

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Painting Exhibition

of Leading Artists of Bangladesh
Venue: Gallery Chitrag, H 21, R 4, Dhanmondi
Date: May 16-20



Theatre

Play: Rokto Karobi
Troupe: Nagarik Natya Sampradaya
Venue: Mahila Samiti Auditorium, Natak Swarani
Date: May 20
Time: 7pm



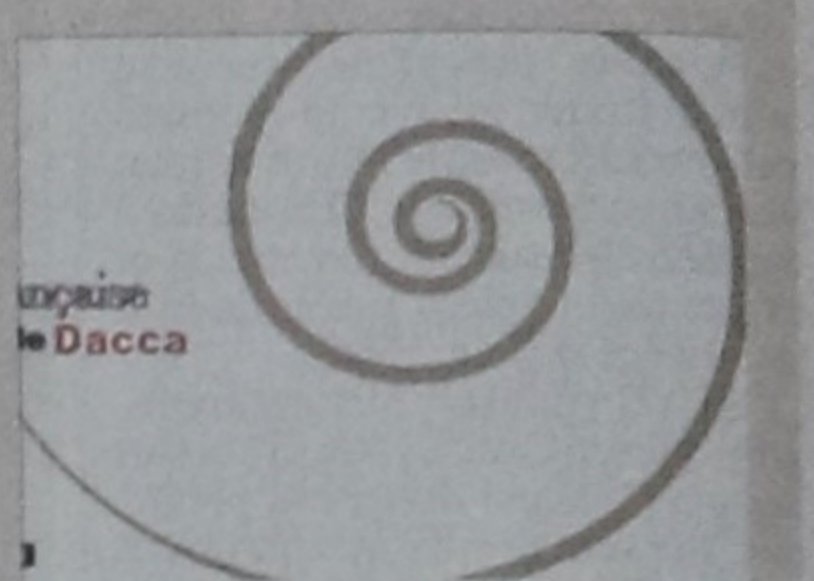
Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: The Dance of Life on the Horizon
Artist: Mahmudul Haque
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 285F, R 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: May 16-30
Time: 12pm-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: Rhythm & Nature
Artist: Zahir Hossain
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: May 9-22



Dying tradition

Bagdis in Shahzadpur fall on hard days



A palanquin awaits a weary traveller

GOLAM MOSTAFA JIBON, back from Shahzadpur

Rabindra Jayanti was held with much festivity at the Shahzadpur Kacharibari in Sirajganj recently. It is opportune to consider the subsequent generations of Tagore's 250 palanquin bearers (commonly known as "Bagdi") from the Bagdipara village in Shahzadpur who now live amidst penury and hardship.

Many palanquin bearers today

have changed their ancestral profession, as the use of palanquin is now virtually non-existent. Today they cannot afford to buy palanquins and have been compelled to ply rickshaws or work as day labourers. Talking to *The Daily Star*, Shreepada and Shree Tapon Chandra, from the Bagdi community, said that very few of the Bagdis follow the trade of their family. Most of the Bagdis do not send their children to school, preferring

to send them out for work.

Going down to days of yore, the Bagdi families have been living in the locale, since the time Tagore came to Shahzadpur to supervise his estate in 1890. The poet moved about in a palanquin in the dry season, and used a *bajra* (boat) during the monsoons.

Tagore brought along nine palanquin bearers to the area -- among them Shashee Bagdi, Kedar Bagdi, Rabin Bagdi and Paral Bagdi along with their families from Burdwan

district of West Bengal. Tagore also allotted three bigha and 13 decimals of land as for them.

The nine families have now grown to 35. While their family size has increased, they have lost large chunks of their land to the local "heavyweights".

According to sources, the influential land grabbers occupied around three bigha of the Bagdis' land and set up buildings on the land. Now the 35 families, with about 250 people, live cramped on a

tiny piece of land. Adding to their misery are their appalling living conditions -- marked by an absence of sufficient sanitary latrines and tube wells for drinking water. They are forced share one latrine, a tube well and a Tara pump.

M.A. Kamal Billah, UNO of Shahzadpur, seemed ignorant about the incident of land grabbing in the area. However, he asserted that he is in touch with the Bagdi families and has initiated measures for their livelihoods.



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Generations of Bagdi families live in appalling conditions in Shahzadpur

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THE LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION IS 30th JUNE 2008.

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The film contest is a short documentary and fiction film competition based on the theme "Knowing Bangladesh Better". Contestants have been invited to make films on the aspects of our country, culture and heritage. The theme is quite broad; and filmmakers are allowed to choose to depict any aspect of Bangladesh. We encourage a focus on rural Bangladesh and not just on urban centres.

The length of the films should not be less than 20 minutes, and we recommend not more than 45 minutes. The submissions must be in DVD format for preview purposes. Only winners will be asked to provide master copies of their awarded films in DVCAM master format. Submissions must be original and unscreened work of the filmmakers.

The awards are: Best Documentary, Best Short Fiction, Special Jury Award Documentary, and Special Jury Award Short Fiction. Cash awards in the amount of Tk. 100,000 each will be given to the two Best films, and Tk. 50,000 each to the two Special Award films.

The winning films will be broadcasted on Channel I. The winning films will also be screened in a touring festival program at the district level throughout Bangladesh.



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

On Air

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, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm. News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.

CHANNEL 1
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:00 pm, 12:30 am.

BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 7:30 am, 1:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:15 pm, 10:30 pm.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm.

Rtv
News (Bangla) at 6:00 pm, 12:15 am.

ntv
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 12:02 pm, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 1:00 am.

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

BTV

08:20 Shuprobhaat
08:45 Pakkhi Barta
09:05 Talk Show
09:30 Smritimoy Geetimoy
10:05 Open University
10:30 Debate
11:30 Drama Serial: Kon Gram-er Meye
12:00 Maa O Shishur Katha
01:00 Anushilan
01:30 Mali O Manush
02:15 Shoty Onneyshoney
02:40 Band Show
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Shukhi Poribar
04:05 Mon-er Katha
04:30 Geet Bitaan
05:05 Swastha Katha
06:15 Quiz Quiz
07:00 Lok Lokalay
08:35 Drama Serial: Dor Kanta
09:15 Drama Serial: Kon Gram-er Meye
10:30 Special Programme

ATN BANGLA
08:15 Aker Shangbadpotro
08:30 Drama Serial: Chorkuthuri
09:15 Drama Serial: Showa Paanch Arai Lane
10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti
11:05 Three Slooges
11:35 Drama Serial: Khatta Mitha
12:15 Documentary Programme: Shongila

CHANNEL-i
01:25 Musical Programme: ATN Music
02:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
03:15 Mega Serial: O Amar Chokkhhu Nai
03:45 Children's Programme: Openiti Bioscope
04:20 Chalachitra Golpo
05:10 Family Game Show: Ononyo
05:40 Oibram Bangladesh
06:20 Talk Show: Katha Mala
08:00 Drama Serial: Mouchakey Dil
08:45 Drama: Holhati Dekha
11:30 Rang Mancha Tall

ETV
08:00 Aker Potrika
08:30 Ekush-er Shokaal
09:15 Drama Serial: Dur-er Manush
10:30 Ekush-er Business
12:00 Ekush-er Dupur
12:30 Ekush-er Business: Special Focus
01:30 Ekush-er Business: Shophol Jara
02:30 Drama Serial: Dur-er Manush
03:30 Katha ar Gaan-ey
04:00 Musical Programme: Spondon
05:45 Ekush-er Shondhya
06:15 Quiz Show: SMS Mania
06:30 Chhonhey Shure Desh Jurey
07:45 Surait Haal
08:15 Drama Serial: Akey Shunya 10
09:30 Drama Serial: Tomtom
10:00 Drama: Oparthib
11:40 Ei Shopalaher Bishwa
12:15 Ekush-er Raal

RTV
08:40 Sangeet Angan
09:00 RTV Exclusive
09:05 Prolidin
09:35 Heart Beat
10:03 Drama Serial: Poroshpor
11:00 Kingfisher Taroka Alap
11:30 Drama Serial: Aguntak
12:15 Look at Me
12:35 Documentary Programme: Apon Shimany
01:03 Gaanchill Ei Din
01:30 Dhalwood Beats

CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shangbadpotro Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
11:05 Cricket On Line
11:30 Amar Chhobi
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Tarokakathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
02:35 Ekatturer Dinguli
03:05 i-Sports
04:05 Educational Programme: BSB Cambrian Medha Bikash
04:40 Musical Programme: Saangeetmala
05:30 Mukhtijudho Prolidin
06:00 TV Series: Tarzan
06:20 Business Show
06:30 Talk Show: Shikhar Chalcitro
07:50 Channel i Shera Kontho '08
09:35 Drama Serial: Neel Tepantorey
10:00 Drama Serial: Zero Point
11:30 Astey Astey Astey
12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shangbadpotro

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Bangla Feature Film

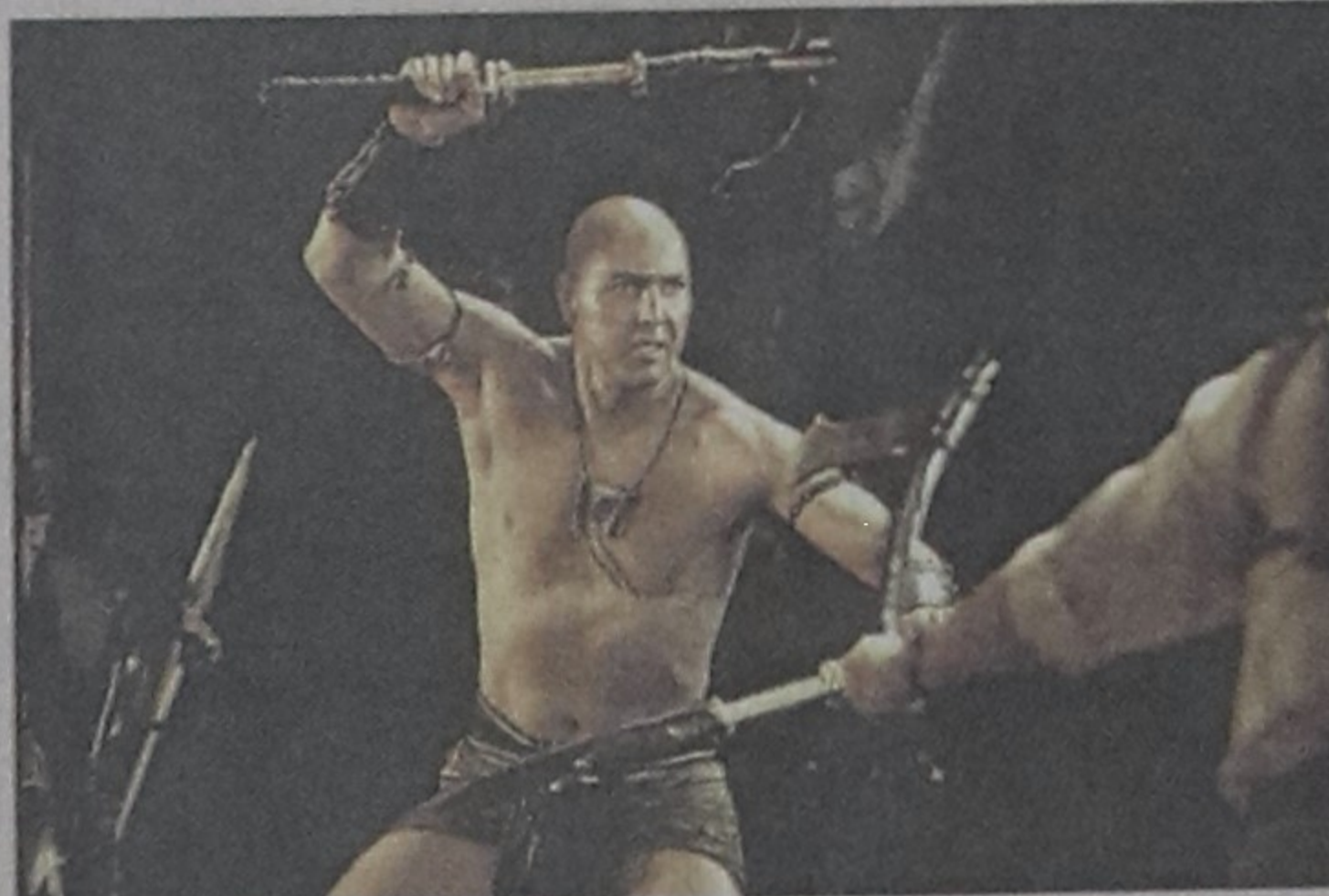
06:00 Prolidin
06:35 Apon Shimany
08:00 Drama Serial: Aguntak
08:35 Cookery Show: R Ranna
09:20 Drama Serial: Chhaya Shongi

Drama Serial: Amar Bou Shob

09:30 Chalachitra Koto Katha
10:05 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan
10:30 Music Express
11:00 Alochon



Tomtom
On Ekushy TV at 09:30 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Romana, Litu Anam



11:00 Prio Mukh
12:00 Editor's Comment
ntv
08:30 Aker Shokaal
12:10 Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Amar Bou Shob Janey

Glamour World

03:50 Drama Serial: Dhaka Nibash
04:25 Gallery
05:30 Apnar Jigyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:45 Nityo Lohori

Radio Forti 88.0 FM

07:00am Hello Dhaka
11:00am Amar 88
03:00pm Dhaka Calling
07:00pm Seven Eleven
12:00am Back to Back music

Radio Today 89.6 FM

07:15am Good Morning Dhaka (Rudi & Sonnet)
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Shyamol Bangla

04:20 X Crime
05:30 Drama Serial: Horek Ronger Mon
06:05 Talk Show: Citycell Din-er Sheshey
06:20 Children's Programme: Ebong Class-er bailey
06:50 Cine Beat
08:25 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
09:25 Agamir Kontho
11:25 Street Show: Raat Birastey
12:00 Shangbad Prolidin

CHANNEL 1

10:30 Bangla Feature Film
10:00 Nongor
03:30 Drama: Tero Haat Shari
04:00 Young Craze
04:30 Stop n Rock
05:15 Documentary Programme: Ei Amar Desh
06:00 Saaj Bela
07:00 Rong Berong
08:15 Drama: Tero Haat Shari
09:00 Drama: Mon Bari
09:30 Expression
11:00 One Glamour

ZEE STUDIO

10:00 Scent Of A Woman
01:00 Hollywood's 10 Best
01:30 Out Of Reach
03:30 Say It Isn't So
05:30 101 Favourite Stars Way Back When
06:30 The Battle Of El Alamein
08:45 Requiem For A Dream
11:00 Arachnophobia

STAR MOVIES

08:00 Wargames
10:00 Behind Enemy Lines
11:45 Terminator, The
01:35 Sharpshooter
03:00 Babel
05:20 Mr. Deeds
07:00 Little Fish
08:50 Just My Luck
10:35 Final Cut
12:15 Last Sentinel, The

HBO

10:15 You, Me And Dupree
1:00 The Prestige
03:15 The Making Of Poselidon
03:45 Caved In
05:45 An Inconvenient Truth
07:45 Barnyard
09:30 The Mummy Evolution
11:45

STAR WORLD

10:30 Last Comic Standing
11:30 Life With Bonnie
12:00 The Simpsons
12:30 Seinfeld

Friends

01:30 Northern Exposure
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Desperate Housewives
06:00 King Of The Hill
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 Rodney
07:30 Friends
08:30 The O.C.
09:30 Eureka
10:30 Life
11:30 Day Break
12:30 Seinfeld

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

11:30 Air Crash Investigation Special
12:30 Situation Critical
01:30 Trapped
02:30 Hunter Hunted
03:30 Solar Paella
04:30 I Didn't Know That
05:00 Snake Wranglers
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Croc Chronicles
06:30 Wild Dog Diaries
07:30 Death Down Under
08:30 Planet Mechanics
09:30 Naked Science
10:30 Is It Real?
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12:30 Is It Real?

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

10:30 Ancient Maya
11:30 Eye Max
12:00 Dent King
12:30 Twist of Fate
01:30 Monday Night Classics
03:30 Thunderbird
05:30 Twist of Fate
06:30 Mysteries Freemasons
08:30 Ink
09:30 Dogfights- Season 2
10:30 Salpan
11:30 The Big Chill

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

10:30 Really Big Things With Matt Rogers (Season 2)
11:00 Story Of India
12:30 Baby Whisperer
01:00 Bringing Home Baby
01:30 Wildlife Specials
02:30 Giant Of The Skies
03:30 Man Vs Wild
04:30 Wildest Antarctica
05:30 Queen Mary 2, Birth Of A Legend
06:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
07:30 King Cobra And I
08:30 Human Body: Pushing The Limits
09:30 Fight Quest
10:30 Man Vs Wild