

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

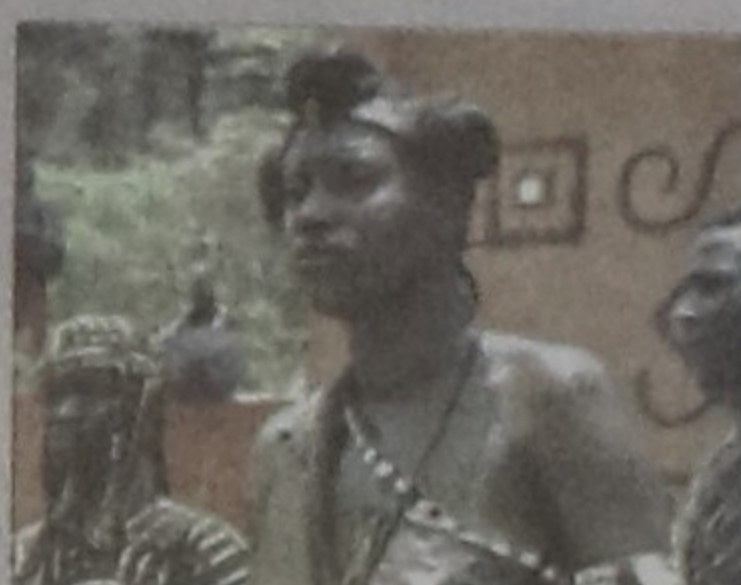
Photo Exhibition

Manuf Hasan Abhi's 1st solo exhibition
Title: Urban lifestyle cannibalising the rural way of life and environmental degradation
Venue: Galerie Zoom, Alliance Francaise de Dacca, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi.
Date: July 10-23



African Film Festival

Organiser: Zahir Rahman Film Society
Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Cultural, H 510, Rd 7, Dhanmondi
Date: July 14-15
July 14
 "Samaounia (Mauritania)" at 4:30pm and "Baara (Mali)" at 6:45pm



265th birth anniversary of Russian poet Gavrill Derzhavin

Display of books and materials
Venue: Library, Russian Centre of Science and Culture, H 510, Rd 7, Dhanmondi
Date: July 3-14



Photo Exhibition

Title: 400 years of Dhaka
 Sponsored by HSBC
Venue: Drik Gallery, 58, Dhanmondi 15/A (new)
Date: July 13-22



'Stories of Change': Women as agents of social transformation



Scenes from the documentary.

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The finale of *Stories of Change*, a documentary film by Kamar Ahmad Simon and Sara Afreen, was greeted with warm applause on July 11, at the British Council. The film, produced by Pathways of Women's Empowerment and Research Programme in collaboration with BEGINNING, a film and communication studio, reveals that while women may struggle to find self-identity, the hurdles on the way are shared by many of them. The audience comprised of Pathways' research-

ers, the production team, entrepreneurs, and all others drawn to the topic. One the way, the viewer encounters women like Champa Chakma from Rangamati who are chased for pursuing careers traditionally believed to be better suited to men. A successful 16-year-old spin bowler for the Bangladesh National Women's Cricket Team, Champa must still cope with village gossip circulated by critics appalled with the idea of a girl spending her days playing sports. Similarly Bilkish Akther Sumi, a 29-year-old journalist from Sylhet, had to trounce

the barriers placed upon her by local mullahs, outraged that a woman would cover their events.

One also meets women who seek to better the lives of the disadvantaged by using their own resources. There is, for instance the 22-year-old Dipaly Goala, a school teacher and field worker from Sylhet, whose mission it is to educate the young and delivering the qualms of the local tea labourers to the Union. Like her, Begum Royeka, a 60-year-old social activist, set up her own organisation to educate and empower women and girls in Netrokona.

Then there is Kamala Rani Ray, a 32-year-old goldsmith from Sirajganj. This intrepid woman, the breadwinner of her family of five, keeps burglars away at night and leads a life deemed unconventional by traditional standards.

The focus on these five women gives the film a powerful dimension. From a 16-year-old to a 60-year-old, one can see quite clearly that the path to empowerment differs for every woman.

Director Kamar Ahmad Simon and executive producer Sara Afreen, both trained architects, accentuate the visual appeal of the film by using innovative techniques and paying attention to minute details. On the way, the film allows the audience to empathise with each woman. Pathways of Women's Empowerment and Research Programme is a five-year international project that seeks to analyse the pathways of women's empowerment. The programme is based in BRAC Institute of BRAC University. The film was a product of research carried out by this project.

Rural Micro Entrepreneur Fair held in Pabna

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR, Pabna

A two-day 'Rural Micro Entrepreneur Fair' concluded in Pabna recently. Pabna District administration and the local non government organisations (NGO) jointly organised the fair at Bondhon Community Center, Pabna. Different NGOs and micro entrepreneurs took part in the fair with their own products. Discussion meeting and cultural programmes were held to mark the event.

Managing Director of Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), Kazi Mesbah Uddin Ahmed inaugurated the fair. General manager of PKSF, MA Hakim, Pabna Deputy Commissioner Khondoker Md. Mokhlesur Rahman were present.

Convener of the fair and the executive director of Anonna Samaj Kollan Samitee, Mahafuz Ali Kaderi chaired the programme. Chief executive officer of Pabna Zila Board, Md. Sadar Ali Bishwas was the chief guest. Among others Pabna Sadar upazila Nirbahi officer (UNO), Md. Abdul Hakim; Managing director of Universal Group, Sohani Hossain; Vice president of Pabna Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Md. Mahabubul Alam Mukul; Mayor of Pabna Municipality, Toma Islam addressed the concluding programme.

The speakers said that such events would encourage the small entrepreneurs. "People in the rural areas of our country, who contribute to the nation's progress, are mostly neglected. Rural women are into making quality handicrafts. Even the small and micro entrepreneurs play an important role in the rural economy. Such fairs will encourage them," they said.

NGO's displayed the small entrepreneurs' products such as jute bags, food items, "kantha", and spices 'Anonna Somaj Kollan Shangshttha', 'BOSS', 'Banchte Chai', 'Protishruti', 'CCDB', 'ASEAB' and Universal Food Ltd. took part in the fair.

Aromatic Gold Dhaka Fashion Week '08 Grand finale



Models in dazzling ethnic wear and subtle pink matched with ravishing, ivory dupatta by designer Maheen Khan on the concluding ceremony of Aromatic Gold Dhaka Fashion 2008.

PHOTO: ZAHEDUL KHAN

ZANATUL LAMEA, Dhaka
 Curtains came down at the Aromatic Gold Dhaka Fashion Week 2008 with glamorous splendour on July 12 at Dhaka Club. With a hue of the '80s, Maheen Khan's selection created a graceful aura. First in line were stylish shalwar kameez matched with jamdani dupatta with a lining of tassels. Maheen introduced a creative line of blouses of halter necks, deep cut with ribbons, high-collars and bunny

pecks. With plump headbands, whoops and stilettoes, Maheen's collection posed a unique show with a creative edge. Bold stripes and ball prints were the highlights of Anyamela's collection of kota and muslin saris. Red, magenta and royal blue ruled the stage while parrot green and earthy tones like beige had their subtle presence. Katan borders in vibrant colours livened up the geometric patterns, while contrasting shades drew attention to the blouses lined with glittery lace.

Bride displayed a collection of vibrant saris in darker shades of nocturnal colours, and fabrics like soft silk and muslin -- this time with different arrays of shades and designs. Maheen Khan was awarded for her outstanding contribution in fashion, while *The Daily Star* was honoured for their contribution in promoting fashion. Aromatic Gold Dhaka Fashion Week 2008 was presented by Marico and organised by Tupa and Associates in association with *The Daily Star*.

On Air

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

<p>05:00 Chhotoder Prithibi Gram Gonjer Khabar Selected Programme Genetic Business Week 05:45 Documental Programme: Ashy Pasher Manush 06:20 ATN Live Show 12:00 Gramphone Lead News</p> <p>CHANNEL-1</p> <p>09:30 Shargbadpotrey Bangladesh 09:45 Public Reaction 09:50 Gramphone Triba Matra 11:05 Educational Programme 12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan 01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma</p> <p>02:35 Ekattur Er Dinguli 03:05 Banijyo O Orthoniti 03:30 Musical Programme: Hridoyer Geetimoy 10:30 Quiz Quiz 11:30 Drama Serial: Neel Konthey Kony 12:00 Maa O Shishur Katha 01:00 Children's Programme: Baan Shuri 01:30 Cartoon 02:15 Prangon 02:40 Khela Dhula 03:05 Shukhi Ponbaar 03:30 Apon Aloye 04:05 Onu Poromanu 04:30 Dance Programme: Nrityer Nrityer Taley Taley 05:05 Debate 06:15 Matn Bhasha 07:00 Talk Show: Shomoyer Shonglaap 07:25 Bazar-er Bag 07:45 Esho Bangladesh Gori 08:35 Agricultural Programme: Krishi Diba Nishi 09:00 Musical Programme: Chhayachhondo 10:30 Musical Programme: Shondha Maioti 11:00 Talk Show: Date Line Dhaka</p> <p>ATN BANGLA</p> <p>News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm. News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm News (English) at 6:00pm</p> <p>Rtv</p> <p>News (Bangla) at 10:15pm, and 12:15am News (Bangla) 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am News (English) at 1:00am</p> <p>ETV</p> <p>News (Bangla) 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm</p> <p>ntv</p> <p>Children's Programme: 03:45</p>	<p>09:30 Janey Shompoko 10:05 Drama Serial: Tero Kahon 11:00 Shangshtiri Ei Shoptaho 11:30 Tiffin-er Phakey 12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy 12:05 Japan Video Topic 02:30 Drama Serial: Amar Bou Shob Janey 03:15 Closeup 1 2008 05:25 Ithash-er Ei Din-ey 05:30 Apan Jigyasha 06:45 Cholochitrer Koto Katha 08:15 Drama Serial: Eit Kath-er Khancha 09:00 Music Express 09:45 Drama Serial: Baishakh Theke</p> <p>11:30 Srabon Talk Show: Ei Shomoy</p> <p>Rtv</p> <p>08:40 Saangeat Ongon 09:00 Drama Serial: Dohon Wide Angle 09:30 Drama Serial: Poroshpor 10:03 Talk Show: Kingfisher Taroka Alap 11:00 Cookery Show: R Ranna 12:35 Special Programme: Cinema Ar Cinema 01:03 Protdin 02:30 Bangla Feature Film 06:00 Protdin 06:30 Musical Programme: Path Chaostel Anondo</p> <p>08:00 Special Programme 08:35 Fashion Show: Look at Me 09:20 Drama Serial: Dohon 11:00 Drama Serial: Poroshpor 11:30 Biz Event</p> <p>BANGLAVISION</p> <p>08:30 Nana Ranger Dinguli 09:00 Agamir Kontho 09:30 Drama Serial: Mondo Bhalo Shada Kalo 10:10 Sports Vision 11:35 Pran-er Gaan 12:30 Shur-er Kathan 02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar 02:30 Talk Show: Aamar Ami 03:05 X Crime 04:20 Drama Serial: Byasto Doctor</p> <p>05:30 Drama Serial: Shohor-er Shesh Bari 06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshey 06:50 Drama Serial: Horek Rang-er Mon 08:25 Daily Soap: Mohanagar 09:05 Cookery Show: Confidence Salt 09:45 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura 11:25 Talk Show: Top Story 12:00 Shongbad Protidin</p> <p>CHANNEL 1</p> <p>08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh 10:30 Bangla Feature Film 03:30 Drama Serial: Moyur Bahon Nongor 04:00 Stop n Rock 04:30 Stop n Rock 05:15 Young Craze 06:00 Saaj Bela 06:30 Top News 07:00 Rang Berang 08:15 Drama Serial: Moyur Bahon 09:00 Mon Bari 09:30 Bioscope 11:00 Stop n Rock</p> <p>HBO</p> <p>11:35 Hollywood Spotlight: Johnny Depp 12:30 K-9 02:30 The Crimson Rivers 04:45 The Temp 06:45 The Holiday 09:30 United 93 11:45 Entourage 31: Vegas Baby, Vegas!</p> <p>STAR MOVIES</p> <p>12:15 It's A Boy Girl Thing 01:50 Great Expectations 03:40 The History Boys 05:30 Swarm 07:00 The Rock 09:15 Species 11:00 Raise Your Voice</p> <p>THE HISTORY CHANNEL</p> <p>11:30 Eye Max 12:15 Dent King 12:30 Genghis Khan 02:30 Elvis Presley 03:30 Jacqueline Kennedy 04:30 Chinese Warfare 05:30 Egyptian Warfare 06:30 On The Edge 07:30 Nefertiti: Mummy Returns 08:30 Acid 09:30 Oliver Twist 11:30 Oliver Twist</p> <p>The Rock On Star Movies at 7:00 pm Genre: Action Cast: Sean Connery, Nicolas Cage</p>	<p>STAR WORLD</p> <p>12:00 Are U Smarter Than 5th Grader 12:30 Desperate Housewives 01:30 Brothers & Sisters 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 Life With Bonnie 09:00 According To Jim 10:00 Less Than Perfect 10:30 Last Comic Standing</p> <p>STAR PLUS</p> <p>12:00 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat 01:00 Kis Desh me Hai Meraa Dil 01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan 02:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa 03:00 Gnhasti 04:00 Kayamath 07:00 Hamari Devrani 07:30 Sangam 08:00 Santaana 08:30 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat 09:00 Kis Desh me Hai Meraa Dil 09:30 Bidaai 10:00 Kasturi 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 11:30 Kayamath</p> <p>ZEE STUDIO</p> <p>10:45 Hot Shots! 12:30 The Soft Skin 03:00 Asterix And Obelix Versus Caesar 05:30 Don't Move 08:00 Elnes 08:30 Miracle On 34th Street 11:00 Father Of The Bride 2</p> <p>NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL</p> <p>11:30 Caught In The Act 12:30 Animals Behaving Badly 02:00 Forest Diseases 02:30 Moon Mysteries 03:30 First Timers 04:30 I Didn't Know That 05:00 Snake Wranglers 05:30 Big Bang 06:00 Radar Cross 06:30 I Didn't Know That 07:00 Mad Labs 07:30 Planet Carnivore 08:30 Inside Afghan Heroin 09:30 Lockdown III 10:00 Inside Afghan Heroin 11:00 Lockdown III</p>
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 On Banglavisian at 8:25 pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Litu Anam, Apurbo

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
 07:00am Hello Dhaka
 11:00am Amar 88
 03:00pm Dhaka Ceiling
 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-Jam
 08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok
 11:00pm Raat Vor Gan
 02:00 am Back to Back