

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Exhibition

Title: Poshakey Ronger Ushao
Venue: Gallery Nitya
Upahar, Azu Cooperative
Super Market, Shahbagh
Date: August 28-
September 19
Time: 10am-8pm



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Film Screening

Film: The Big Day
(France)
Filmmaker: Jacques Tati
Venue: Alliance
Francaise de Dhaka, 26,
Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: September 4
Time: 10:30am & 5pm



Solo Sculpture Exhibition

Sculptor: Mohammad
Abul Islam
Venue: Gallery, Asiatic
Society, Nimtoli, Ramna
Date: August 28-
September 6
Time: 2-8pm



Photo Exhibition

Title: Our stories: Middle
Class Bangladesh
Date: August 27-
September 9
Venue: Goethe-Institut
Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9,
Dhanmondi
Time: 10am-8pm



Bengali International: Promoting 'Bangaliaana' overseas

MAINUL HASSAN

Bengali International is a UK-based cultural organisation of Bangladeshi expatriates. The organisation was founded in 1978 to promote Bengali culture and heritage among the Bengali and non-Bengali communities living in UK.

Shams Hoque is the chairman of Bengali International, UK. Recently Hoque came to Bangladesh to attend the unveiling of a mural of Raja Ram Mohan Roy in Rangpur. The mural was sponsored by Hoque's organisation, and has been designed and crafted by sculptor Aneek Reza.

Hoque spoke to The Daily Star about the mural, functions of Bengali International and more.

Talking about the organisation, Hoque said, "Even though the organisation was founded in UK, it has branched out into other European countries. Currently we have branches in Spain, Italy, Switzerland and France."

"We hold cultural programmes on special events in the Bengali calendar - on *Pahela Baishakh* (Bengali New Year), *Borshaboron Ushob* (welcoming the monsoon), celebrating the season of winter and so on. Special programmes are also held to observe Nazrul and Tagore birth, death anniversaries, Ekushey February, Independence Day and Victory Day," said Hoque.

"Such programmes not only give the Bengali expats a taste of home but also introduces our culture to the non-Bengalis.

"For the children of the Bengali expats, who are being raised there, we



Shams Hoque

run Bangla schools on weekends. There we introduce them to Bangla alphabets and our culture.

"We also have branches in the US -- in Boston, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and in the Oklahoma state."

Speaking on the recently unveiled mural of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Hoque said, "Raja Ram Mohan Roy was a truly committed social reformer, and one of the pioneering figures of 'Bengali Renaissance' who deserves respect for his extraordinary achievements in many areas."

"While visiting Rangpur, I was surprised to see that many are totally unaware of Roy and his achievements, some even referred to him as a 'local king' who lived long ago. People are not aware of his association with

Rangpur. He was a *dewan* in Rangpur from 1809 to 1814.

"The mural aims at generating interest in Raja Ram Mohan Roy and his legacy among the young. There is a bio of Roy next to the mural."

We have plans to set up an open museum on Begum Rokeya in Rangpur as well. The museum will be in the shape of a huge globe, situated in the heart of the city. Detailed information on Begum Rokeya will be encrypted on the globe. Her publications and writings, quotes, and an archive documenting her entire life in photographs should give one a clear idea on Begum Rokeya and her achievements," Hoque hopes.

"We also have plans to open up museums on Debi Chowdhurani in Kuchbihar and Atish Dipankar in Bikrampur in future.

"In December this year, we are looking forward to hold a South Asian convention in Dhaka. The convention will zoom in on the current state of education system in Bangladesh.

"We hope to set up a university in Bangladesh to provide proper training for teachers at SSC and HSC levels in near future."

An optimistic Hoque said, "The organisation will continue promoting Bengali culture and Bangla language to the global community, hopefully by extending our operations into more countries and reaching out to more Bengali expats, making them aware of their roots."

Bengali International will be holding a 'Lalon Ushob' for the first time in London this October.

PHOTO: MUMIT M.
Malik Mohammed Sayeed, head of marketing, Square Toiletries Ltd, speaking at the 1st Draw Ceremony of Meril Splash Freshness Festival, held at a city hotel recently. The launch of 'Fresh Beauty', a joint venture by Square Toiletries Ltd and Persona, was also announced at the programme. Kaniz Almas Khan (R), beautician and CEO of Persona, was also present at the event.



Bush daughter Jenna Hager becomes TV reporter

AP, New York

NBC's "Today" show has hired someone with White House experience as a new correspondent -- former first daughter Jenna Hager.

The daughter of former President George W. Bush will contribute stories about once a month on issues like education to television's top-rated morning news show, said Jim Bell, its executive producer.

Hager, a 27-year-old teacher in Baltimore, said she has always wanted to be a teacher and a writer, and has already authored two books. But she was intrigued by the idea of getting into television when Bell contacted her.

"It wasn't something I'd always dreamed to do," she said. "But I think one of the most important things in life is to be open-minded and to be open-minded for change."

Bell said he got the idea after seeing Hager in two "Today" appearances. She was on the programme two years ago to promote her book about an HIV-infected single mother, "Ana's Story: A Journey of Hope," and it went so well that a short interview was stretched to nearly a half hour. She and her mother, Laura Bush, also co-hosted an hour of "Today" around the time their picture book came out.

"I think she can handle it," he said. "I think she knows something about pres-



Jenna Hager

sure and being under some scrutiny."

He expects her first story, most likely concerning education, to be on sometime next month.

Bell said Hager won't be covering politics. He said he didn't consider the job as a down payment for a future interview with her father, who has been living quietly in Texas since leaving office earlier this year. Attacks on NBC News by conservatives for the liberal bent of MSNBC also had nothing to do with it, he said.

"I hope to focus on what I'm passionate about because I think I'd do the best job on them -- education, urban education, women and children's issues and literacy," said Hager.

Married to Henry Hager in May 2008 at her family's ranch in Texas, what she doesn't plan to do is talk about her experiences as the daughter of a president.

"I don't think it's that interesting," she said. "I'm pretty normal."



On Air

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

BTV

08:45 Shokaal-er Gaan
09:05 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
09:30 Sushtha Dehey Sundor Mon
10:05 Open University
10:30 Selected Programme
11:30 Tarar Mela
12:10 Binodon Mela
12:30 Chhandito Nandito
01:00 Lok Lokalo
01:30 Uddid O Jibon
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Shukhi Poribar
04:05 Tobu O Swapno Dekhi
04:30 Musical Programme: Geet Bitan
05:05 Moner Katha
05:30 Krishni Dibanishi
06:30 Mati O Manush
07:45 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
08:25 Documentary Programme: Ithash Oltihye Bangladesh
08:30 Drama Serial: Hotel Holiday
09:30 Rupali porda
10:25 Selected Programme

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Akker Shangbad Potro
08:30 Drama Serial: Karo Kono Neeti Nai
09:15 Drama Serial: Naksha
10:30 Hello Bangladesh
11:15 Talk Show: Asian City Top Spin
12:15 Shornali Shadakalo
01:25 Oiram Bangladesh
02:30 Chhobir Manush
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar
Chokhkhkhhu Nai
Children's Programme: Aha Ki Ananda
04:15 VIM Zhoitpot Iftar
05:10 Islamic Programme
05:35 Islamic Programme
06:10 Kerat Competition
06:35 Islamic Programme
08:00 Drama Serial: Baaksho
08:40 Drama Serial: Tomato Ketchup
09:20 Drama Serial: Joyotsna Kaal
11:30 Drama Serial: Hothat Shimantey
Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL i

08:30 Shokaler Gaan
08:40 Akker Chakri
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Trilio Matra
11:05 BBC Bangladesh Shangleap

12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka
Kathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
02:30 Special Programme
03:05 i Sports
03:20 Boi Ebong Boi
03:35 Cookery Show
04:05 Mukti Judhyo Protidin
04:30 Islamic Programme
05:10 Talk Show: Kathy Kathay
05:40 Talk Show: Khola Akash
06:10 Business Show
06:30 Islamic Programme
07:50 Talent Hunt: Channel i Shera Kontho
09:30 Drama Serial: Shobkikhhu
Bhengey Porey
10:00 Western Union Probashi
11:30 Drama Serial: Pacific-er Parey
12:00 Grameenphone Akker
Shangbadpotro

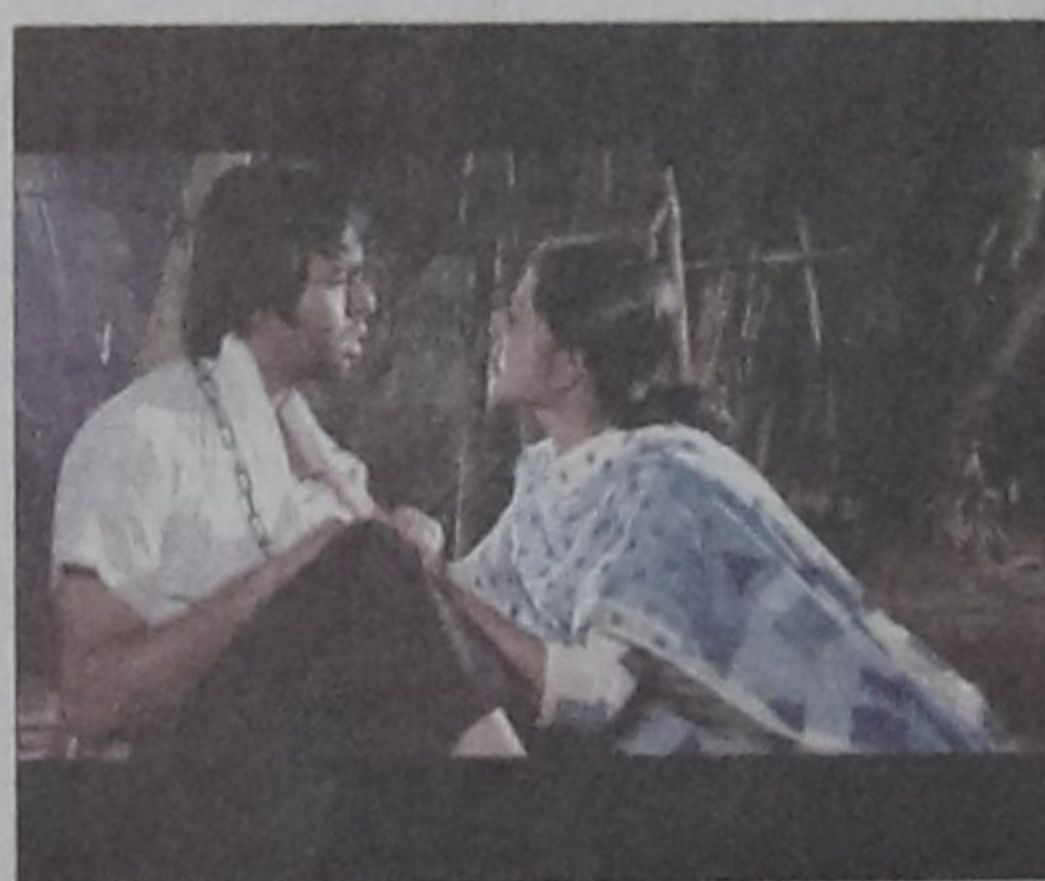
ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokal

09:30 Shari
Tomader Pelo Bangladesh
10:05 Drama Serial: House Full
11:00 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan
11:30 Music Jam
12:10 Apnaar Jigyasha
01:05 Tomader Bhulbona
02:30 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
03:10 Shangkriti Ei Shoptaho
03:45 Musical Programme: Duti Mon
04:10 Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey
05:40 Crime Watch
06:40 Islamic Programme
08:15 Drama Serial: 1920
09:00 Glamour World
09:45 Drama Serial: Palolik Mon
11:30 Apnaar Jigyasha

BANGLAVISION

08:00 Shubho Shokaal
08:30 Drama Serial: Rupnagarer
Koinya
09:00 Mega Serial: The Family
10:10 Drama



Baksho
On ATN Bangla at 8:00 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Apurbo, Tisha



abc radio FM 89.2
09:00 Mukhonto Jiboney
12:00 Darun Dupury
12:00 Duronto Bishoy
05:00 Shondha Tam
07:00 Shaer Maya
09:00 Rader Akashay
11:00 Gopier Shash Nei

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
07:30am Hello Dhaka
10:00am Morning Express
12:00pm No Tension
04:00pm Dhaka Calling
09:00pm Knight Riders

Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
11:00 Mosh Unlimited
01:00 Today's Adika
04:00 U Turn
08:00 Today Tai Hok
11:00 Rader Bhor Gaan
12:00 Today's Happy Moments

Channel 1

08:40 Suprovat Bangladesh
09:10 Events of the day
10:30 Ramjaner Shad
11:00 Bangla Feature Film
03:30 Drama Serial: Kaanch-er Putul
04:00 Drama Serial
04:30 Showcase
07:00 Hridoye Ramjan
08:15 Drama Serial: Gahor Baidya
09:00 Drama Serial: Kanch-er Putul
09:45 Events of The Day
11:00 Doctors Voice

HBO

09:00 Ghost Voyage

11:00 Clockstoppers
01:00 Hollywood One On One 55
01:30 Internal Affairs
03:30 Tmz 050
04:00 Balls Of Fury
05:15 Sep '09: HBO Central (SA)
06:15 Saving Silverman
08:00 Tmz 050
08:30 Clockstoppers
10:30 Training Day
12:45 Frequency

STAR MOVIES

08:35 How Stella Got Her Groove Back
10:55 Wide Awake
12:45 Ladder 49
03:00 Born To Fight
04:55 Senseless
06:50 Solstice
08:40 The Simpsons Movie
12:30 Pirates Of The Caribbean: At World's End

STAR WORLD

09:30 Late Show With David

09:30 Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00 Two And A Half Men
10:30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here!
11:30 Prison Break
12:30 Knight Rider

BBC WORLD

09:00 BBC World News
09:30 Asia Business Report
09:45 Asia Today (r)
10:00 BBC World News
10:30 World Business Report
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 World Business Report
12:00 BBC World News
12:30 World Business Report
12:45 Sport Today
01:00 BBC World News
01:30 World Business Report
01:45 Sport Today
02:00 BBC World News
02:30 HARDtalk (r)
03:00 BBC World News
04:00 BBC World News
04:30 World Business Report
04:45 Sport Today
05:00 World News Today
06:00 BBC World News
06:30 World Business Report
06:45 Sport Today
07:00 World News Today
08:00 BBC World News
08:30 HARDtalk (r)
09:00 BBC World News
09:30 The Last Volunteer (r)
10:00 World News Today
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 World Business Report
11:45 Sport Today

ESPN

08:30 Hitz 09/10
09:00 BBC Archives 2005-06 India Legends 24
10:00 Fina World Swimming Championships
11:00 Uca College Cheerleading Championships
12:00 Barclays Premier League 2009/10
Match: Bolton Wanderers vs. Liverpool
02:00 Major League Baseball 2009 (E)
Match: Chicago White Sox vs. New York Yankees
03:00 Premier League Highlights
06:00 Winter Games Nz Daily Highlights
07:00 Players Lives
07:30 Almost Anything Goes
08:00 Sportscenter India 2009
08:30 Sportscenter Asia
09:00 Football Focus Transfer Window Special
10:00 Sportscenter India 2009
10:30 Sportscenter Asia
11:00 Players Lives
11:30 Almost Anything Goes
12:00 2009 Little League World Series