

WHAT'S  
ON THIS  
WEEK

## Art Exhibition

Title: Space & Décor  
Artists: Bishwajit Paul  
and Raton Sarker  
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H  
20, Rd 16, Sec 4, Uttara  
Date: May 1-12  
Time: 11am-8pm

SPACE  
&  
DECORGroup Art  
Exhibition

Title: Raku Workshop out  
come Exhibition '09  
Organiser: Britto Art Trust  
Venue: Zainul Gallery,  
Faculty of Fine Arts, DU  
Date: May 2-9



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## Exhibition

Title: European Commission  
Logo Competition '09  
Organiser: The  
Delegation of the  
European Commission  
Venue: Goethe-Institut  
Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9,  
Dhanmondi  
Date: April 23-May 7  
Time: 10am-8pm

Group Art  
Exhibition

Featuring 167 artworks by  
107 Bangladesh artists  
Venue: Saju Art Gallery, F  
40-41, D.C.C North Super  
Market, 2nd Circle,  
Gulshan  
Date: April 11-May 12  
Time: 10am-8pm

Theatre Festival on Tagore's  
works begins

Performers of Wrttik, a theatre troupe from West Bengal stage the play "Chaturanga."

## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

From May 1, a weeklong Theatre Festival featuring plays by Rabindranath Tagore, commenced at the National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. To celebrate the birth anniversary of the poet laureate, theatre troupe Prangoney Mor organised the festival. Theatre troupes from both India and Bangladesh are participating in the festival geared to upholding Tagore culture in Bangladesh as well as West Bengal.

Eminent playwright, poet and litterateur Syed Shamsul Haque inaugurated the festival at the BSA

premises. Noted theatre personality Mamunur Rashid as special guest, Ananta Heera, director, Prangoney Mor and Nuna Afroz, convenor of the festival were present at the event. The inauguration also included a brief cultural programme. Besides staging plays, cultural programmes will be held every day at the Theatre Stage premises. The programmes are open to all.

Noted cultural personalities including Pijush Bandopadhyay, Hasan Arif, Shimul Mustafa, Mahidul Islam, Joyonto Chattopadhyay, Ahkamullah, Auditi Mohsin, Tamanna Rahman, Baby Rozario and theatre troupes Aranyak, Theatre Art Unit, Padatik

Natya Sangsad, Prachyanat and Prangoney Mor are participating at the festival. Prangoney Mor will also celebrate its sixth anniversary on May 6.

"With a declaration to stage plays by Rabindranath as a regular theatrical practice, Parangoney Mor started its journey six years ago with the play 'Shyama Prem', adapted from the dance drama of the eponymous title. In the six past six years, the troupe has worked tirelessly, with the staging of 84 different plays. This festival is a continuation of our effort," said Ananta Hira, the director of Prangoney Mor. According to Hira, this is the first festival featuring plays based on Tagore.

Among the plays, "Chaturanga," "Antar-Anadar," "Swadeshi," "Shyama Prem," "Khudhito Pashan," "Shodh Bodh" and "Raktakarabi" by different theatre troupes are included in the festival.

The first day of the festival featured Indian theatre troupe Wrttik staging their play "Chaturanga." Based on the novel of the same title by Rabindranath Tagore, the play is directed by Gautam Roy. "Rather than following any particular plot, the play moves forward with the character of Shachish. To sustain the essence of the novel within the structure of the play, it is important to present the inner meanings of the novel through the story line," Gautam Roy explains his production. Actor Biplob Dey plays Sachish, along with Priyanku Shekhar Dey, Amal Bhattacharya, Tanmay Sanyal, Mahua Chakrobarti and others in different roles. Mohitbandu Adhikari designed the set; Shyamaprasad Bandopadhyay and Srobon Saha have done the light design for the play.

The same troupe staged "Antar Anadar," on the second day, another production directed by Gautam Roy. The play is based on the famous short story "Strir Patro" by Tagore.

Today, Prangoney Mor's second production "Swadeshi" will be staged. Nuna Afroz directs the play based on the Novel "Char Adhyay." Prangoney Mor has so far had 19 stagings of the play. Ananta Hira, Nuna Afroz, Shishir Rahman, Ramij Raju and others will act in the play.

Traditional Marma "Dha Khela" has  
spiritual elements

JASIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari

The traditional sport "Dha" is very popular among the indigenous Marma youth as it sharpens their intellect, boosts confidence and imparts the qualities of discipline and perseverance.

According to Marma elders, Dha Khela dates back at least 500 years. It is believed to have its origins in Burma, present day Myanmar. However, there is little documentation on this old sport.

Marma Leader Babusshi Chowdhury told The Daily Star correspondent that the game has three parts that correspond to the three stages of life: childhood, professional life and old age.

Thus Dha Khela is first played by throwing a disc (local name Gut) with the chest or foot to the touch line. According to the older Marmas this means that Marma youth devote themselves to following the path of honesty in their lives.

The second stage is to drop the Gut as far as possible to the touch line. The second stages

translate into the fact that the younger Marmas are on the right track following their early learning. They are strictly maintaining discipline to ensure professional success.

The third stage is to finally touch the destination. This means that those who are able to touch the goal line will achieve success. However, say the old timers, the success rate is dependent on the adroit techniques of the young.

Bangladesh Marma Sangathan Oikyo Parishad advisor Mrasathowai Marma said that he was not entirely aware of the origins of Dha Khela. However, he went on to say, the ancient game incorporated spiritual elements.

The president of the same organisation, Kongchairi Master, told The Daily Star correspondent that Dha Khela is a means of enhancing children's practical skills and makes them confident adults.

Khagrachhari Hill District Council (KHDC) chairman, Ruhity Karbary said that Dha Khela, with its religious component helps the Marma people to make a success of their lives.



A Marma girl takes part in the sport while others look on.

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## News Bulletin

**BTV**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 am.  
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 2:00  
pm 5:00 pm 8:00 pm.  
News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm,  
10:00 pm.  
Late Night News (Bangla and English)  
11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all  
Bangla channels).

**CHANNEL-1**  
News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am,  
2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am  
Jonopad-er Khobor: 5:15 pm

**ATN BANGLA**  
NEWS (Bangla): 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm,  
1:00 am, 4:00 am

News Every Hour: 7:00am, 11:00am,  
12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm  
News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.  
Gram-Ganjer Khobor: 5:00 pm

**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): 9:00am, 11:00 am,  
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;  
English Bulletin: 1:30pm, 7:30pm

**RADIO TODAY**  
News: 08:45 am, 01:45pm, 06:45pm,  
09:45pm, 11:45pm

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

## On Air

## BTV

08:20 Selected Programme  
09:30 Shashoto Shur  
10:05 Open University  
10:30 Musical Programme  
10:55 Selected Programme  
11:20 Gaangulo Mor  
12:10 Drama  
01:30 Educational Programme  
03:05 Cartoon  
03:30 Maa O Shishur Katha  
05:05 Debate  
06:15 Musical Programme:  
Malanchyo  
06:50 Mati O Manush  
07:15 Chena Jana  
07:45 Documentary Programme  
08:35 Drama Serial: Manoshanka  
09:00 Golpo Theke Natok  
10:30 Special Programme

## ATN BANGLA

08:30 Drama Serial: Sagai  
09:15 Drama Serial: Tomaar Doyaye  
Bhalo Achhi Maa  
10:30 Hello Bangladesh  
11:15 Shat Din  
12:15 Cookery Show: Dekko Gura  
Moshla ATN Ranna Ghar  
01:25 Musical Programme: Shur-er  
Madhuri  
02:30 Cinema Cinema  
03:45 Fourth International Dance  
Festival  
05:10 Khelaar Jogot  
05:35 Bashudha Dhaak Dhol  
06:15 Talk Show  
06:45 Kaandey Amar Maa  
08:00 Drama Serial: Karo Kono Nili  
Nai  
08:40 Drama Serial: Bhooter Goli  
09:20 Drama Serial: Naksha  
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House  
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

## CHANNEL 1

08:05 Rabindra Sangeet  
08:30 Shokaler Gaan  
09:30 Shanbadporey 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  
Cinemat Gaan  
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga  
Ma  
02:30 Musical Programme: Hridoyer  
Gaan  
03:30 Channel 1 Abritti Chhondey  
Chhondey  
04:30 Aktel Money Talk  
05:30 Mukti Juddho Protidin  
06:00 Rupaantor  
06:20 Superman  
07:50 BBC World Debate  
09:35 Banglalink Banglar Pathay

05:25 Achhey  
05:35 Ilthasher Ei Diney  
05:35 Apnaar Jigyasha  
06:15 Shubho Shondhya  
06:45 Shomporko  
08:15 Drama Serial: Bari Bari Shari  
Shari  
09:30 Super Hero Super Heroine  
09:45 Tomaader Pelo Bangladesh  
11:40 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
12:30 Docu-Drama: Ghumi Batash  
08:00 Shubho Shokal  
08:30 Drama Serial: Magma Bhagney  
09:00 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jaal  
09:30 Bangla Feature Film  
12:30 Raat Biraatey  
01:30 Media Bhuban  
02:40 Drama Serial: Bijli Moholla  
03:20 Nodi O Jibon  
04:10 Paroshpar

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**Naksha**  
On ATN Bangla at 9:20 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: ATM Sharnsuzzaman, AKM Hassan

10:00 Drama Serial: Nine Months in  
Brick Lane  
11:30 Drama Serial: Thikana  
12:00 Grameenphone Aker  
Shangbadpotro

## ntv

08:55 Bangla Feature Film  
12:10 Talk Show  
01:05 Japan Video Topic  
02:30 Drama Serial: Shangshoy  
03:15 Matro Shotero Din  
04:10 Ispahani Janar Achhey Bolaar

## ETV

09:30 Drama Serial: Channel 21  
10:02 Bhooghurey Dot Com

10:30 Ekushey Business  
02:30 Spondon  
03:15 Ei Shoptah  
03:30 Dhum Ta Na  
04:30 Deshjurey  
05:30 Sports plus  
06:30 Musical Programme: The Total  
Music  
08:30 Drama Serial: Tuntuni Villa  
09:30 Drama Serial: Lolita  
10:10 Uttardhikar  
12:02 Ekusher Raat

## Rtv

09:00 Jeghey Achho Ki  
10:03 Drama Serial: Apon Ghorey  
Porobash  
10:50 Taroka Alap  
11:30 Just Band  
01:03 Heart Beat  
02:03 Bangla Feature Film  
05:30 Cinema R Gaan

04:30 Desh Aamar  
05:02 Cartoon: Thunder Cats  
05:30 Baati Ghar  
06:02 Kon Shadhoney Taarey Pai  
07:45 Top Chart  
09:30 Drama Serial: Bhangaan  
10:02 Drama Serial: Cornet  
10:30 Total Sports  
11:45 Shojha Katha

## ZEE STUDIO

08:30 Connie and Carla  
10:40 The Tailor of Panama  
01:20 Matilda  
03:30 Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius  
06:15 The Hollywood Reporter  
06:45 The Preacher's Wife  
09:30 The Baby Sitters Club  
11:35 Last Dance

## STAR MOVIES

08:50 Alvin And The Chipmunks

03:30 Closure  
05:00 Flight Of Fury  
06:45 Superman  
09:30 Blood Diamond  
12:15 I Now Pronounce You Chuck  
And Larry

## BBC WORLD NEWS

08:00 BBC World News  
08:10 The World Uncovered (r)  
09:00 BBC World News  
09:30 HARDtalk (r)  
10:00 BBC World News  
10:30 Fast Track  
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)  
02:00 BBC World News  
02:30 Dateline London (r)  
03:00 BBC World News  
03:10 The World Uncovered (r)  
04:00 BBC World News  
04:30 Fast Bucks: How Porsche  
Made Billions (r)  
05:00 BBC World News (r)  
05:30 India Business Report (r)  
06:00 BBC World News (r)  
06:10 Newsnight Special (r)  
07:00 BBC World News  
07:15 Sport Today  
07:30 Our World: Defending The  
Bourgeoisie (r)  
08:00 BBC World News  
08:30 Cooking In The Danger Zone  
(r)  
09:00 BBC World News  
09:10 The Doha Debates (r)  
10:00 BBC World News (r)  
10:30 India Business Report (r)  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:10 The World Uncovered (r)

## STAR WORLD

08:30 Smallville  
09:30 According To Jim  
11:30 Seinfeld  
01:30 Friends  
03:30 The Simpsons  
04:30 Delirious  
06:30 Smallville  
07:30 90210  
08:30 Reaper  
09:30 Boston Legal  
11:30 Kath & Kim  
12:00 How I Met Your Mother



**abc radio 89.2 FM**  
08:00 Mukhenlo Jiboney  
12:00 Danun Dupurey  
03:00 Duranto Bileley  
06:00 Shondhara  
07:00 Shajer Maya  
09:00 Rast-er Akashay  
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei  
**Radio Fearti 85.0 FM**  
07:30 Hello Dhaka  
10:00 Morning Express  
12:00 My Time  
01:00 No Tension  
04:00 Dhaka Calling  
09:00 Night Rider  
**Radio Today 89.6 FM**  
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka  
11:00 Musti Unlimited  
01:00 Today's Adda  
04:00 U Turn  
08:00 Tobey Tai Hok  
11:00 Ravi Sher Gaan  
12:00 Today's Happy  
Moments



**Smallville**  
On Star World at 6:30 pm  
TV Series  
Cast: Tom Welling, Allison Mack,  
Kristin Kreuk

06:03 Protidin  
07:00 Cookery Show: R Ranna  
07:30 Road To Democracy  
09:00 Selected Programme  
09:50 Drama Serial: Kala Kaitor  
11:00 Trade Talk  
12:00 News Cafe

## DESH TV

09:02 Patrika Protidin  
10:30 Khelaar Shokaal  
12:15 Dur Paath  
04:00 Desh Janopad

10:35 Death Wish V: The Face Of  
Death  
12:35 Tom Yum Goong  
02:40 Dead Poet's Society  
05:20 Runaway Bride  
07:25 Signs  
09:30 Step Up!  
11:35 Kiss Of The Dragon

## HBO

09:45 Hollow Man 2  
11:30 Dragonheart  
01:30 Charlie's Angels