

## CULTURALFEAST

## Film Screening

**Organiser:** High Commission of India in Dhaka  
**Title:** Uttam Kumar Retrospective  
**Venue:** Indian Cultural Centre, House 25, Road 96, Gulshan-2  
**Date:** 6:00 pm  
**Date:** September 3  
**Film:** Agnishwar  
**Date:** September 4  
**Film:** Harji  
**Date:** September 6  
**Film:** Ami So O Sakha  
**Date:** September 7  
**Film:** Nidhiram Sardar  
**Date:** September 10  
**Film:** Saptapadi

## Theatre Festival

**Venue:** National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
**Organiser:** Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
**Date:** 7pm  
**Date:** September 1  
**Title:** Bou Basanti  
**Troupe:** Uddichi  
**Date:** September 2  
**Title:** Ghor Jamal  
**Troupe:** Dhaka Theatre Manch  
**Date:** September 3  
**Title:** Bhaddamok  
**Troupe:** Natyachakra  
**Date:** September 4  
**Title:** Konjush  
**Troupe:** Loko Natyadal  
**Date:** September 5  
**Title:** Chhayanat  
**Troupe:** Nagorik Natya Sampraday  
**Date:** September 6  
**Title:** Nimogon  
**Troupe:** Dhaka Theatre

## Photography Exhibition

**Title:** BALIKA  
**Artist:** Aly Zaker  
**Venue:** Art Club Bangladesh Gallery, Suite 3B, House 4, Road 104, Gulshan-2  
**Date:** August 27 to September 3  
**Time:** 11am to 8pm

## Exhibition of the works of 8 artists

**Venue:** Studio of Enam Ul Haque, House 11 (Apartment 4B), Road 4, Banani DOHS, Kakoli  
**Date:** August 19 to September 11  
**Time:** 11am to 8pm  
**Date:** August 31-September 2  
**Works:** Paintings of Rajeswari Priyaranjini  
**Date:** September 3-5  
**Works:** Photographs of MAMuhit  
**Date:** September 6-8  
**Works:** Painted Share of Sukumar Paul  
**Date:** September 9-11  
**Works:** Sculpture of Ferdousi Priyabhashini

## Concert

**Organiser:** Djouce and BAMBA  
**Venue:** Gulshan Youth Club, Gulshan 1  
**Date:** September 1  
**Time:** 11:45 am

## Exhibition

## Feminine visions

FAYZA HAQ

IFAT Ara Dewan's works were recently exhibited at the residence of Enam Ul Haque. According to Ifat, a renowned singer, she always had the inclination to draw and paint but never really got started. One day, in 1990, she got hold of her child's crayons and pad and drew. She felt excited with the results and continued. She was asked to make the record cover of her LP and this gave her a further incentive to draw. After the selection for the cover, several drawings were left over which were enough

to make an exhibition in 1992.

Ifat is fond of flowers. She believes that they signify beauty and innocence in our life. "The colours generate excitement and the shapes are endearing. The fragrance also helps one forget the disappointments and woes in life. I try to include an attractive flower vase in the composition. I took a course in UK, after my first painting exhibition, but did not do much there as the painting courses took up most of my time; singing was and always has been my first love. The English weather did not suit me either."

Most of the flowers that Ifat



Artwork by Ifat Ara Dewan and Rajeshwari Priyaranjini

brings in as her subjects are from her garden such as *aparajita* and *dolanchampa*. The lily has been put in a Jaipuri vase while the background is grey. The other paintings are in acrylic. The gypsy flowers and *agnishikha* add to the range of subjects. There are projections of her garden. Some landscapes of a rainy day have been included too.

Ifat says that she does her artwork in between her singing and so sometimes there is a gap.

The artist has had seven solo exhibits, the last being in Shilpangan.

Rajeshwari Priyaranjini had her exhibit for three days at the same premises. The young artist painted at Charopit in Jessore. She went into doing illustrations for the daily *Bhorer Kagoj* under the

guidance of Shumona Sharmeen. From these illustrations she graduated to larger scale paintings. She does mixed media work with crayon and paints. As she has dealt with women's issues as an illustrator, her works present faces of women.

"For me colour is a language," says Rajeshwari. Most of her works bear portraits of women in a semi-realistic way.

Rajeshwari, daughter of acclaimed artist Ferdousi Priyabhashini, is greatly influenced by the paintings of S.M. Sultan. She admires Murtaja Baseer's work too.

Both the artists -- Ifat and Rajeshwari -- contribute to women's achievement in fine arts.

## An evening of poetry and stories at Bengal Shilpalaya



Shamim Azad recites at Bengal Shilpalaya

## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Bengal Foundation arranged a programme featuring expatriate poet Shamim Azad's poetry and stories at the Bengal Shilpalaya in Dhammondia on August 30.

Throughout the programme, Shamim Azad recited several poems from her books *Bhalobashar Kobita*, *Sporsher Opekkhaya*, *Hey Jubak Tomar Bhabishshot*, *Om* and others. In between recitations, Azad also narrated her experiences from her own life, which have inspired her poetry.

Among the poems, Azad recited that evening was *Swim*, which she wrote when Commonwealth Institute invited her to write about women's sports. In the poem she narrates her experience at her father in law's rustic abode. Azad has also written several poems for children. At the event she also rendered *Across Seven Seas*, a poem she wrote for children.

Couple of dances accompanied songs adapted from her poems, at the programme. Ta Dhin Project, an organisation working for children, adapted the poems.

Among others, cultural personalities Aly Zaker and Qayyum Chowdhury attended the programme.

Shamim Azad spent her early days in Jamalpur. Now she lives in UK.

## Murtaja Baseer's prints become limited editions

## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Eminent artist Murtaja Baseer has formally scratched the plates of his prints yesterday at Galleri Kaya. The exhibition titled "Selected Graphics and Drawings" that ended yesterday became the last exhibition of prints by the artist.

Explaining the reason behind scratching the plates, the artist said, "Earlier I declared that I had made 10 editions of each of my prints. Many of these prints have been sold, so now I'm discontinuing the editions." Baseer added that "It's a question of ethics. Say for example, only one edition of my *Image 20* print is available. There should not be any new edition of the print." "However," the artist said, "This practice is not maintained in Bangladesh."

Would anyone be able to collect these prints in the future? "After my death if my family members wish to make further editions of the



Murtaja Baseer scratches his plates

scratched prints they can. I've found scratched prints of legendary Dutch artist Rembrandt

Harmenszoon van Rijn. And these types of prints do have antique value," said Baseer.

## Theatre festival in aid of flood victims "Meraj Fakirer Maa" staged

## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

On the second day of the ongoing theatre festival organised jointly by Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, *Meraj Fakirer Maa*, a Theatre production, was staged yesterday at the National Theatre Stage. The festival has been arranged in aid of the flood victims.

*Meraj Fakirer Maa*, written and directed by Abdullah Al Mamun, is a satire on the tendency of the fanatics, who twist the religious doctrines for their own benefit. The play also highlights a debate between fundamentalism and progressiveness. *Meraj Fakirer Maa* raises questions like 'should one's religious beliefs compel one to disown his/her mother'.



A scene from Meraj Fakirer Maa

## Bollywood goes to China

## PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Bollywood in *Dragon-land?* A Hindi movie *Made in China* featuring Bollywood action hero Akshay Kumar and heroine Deepika Padukone is to be entirely shot in China.

*Made in China*, an action film to be directed by Nikhil Advani (of *Kal Ho Na Ho* and *Salam-e-Ishque*

fame), is a story of a Mumbai cook Sidhu (played by Akshay Kumar) who is mistaken as a kung-fu master. The shooting of the film is scheduled to start in January next year.

Hollywood studio Warner Bros. with its extensive network worldwide has agreed to distribute *Made in China* across the globe.

Deepika Padukone is making

her debut opposite Bollywood superstar Shahrukh Khan in Farah Khan's upcoming film, *Om Shanti Om*.

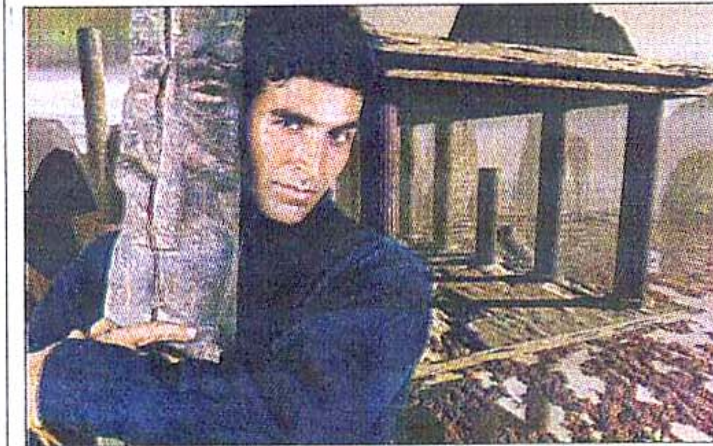
The film is produced by Ramesh Sippy whose directing hits include all-time Bollywood blockbuster *Sholay*.

Warner Bros. is impressed by the script of *Made in China* written by Shridhar Raghavan who has written scripts for films including *Apaharan*, directed by Prakash Jha, and *Bluffmaster*.

Bollywood trade analysts say that by agreeing to distribute *Made in China* Warner Bros. is tapping the growing market worldwide, especially of Indian diaspora, for Bollywood movies.

The film will mark the return of Akshay Kumar to action film after a break of six years.

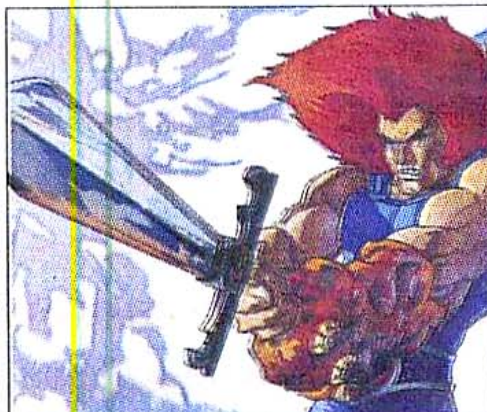
Ramesh Sippy is pretty upbeat about his forthcoming project, as he believes the film will combine the "masala" of Bollywood movies and the action of Chinese martial arts; a combo he feels could ensure the commercial success of the film.



Akshay Kumar to play the lead role in Made in China

## ON AIR

## PICK OF THE DAY



## Thundercats

On Rtv at 6:35pm  
 Animation series for Children



## Ugly Betty

On Star World at 9:30pm  
 TV Series  
 Cast: America Ferrera, Eric Mabius

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 6:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:30 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) at 8:20am, 7:00pm  
 Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 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

## BTV

08:45 *Esha Gaan Shikhi*  
 11:15 *Documentary*  
 11:40 *Shukhi Poribar*  
 12:30 *Ma O Shishur Kotha*  
 01:00 *Quiz Show*  
 01:30 *Mati O Marush*  
 02:15 *Sisimpur*  
 02:40 *Bangla Feature Film*  
 05:25 *Nobi Anondey Jago*  
 07:05 *Amador*  
 07:30 *Muktijuddho*  
 07:30 *Baul Mon*  
 08:35 *Atar Bangladesh*  
 09:00 *Drama: Bela Obalar Kabyo*  
 10:30 *Amador Kotha*  
 11:00 *Adi O Okiriyim*

## ATN BANGLA

10:30 *Talk show: Aktel Onhodishhi*  
 11:05 *Shah Din*  
 12:15 *Bangla Feature Film*  
 03:45 *Talk Show*  
 04:20 *Shesh Okhor*  
 05:00 *Gram Gonjer Khobor*  
 05:10 *Char Deyaler Kabyo*  
 06:20 *Gondhoraj Samsung Cine Aha*

## Rtv

08:00 *Mega Serial: The New Sobhy Opera*  
 08:40 *Mega Serial: Lal Neel Beguni*  
 09:20 *Mega Serial: Ek Jonomey*  
 11:30 *Drama Serial:*

## Dol's House

Graneeophone  
 Lead News

## Channel i

09:30 *Special Programme*  
 11:05 *Special*  
 Programme  
 12:30 *Citycell Taroka Kathan*  
 01:05 *Tax Helpline*  
 01:15 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
 01:30 *Special Programme*  
 02:40 *Special Programme*  
 04:05 *Educational Programme*  
 04:50 *Shyter Shondhaney Gaan*  
 05:30 *Muktijuddho Probidin*  
 06:00 *Shoppil Agami*  
 06:20 *Quiz Programme*  
 07:50 *Mega Serial: Bhuber Haat*  
 09:35 *Hridoye Mati O Mahush*  
 10:00 *Drama Serial: Man Chhutey Jay*  
 11:30 *Drama Serial: Astley Astley*

## Rtv

09:05 *Wrestling*  
 09:30 *Children's Programme*  
 10:00 *Just Band*  
 10:30 *Documentary*  
 11:00 *Apon Shimerney*  
 11:30 *Musical Programme*

## BTV

12:00 *Gop Shop*  
 01:30 *El Din*  
 02:30 *Bangla Feature Film*  
 06:00 *Apon Shimerney*  
 06:35 *Cartoon: Thundercats*  
 08:00 *Drama*  
 09:20 *Japito Jhon*  
 11:00 *Look at Me*

## ETV

08:00 *Ekusher Shokal*  
 08:30 *Desh Jurey*  
 01:30 *Drishhi*  
 02:00 *Bangla Feature Film*  
 05:30 *El Shopleher Bishwa*

## BTV

05:45 *Ekusher Shondha*  
 07:30 *Shoptah Ghurey*  
 08:30 *Drama Serial: Biralor Oporah*  
 09:30 *Drama: Onubhob*  
 10:30 *Sholabdir Aja*  
 11:45 *Reporters File*

## BANGLAVISION

11:40 *Media Bhaban*  
 01:00 *X-Crime*  
 02:30 *Bhokab*  
 02:40 *Drama Serial: Kachhey Durey*  
 03:15 *Banglavision Cafe*  
 05:00 *Ebong*

## BTV

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## STAR PLUS

09:30 *Saans*  
 10:30 *V Trailers - Star Plus*  
 10:30 *Ducktales*  
 11:00 *Timon And Pumbaa*  
 11:30 *Sonpari*  
 12:00 *Kanshma Ka Kanshma*  
 12:25 *Bolly V - Star Plus*  
 12:30 *V Trailers - Star Plus*  
 12:55 *Bolly V - Star Plus*  
 01:00 *Shaka Laka*

## STAR MOVIES

09:45 *Crazy/Beautiful*  
 11:30 *Mr. And Mrs. Smith*  
 01:30 *Roll-Bounce!*  
 03:30 *Hard Target*  
 05:20 *The Mator*  
 07:00 *Gravedancers*

## BTV

01:55 *Bolly V - Star Plus*  
 02:00 *V Trailers - Star Plus*  
 02:25 *Bolly V - Star Plus*  
 02:30 *Kasauti Zindagi Kay*  
 03:00 *Kasturi*  
 05:00 *V Trailers - Star Plus*  
 05:25 *Bolly V - Star Plus*  
 05:30 *Zameen*  
 06:30 *Lucky*  
 09:30 *Prithvira Chauhan*  
 10:00 *Baa Bahoo Aur Baby*  
 10:30 *Star Voice Of India*  
 12:00 *Kasturi*  
 12:30 *Bolly V - Star Plus*

## STAR WORLD

09:30 *Ncis*  
 10:30 *The Bold And The Beautiful*  
 12:30 *The Simpsons*  
 01:30 *Travel Asia*  
 01:40 *That '70s Show*  
 02:00 *According To Jim*  
 02:30 *The Jane Show*  
 03:00 *Cris Angel Mindbreak*  
 03:30 *Malcolm In The Middle*  
 04:00 *My Name Is Earl*  
 04:30 *Yes Dear*  
 05:00 *Monk*  
 06:00 *30 Rock*  
 06:30 *Ghost Whisperer*  
 07:30 *Tna Xplosion*  
 08:30 *Barbara Walters*  
 09:30 *Ugly Betty*  
 10:30 *Day Break*  
 11:30 *Ghost Whisperer*  
 12:30 *Prison Break*

## DISCOVERY CHANNEL

09:30 *Discovery Spotlight*  
 11:30 *Mythbusters*  
 12:30 *Extreme Engineering*  
 01:30 *Predator on the Move*  
 02:30 *Discovery's Biggest Shows*  
 04:30 *Wild South America*  
 05:30 *Mythbusters*  
 06:30 *Deadliest Catch*  
 07:30 *Wild South America*  
 08:30 *Discover India*  
 09:30 *Zoom In Asia*  
 10:30 *How do They Do It?*  
 11:00 *Million 2 One*  
 11:30 *Equator*

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

09:30 *Oceans in Glass*  
 10:30 *The Man Who Became King*  
 12:30 *Escape Tech*  
 01:30 *Race Car Drivers*  
 02:30 *Ana, Bill, Banjo*  
 03:00 *Black Bears*  
 03:30 *Surviving Nature's Fury*  
 04:30 *I Didn't Know That*  
 05:00 *Ghost Whisperer*  
 05:30 *Big Bang*  
 06:00 *Blue Whales*  
 06:30 *Tornado Outbreak*  
 07:30 *A Life Among Whales*  
 08:30 *Mumbai*  
 09:30 *Delhi in Flames*

## Radio Foorti

07:00am Hello Dhaka (Apu)  
 11:00am Anar 98.4 (Nusrat)  
 03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib)  
 07:00pm Fud Live (Fuad)  
 11:30am Back to Back music

## THE HISTORY CHANNEL

09:30 *Declassified*  
 10:30 *Inside The Arena*  
 11:00 *Munich Airport*  
 11:30 *Baggage*  
 11:30 *Yes Prime Minister S1*  
 12:00 *Thai Silk King Disappears*  
 12:30 *Really: Ace of Spies*  
 01:30 *Lost Evidence*  
 02:30 *Nefertiti*  
 03:30 *Full Throttle*  
 04:30 *Voices of Freedom*  
 05:30 *Edgar Allen Poe*  
 06:30 *Double F*  
 08:30 *Hiliter: The Rise of Evil*  
 10:30 *Biography*  
 11:30 *J.P. Morgan*  
 12:30 *Double F*