

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

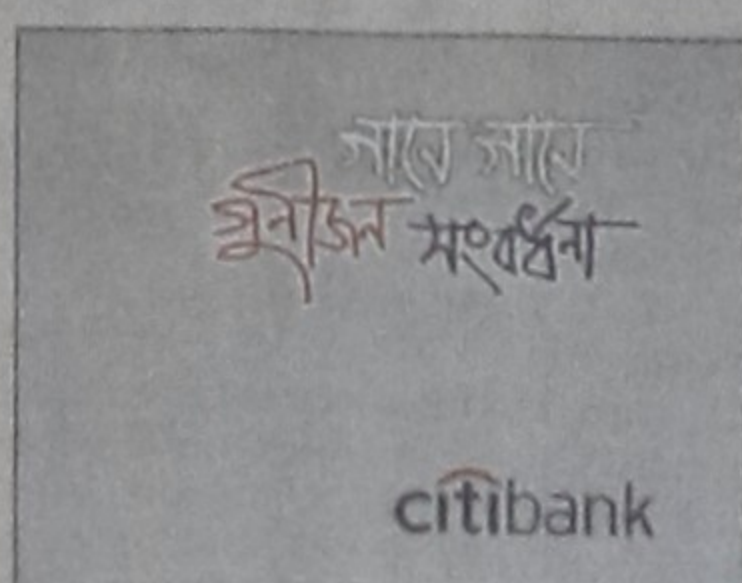
### Solo Painting Exhibition

**Title:** My Silent Manuscript  
**Artist:** Aniruddha Kar  
**Venue:** Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, DU  
**Date:** July 1-6  
**Time:** 10am-8pm



### Award Giving Ceremony

**Title:** Gane Gane Gunjon Sangbaradhana  
**Organiser:** Citibank  
**Venue:** Utsab Hall, Radisson Water Garden Hotel  
**Date:** July 11  
**Time:** 5pm  
Invited guests only



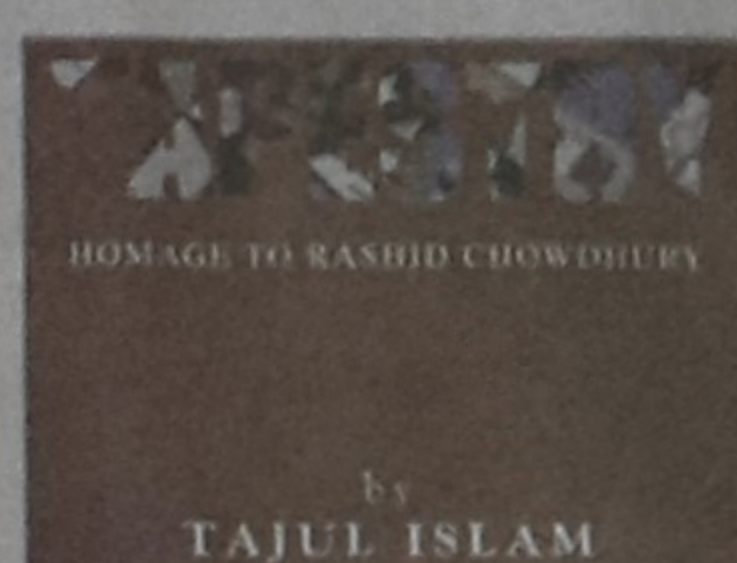
### Solo Print Exhibition

**Title:** With My Imagination  
**Artist:** Joya Shahrin Huq  
**Venue:** Gallery Shilpangan, H26, Rd 3, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** June 28-July 5  
**Time:** 10am-1pm and 5pm-8pm



### Solo Exhibition

**Title:** Tapestry: Homage to Rashid Chowdhury  
**Artist:** Tajul Islam  
**Venue:** Galleri Kaya, H 20, Rd 16, Sec 4, Uttara  
**Date:** June 27-July 11  
**Time:** 11am-8pm



## "Rang Pahar-er Pala" staged at Shilpakala

ERSHAD KAMOL

Instead of focusing on any particular plot artistes of different ethnic minority groups of Upojatiyo Sanskritik Institute, Khagrachhari, presented diverse cultural elements in the play *Rang Pahar-er Pala*, written and directed by Dr. Zahir Biswas. *Rang Pahar-er Pala* was staged at the National Theatre Staged on June 29. Upojatiyo Cell of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) organised the programme.

The play is an amalgam of traditional performing art forms of multiple ethnic groups. What is objectionable -- in case of presentation -- in the play is that, as a representative of Bengali majority, director Zahir Biswas has infused indigenous performing art forms of Bengalis with that of the ethnic groups.

As done in *pala*, Zahir has unfolded the play using the character Gayen (performed by Zahir Biswas). He has also used elements of *Gazir Gaan*, another indigenous performing art form of Bengalis.

It seems that the director has tried to mix traditional Bengali performing art forms with the art forms of the ethnic communities in the name of experimentation.

Moreover, rituals of different ethnic groups -- Biju festival of the Chakmas, Sangrai of Marmas, marriage ceremony of Tripuras and other customs or traditions have been used as elements in the play.

In this sense, instead of using the title *Rang Pahar-er Pala*, the play could have been called "Diverse Cultural Display of Bangladesh", as the play does not feature any particular *pala*.

More research-oriented programme featuring the traditions of ethnic minority groups is



Artistes of ethnic groups perform in *Rang Pahar-er Pala*

expected from the government institute called Upojatiyo Sanskritik Institute, Khagrachhari. The institute is supposed to preserve the authenticity of cultural traditions of different ethnic minority groups of the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

A discussion was held prior to the programme. Adviser to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Rasheda K. Chowdhury, was the chief guest. Dr. Afsar Ahmed, Professor, Department of Drama and Dramatics, Jahangirnagar University, was the special guest. Deputy Director of Upojatiyo Cell, A.S.M. Shamim Akhtar delivered the welcome speech. Deputy Director of Upojatiyo Sanskritik Institute, Khagrachhari, Shushomay Chakma also spoke at the programme. The discussion was presided over Bhuiyan Shafiqul

Islam, director general of BSA.

On the upcoming programme of the cell, A.S.M. Shamim Akhtar said, "We will present music and dance performances by different ethnic groups of the country."

Demanding further facilities from the government, Shushomay Chakma said, "We are deprived of many facilities. We want immediate implementation of a policy by the government for the cultural institutes that are set to promote ethnic traditions."

Professor Dr. Afsar Ahmed said, "Ethnic minorities are often labelled as 'tribal' at the government level, which is unacceptable."

"We have no proper knowledge on the art forms of ethnic minorities," continued Dr. Afsar, "Rather, we are infusing elements alien to them in their cultures. Moreover,

many of the ethnic groups are converting to Christianity, what is also modifying their indigenous traditions."

Rasheda K. Chowdhury said, "Ethnic communities have not been presented properly. We are working on several issues for the development of the situation, such as giving them proper social standing."

"We have to control the cultural infusion to protect and preserve the authenticity of ethnic cultural elements," she added.

Bhuiyan Shafiqul Islam said, "First of all we have to ensure equal rights for the ethnic groups, otherwise it would be really difficult to preserve their heritage. At the same time, ethnic communities should also be active in upholding their traditions."

## Buzz

## "Love Guru": Panned in US, heads to India

What's worse: that the new Mike Myers movie, "The Love Guru," satirises Indians and mocks Hinduism, or that it is just not funny?

That is the question in India, where the film is expected to be released in coming weeks by Paramount Pictures. The film stars Myers as an American who grew up in India and became a Hindu wise man, albeit one with a fondness for women and a potty mouth.

The movie has appalled some Hindus in the United States and other countries where it has been screened. Religious groups have accused it of "blatant ridiculing" of Hinduism and called for a boycott.

In India, a religious group called the Hindu Janajagruiti Samiti is calling for a boycott before the film has even arrived. *The Hindustan Times* noted in a recent article that Myers had expressed a desire to be in a Bollywood film, but the newspaper added that it "may take some doing" because of the uproar over "The Love Guru."

News outlets in India are avidly tracking complaints and protests



"The Love Guru" has drawn sharp criticism from some Hindus.

related to the movie's release in the United States, as well as the film's poor performance and scathing reviews.

"Unseemly controversies invariably help new movie releases at the box office, but comedian Mike Myers's latest offering, 'The Love

Guru,' has fallen flat in its opening weekend collections in the United States," *The Pioneer*, an Indian daily, said on June 24. "More than the protests by the Hindu groups, the film appears to have been done in by critics."

Explaining just how "The Love

Guru" might come across to devout Hindus is a little difficult, but the Mike Myers character has plenty of competition when it comes to offensive caricatures of Indians in Western entertainment.

Apu, the convenience store owner and father of octuplets from "The Simpsons," is considered perhaps the gold standard for derogatory stereotypes, thanks to his job, his sing-song accent and his diction. "Apu" is sometimes used as shorthand in India for all stereotypical perceptions of Indians, and "to Apu" means to speak or act like the character in the cartoon.

One magnet for opinions about "The Love Guru" has been the Indian pop culture blog *Ultrabrown*, where a trailer was posted under the headline "Myers' Indian Shitkick Not as Bad as Feared." In the comments area on the page, one observer wrote, "Ye had little faith in Myers," adding, "You thought he was gonna be Apu-in-his-way-through-his-lines. Not so!"

Source: Internet

Udhichi Shilpigosththi's France unit participated at a festival organised by the Municipal of Aubervilliers recently, says a press release.

The festival held in the suburbs of Paris featured over hundred social and cultural organisations representing different nations. Artistes of Udhichi presented songs and dance at the festival.



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

## On Air

**News Bulletin**  
BTB  
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-1**  
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 am, 1:00pm, 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  
**Rtv**  
News (Bangla) at 10:15pm, and 12:15am  
**etv**  
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

**ATN BANGLA**  
08:15 Aiker Shingbadpotro  
08:30 Drama Serial: Chorkuthuri  
09:15 Special Programme: Top Spin  
10:30 Talk Show: Onyodnshti  
11:05 Three Stooges  
11:35 Drama Serial: Khatia Miththa  
12:15 Shomali Shadakalo  
01:25 Musical Programme: ATN Music  
02:30 Daily Soap: Doli's House  
03:15 Mega Serial: O Amar Chokkhui Nal  
03:45 Children's Programme: Openy Bioscope  
04:20 Agricultural Programme: Shomali Din  
05:10 Family Game Show: Ononya  
05:40 Oibiram Bangladesh  
06:20 Talk Show: Katha Mala  
08:00 Drama Serial: Mouchakey Dhill  
08:45 Drama: Prohithapon  
11:30 Cultural Programme: Rang Mancha Tali  
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News  
**CHANNEL-1**  
09:30 Shingbadpotrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Grameenphone Tritlo Matra  
11:05 Cricket On Line  
11:30 Amar Chhobi  
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Tarokakathan  
01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
02:35 Ekatturer Dinguli  
03:05 i-Sports  
03:30 Hridoyer Gaan  
04:40 Musical Programme: Saangbeemala  
05:30 Mukhijudho Prodidin  
06:20 Business Show  
06:30 Talk Show: Shikhar Chalcitro

07:50 Musical Programme: Channel i Shera Kontho '08  
09:35 Drama Serial: Central Mental Hospital  
10:00 Drama Serial: Zero Point  
11:30 Astey Astey Astey  
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shingbadpotro  
**ETV**  
08:00 Aiker Polnika  
08:30 Ekush-er Shokaal  
09:15 Drama Serial: Ghotok Ebong Amra  
10:30 Ekush-er Business  
12:00 Ekusher Dupur  
12:30 Ekushy Business: Special Focus  
01:30 Ekushy Business: Shophol Jara  
02:30 Drama Serial: Ghotok Ebong Amra  
03:30 Katha ar Gaan-ey  
04:00 Musical Programme: Spondon  
05:45 Ekusher Shondhya  
06:30 Chondoy Shure Desh Jurey  
07:45 Suraat Haal  
08:15 Drama Serial: Akay Shunya 10  
09:30 Drama Serial: Tomtom  
10:10 O Bondhu Amar  
**RTV**  
09:00 Drama Serial: Aguntaak  
09:35 Ei Amar Bangladesh  
10:03 Drama Serial: Poroshpor  
11:00 Kingfisher Taroka Alap  
11:30 Cookery Chow: R Ranna  
12:15 Cinema ar Cinema  
12:35 Documentary Programme: Apon Shimanay  
01:03 Mad in Bangladesh  
01:30 Dhaliwood Beats  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
06:00 Prodidin  
06:35 Puppet Show  
08:00 Ei Mon  
08:35 Just Band  
09:20 Drama Serial: Aguntaak  
11:00 Drama Serial: Chhaya Shongi  
**ntv**  
08:30 Aiker Shokaal  
08:55 Drama Serial: Amar Bou Shob Janey  
09:30 Cholochitrer Koto Katha  
10:05 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan  
10:30 Music Express  
11:00 Alochon  
12:10 Ei Shomoy  
01:05 Japan Video Topic  
02:30 Drama Serial: Amar Bou Shob

Janey  
03:15 Glamour World  
03:50 Drama Serial: Dhaka Nibash  
11:25 Gallery  
05:30 Appar Jigyasha  
06:20 Shubho Shondhya  
06:45 Crime Watch  
07:15 ntv Deshey Deshey  
08:15 Drama Serial: Eit Khather Khancha



Channel i Shera Kontho '08 On Channel i at 7:50 pm Musical Talent Hunt Judge: Runa Laila, Sabina Yasmin



09:00 ntv Shamoyiki  
09:45 Drama Serial: Neer  
11:25 Ei Shomoy  
**BANGLAVISION**  
08:30 Children's Programme: Ichhey Ghuri  
09:00 Banglavisoin Cafe  
10:10 Drama Serial: Swapnochura  
10:40 Talk Show: Amar Ami  
11:35 Vsa Appar Agami

12:30 Bhir-er Chapey  
02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar  
02:40 Shur-er Bhuban  
04:20 X Crime  
05:30 Drama Serial: Horek Rang-er Mon  
06:05 Talk Show: Din-er Sheshey  
06:20 Children's Programme: Ebong Class-er baistry  
06:50 Cine Beat  
08:25 Daily Soap: Mohanagar

**Radio Foorti 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  
11:00am Masti Unlimited  
01:00pm Today's Adda  
04:00pm U-tum  
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok  
11:00pm Raal Vor Gan  
02:00am Back to Back

07:00 Rang Berong  
08:15 Drama Serial: Moyur Bahon  
09:00 Mon Bari  
09:30 Bioscope  
11:00 One Glamour  
**ESPN**  
09:30 First Air  
12:30 Major League Baseball 2008  
02:30 2008 US Women's Open Golf Championship  
05:30 Hitz 0809 8  
06:00 Rally Transorientale  
06:30 KIA X Games Asian 2008  
07:30 Euro Beach Soccer Cup 2007  
08:30 Live Sportscenter India  
09:00 Sportscenter Asia  
09:30 Cathay Pacific Standard Chartered Bank Series  
10:30 Sportscenter India  
11:00 Sportscenter Asia  
12:00 2008 US Women's Open Golf Championship

**STAR SPORTS**  
09:30 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championship  
02:30 Hitz 0809 9  
03:00 Behind The Baseline  
03:30 Wimbledon Highlights  
04:30 Ace By Sony Ericsson  
05:00 Live Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championship  
12:00 Ace By Sony Ericsson

**STAR MOVIES**  
09:00 Separate Lies  
10:25 Fierce People  
12:10 Glory Road  
02:05 Mercenary For Justice  
03:40 30 Days Until I'm Famous  
05:10 Invincible  
07:00 Devil Wears Prada, The  
08:50 Slither  
10:25 Alien Agent  
12:00 Full Monty, The

**STAR PLUS**  
11:30 Air Crash Investigation  
12:30 Lockdown III  
01:30 Situation Critical  
02:30 Built For The Kill  
03:30 Cow Power  
04:30 I Didn't Know That  
05:00 Flying Snakes  
05:30 Big Bang  
06:00 Hither and Slither  
06:30 Chasing Earthquake  
07:30 The Dark Side Of Chimps  
08:30 Preserve Our Planet  
09:30 Naked Science

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**STAR WORLD**  
08:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show  
09:30 The O.C.  
10:30 Last Comic Standing  
11:30 Life With Bonnie  
12:00 Crumbs  
12:30 Seinfeld  
01:00 Friends  
01:30 Northern Exposure  
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show  
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful  
04:00 General Hospital  
05:00 Koffee With Karan  
06:00 Kyle XY  
07:00 Crumbs  
07:30 Friends  
08:00 Seinfeld  
08:30 The O.C.  
09:30 Getting A Ticket In America  
10:30 Prison Break  
11:30 i! Fight Night  
12:30 Seinfeld

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
11:30 Air Crash Investigation  
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**THE HISTORY CHANNEL**  
09:30 Environmental Tech I  
10:30 Ancient Rome: Modern Stadium  
11:30 Eye Max  
11:45 Dent King  
12:30 North & South  
01:30 Clover Twist  
05:30 Honda  
06:30 North & South  
07:30 Behind The Da Vinci Code  
08:30 Environmental Tech II  
09:30 Kamikaze  
10:30 North Africa  
11:30 The Final Run  
12:30 Looking for the Edge