihar to observe the occasion.

Members of Chakma, Marma and Tangchanga communities attended the event to pay respect to Sadhana Nanda Mohasthabir, widely known as "Bana Vante", chief monk of Rajban Bihar.

Because of his spiritual authority acquired through years of meditation at the deep forests in the Hill Tracts, local Buddhists consider him to be a living embodiment of the values of Lord Buddha.

In his speech, the Bana Vante urged devotees to be "archya" (polite, modest, honest and moral). He said that abiding by the "sheel" (philosophies of Lord Buddha) a man can lead a pious and blissful life.

Hoisting of Buddhist flag, "pancha sheela", "pinda daan", "Buddha murti daan", "sangha daan" and "pradip puja" were conducted at the function.

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Devotees pray at the Rajban Bihar

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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.

## 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 10:00am,

12:00am, 4:00pm.

News Headlines (English) at 8:05pm

## Rtv

News (Bangla) at 10:15pm, and

12:15am.

## ntv

News (Bangla) 7:30am, 12:02pm,

2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am

## ETV

News (Bangla) 1:00pm, 3:00pm,

5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

## CHANNEL-i

News (Bangla) 1:00pm, 3:00pm,

5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

## PICK OF THE DAY



**Porokh**  
On Banglavision at 8:55pm  
Single episode TV Play

Cast: Anisur Rahman Milon, Deepa Khondokar



**Kingdom of Heaven**  
On Star Movies at 8:45pm  
Genre: Action

Cast: Orlando Bloom, Liam Neeson

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