# CULTURE

#### CULTURALFEAST

#### **Ekushey Book Fair**

Venue: Bangla Academy Date: February 1-29 Time: 4pm. 11:00am onwards on weekly holidays

#### **National Street Theatre** Festival '08

Organiser: Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation Venue: Central Shaheed Minar premises Time: From 4 pm everyday

## International Art

Date: February 1-7

Exhibition Organiser: Asiatic Society of Bangladesh Venue: Auditorium, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, 5 Old Secretariat Road, Nimtali, Ramna Date: February 9-24 Time: 2pm-8pm

#### Discussion on Film

Title: Film Production Possibilities with Germany Organiser: Bangladesh Documentary Council and Goethe-Institut Bangladesh

Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi Date: February 8 Time: 4:30 pm

#### **Documentary Screening**

Seven Documentaries produced by

AV Centre Title: Voices of Adolescents Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium Central Public Library, Shahbag Date: February 4-6 Time: 4 pm everyday

#### Photography Exhibition

Marking 65th anniversary of Battle of Stalingrad

Organiser: Russian Centre for Science and Culture Venue: Russian Centre for Science and Culture, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi Date: February 6-14 Time: 10 am-7 pm (except Friday &

Title: Studying Life Venue: Drik Gallery Date: February 1-15 Time: everyday 3-8 pm

Saturday)

Title: Through The Viewfinder Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, DU Date: February 1-7

### Exhibition

Time:

Title: EVILIZATION Artist: Ra Kajol Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University Date: February 1-15 Time: daily 12 noon- 8 pm

### Sculpture Exhibition

Title: Long Distance Information Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, House 275/F, Road 27 (old), Dhanmondi Date: January 28 - February 13 Time: 12pm-8pm

# Amar Ekushey Granthamela '08

Discussion on cinema at the fair premises

ERSHAD KAMOL

S part of the daily discussion at the month-L long Amar Ekushey Granthamela 2008, filmmaker Manzar-e Hasin Murad presented a paper titled Achievements in art and literature over three decades: Film (1972-2007) on February 4.

Though film industry developed in Bangladesh in the early '60s, according to Murad's paper we have made little achievement in cinema over the last three decades. According to Murad, few films like Stop Genocide, Arunodayer Agnishakkhi, Dhire Bohey Meghna, Megher Anek Rang, Shurjo Dighol Bari, Alor Michhil, Dumurer Phul, Emiler Goenda Bahini, Chitra Nadir Pare and others can be considered quality mainstream movies made in a period of over three decades. He further added that in the alternative cinema circuit, independent filmmakers in the country freedom. have also made a few notable films like Chaka and Matir Moina.

been significant development in the Bangladeshi film industry, Murad blamed the ongoing sociopolitical turmoil, incompetent filmmakers, over-commercialisation and distortion of history as the key factors.

the last three decades', he discussed films that highlight the so far." Liberation War and the spirit of

Photographs by Khasru Chowdhury

The unique splendour of the

Sunderbans, the largest single

block of tidal halophytic man-

grove forest in the world that is

recognised as a UNESCO world

heritage site, has been presented

beautifully at the ongoing photo

exhibition at the National Art

Gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala

Academy (BSA). Not only the

Sunderbans, but also its

biodiversity and natural resources

**CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT** 



Manzar-e Hasin Murad speaks at the programme

Aparajeo Sunderban

Deputy Director of Bangla Acad-Going over why there has not emy Mahbub Azad and Head of Programme of BTV Faridur Rahman discussed on Murad's paper. The discussion was presided over by eminent filmmaker Soovas Dutta.

Mahbub Azad said, "We don't have a shortage of remarkable Though the title of Murad's stories for making interesting paper mentions 'achievements in films, but not many films of a certain standard have been made

Faridur Rahman addressed the

exhibition titled Aparajeo

Sunderban by Khasru Chawdhury.

Chowdhury has been travelling in

the areas of Sunderbans for the

last 34 years. One hundred and ten

photographs taken in the last six

years by the photo-artiste are on

inaugurated the exhibition. Dep-

Khasru Chowdhury's solo photography exhibition

technical aspects of filmmaking. incomplete. Which is why art forms Filmmaker Badal Rahman, He said, "These days filmmakers in Bangladesh are struggling," he are making many films, which said. "I'm optimistic about the don't follow the 'language of future of our film industry. To cinema'. These types of films achieve a certain standard in our should be labelled as 'drama on film industry, the government celluloid'.

> distorting our language in the name of experimentation by some popular young filmmakers.

Badal Rahman blamed the political turmoil as the major bar towards development of the film industry in Bangladesh. "Discussion on culture without politics is

should provide a guideline involv-

PHOTO: STAR

He also criticised the trend of ingthefilmmakers," he added. Soovas Dutta in his speech urged the political leaders not to manipulate the film industry. He said, "I believe that the filmmakers should be allowed to express their opinions and ideas."

> The discussion was followed by a cultural programme.

## Voices of Adolescents Documentary screening at the Public Library

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The three-day documentary screening, titled Voices of Adolescents, started at the Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library on February 4. A total of seven documentaries are being screened at the programme. Each film is 30-40 minutes in duration, and all of them are produced by the Audio Visual (AV) Centre of the NGO, Steps Towards Development. The programme also includes discussion on adolescence everyday prior to the documentary

screening. At the inaugural programme, human rights activist Advocate day (February 4) were I Had Some-Sultana Kamal was present as the chief guest. She also chaired the first day's discussion. Britt F. Hagstrom, the Swedish Ambassador and Rokeya Sultana, Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs attended the event as spe-

of the documentaries. Ranjan and social activist-columnist Karmaker, Executive Director of Steps Towards Development and Mainul Huda, Director of the AV

Centre spoke at the programme. The discussion included speeches by M. Habibur Rahman, Dr. Mehrab Khanom, Britt F. Hagstrom, Rokeya Sultana and Sultana Kamal, along with two school students -- Habibur Rahman and Nusrat Rafsani, from the Birsreshta Abdur Rouf School and the Birsreshta Matiur Rahman School respectively.

Students are expected to partici-

pate at the coming discussions. The films screened on the first thing to Say and Intimate Talks. Generation Gap and A Tale of Transformation were screened yesterday. Barren Dreams, A Tale of Faraway Hills and Heaven Searcher will be screened today.

Bazlur Rahman, editor of the



(R-L) Ranjan Karmaker, Britt F. Hagstrom, Sultana Kamal, Rokeya Sultana Mehrab Khanum, M. Habibur Rahman and Mainul Huda at the DVD launch

cial guests. M. Habibur Rahman, Daily Sangbad, chaired the second Director of Education, Save the Children UK and Dr Mehrab Khanum, Professor of Psychology, Dhaka University, were the discussants at first day's programme.

The event opened with Sultana Kamal formally unveiling the DVDs

day's (yesterday) discussion with theatre and television personality Sara Zaker as the discussant. Writer Selina Hossain will chair the last day's (today) discussion with Gawher Nayeema Wahra, Head of Programme, Save the Children UK,

Sanjeeb Drong as discussants, according to sources.

Adolescence is a time when boys start to explore the world and become men while girls become women but for them the external world begins to shrink. Before girls can start to understand their physical changes they are often forced to become embarrassed about it. I Had Something to Say by Fauzia Khan brings to light the lives of a few such girls.

Intimate Talks by Harned Kibria explores the lives and dreams of three adolescent musicians of Dhaka. Rafi studied folk music at Chhayanat and performs at national and international programmes, while Iftekhar and Moin are influenced by western music and are members of a band called ABHROK.

Generation Gap by Moinul Huda attempts to show the differences in opinion and understanding among three boys and girls and their predecessors.

A Tale of Transformation by Tasmiah Afrin Mou portrays adolescence in the rural society and how the young men and women are affected by globalisation.

Barren Dreams by Anwar Chowdhury is about the struggles of the adolescents living in the Patilbari-Dighalkandi -- chars of Jamuna -- who are often deprived g of basic rights and modern facilities.

A Tale of Faraway Hills by Khaleda Akhtar Rosy portrays the lives, trials and tribulations of the Tripura adolescents. The Tripura is an indigenous community in Bangladesh, living amidst nature.

Heaven Searcher by Mushfequa Alam Camellia is about Shyamoli, an adolescent girl in purdah (in veil) and others who are busy preparing for the after-life.

The screening session starts at 5.30 pm and is open to all. The programme ends today.

# Dinajpur pays tribute to Selim Al Deen

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

Cultural organisations, teachers, political and student groups of Dinajpur recently recalled the contribution of Salim Al Deen to our theatre.

Dinajpur Nattya Samity organised the memorial programme at Dinajpur Nattya Samity Auditorium. The programme was presided over by Md. Azizul Imam Chowdhury, vice president of the organisation.

At the meeting, the speakers said that the contribution of Professor Salim Al Deen is remarkable as till death, he engaged himself with challenging creative tasks.

The speakers also noted that the much-deserved Ekushey Padak was awarded rather late to Al Deen for his contribution. It was the state's privilege to honour the icon.

Al Deen played a key role in shaping our contemporary thea- & tre. Almost single-handedly he revived the pre-colonial tradition of theatre, enriched its repertoire by using time-tested modes of presentation, blending modern

sensibilities with indigenous Assistant Professor, Department styles of narration.

Anwarul Islam Tanu, General Secretary of Dinajpur Nattya Samity; Professor Mahmud Didar, Head of the Bangla Department, Dinajpur Government College; Dr Masudul Haque,

of Philosophy, Dinajpur Govern-The speakers included Mirza ment College and Md. Habibul Islam Babul, Principal, Dinajpur Collegiate Girls School and College. The programme was moderated by Md. Sultan Kamal Bachhu, Assistant General Secretary of Dinajpur Nattya Samity.



Professor Mahmud Didar delivers a speech at the programme

#### 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, 12:15 am. 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 a.m, 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 7:30am. 1:30pm. 5:00pm. 7:15pm. 10:30pm. News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am. 12:00am. 4:00pm.

#### News (English) at 6:00pm News (Bangla) at 10:15pm. and 12:15am

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ETV News (Bangla): 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

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Arnar Alo 09:05 Drama Serial: Tumi Kemon Achho 09:30 Paribarton 10:30 Prothom Onlora Talk Show: Date Line

#### Dhaka ATN BANGLA

08:15 Ajker Shangbadpotro 08:30 Ashey Pasher Manush 09:15 Drama Serial: Shopnomangol 11:05 Drama 12:15 IT Zone

01:30 Band View House Drama Senal: Rupah Manush

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have been highlighted at the uty Editor of Prathom Alo, Sajjad

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#### News CHANNEL i

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Shangbadpotro ntv 08:30 Ajker Shokaal 03:55 Drama Serial: To-Let 09:30 Nrityo Lohori 10:05 Gallery 10:30 Music Jam

Japan Video Topic

02:30 Drama Serial: To-Let

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Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan Drama Serial: Neer Talk Show: El Shomoy 11:30 Gaanchil El Din 09:05 Priomukh 11:30 Golpo Kathar Natok Talk Show: El Shomoy Kathay Kathay

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speech. Photo-artiste Khasru Chowdhury in his speech pointed out the backgrounds of these images. Director General of BSA, Quamrul Hasan, chaired the opening ceremony. Khasru Chowdhury, a tiger

expert, has worked with renowned The 10-day photography exhi-TV channels such as Discovery, bition, jointly organised by Animal Planet, National Geo-Prothom Alo and BSA, began on graphic, NHK and BBC. January 28. C.S. Karim, adviser to Along with the main attractions spectacular fauna and flora of the the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Water Resources,

of the Sunderbans -- the Royal Bengal tiger and the spotted deer, photographs of several mammals,

Sharif, delivered the welcome reptiles, birds and other rare species in midst of the mangrove forest are also on display.

Moreover, locals like the bawalis, honey collectors and others whose life and culture are interrelated with the mangrove forest, are also seen in the photos. The exhibition also features the darker side of the Sunderbans like the poachers killing tiger and trapping the deer.

Some photographs feature the regeneration of the Sunderbans after the Cyclone Sidr recently devastated the mangrove forest.



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Musical Programme.

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03:15 Drama Serial: Teen

Purush

Drama Serial: Neer

Puppet Show

Apnar Jigyasha

Shubho Shondha

Cookery Show:

Drama Serial:

Anon

Bajo Ebong Bajao



Bean On Star Movies at 5:30 pm Genre: Comedy Cast: Rowan Atkinson, Peter MacNicol

Drama Serial: 12:00 Rtv Exclusive 12:15 Cookery Show: R CHANNEL 1 08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh Musical Programme 10:30 Bangla Feature Film Shurey Shurey Path 02:00 Rang Berong 03:30 Drama Senal: Daanguli 01:00 Gaanchil Ei Din 04:00 Drama Serial: Gujob Dhallywood Beats 04:30 Bangla Feature Film 05:15 Shamprolik 06:45 Ami Ki Bhulitey Pari Kachher Janala Dur-08:15 Selected Programme 09:00 Drama Serial: Gujob Drama Serial:

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Selected Programme 09:30 Show Case 11:00 One Sports BANGLAVISION

08:30 Children's Programme

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02:30 02:40 Drama Senal: Silvia 03:05 Top Story 04:20 Banijyomela Protidin 06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshe) Nana Rang-er Dinguli 06:50 08:25 Drama Serial: Mohanogor 09:05 Media Bhubon 09:45 Drama Serial: Shunyo

12:00 Shongbad Protidin 09:30 Telemali

Kamchatka What Would Happen If I Didn't Know That 12:30 Pyramids Miracle Cures 01:30 Monster Crocs Inside The Forbidden

City 04:30 London 05:00 Flying Snakes Big Bang 05:30 Disney Florida Lufthansa Nat Geo Genius Anchorage/ Hobert Closest Encounters Make Me A Genius

Inside Iraq's Kill Zone

Airplane To Air Force Make Me A Genius 12:30 Inside Iraq's Kill Zone STAR MOVIES 09:00 Stay 10:45 Trapped

12:30 Woods, The 02:00 Program, The 03:50 Just Friends 05:30 Bean 07:00 Next 08:45 16 Blocks 10:30 Die Hard With A

Vengeance 12:45 Goal! STAR PLUS 09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan

09:55 Bolly V 10:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kir The New Adventures Of Winnie Pooh 11:00 The Replacements 11:30 Saarrthi 12:00 Santaan

Bidaai

Bandhan

12:30

08:30 American Idol 01:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay 09:30 Ghost Hunters 01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa 10:30 Bones

02:00 Bhabhi 02:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa 03:00 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat 03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 04:00 Kayamath 04:30 Sangam Santaan 05:00 05:30 Kasturi Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat 06:30 Bidaai Prithviraj Chauhan Sangam 08:00 Santaan

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08:30 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat

09:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay

STAR WORLD 09:30 Heroes 10:30 Who Wants To Be A Superhero 11:30 8 Simple Rules 12:00 The Simpsons

12:30 Seinfeld 01:00 Friends 01:30 Desire: Table For Three The Ellen Degeneres Show 03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 04:00 General Hospital

05:00 Enterprise 06:00 Malcolm In The Middle 06:30 The Simpsons 07:00 My Wife And Kids 07:30 Friends 08:00 Semfeld

11:30 Most Shocking

HISTORY CHANNEL 09:30 Sauna Belt 10:30 Morgan 11:30 Swama Heera 12:30 Hitter: The Rise Of Evil

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM

07:00am Hello Dhaka

03:00pm Dhaka Calling

07:00pm Seven Eleven

07:15am Good Morning

07:45 am Today's Happy

12:00pm Today's Adda

Radio Today 89.6 FM

12:00am Back to Back music

Dhaka (Biplob)

Moments

(Nudrat)

08:45am Shokaler Khabor

01:45pm Dupurer Khabor

Tania)

06:45pm Shondher Khabor

(Sayem)

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08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok

09:45pm Raater Khabor

11:45pm Moddho Raater

12:00am Today's Happy

12:30 Seinfeld

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Moments

11:00am Amar 88

01:30 Sword 02:30 Chocolate 03:30 Mata Hari 04:30 Secrets Of The Sun 05:30 Full Throttle 06:30 Hitler The Rise Of Evil 07:30 Eyewitness in iraq 08:30 Deadly Reckoning 09:30 Mission

10:30 The Universe 11:30 Machines Of The East 12:30 Arkan: Baby-Faced Psycho