

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Photography Exhibition

Title: Beyond the Dream  
Photographer: Srabon Reza  
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi  
Date: June 6-19



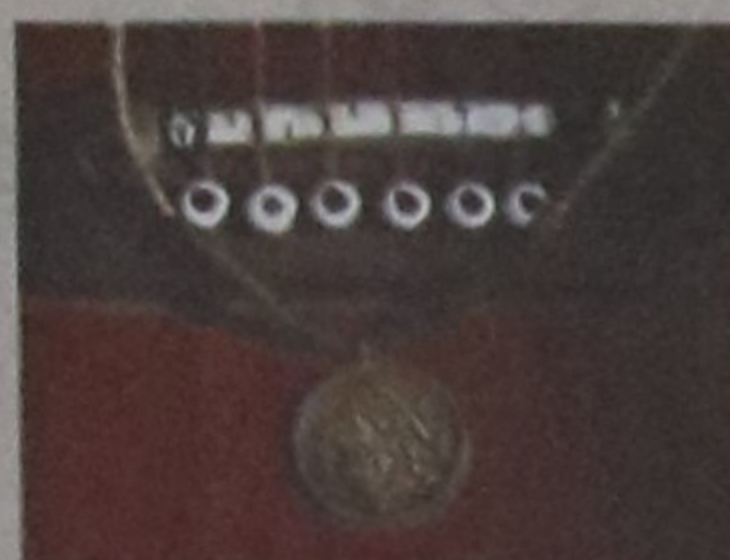
### Art and Craft Exhibition

Artist: Pintu Deb  
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, DU  
Date: June 10-16  
Time: 10:00 am - 08:00 pm



### Ornaments Exhibition

Title: Audi  
Artist: Armin Rashid  
Venue: Words 'n' Pages, 125 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan 2  
Date: June 14-June 21  
Inauguration: on June 14 at 5pm  
Time: 10am-8pm (June 14: 5pm-8pm)



### Film Screening

Title: Pier Paolo Pasolini Retrospective  
Venue: Bangladesh Film Centre, 110-112, Aziz Co-operative Super Market, Shahbag  
Date: June 12-17  
June 14  
"Accattone" at 4pm and "La Ricotta" at 6pm



## Chhobir Haat: A platform for young artists

JAMIL MAHMUD

'Chhobir Haat', across the street from Institute of Fine Arts (IFA), Dhaka University, is an open-air gallery. In 2003, a group of IFA students started exhibiting and selling their artworks at the venue. The area is also widely known as 'Mollah' -- after a tea-stall owned by someone called Mollah. Chhobir Haat is akin to a rural haat, where traders in makeshift stalls or under the open sky offer their goods. The venue is open to all on Fridays -- from morning till evening.

"We often come here and discuss, share views with one another. Not just artists but also journalists, musicians, theatre activists and others related to the cultural scene often come and join our adda. The concept of Chhobir Haat emerged from these addas," said Shadhin, an IFA student, who initiated the haat along with fellow students Tuhin, Saleh and others.

Initially Tk 10-20 was levied as a toll from each artist. Now the sum has been reduced to Tk 5.

Since its inception, the haat has made some achievements. According to Shadhin, "It takes an upcoming artist nearly three to four years to have an exhibition at a reputed gallery in the city. Moreover, organisers are not very helpful when it comes to promoting



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upcoming artists. In this context, students can use the Chhobir Haat as a platform to showcase their latest works."

There have been several improvements over the years. For example, the muddy, unpaved ground has been upgraded to a neat concrete pavement; the venue also has electricity supply now.

The annual kite festival, organised over the last four years in Saint Martin's Island, is another successful outcome. "The kite festival is a good source of recreation for all. Every kite is an artwork," added Shadhin.

Though open to all, the haat occasionally had to turn down artists from institutions other than

IFA, whose intentions were rather self-centric.

Lutfar Rahman Nirjar, a regular at the haat, found some positive aspects. "I like that fact that here I can view paintings in natural light. Besides, I can share my views with other art lovers and critics," said Nirjar, an engineer by profession.

## Armed robbers steal Picasso prints in Brazil

AP, Sao Paulo

Three armed robbers stole two Pablo Picasso prints from a Sao Paulo art museum on Thursday in a rapid strike in which the thieves bypassed more valuable works to grab the stolen pieces, police said.

The bandits also took two oil paintings by well-known Brazilian artists Emiliano Di Cavalcanti and Lasar Segal, said Carla Regina, a spokeswoman for the Pinacoteca do Estado museum. It was the Brazilian city's second high-profile art theft in less than a year.

The Picasso prints stolen were "The Painter and the Model" from 1963 and "Minotaur, Drinker and Women" from 1933, according to a statement from the Sao Paulo Secretary of State for Culture, which oversees the museum.

The prints and paintings have a combined value of 1 million Brazilian reais (\$612,000), the statement and a museum official said.

About noon, three armed men paid the 4 Brazilian real entrance fee (\$2.45) and immediately went to the second-floor gallery where the works were being exhibited,

bypassing more valuable pieces, authorities said.

"This indicates to us that they probably received an order" to take those specific works, Youssef Abou Chain, head of Sao Paulo's organised crime unit, told reporters at a news conference.

The assailants overpowered three unarmed museum guards and grabbed the works, officials said. The robbery took just 10 minutes and the museum was nearly empty at the time.

The assailants took the pieces -- frames and all -- out of the museum in two bags. The institution has no metal detectors.

Last December, Picasso's "Portrait of Suzanne Bloch" and "O Lavrador de Cafe" by Candido Portinari, an influential Brazilian artist, were stolen from the Sao Paulo Museum of Art by three men who used a crowbar and car jack to force open one of the museum's steel doors.

The framed paintings were found January 8, covered in plastic and leaning against a wall in a house on the outskirts of Sao Paulo, South America's largest city.

## "Duar": Rawshan Jamil's last performance to be aired on BTV tonight



Rawshan Jamil (right) with co-actor in the play

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of renowned actress Rawshan Jamil's 6th death anniversary, BTV will air *Duar* -- the last play in which she performed -- today at 9pm.

In *Duar*, Rawshan Jamil plays the character of an elderly rural

woman, Farida Banu, who faces several problems during her visit to Dhaka.

During the shooting of the play, the actress became ill. She passed away on June 14, 2002.

BTV is airing the play after six years. *Duar* is written and directed by Mahiuddin Chhora.

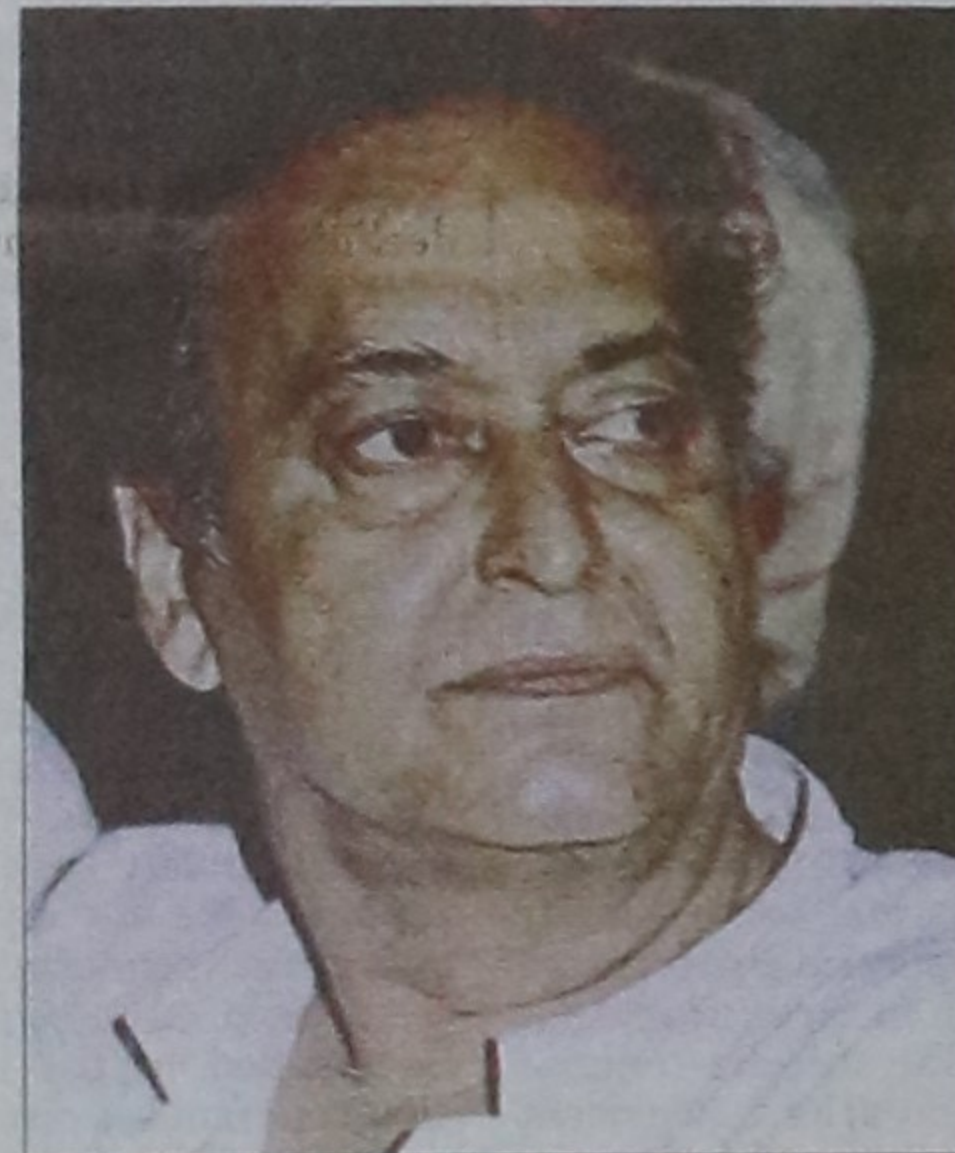
## A national award finally comes Soumitra's way

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

He has been in cinema for half a century. He has been master director Satyajit Ray's favourite hero in his films. But it was for the first time that the 73-year-old thespian won the Indian National Award for best actor. Yes, we are talking about veteran Bengali film actor Soumitra Chatterjee. Surprising it may seem, but it is true.

Chatterjee was adjudged the best actor for the year 2006 for portraying the "agonies and elations of an elderly person trying to keep pace with changing times" in Suman Ghosh-directed Bengali feature film "Podokkhep".

Since making his debut in Ray's "Apar Sambar", the second part of his famous Apu



Soumitra Chatterjee

"Debi", "Mahanagar", "Ghare Baire" and "Sakha Prosakha".

None would have grudged Chatterjee getting the National Award for best actor much earlier. However, better late than never, even though it is rather unfortunate to consider an actor of his calibre.

There was a tinge of discontent when Chatterjee reacted to the announcement made on June 10, saying that, "it has finally come to me after such a long time." However, he said he is accepting the award "because I love my audience".

The National Film Awards for 2006, announced by Chairman of the jury and eminent director Buddhadeb Dasgupta, saw two more Bengali film personalities Goutam Ghosh and Konkona Sen Sharma bagging the awards for best cinematographer and best supporting actress.

Ghosh, essentially a director, received his award as a cameraman for "Yatra". Konkona, who had won the National Award for best actress a few years back, got the 2006 recognition for her role in the Bollywood flick "Omkaara" directed by Vishal Bhardwaj.



<p>All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.</p> <p><b>On Air</b></p> <p><b>News Bulletin</b></p> <p><b>BTV</b></p> <p>News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm.</p> <p>News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.</p> <p>News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.</p> <p>Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).</p> <p><b>CHANNEL-1</b></p> <p>News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 12:15 am.</p> <p><b>ATN BANGLA</b></p> <p>News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm. News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.</p> <p>Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.</p> <p><b>CHANNEL 1</b></p> <p>News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:00 pm, 12:30 am.</p> <p><b>BANGLAVISION</b></p> <p>News (Bangla) at 7:30 am, 1:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:15 pm, 10:30 pm.</p> <p>News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 4:00 pm.</p> <p>News (English) at 6:00 pm.</p> <p><b>ntv</b></p> <p>News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 12:02 pm, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 1:00 am.</p> <p><b>ETV</b></p> <p>News (Bangla) 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 11:00 pm.</p>		<p>12:00 Grameenphone Lead News</p> <p><b>CHANNEL i</b></p> <p>08:35 Shokaal-er Gaan</p> <p>09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh</p> <p>09:50 Grameenphone Ttiomatra</p> <p>11:05 Amader Aaina</p> <p>12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan</p> <p>01:05 Ebon Cinema Gaan</p> <p>01:30 Shobaar Jonjo Shoroboshey Bigyan Dharona</p> <p>02:35 Special Programme</p> <p>04:05 Hridoyer Gaan</p> <p>04:50 Sholyer Shondhaney</p> <p>05:30 Mukhti Judho Protidin</p> <p>06:00 Shamoeki</p> <p>07:50 Drama Serial: Ghar Kutum</p> <p>08:20 Drama Serial: Nouka Dubi</p> <p>09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush</p> <p>10:00 Drama Serial: Zero Point</p> <p>11:30 Asthey Asthey Asthey</p> <p>12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shangbadpotro</p> <p><b>ETV</b></p> <p>08:30 Ekush-er Shokal</p> <p>09:15 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000</p> <p>12:00 Ekusher Dupur</p> <p>12:30 Total Music</p> <p>02:00 Bangla Feature Film</p> <p>05:30 SMS Mania</p> <p>05:45 Ekusher Shondha</p> <p>06:30 Shoptah Ghurey Desh Jurey</p> <p>07:50 Explosive</p> <p>09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000</p> <p>10:10 Game Show: Bhuboghurey Dot Com</p> <p>11:40 Shangkritir Shath Din</p> <p>12:00 Ekush-er Raat</p> <p><b>Rtv</b></p> <p>08:40 Musical Programme: Saangeet Angon</p> <p>09:00 Rtv Exclusive</p> <p>09:05 Protidin</p> <p>09:35 Drama Serial: Neel Mokush</p> <p>10:03 Hello Love</p> <p>10:55 News Update</p>		<p>11:00 Kingfisher Taroka Alap</p> <p>11:30 Pran-er Manush Achhey Praney</p> <p>Musical Programme: R- Music</p> <p>12:15 Dhallywood Beats</p> <p>01:30 Bangla Feature Film</p> <p>02:30 Protidin</p> <p>06:30 Musical Programme: Shur Shurey Path Chola</p> <p>08:00 Drama: Ankuro</p> <p>09:20 Talk Show: Shomoyer Dorpon</p> <p>06:45 Shangkriti Ei Shoptaho</p> <p>08:15 Drama Serial: Amar Bou Shob Janey</p> <p>09:00 Drama</p> <p>11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy</p> <p><b>BANGLAVISION</b></p> <p>08:30 Cinebit Shada Kalo</p> <p>09:00 Iohchhey Ghuri</p> <p>09:30 Children's Programme: Ebon</p> <p>09:05 Talk Show: Amar Ami</p> <p>09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue</p> <p>11:25 Law Chamber</p> <p>12:00 Shangbad Protidin</p> <p><b>CHANNEL 1</b></p> <p>08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh</p> <p>10:30 Shurela Lagan</p> <p>11:00 Drama: Bhalobashar Rang</p> <p>12:00 Tele-film</p> <p>02:30 Bait</p> <p>04:45 The Dukes Of Hazzard</p> <p>06:45 HBO Sneak Peek: Rush Hour 2</p> <p>07:15 My Best Friend's Wedding</p> <p>09:30 Reign Over Me</p> <p>12:00 Rush Hour 2</p> <p><b>STAR MOVIES</b></p> <p>08:00 Dunston Checks In</p> <p>09:30 Red Heat</p> <p>11:15 Count of Monte Cristo</p> <p>01:30 Maid In Manhattan</p> <p>03:15 Little Fish</p> <p>05:15 Maid In Manhattan</p> <p>07:00 It's A Boy Girl Thing</p> <p>08:35 Sunshine</p> <p><b>STAR PLUS</b></p> <p>09:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby</p> <p>09:30 Shararat - Thoda Jadu Thod</p> <p>11:00 Prithviraj Chauhan</p> <p>11:30 Krishna Aayo Nathkhat Nandial</p> <p>01:30 Haman Devrani</p> <p>04:00 Dulhe Raja</p> <p>07:30 Jai Maa Durga</p> <p>08:30 Kya Aap Paanchvi Pass SeTeZhai</p> <p>09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan</p> <p>10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby</p> <p>10:30 Jo Jeeta Wohi Superstar</p> <p>12:00 Haman Devrani</p> <p>12:30 Prithviraj Chauhan</p> <p><b>STAR WORLD</b></p> <p>09:30 Day Break</p> <p>10:30 Ncis</p> <p>11:30 Invasion</p> <p>12:30 Surviving The Moment Of Impact</p> <p>01:30 Ultimate Force</p> <p>02:30 The Apprentice</p> <p>03:30 Criminal Minds</p> <p>04:30 Bones</p> <p>05:30 Ghost Hunters</p> <p>06:30 Most Shocking</p> <p>07:30 Criminal Minds</p> <p>08:30 Smallville</p> <p>09:30 Bones</p> <p>10:30 Tna Xplosion</p> <p>11:30 Bull Run</p> <p>03:30 Apnakey Bolchhi</p> <p>04:30 Amar Ghar</p> <p>06:00 Saagbela</p> <p>07:00 Shomoyer Swad</p> <p>08:15 Drama Serial: Moja Marey Foza Bhai</p> <p>09:00 Gaan-er Khanta</p> <p>09:30 Rupantor-er Golpo</p> <p>11:00 Bishwa Jurey Shath Din</p> <p><b>HBO</b></p> <p>10:30 Darfur Now</p> <p>12:30 The In Crowd</p> <p>11:00 Drama Serial: Nirontor</p> <p>11:30 Biz Event</p> <p>12:00 Editor's Comment</p> <p><b>ntv</b></p> <p>08:30 Aker Shokaal</p> <p>08:55 Bangla Feature Film</p> <p>12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy</p> <p>01:05 Cartoon</p> <p>02:30 Swapno Jaal</p> <p>03:20 Close-up 1 2008</p> <p>04:25 Golpo Kathar Natok</p> <p>05:30 Alokpat</p> <p>11:00 Classer Bairey</p> <p>11:35 Home Care</p> <p>12:30 Bengali Music Unplugged</p> <p>02:30 Drama Serial: Mondo Bhalo Shada Kalo</p> <p>03:05 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue</p> <p>04:20 Sports Vision</p> <p>05:30 Street Show: Raal Biraatey</p> <p>06:05 Din-er Sheshey</p> <p>06:20 Amader Othlithi</p> <p>06:50 Shamol Bangla</p> <p>08:25 Drama Serial: Nogorey Nagonik</p>		<p>12:30 Smallville</p> <p><b>NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC</b></p> <p>09:00 Croc of Mondonguillo</p> <p>09:30 Arctic Oasis</p> <p>10:30 Telemail: Sauna Belt</p> <p>11:30 Treks In A Wild World</p> <p>12:30 Top 30 - Amazing Moments</p> <p>01:30 Vusi Mahlasela</p> <p>02:00 K'naan</p> <p>02:30 Claws</p> <p>03:30 Human Footprint</p> <p>04:30 Nat Geo Junior Hunt - Season 2</p> <p>05:00 I Didn't Know That</p> <p>05:30 Big Bang</p> <p>06:00 Crittercam-WildTech Adv</p> <p>06:30 Mega Green Tech</p> <p>07:30 Undersea Deception</p> <p>08:30 India's Hidden Plague</p> <p>09:30 Luthansa Nat Geo Genius</p> <p>10:00 Desert Hearts &amp; Highways</p> <p>10:30 Ultimate Vipers</p> <p>11:30 Ceu / Hapa</p> <p>12:00 Vusi Mahlasela</p> <p>12:30 Made In China</p> <p><b>HISTORY CHANNEL</b></p> <p>09:30 Revolution</p> <p>10:30 Rebellion</p> <p>11:30 Double F</p> <p>12:30 The First Dogfighters</p> <p>03:30 The First Christians</p> <p>04:30 Secret Superpower Bombers</p> <p>05:30 Mahesh Bhatt</p> <p>06:30 A Dangerous Man</p> <p>08:30 Sadat</p> <p>11:00 Mahesh Bhatt</p> <p>11:30 Classic Albums</p> <p>12:30 Babe Ruth</p> <p><b>ZEE STUDIO</b></p> <p>10:30 Double Team</p> <p>12:30 When A Man Loves A Woman</p> <p>01:00 El News</p> <p>03:15 Jumanji</p> <p>03:30 Charlie Chaplin</p> <p>06:00 Hot Shots!</p> <p>08:00 The Hollywood Reporter - 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