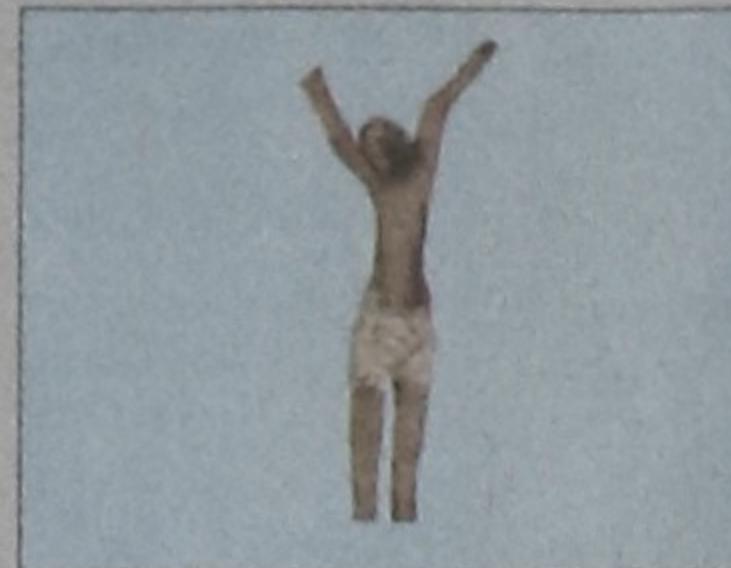


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Sculpture Exhibition

Title: My living friends & the nature
Artist: Ferdousi Priyabhashini
Venue: DOTS Contemporary Arts Centre, 191/A Haque Tower (2nd floor), Tejgaon-Gulshan Link road, Tejgaon I/A
Date: August 1-13
Time: 11am-8pm (2pm-8pm on Fridays)



Group Art Exhibition

Artists: Ranjit Das, Biren Shom and others
Venue: Gallery Shilpangan, H 26, Rd 3, Dhanmondi
Date: August 1-8
Time: 11am-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition

Artist: Yoko Kudo (Japan)
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, DU
Date: August 1-7
Time: 2pm-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Mystery of Colour
Artist: Maksuda Iqbal Nipa
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: August 1-10
Time: 12pm-8pm



Exhibition

Nipa's study of colours

FAYZA HAQ

Maksuda Iqbal Nipa, who has recently returned from Japan, having done her Masters there, is having an exhibition of her 24 oil paintings at Bengal Gallery. Nipa says that nature and her environment in Japan influenced her recent work, much of which she did in Japan, during her stay there. It is the autumnal red of the cherry leaves, for instance that is the basis of many of her colours. Land forms and natural objects comprise her paintings as do a lot of abstract paintings.

Being a student of Drawing and Painting in the beginning at the Institute of Art, DU, she developed a love for oils. Nipa concentrates on oil avoiding acrylic, which today is the vogue. She is inspired by the works of French Impressionists, like Monet and Van Gogh. Their styles and treatment influence her greatly, she says. "Although there is no connection with my paintings, I also greatly admire the paintings of Klimt. The techniques of Turner and Constable have also left a strong impact on me," says Nipa.

Asked what difference she found in the teaching of art in Japan and Bangladesh, Nipa points out that Japan is a first world country, so that art materials abound there. Also, she says, there are more opportunities to study art at galleries in Japan than there is here in Bangladesh. However, Nipa points out, the basics taught by her teachers, like Rafiqun Nabi, Farida Zaman and Nisar Hussain, have gone a long way to help her further her knowledge. The art of drawing, in particular, says Nipa, was something she learnt from Shishir Bhattacharya. She uses fan-brush



Maksuda Iqbal Nipa

for the dotted effect of her paintings.

Nipa paints on three to four canvases together, as she works on oils and they take long to dry. Her favourite colours are blue, yellow and orange. She works in her studio in Dhanmondi.

Comparing the sale of paintings seven years back, before she left for Japan, with today, she says that the art market is much more conducive now than it used to be before, specially for young artists, whose experimentations are appreciated today. Nipa feels that women artists in Bangladesh are working seriously, although she hesitates to pass a judgement on the quality of their work. However, among those working on figurative art, Nipa admires Kanak Champa Chakma and Farida Zaman.

Designs and textures are seen in Nipa's paintings. As she piles colours upon colours, Her preoccupations are colours and sur-



Oil painting by Nipa

face. She uses brush, spatula and knife. Her work is heavily textured, and she works with colours as does a scientist. She also experiments with the size and shape of her canvases, joining rectangular and triangular pieces to form a whole. She gets her inspiration from beaches, gardens, skies, flowers, leaves and insects.

Nipa's teacher, Shishir

Bhattacharya, praises her for her exclusive use of oil colours. Her abstraction, says Shishir is not conventional, and her experimentation with colours is different and fresh.

Nipa has had three solo exhibitions in Nagoya, Hiroshima and Tokyo. She has won four awards in Japan and Bangladesh.

The exhibition ends on August 10.

Anti-corruption cartoon exhibition held at RU

ABU KALAM RATAN, RU

A two-day anti-corruption campaign concluded on Rajshahi University (RU) campus on July 31. On the occasion, an anti-corruption cartoon exhibition was held on the opening day of the campaign.

Rajshahi City unit of Sachetan Nagorik Committee (Sanak) and Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) jointly organised the campaign to create awareness among the students against corruption. Former vice chancellor of RU, Professor Saidur Rahman Khan inaugurated the exhibition. He called upon the students to play more active role against corruption.

Sanak Rajshahi City Joint Convener, Professor Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan Sajal; former RU registrar Professor

Abdus Salam; ANM Wahid Chandan of the department of Law and Justice; TIB Programme Officer Rafiqul Islam and TIB Assistant Programme Officer Jesmin Aktar Panna were also present at the event.

TIB also set up an information booth in front of the library premises and disseminated information to the students about the government information paper, Bangladesh Police Information, Marriage Law, Child Rights Law, Voter Registration Information, Environment Law, Benapole, Other Port Information and Pension rules.

A total of 35 hard-hitting cartoons on anti corruption were on display. Hundreds of students and teachers enjoyed the exhibition.

Sanak Rajshahi volunteers also distributed leaflets and

information of Rajshahi Education Board, Bangladesh Land Information Paper among the university students to create awareness about right to information.

Sanak also encouraged university students to write down their comments on the cartoon exhibition. In addition, Sanak also organised a two-day street drama and *Gomvira* in Rajshahi City to create awareness among the people about their voting rights.

The play gave a strident call to voters to elect an honest and competent candidate so as to ensure citizen rights in Rajshahi City Corporation election.

On the occasion, several street plays were performed at different intersections of the Rajshahi City Corporation area.

Farewell to young Ishmeet Singh



Ishmeet Singh

The music world of India is poorer for the death of 19-year-old singer Ishmeet Singh. The first Sikh singer to win the Star TV's reality show, *Voice of India*, Singh is alleged to have drowned in the swimming pool of the Chaaya Island, Dhonveli resort, Maldives. He had gone there to perform for "Star Voice of Maldives". Meanwhile the grapevine had it that he had been murdered.

As the reality surfaces, it is timely to pay a homage to the budding Singh. His first album was *Shabad Kirtan* (sacred verses), released in April 2008. Only three days before he was scheduled to perform, he met his untimely end. Among his favourite singers was Indian playback singer Shaan, while he was also a great admirer of music director AR Rahman and his dream was to sing for him.

Source: Internet

Samudra Gupta continues to be remembered

ABU AHMED, Satkhira

Satkhira Mahila Parishad general secretary Trishna Chakraborty among others, Paying homage to Samudra Gupta, the speakers asserted that he is one of the best poets in the country and has made a major contribution to Bangla desh's literature. In addition, they maintained that the late poet will remain in the public memory and inspire his countrymen to speak out against injustice.

Satkhira Government College vice principal, Professor Abdul Hamid was the chief guest. The meeting was addressed by Monmoy Manir, Paltu Bashar, Gazi Shahjahan Siraj, Narendra Sugandha, Maniruzzaman Munna, Tripti Mohon Mallik, Sayem Ferdous Mitul, Nishikanto Bannerjee, Sirajur Rahman and M Zaman, Sudhangsu Sekhar Sarkar,

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

09:30 Cars and Planes
10:30 Machines of the East
11:30 The 80's
01:30 God's Gold
02:30 Mini Cooper
03:30 Hitler's Underground Lair
04:30 The Supreme Samurai
05:30 The Way Of The Samurai
10:15 The Fight

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

11:30 Amazing Vehicles
01:30 Costa Rica
02:30 Assault On The Megaherd
03:30 Hollywood Science
04:30 Super Pride
05:00 Serious Amazon
05:30 Lucre
06:00 Big Bang
12:00 Wild Detectives

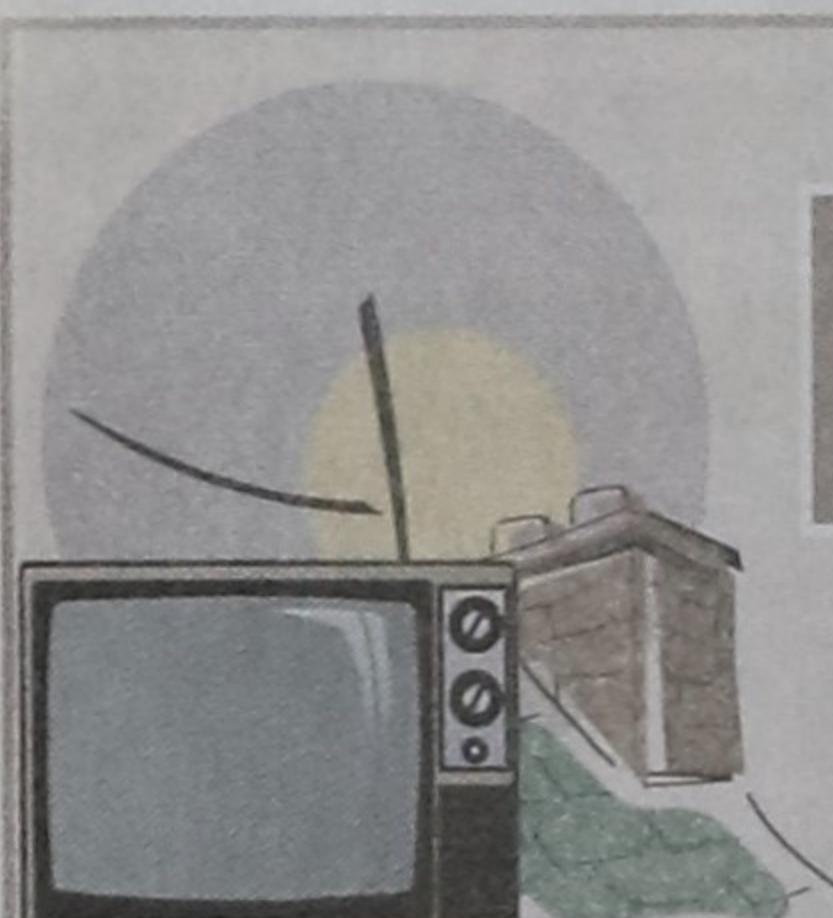
06:30 I Didn't Know That
07:00 What Would Happen If
07:30 Stampede Of The Megaherd
09:30 Superhuman
10:30 Python Attack
11:30 Superhuman

ZEE STUDIO

11:15 The Lizzie McGuire Movie
01:15 Turner And Hooch
03:30 The Woman Next Door
06:00 Gone In Sixty Seconds
08:30 The Last Escape
10:30 E! News

Desperate Housewives

On Star World at 10:30 pm
TV Series
Cast: Teri Hatcher, Eva Longoria Parker, Marcia Cross



News Bulletin

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

On Air

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-1

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.

ATH BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm. News (English) at 6:00pm.

Rtv

News (Bangla) at 10:15pm, and 12:15am.

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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.

Channel-i

09:30 Shangbadporey Bangladesh



Swapnochura
On Banglavision at 9:45 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Anisur Rahman Milon, Shumaiya Shimu



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 Saturday World Music
04:00pm U-tun
08:00pm Top of the Week
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan
2:00 am Back to Back

09:00 Shomoyer Aainay Rajniti
09:30 Cine Tune
11:00 Gaan Wala

HBO
08:45 Taking Flight: The Development Of Superman
09:30 The Marksman
11:30 A Very Brady Sequel
01:15 Evening
03:30 Superman Returns: The Journey Continues
04:00 Entourage 4: The Prince's Bride
04:30 Entourage 4: Adidas Amigos
05:30 Hollywood's 10 Best: Mother-Daughter Movies

