

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Title: Palokh Dinipi  
Artist: Kalidas Karmakar  
Organiser: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, R 27 (old) Dhanmondi  
Date: February 15-28  
Time: 12pm-8pm



**Film Screening**  
Film: Alal Joler Ahban  
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, H 35, Rd 24, Gulshan 1  
Date: February 23  
Time: 6pm



**Khadi Utsab**  
Organiser: Onno Mela  
Venue: Onno Mela, H 76, Block-B, Rd-11, Banani  
Date: February 17-28



**Film Screening**  
Film: Ratatouille  
Organiser: Children's Film Society, Bangladesh and Goethe-Institut Bangladesh  
Venue: GIB, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi  
Date: February 26  
Time: 5pm



## Bijoy Sarker's birth anniversary observed

TAREK ALAM, Narail

"Aei prithibi jemon ache temoni thik robe, Sundor a prithibi chhere ek din chaley jete hobe" -- many such spiritual songs have been written by Bijoy Sarker. His 106th birth anniversary was observed on February 19 with much festivity at his native village Dumdi under sadar upazila in Narail district.

The Bijoy Sarker Janma Jainti Udjapan Parishad, organised a day-long programme to mark the occasion.

The programme began with placing floral wreaths on the image of Kabial Bijoy Sarker.

Later, a discussion on the life and works of Bijoy Sarker was held at Bijoy Manch. Among the speakers were Sharif Humayun Kabir,

Narail Sadar Upazila chairman, Abdul Kader Sikder, ex- upazila chairman and Swapan Kumar Roy, deputy secretary. Bhamini Mohan Roy, convener of the Bijoy Sarker Birth Anniversary Udjapan Parishad presided over the meeting. Mohammad Jahangir Alam, additional deputy commissioner spoke as chief guest.

At night, Bayati Rehana Parvin and Kamrul Hasan rendered Jari Gaan. Thousands of people from surrounding areas, irrespective of caste and creed, enthusiastically attended the programme. A fair was also held by the side of the Bijoy Manch.

The programme has been held for the last two decades to commemorate this great singer and composer of folk and spiritual songs.



Devotees recall Kabial Bijoy Sarker in the light of the dark.

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## Essay winner awarded gold medal



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Foreign Minister Dr. Dipu Moni hands over gold medal to Sheikh Raihana Islam.

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

Bangladesh Shishu Academy, came abuzz with activity on the occasion of the National Shishu award-2009. Sheikh Raihana Islam, a student of class eight of Jhenidah Government Girl's Secondary School was placed first in an extempore essay competition at the national level. The lucky winner went home with a gold medal. Foreign Minister Dr. Dipu Moni handed over the award to Raihana. The function was presided over by artist Mostafa Monwar.

## Bhara Bari Bara Bari on ATN Bangla tonight

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

ATN Bangla will telecast the 19th episode of drama serial "Bhara Bari Bara Bari" tonight at 9:20 pm. Written by Nazrul Islam and directed by Humayun Faridee, the story revolves around a dispute over a flat. The landlord doesn't take bachelors as tenants since he has an unwed daughter. Mum Rahman, one of his long-term

tenants, approaches the landlord with the request to lease a flat for his bachelor cousin. The landlord turns down his request. Eventually the landlord rents out the flat to Jafri and his family -- but there is a bachelor brother. When avengeful Rahman finds out, he takes this very personally and begins to hatch plots against Jafri and his brother. As the serial progresses, many hilarious events start to unfold.

## Remembering a true scholar

### A tribute to Abu Zafor

TAKIR HOSSAIN

Tomorrow (February 23) marks the 10th death anniversary of Abu Zafor. Zafor was a noted educationist, essayist and columnist of our country. His writing enriched our literary movement in the '60s and '70s -- decades regarded as a "golden age" for our litterateurs. He was actively involved in national movements; in particular his immense contribution to our Liberation War will be remembered with utmost reverence.

Abu Zafor was born in Murshidabad district of West Bengal in 1937. After completing his MA in 1960, he joined B.L. College as a lecturer. Subsequently he moved to Jagannath College and worked there for over a decade. After retirement, he served at several important posts in the Education Ministry. His repertoire of writing may not have been voluminous, but it's considered a touchstone when the standard of language and themes are concerned. Some of his noteworthy publications are "Anwishta Jiban" (A collection of essays), "Shahitye Samaj Bhabna," Hasan Azizul Haque-er Galpey Samajbastobata" and "Rabindranath-er Rajnoitik Chintadhara."

Abu Zafor authored a significant number of research papers published in national and international journals. He also contributed regularly to a number of daily newspapers in our country.

Poet Mahadev Saha comments, "Abu

Zafor, highly educated and cultured, was a progressive and liberal minded person. His proficient and thought-provoking writing has enlightened our literary world."

Sculptor Syed Abdullah Khalid maintained a close relationship with Professor Abu Zafor. The latter occasionally visited the "Aparajeyo Bangla" when this sculptor was being constructed. Personally though,



Abu Zafor

Zafor was rather reclusive. But when the nation faced a critical situation, he rushed forward and provided his valued wisdom and opinion. Khalid says, "Abu Zafor dreamt of a country free of religious bigotry. We'll always remember him with great respect and greatly feel his absence."

Zafor was known for speaking his mind. His opinion always favoured the cause of the masses,

in particular the marginalized. His books remain popular and widely read. A number of his books were published from Bangla Academy. Certain books by Zafor have not found mass readership, as they are targeted towards advanced readers. The writer, however, never craved fame. In every essay, he articulated innovation in both form and content.

It's true that research-oriented works find very limited exposure in our literary scene; this is more so evident at book fairs like the ongoing 'Ekushey Granthamela.' But one expects this tendency to change. Innovative, analytical literature, like Abu Zafor's, should be available to more readers.



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

## On Air

BTV

09:05 Special Children Programme on Ekushey  
09:30 Drama: Askirang  
10:30 Special Musical Programme on Ekushey  
10:55 Selected Programme  
11:20 Gaaner Jhamatalay  
12:10 Special Programme on Ekushey  
01:00 Krishi Kotha  
01:30 Shobaar Jonyo Shikha  
02:15 Educational Programme  
02:40 Cookery Show: Amader Ranna  
03:05 Cartoon  
03:30 Educational Programme: Maa O Shishur Katha  
04:05 Shangsukti Prangan  
04:30 Musical Programme: Shur Lahori  
05:05 Selected Programme  
06:15 Malancha  
07:00 Maa O Manush  
07:25 Muktiuddher Dinguli  
08:35 Shomudro  
09:00 Drama: Uttaran  
10:30 Dance Programme: Tarana  
11:00 Din Bodol-er Pala

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 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 6:00pm  
Rtv  
News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am  
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  
abc radio  
News: 08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm, 06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am

CHANNEL i

09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra  
11:05 Tele Prescription  
11:30 Agricultural Programme: Hridoye Mati O Manush  
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan  
01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
02:30 Musical Programme: Hridoyer Gaan  
03:05 Channel i Abritti Chhandey Anandey '09  
04:30 Boimela Protidin  
05:30 Musical Programme: Ek Guchho Rabindra Saangeet  
06:00 I Speed  
06:20 Superman  
07:50 Mega Serial: Sakin Sharishuri

Achhey  
05:25 Ithasher Ei Din-ey  
05:35 Apnaar Jigyasha  
06:45 Shamparka  
07:15 Nokia Tech Four  
08:15 Drama Serial: Aim in Life  
09:30 Super Hero Super Heroine  
Special Programme on Ekushey Book Fair: Boiboshonto  
11:40 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
08:30 Drama Serial: Mama Bhagney  
09:00 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jaal  
09:30 Bangla Feature Film  
12:30 Raat Biraatey  
01:30 Media Bhuvan  
02:30 Bikel Belar Boimela  
02:40 Drama Serial: Bijli Moholla  
03:20 Nodi O Jibon  
04:10 Protidin Boimela  
05:20 Law Chamber  
06:00 Citycell Din-er Sheshey

05:30 Eye Witness  
06:30 Shahityo Digaanto  
07:00 News Hour  
08:05 Roots  
08:30 Tone and Tunes  
09:25 Science Dot Com  
11:05 Diganta Shanglaap  
09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market Shahbag, Dhaka 1000  
10:02 Bhooghurey Dot Com  
10:30 Ekushey Business  
02:30 Spondon  
03:15 Ei Shoptaho  
03:30 Dhum Ta Na  
04:30 Deshjurey Oporadh Ponikroma  
05:30 Sports plus  
06:30 Total Music  
08:30 Drama Serial: Tuntuni Bhila  
09:30 Drama Serial: Ghatak Ebong Amra  
10:10 Tini  
10:50 Financial Bulletin

Kothaye Jabey  
09:50 Drama Serial: Priodarshini  
11:00 Tele Press Biz Event  
HBO  
09:45 The Ant Bully  
11:30 The Challenge (2003)  
01:30 Entourage 29: Strange Days  
02:15 Entourage 30: The Release  
02:45 Elizabeth: The Golden Age  
05:00 Jaws 2  
07:15 Hollywood One On One 27  
07:45 Mr. Bean's Holiday  
09:30 Bee Movie  
11:30 The Making Of Bee Movie  
11:45 Transformers  
ZEE STUDIO  
10:20 Mighty Aphrodite  
12:20 I Love Trouble  
03:20 Mighty Aphrodite  
05:00 The Hollywood Reporter - RPT  
05:30 Flubber  
08:40 Hollywood's 10 Best

02:00 BBC World News  
02:30 Develop Or Die (r)  
03:00 BBC World News  
03:30 Dateline London (r)  
04:00 BBC World News  
04:30 Talking Movies (r)  
05:00 BBC World News  
05:30 India Business Report (r)  
06:00 BBC World News  
06:30 Newsnight (r)  
07:00 BBC World News  
07:15 Sport Today  
07:30 The Bottom Line (r)  
08:00 BBC World News  
08:10 Taste Of Iran (r)  
09:00 BBC World News  
09:10 The Doha Debates (r)  
10:00 BBC World News  
10:30 India Business Report (r)  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:30 Talking Movies (r)

STAR MOVIES

10:25 National Treasure: Book Of Secrets  
12:20 The Horse Whisperer  
03:10 Conan The Destroyer  
04:55 Alvin And The Chipmunks  
06:30 Vip Access: Confessions Of A Shopaholic  
07:00 Over Her Dead Body  
08:35 Juno  
10:15 Die Hard 2: Die Harder  
12:25 White Noise: The Light  
02:10 Warbirds

STAR WORLD

10:30 Koffee With Karan  
03:00 Friends  
04:00 The Simpsons  
04:30 Shark  
05:30 Boston Legal  
06:30 Kyle XY  
07:30 90210  
08:30 Monk  
10:30 Boston Legal  
11:30 Psych

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

09:30 Rivers And Life  
11:00 Food Lovers Guide To The Planet  
01:30 Fight Masters  
02:30 Superhuman  
04:00 Mission Navy  
04:30 Lets Get Inventin  
05:00 Big Bang  
05:30 Mavis Hammer  
06:30 Monster Moves  
07:30 Ancient Megastructures  
08:30 Sharkville  
09:30 Dolphin Army  
10:30 Rivers And Life  
12:00 Monkey Thieves



Shakin Shari Shuri  
On Channel i at 7:50 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Mosharrar Karim, Chanchal Chowdhury



09:35 Banglalink Banglar Pathay  
10:00 Drama Serial: Shongshar  
11:30 First Minister  
12:00 Grameenphone Aikar Shangbadpotro

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08:30 Aikar Shokaal  
08:55 Bangla Feature Film  
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
01:05 Japan Video Topic  
02:30 Drama Serial: Chena Chena Lagey  
04:10 Ispahani Janar Achhey Bolar

08:15 Drama Serial: Lucky Thirteen  
09:05 Visa Apnaar Agami  
09:45 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura  
11:25 Jonotaar Mukhomukhi  
12:10 Bashuda Cinema-r Gaan

DIGANTA TELEVISION

08:05 Shobaar Agey Desh  
09:05 Aamar Chokhey Ekush  
09:30 Agnibina  
11:30 Aami Ki Bhulitey Pari  
03:05 Special Drama  
03:30 Career Line  
04:30 School Angina

Rtv

09:00 Jegey Achho Ki  
10:03 Drama Serial: Apon Ghorey Porobash  
11:03 Taroka Alap  
11:30 Band Show  
11:03 Heart To Heart  
02:03 Bangla Feature Film  
05:30 Cinema R Gaan  
06:03 Protidin  
12:30 Cookery Show: R Ranna  
07:30 Road To Democracy  
09:00 Drama Serial: Meyeti Ekhon

08:10 Motor Cycle Diaries  
11:00 Tuck Everlasting  
BBC WORLD NEWS  
08:10 Taste Of Iran (r)  
09:00 BBC World News  
09:30 Talking Movies (r)  
10:30 BBC World News  
10:30 HARDtalk (r)  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:30 India Business Report  
12:00 BBC World News  
12:30 Middle East Business Report (r)  
01:00 BBC World News  
01:10 The Doha Debates (r)