

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Solo Painting Exhibition

**Title:** Memories and Desire  
**Artist:** Najma Akhter  
**Venue:** Alliance Francaise de Dacca, 26 Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** October 17-29  
**Time:** 9am-12pm, 5pm-8pm (Saturdays 5pm-8pm)



### Art Exhibition

**Organiser:** Chaturanga  
**Venue:** Zainul Gallery, Faculty of Fine Arts, DU  
**Date:** October 23-29  
**Time:** 3pm-8pm



### Photography Exhibition

**Title:** Andharer Alo  
**Organiser:** Nitya Upahar  
**Venue:** Gallery Nitya Upahar, 50, Aziz Co-operative Super Market, Shahbag  
**Date:** October 20-28  
**Time:** 10am-8pm



### Cartoon, Painting and Photo Exhibition

**Title:** The right to health  
**Venue:** Drk Gallery, House 58, Road 15A, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** October 30-November 12  
**Time:** 3pm-8pm



## "SM Solaiman Pronodona Britti '08" goes to Kazi Toufikul Islam



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Kazi Toufikul Islam (4-L) receives his crest from Ramendu Majumder.

### CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

To observe the sixteenth anniversary of the organisation, Theatre Art Unit (TAU) in 2005, Anisur Rahman Mukul (in 2005) and Saidur Rahman Milon (in 2006) were the previous recipients of the award.

The programme was held on October 25 at Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA).

Islam received a crest and

cash prize of Tk 10,000. SM Solaiman Pronodona Britti was introduced by Theatre Art Unit (TAU) in 2005. Anisur Rahman Mukul (in 2005) and Saidur Rahman Milon (in 2006) were the previous recipients of the award.

In his speech, Islam said, "In our country the theatre sector is often overlooked; one of the main problems is insufficient exposure. Many artists are forced to choose the electronic media over theatre and this leads to a vacuum of talent in

the latter." He appealed to the media for more coverage of theatre and also urged the audience to support the theatre movement. Ramendu Majumder, president, ITT; Nasiruddin Yousuff, president, Samillito Sangskritik Jote; M Hamid, chairman, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation and dramatist Mannan Hira were present at the programme.

After the award ceremony, the play "Amina Shundori" was staged by TAU.

## Discussion and cultural show on World White Cane Day

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

On the occasion of the World White Cane day, the Green Disabled Foundation, (GDF) Sylhet organised a discussion and cultural programme at their office recently.

President of GDF, Dr. Mostafa Shahzaman Chowdhury, chaired the discussion. ADC (Education) Shahidul Islam; regional director of Radio Bangladesh, Mir Shah Alam; assistant director of Social Welfare, Abul Kalam Azad; Jatiya Pratibandhi Krira Samiti, Sylhet chapter president, Zahir Uddin Shamim; GDF executive director, Rajab Ali Khan Najib and others spoke on the occasion. GDF has long been playing a major role for the betterment of the differently-abled in Sylhet.

The programme wrapped up with a colourful cultural programme, at which the differently-abled members of GDF presented songs and dances.



Music by the visually impaired at the programme

## "Kheturi Festival": A tradition spanning over four centuries

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

"Some render 'kirtan', some are immersed in 'puja', what links them all is their devotion to Lord Gaurango," said Ramesh Chandra Das at Kheturi Dham.

A Krishna devotee, Ramesh recounted his pilgrimage from Narayanganj to Kheturi Dham at Premtali -- some 20 kilometers off to the west of Rajshahi city. He was humming a 'kirtan' of Nazrul, "Hey Gobinda rakho choroney." Like him, thousands of Vaishnavs and Hindus from different areas gathered at the three-day Kheturi Vaishnav Festival recently.

Many of the Vaishnavs arrived from far-flung districts like Chittagong. Joining them were foreign delegates from India, Italy, Australia and Canada who are members of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) joined in. This festival has been observed for 436 years. The festival marks the death anni-

versary of the renowned Vaishnav saint Sri Narottam Das Thakur (on the fifth day of Bengali month of Kartik).

The festival organisers say there has been a decline in the number of devotees due to the lack of facilities offered at the festival premises. The historic site, they point out, needs urgent conservation efforts by the government.

One version of the origins of the festival goes back to Narottom Das Thakur, known for his devotional verses on Radha and Krishna. The son of King Krishnananda Britta and Narayani Devi of the area Goura Pargana in Rajshahi, he renounced his royal claims at a very young age to immerse himself in spiritual leanings in Vrindavan. Narottam was the initiator of the Kheturi Festival -- celebrating 'Gouru Purnima', the birth of Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Legend has it that some 50 years after the death of Mahaprabhu, many devotees had a vision of him.



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Vaishnavs of ISKCON render "Naam Sangkirtan" at the festival.

**On Air**

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

09:50	Grameenphone Tritio Matra	11:03	Kingfisher Taroka Alap	02:30	Drama Serial: Aim in Life	06:50	Ghorey Bairey	04:45	True Lies	06:30	Friday Night Lights	
11:05	Selected Programme	11:30	Drama Serial: Meyeti Ekhon	03:15	Glamour World	08:25	Daily Soap: Mohanagar	07:30	Are We Done Yet?	07:30	Friends	
12:30	Talk Show: Citycell	03:50	Drama Serial: Brishtir Jonyo	03:50	Drama Serial: Brishtir Jonyo	09:45	Drama Serial: Ontonkhyo	09:30	The Mummy	08:00	Seinfeld	
01:05	Ebong Cinemar Gaan	12:25	Drama Serial: Priodorshini	05:25	Ithasher Ei Diney	11:25	Street Show: Raat Birateley	11:45	Disturbia	08:30	My Name Is Earl	
01:30	Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma	01:03	Protidin	05:30	Apnaar Jigyasha	12:00	Shangbad Protidin	08:50	Impy's Island	09:00	Stacked	
02:35	Hridoyer Gaan	02:03	Bangla Feature Film	06:15	Shubho Sandhya	<b>CHANNEL 1</b>	08:40	Shuprobhat Bangladesh	10:15	Die Hard 2: Die Harder	09:30	The Moment Of Truth
03:05	i Sports	06:03	Protidin	06:45	Crime Watch	08:40	Shuprobhat Bangladesh	10:30	School For Soundreiss	10:30	Prison Break	
04:30	Musical Programme	06:30	Nazrul Song	08:15	Drama Serial: Eit Kaather Khacha	02:00	Nongor	02:05	Just My Luck	11:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
05:15	Talk Show: Mukhtijudho Protidin	08:00	Naari O Nokhyotro	09:00	ntv Shamoeki	03:30	Muyur Bahon	03:50	Tremors	<b>THE HISTORY CHANNEL</b>		
06:00	Talk Show: Khola Janala	08:30	Shomoyer Darpaan	09:45	Drama Serial: Neer	04:30	Slop n Rock	05:30	Trmni	09:15	Creative Vision	
06:30	Business Show	09:00	Din Choley Jay	11:30	Talk Show: Ei Shomoy	05:15	Young Craze	07:00	Inspector Gadget	09:30	Modern Marvels	
07:50	Meridian Channel i Khudhey Gaan Raaj 2008	11:30	Drama Serial: Adda	<b>BANGLAVISION</b>	06:00	Saaj Bela	08:20	Swamp Devil	10:30	Man Moment Machine		
10:00	Drama Serial: Aguner Alo	12:00	Editor's Comment	08:30	Sports Vision	07:00	Rang Beronger Khobor	09:50	T4xi	12:15	Creative Vision	
		ntv		09:00	Banglavisoin Cafe	08:15	Drama: Moyur Bahon	11:20	Solstice	12:20	Shackleton	
		08:30	Ajker Shokaal	10:00	Drama Serial: Swapno Chura	09:00	Drama: Hirok Baari Shonaar			01:30	A Dangerous Man	

**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, 11 pm. News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm

Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m, 10:00 am, 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 8:00pm

**Rtv**

News (Bangla) at 7:00pm, and 10:30pm.

**ntv**

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

**BTB**

08:20 Shuprobhaat

09:05 Aalapon

09:25 Cricket: Bangladesh Vs New Zealand

11:40 Cartoon

02:10 Maa O Shishur Katha

04:30 Geet Bitaan

05:05 Sisimpur

05:30 Computer

06:15 Quiz Quiz

07:25 Drama

08:35 Drama Serial: Gaan-er Manush Pran-er Manush

09:10 Drama Serial: Jey Shohor Ghumie Achhey

10:30 Shur-er Murchhona

**ATN BANGLA**

08:15 Ajker Shanbadpotro

08:30 Drama Serial: Chor Kuthuri

09:15 Drama Serial: Swapno Mongol

10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti

11:15 Live Programme: Top Spin

12:15 Shomali Shadakalo

01:30 ATN Music

02:30 Selected Programme

03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhyu Nai

03:45 Aha Ki Anondo

04:20 Shomali Din

05:10 Ononya

06:20 Kathamala

08:00 Drama Serial: Mouchakey Dhl

08:40 Drama Serial

09:20 Drama Serial: Joyotsnakaal

11:30 Rang Manchyoo Taal

12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

**CHANNEL-1**

09:30 Shangbad Potrey Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction

**Ontorikyo**

On Banglavisoin at 9:45 pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Richi Solaiman, Meer Sabbir

11:30 Chhayabithi Toley

12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

**RTV**

09:30 Talk Show: Drishtikon

09:30 Special Programme: Naari O Nokhyotro

10:30 Drama Serial: Dohon

08:55 Drama Serial: Eit Kaath-er Khancha

09:30 Rupali Pordaar Golpo

10:05 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan

10:30 Music Jam

11:30 Cookery Show

12:10 Ei Shomoy

01:05 Japan Video Topic

10:40 Talk Show

11:00 Cinebit Shadakalo

11:35 Visa Apar Agami

02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar

03:05 Shamol Bangla

04:20 X Crime

05:45 Citycell Din-er Sheshey Selected Programme

06:20

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09:30 Bioscope

11:00 Proshno Uttar

**HBO**

08:30 On Deadly Ground

10:15 Small Soldiers

12:30 Hollow Man

02:45 Poseidon

**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 Raat Vor Gan

02:00 am Back to Back

**disturbia**

On HBO at 11:45 pm

Genre: Thriller

Cast: Shia LaBeouf, Carrie-Anne Moss, David Morse, Sarah Roemer

**STAR WORLD**

09:30 Life With Bonnie

10:00 According To Jim

10:30 Grey's Anatomy

02:30 Koffee With Karan

03:30 Fashion House

04:30 Cold Case

05:30 Grey's Anatomy

08:30 Americano

10:15 Outrageous Fortune

12:30 The English Man Who Went Up A Hill But Came Down a Mountain

02:45 The Matrix Revolution - Hindi

05:30 House Guest

07:45 The Hurricane

11:00 Bruce Almighty