

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Photo Exhibition

On the occasion of 60th birth anniversary of Werner Herzog
 Title: Film Must be Physical
 Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi
 Date: Sep 16-Oct 8



Solo Painting Exhibition

Artist: Shahabuddin
 Venue: Gallery Chitrak, H 21, Rd 4, Dhanmondi
 Date: September 18-Oct 9
 Time: 10am-1pm, 5-8pm



Film Screening

Celebrating 50 years of Alliance Française de Dhaka (AFD)
 Venue: AFD, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
 Date: September 27-30
 Time: 5pm onwards
 September 27: 'Quest for Fire' & 'Diva'



Photo Exhibition

Images of tourist sites of Moscow and St. Petersburg
 Venue: Lobby, Russian Centre of Science & Culture, H 42, Rd 7, Dhanmondi
 Date: September 1-30



In Focus

Falling to pieces: The twin temple of Muktagachha

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A twin temple -- Shree Shree Anandamoyi Shiva and Kali Mata Mandir -- that dates back around 200 years, is located in Muktagachha upazila headquarters. Unfortunately, the temple is in a dilapidated condition due to the utter negligence of the concerned authority. The Archaeological Department had declared this temple as an archaeological site over 15 years ago to prevent it from further decay, but the only sign of supervision that remains are the signboards.

The temple was built just outside the palaces of Muktagachha Zamindars. The temple is unique in its design. It is oblong in shape with little corridors on a high basement. The basement is connected with a staircase that leads to a pond.

Intrigued by its history, visitors from home and abroad have stopped by at the temple on various occasions. Veena Sikri, former Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, visited some old temples in the area, including the twin temple, in 2006.

The temple was built in 1820 by Bimola Devi, mother of Maharaja Shashikanta Acharya Chowdhury, an accomplished zamindar of Muktagachha. A large pond was dug in the front for easy



The twin temple in Muktagachha.

supply of water for the devotees who thronged the temple on different occasions.

The temple, also known as 'Dakshineswar Temple,' is the second of its kind in Asia with another such temple in Kolkata. Religious functions including Durga Puja, the solemnisation of marriage, religious rituals, sacrificial activities (especially on the occasion of Kali and Manasha

Puja), Annaprasnan etc are held on the temple premises and the custom has come down the ages.

The Rabidas community, a scheduled caste of the Hindus, perform their two-day long Kattani Puja, locally known as the 'Shat' Puja, centring the pond on the temple premises in the Bengali month of Kartik.

Special puja are held on

every full moon and new moon and on the occasion of Pahela Baishakh. Devotees from far and wide gather at the temple on various occasions to seek blessings from the deities. The other distinguishing feature of the temple is that only the purohit (priest) can enter the main room of the temple where the idols are placed.

According to sources, through local initiatives some construction work on the temple, including its boundary walls, was carried out at a cost of Tk 98,000 -- collected from local devotees -- a few years ago. However, they say, this amount is insufficient to restore the temple from decay.

Rakesh Chakraborty, the present purohit of the temple, said that they were unable to perform their customary worship marking the new moon on September 18 as rainwater trickled in through the many cracks that had developed in the temple. This made it even more difficult for the devotees to stay in the precincts of the temple. To observe the Durga Puja, devotees in their hundreds rush to the temple every year, the purohit added.

Steps for renovation work to protect the temple from final ruin should be taken quickly as it is an asset with a rich cultural heritage, said a source in the local Archaeological Department.

Brad Pitt gives Katrina update at Clinton meeting

AP, New York

The average electric bill for one of the energy-efficient homes built in New Orleans by Brad Pitt's Make It Right foundation is \$35 a month, the actor said Thursday during an update on the project at the Clinton Global Initiative.

The cost of building the homes also is dropping. And by the time all 150 promised homes are completed, the cost will be comparable to standard buildings, Pitt said.

"I don't know how we build any other way anywhere else," he said. "We can no longer tell ourselves that implementing this technology is too complex a problem because it's just been proven on this little spot on the map."

Pitt started the foundation in 2007. The programme focuses home construction in a section of New Orleans heavily damaged when Hurricane Katrina struck in



Former US President Clinton (L) talks with actor and founder of Make It Right, Brad Pitt, during the 2009 Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting on September 24.

August 2005. The homes are being built with features including rooftop solar panels and energy-efficient appliances to help reduce electricity consumption.

The Clinton Global Initiative, an annual event started by former President Bill Clinton, brings together the public

and private sector to discuss solutions to problems in four areas -- climate change, poverty, global health and education.

At an afternoon panel discussing education, Queen Rania of Jordan said it was an evergreen subject in political campaigns but one that loses priority once politicians are in office because there often isn't any immediate political gain.

"The benefits of education sometimes don't fit in with the political cycle because you reap the benefits way down the line," she said. "What we need to do is realise that sense of urgency when it comes to education, because education is a matter of life and death."

Attendees at the Clinton Global Initiative are expected to commit to steps they will take to work on global problems. Those who don't follow through on their commitments won't be allowed to return to subsequent events.

Justin Timberlake gets 'friend request' from Facebook movie

It's official: Justin Timberlake will play Napster co-founder Sean Parker, who became Facebook's founding president. Jesse Eisenberg will play Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg in "The Social Network," a film based on the creation of the social networking site.

Andrew Garfield has been cast as Eduardo Saverin, the Facebook co-founder who had a falling out with Zuckerberg as the site became a financial success. The crew, along with director David Fincher, will begin filming next month in Boston before moving production to Los Angeles.

One of the film's executive produc-

ers, Kevin Spacey, spoke to MTV News recently about the flick, speculating that it would begin filming before the end of this year, although at that time the details, including who would be directing and starring in the movie, had yet to be worked out.

Spacey did note that he was "enormously excited" about the film. "Great story for people that don't really know how it happened," he said. "Very funny, very modern, very cool."

The film was penned by "West Wing" creator Aaron Sorkin.

Source: MTV



Justin Timberlake



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

On Air

BTV

10:05 Children's Programme
 10:30 Eid Anondy Shobaar Mon-ey
 12:10 Selected Programme
 01:15 Entertainment Show
 02:30 Bangla Feature Film
 05:30 Dance Programme
 06:15 Band Show
 06:45 Ei Lagan Tomaar Amar
 08:30 Drama: Prerona
 09:45 Musical Programme: Chhondo Anondo
 10:30 Special Programme
 11:00 Eid-er Gaan

ATN BANGLA

10:30 Hothat Break
 11:15 Musical Programme: Eid Aondo Gaan
 12:10 Band View
 01:40 Bangla Feature Film
 04:10 Tele-film: Ontorjaal
 07:45 Drama: Crutch
 08:50 Drama: Laal T Shirt
 10:40 Golpey Gaaney Eid Anondy

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08:05 Tagore Song
 08:30 Shokaler Gaan
 08:40 Akker Chakri
 09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh
 09:45 Public Reaction
 09:50 Grameenphone
 11:05 Talk Show: Amader Aina
 12:05 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
 12:30 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
 01:05 Shobaar Jonjo Shoroshay Bigyan Dharona
 02:30 Selected Programme
 04:05 Muktiyudhyo Prolidin
 04:30 Musical Programme: Mon-er

07:50 Moto Gaan
 Drama: Kushum-er Chhobi
 09:30 Drama: Bokro Rekha

ETV

09:30 Drama: The Millionaire
 Boys
 10:02 Drama
 11:30 Fashion and Tune
 12:30 Street Magic
 01:30 Bangla Feature Film
 05:20 Gaon Geramer Eid
 07:30 Naachey Gaaney Number 1
 08:30 The Total Music
 09:30 Drama: Dui Din-er Chhuti Monjur
 10:30 Bhuboghurey Dot Com
 11:30 Drama: Modhuchondrima



Laal T Shirt
 On ATN Bangla at 8:50 pm
 Single Episode TV Play
 Cast: Mosharraf Karim, Aupi Karim

12:30 Phone O Live Studio Concert
 09:00 Phone O Live Rock Time: Mila and Fuad
 10:00 Shaola Dhaka Eid
 10:40 Taroka Alap
 11:30 Bangla Feature Film
 03:00 Tele-film: Tiattur Number
 07:20 Drama: Tithir Shomipey
 09:30 Drama: Muri Khailey Thonga Free
 10:20 Musical Programme: R Music

11:00 Acoustic Shondhya

DESH TV

10:30 Khelar Shokal
 12:15 Dur Paath
 03:00 Bangla Feature Film
 04:00 Desh Janopad
 07:45 Desh Top Chart
 08:15 Drama
 09:45 Drama Serial: Jao Pakhi
 10:30 Total Sports
 11:45 Talk Show: Shoja Katha

ZEE STUDIO

12:15 To Gillian on her 37th Birthday
 02:30 Romantic Comedy 101
 04:35 The Basketball Diaries
 06:55 Get shorty
 07:25 The Rock

08:00 Hancock

10:00 Oct '09: HBO

Central (SA)

10:30 The Bucket List

12:45 Vantage Point

STAR MOVIES

08:45 Stargate: Continuum

10:45 Bridge To Terabithia

12:40 Rocky V

02:45 Driving Lessons

04:40 Over Her Dead Body

06:45 Mutant Chronicles

08:40 Cleaner

10:30 Young Master, The

12:35 John Rambo

STAR WORLD

10:00 The Simpsons

10:30 Rodney

11:30 The Bold And The Beautiful

Mother

BBC WORLD

08:45 Asia Today (r)

09:00 BBC World News

09:30 Asia Business Report

09:45 Asia Today (r)

10:00 BBC World News

10:30 HARDtalk

11:00 BBC World News

11:30 World Business Report

12:00 BBC World News

12:30 World Business Report

01:00 BBC World News

01:30 World Business Report

01:45 Sport Today

02:00 BBC World News

02:30 World Business Report

02:45 Sport Today

10:00 World News Today

11:00 BBC World News

11:30 World Business Report

11:45 Sport Today

STAR CRICKET

08:30 Champions Trophy 2009 H/L

Sri Lanka vs. England

09:30 Indian Premier League 2009 - H/Ls

11:30 KFC Twenty20 Bash 2008-09 H/L

12:30 Contenders - CI T20, The

Twenty 20 Cup 2009 H/L

01:00 Indian Premier League 2009 - H/Ls

03:00 Indian Premier League 2009 - H/Ls: Royal Challengers vs Deccan Chargers

04:00 Indian Premier League 2009 - H/Ls: Delhi Daredevils vs. Deccan Chargers

05:00 Champions Trophy 2009 H/L: Sri Lanka vs. England

06:00 Live Cricket Extra-Pre Show

07:15 Live Champions Trophy 2009 Match: India vs. Pakistan

ESPN

09:00 Premier League Preview

09:30 Champions Trophy 2009 H/L Match: Sri Lanka vs. England

10:30 Indian Premier League 2009 - H/Ls

Match: Royal Challengers Bangalore vs. Rajasthan Royals

11:30 Contenders - CI T20, The

Champions Trophy 2009 H/L Match: Sri Lanka vs. England

12:55 Sportscenter Weekend 2009

01:00 Cricket Extra - Pre Show

02:15 Champions Trophy 2009 Match: West Indies vs. Australia

06:00 Cricket Extra - Lunch Show

06:45 Champions Trophy 2009 Match: West Indies vs. Australia

10:15 Cricket Extra - Post Show

10:45 Remember The Titans

11:00 Primetime Premier League

11:25 Barclays Premier League 2009/10

Match: Fulham vs. Arsenal