

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Art Exhibition

Abdur Razzaque Retrospective
Title: Rhythms of Figures, Forms and Nature
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: October 10-29
Time: 12pm-8pm



13th Asian Art Biennale '08

Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Osmani Memorial Hall and National Museum
Date: October 21-November 19
Time: 11am-7pm (Fridays 3pm-8pm)



Reminiscence Programme

Discussion and musical soiree remembering composer Altaf Mahmud
Venue: Auditorium, National Music and Dance Centre, BSA
Date: October 29
Time: 6pm



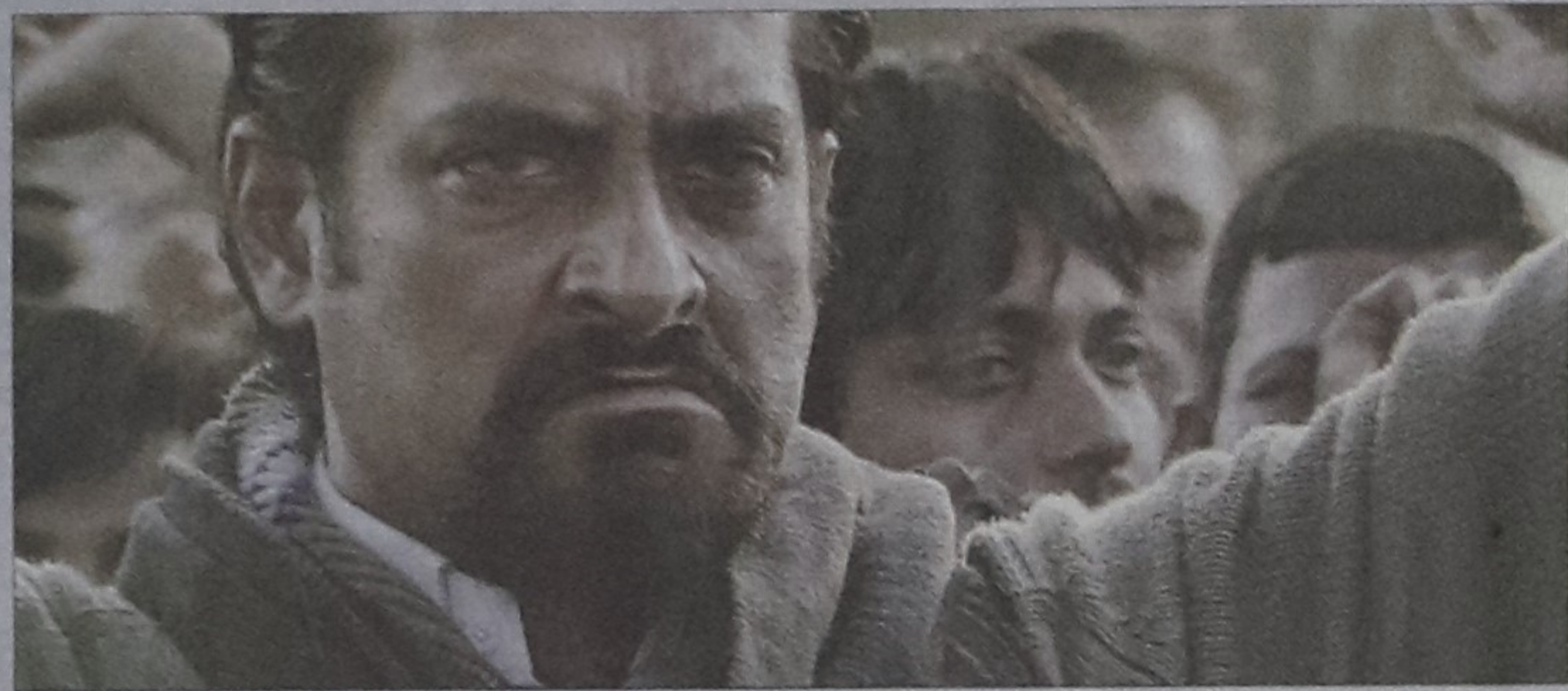
Group Art Exhibition

Artists: Mahmudur Rahman Dipon, Shahraz Sultana and Kowad Hossain
Organiser: Kamranga
Venue: Kamranga, H 30, Rd 42, Gulshan 2
Date: October 25-November 1
Time: 10am-7pm



Sneak Peek

The Last Thakur



A stranger arriving to town is poised to quell the town's long-standing feud, but it soon becomes apparent he has his own vendetta to resolve.

"The Last Thakur" is an intense contemporary Western retold in a Bangladeshi setting by award-winning young British-Bengali filmmaker Sadik Ahmed. The film features leading Bangladeshi TV and theatre actors in a story of passion, jealousy and revenge.

A fully functioning town and market place, reminiscent of the ghost towns of the Wild West, is populated by local characters, market stallholders and street orphans. The fields beyond are coloured with water buffalo, monkeys and crows.



"The Last Thakur," running in UK theatres now, is a follow-up to Sadik Ahmed's short film "Tanju Miah," which was the official selection in Toronto and Sundance, and won Kodak Cinematography, Royal Television Society and Grierson awards.

The film has been shot on High Definition cameras.

Cast: Tariq Anam, Tanveer Hasan, Rubel Ahmed, Anisur Rahman Milon

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

In Focus

Mahasthan Museum: Relics await identity

HASIBUR RAHMAN BILU, Bogra

Upon reaching the Mahasthan Archaeological Museum, a keen visitor has to cross a concrete road on foot. Beyond awaits a world of exquisite and ancient art dating back to the Maurya, Shunga, Gupta, Pala and Muslim dynasties.

With a view to educate the young about our ancient culture and exhibit artefacts, the then Pakistan government established the museum in the year 1967. The museum was located at the archaeological site of Mahasthangarh under Shibganj upazila in Bogra district.

Archaeologist Mahabub-Ul-Alam, custodian-in-charge of the museum, said that there are many artefacts in the museum, including unreadable letters. Extensively decorated Shunga plaques along with other artefacts are also on display -- unfortunately without a detailed description.

A clay oven, dating back to 400 BC is one of the most important artefacts at the museum. However, this too lacks adequate description. Same goes for relics from Gupta, Pala and other periods.

A huge number of ancient images and relics are collecting dust in a storeroom. There are samples of indigenous art featured on ancient clay pots. The exquisite design on black stone is sure to captivate the visitors.



A small sculpture called "Benu Gopala," (12th-13th century) made of black stone, is one of the highlights. There is a chain made of clay, with over 1,000 year-old terracotta beads. Rare collections of Northern Black and Polish Ware (NBPW), and Red and Black Ware (RBW) are also on display at the museum.

While some of these relics provide information on the contemporaneous culture, many of them still await for their identities, to be confirmed.



Clockwise (from top-left) A 1000 year-old terracotta artefact; the main entrance -- made of centuries old stones -- to Mahasthan Archaeological Museum; an 800 year-old relic made of black stone.



"Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan" on ntv



Ankhi Alamgir



Rafiqul Alam

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"Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan," a programme featuring songs of yesteryears, will be aired tonight on ntv at 8:50 pm. Noted singer Rafiqul Alam will perform several romantic songs of the '50s in this episode. Artiste Ankhi Alamgir will perform a duet with Rafiqul Alam. The singers will also share their thoughts on music on the show.

Tonight's episode will feature "Eto shohojee bhalobeshey pheli keno," by Rafiqul Alam -- a song written by the late poet Rudra Muhammad Shahidullah and composed by eminent music director Khandokar Nurul Alam. "This song has retained its poetic essence throughout. Without romanticising the past, I would

claim that this song is as contemporary as it can get," said the singer.

On performing with Ankhi, Rafiqul Alam said, "As she belongs to a different generation of singers, I thought it would be a bit difficult to harmonise. But she treated the song so well, it was a delightful experience." Rafiqul Alam has also rendered "Hangsho pakha diye," an adhunik song popularised by Shyamal Mitra in the '60s.

"Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan" has been conceptualised by Mustafa Kamal Syed and Mohammad Mozakker. Mohammad Mozakker is the producer of the popular show. Veteran singer Syed Abdul Hadi is the host of the show.

Drama serial "Rangeela Bao" on ATN Bangla

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Drama serial "Rangeela Bao" will be aired tonight at 9:20pm on ATN Bangla. Written by Ahmed Shahabuddin and directed by Syed Shakil, this is the 47th episode of the serial.

The plot of the serial is set in a village called 'Jhati Bela'. Some of the inhabitants are illiterate, poor and naive. They approach life from a simple viewpoint and are

content with whatever they have. Some are semiliterate have developed a taste for the urban life-style. These are the rapacious ones that would not hesitate to take the crooked path. The serial highlights the conflict between the two groups.

The cast includes Pijush Bandopadhyay, Chitrlekha Guha, Elora Gauhar, Srabanti, Bannya Mirza, Fazlur Rahman Babu and others.



Fazlur Rahman Babu and Srabanti in "Rangeela Bao."

Book launch programme by Lekhak Forum

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

Lekhak Forum, a Dinajpur based platform for Bangladeshi writers, recently launched a book

titled, "Madhyaprachyer Dinipi". This is the seventh book written by Anwara Azad.

The programme held at Dinajpur Press Club Auditorium included a review of Anwara's books.

Advocate M. Abdur Rahim, a renowned politician and former member of the parliament, was the chief guest. Md. Motiur Rahman, president of Bangladesh Journalists' Union and editor of "Daily Uttar Bangla," a local daily, and Md. Golam Nabi Dulal, general secretary of Dinajpur Press Club, were special guests at the event.

Md. Shajahan Shah, prominent cultural personality and general secretary of Naborupi (a Dinajpur based cultural organisation), was the main speaker at the programme. Poet Md. Mahmud Akhter, president of Lekhak Forum, presided over the event.

Books written by Anwara Azad include "Nona Joler Roud," "Ajker Labonno," "Ghum," "Phirey Ashi Jodi" and others.

Among others, Professor Gonesh Soren, principal of Dinajpur Sangeet College and Md. Aftab Alam, former principal of Dinajpur Adarsha College spoke at the programme. The discussants termed literature as one of key elements, which help develop an aware and enlightened society. Several speakers evaluated Anwara's books as reflections of the society. The event wrapped up with a cultural programme.

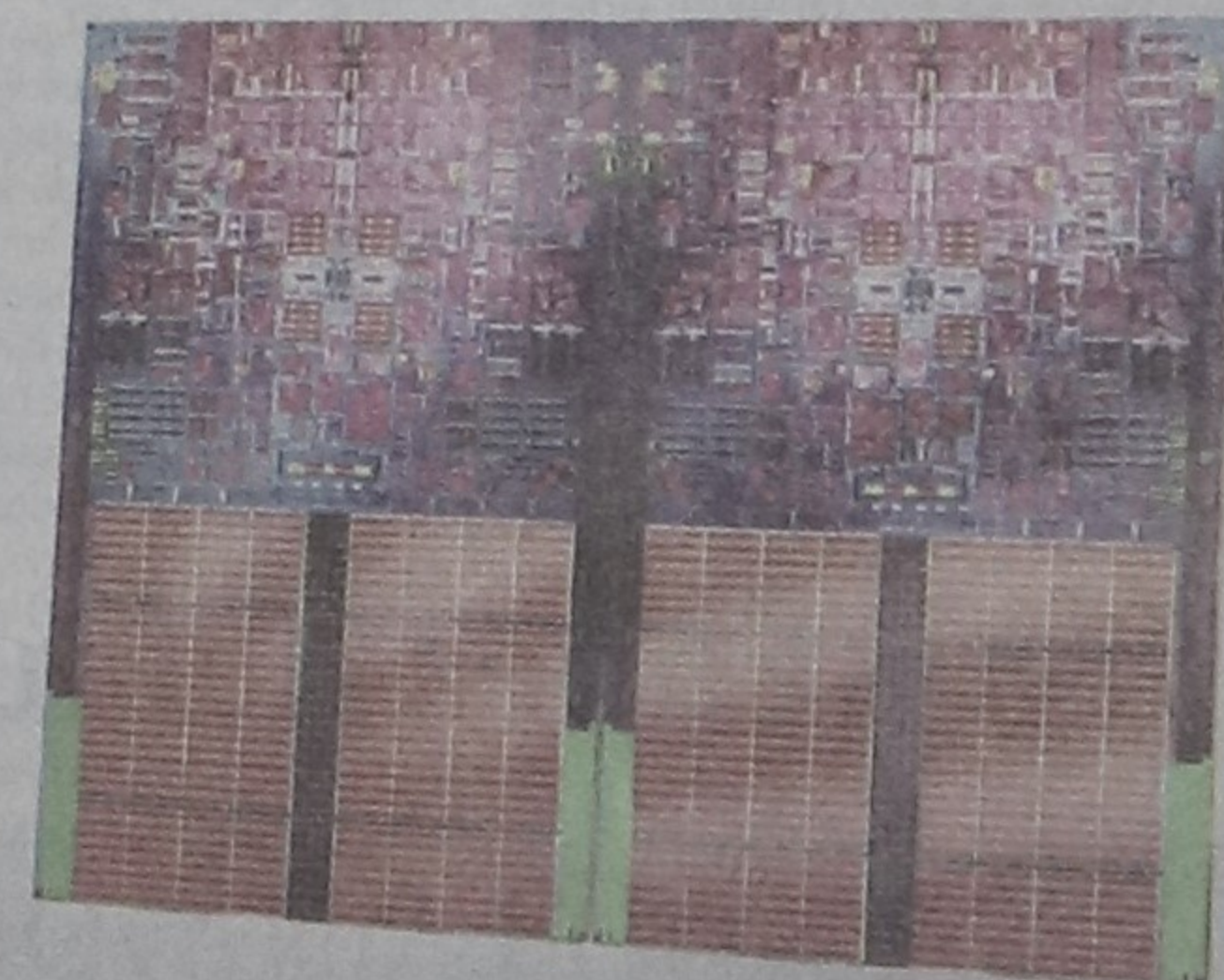


The author (2-L) with discussants at the book launch.

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