

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Solo Photography Exhibition**  
Title: Rest In Peace  
Photographer: Chandan Robert Rebeiro  
Venue: Holy Rosary Church, Farmgate, Tejgaon (Near Holy Cross School)  
Date: November 1-2  
Time: 10am-8pm



**Photography Exhibition**  
Title: Indian Princes and Parisian Jewellers  
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 28, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi  
Date: October 24-November 5  
Time: 10am-12pm, 5-8:30pm



**Film Premiere**  
Film: Priyotamshu  
Filmmaker: Morshdul Islam  
Venue: Star Cineplex, Bashundhara Shopping Mall, Panthopath  
Date: November 2  
Time: 7pm



**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
Title: Colours of Nature, Rhythm of Life  
Artist: Gulshan Hossain  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi  
Date: October 30-November 10  
Time: 12-8pm



## Dinabandhu Mitra: Emphasising social reform through theatre

Renowned Bengali dramatist Dinabandhu Mitra (1830-1876) was born at Chouberia in Nadia, and was the son of Kalachand Mitra. His given name was Gandharva Narayan.

Today marks his 133rd death anniversary.

Dinabandhu's education started at a village pathshala. His father arranged a job for him on a zamindar's estate. But the young boy fled to Calcutta (now Kolkata), where he started working in the house of his uncle. Around 1846, he was admitted to a free school. Dinabandhu was a bright student and won a number of scholarships. In 1850, he enrolled at Hindu College and was awarded scholarships for academic excellence. However, he did not appear in his last examination, and, instead, started working as a postmaster in Patna. He served in various posts in the Postal Department in Nadia, Dhaka (then East Bengal) and Orissa. In 1872, he joined the Indian Railway as an inspector.

Dinabandhu started writing while still at college. His poetic style was inspired by Ishwar Chandra Gupta. His poems were able to draw the attention of Calcutta's intellectual circle, but his favourite genre was drama. His work in the postal department had taken him to various parts of the British India, giving him opportunities to study people closely and thereby adding to his ability to unfold the drama of life with a degree of realism unknown at that time.

Among his books of poems is "Suradhuni Kabya" (first part appeared in 1871, second in 1876). His plays include "Neel Darpan" (1860), "Nabin Tapasvini" (1863), "Biye Pagla Buro"



Dinabandhu Mitra

(1866), "Sadhabar Ekadashi" (1866), "Lilabati" (1867), "Jamai Barik" (1872) and "Kamale Kamini" (1873). He also

wrote a novel titled "Pora Maheshwar".

Dinabandhu is, however, primarily

known for his play on the plight of indigo farmers -- "Neel Darpan". The 'Indigo Revolt' (1858) or 'Neel-bidraho' in Bengali was a mass movement of the indigo farmers against the British planters. It was a significant movement in the history of Bengal.

"Neel Darpan" stormed the social and the literary circle of Bengal. It was published from Dhaka and soon ignited a major argument in the newspapers. His firsthand experience with the indigo cultivators, while on the job as a postmaster in rural Orissa and Bengal, were reflected in the play. Michael Madhusudan Dutt translated the play into English immediately after it was published and Reverend James Long published it. "Neel Darpan" got wide publicity in Europe where it was translated into many other languages. No other Bengali publication at that time got publicity at such large scale. A lawsuit was filed against Rev. Long by July 19, 1861 for libelling the editor of the Englishman and libelling the indigo planters. The court hearing against the indigo planters went on for the next four years.

"Neel Darpan" was emotionally motivating. Apparently during a show the notable educator and social reformer Ishwar Chandra Bidyasagar was so taken in by the realism of the performance of the actor playing the role of the indigo planter that he threw a shoe at him. The actor accepted the shoe as a compliment. Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay compared "Neel Darpan" to "Uncle Tom's Cabin" for its role in raising peoples' awareness.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent.

## Buzz

## Charlize Theron to star in the new "Mad Max" film

Oscar-winning actress Charlize Theron is to star in a fourth "Mad Max" film alongside British actor Tom Hardy, according to industry paper *Variety*.

It is believed Hardy will take the role of "Mad" Max Rockatansky, played by Mel Gibson in the first three movies.

Set to start filming next August in Australia, "Mad Max: Fury Road" will be written and directed by George Miller.

The series revolves around a policeman turned "road warrior" living in a post-apocalyptic wasteland.

Released in 1979, the original "Mad Max" was a cult hit that inspired a 1981 sequel known as "The Road Warrior in the US".

The third film, "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome", was released in 1985 and saw Gibson co-starring with singer Tina Turner.

A fourth instalment in the franchise was first mooted in 2002, though plans to shoot the film in Namibia the following year were subsequently called off.

Miller's most recent movie was the 2006 animated comedy "Happy Feet", a sequel to which he is also directing.

Theron will next be seen in "The Road", another film set in a post-apocalyptic land-



Charlize Theron

scape.

The South-African actress won an Academy Award for her role as serial killer Aileen Wournos in 2003 drama "Monster".

Hardy was recently seen as

Heathcliff in an ITV adaptation of "Wuthering Heights" and as Charles Bronson in a biopic of the notorious British prisoner.

Source: Internet



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

## On Air

### BTV

09:15 Documentary Programme  
09:40 Selected Programme  
10:05 Open University  
11:00 Udayer Pathay  
11:30 Awareness Raising Programme  
12:10 Amrao Pari  
01:00 Shur Lohori  
01:30 Shukhi Poribar  
02:15 Dhomo O Jibon  
02:45 Campus  
03:05 Smriti 71  
04:30 Boipoto  
05:05 National Television Debate Competition  
06:15 Mati O Manush  
07:00 Malanchyo  
07:40 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha  
08:25 Shobhyotar Joyjatra  
08:30 Drama Serial: Brikyer Kachhey Wrin  
09:20 Pathay Probashay  
10:25 Chitrangan

### ATN BANGLA

08:30 Drama Serial: Karo Kono Niti Nai  
09:10 Kandeey Amar Maa  
09:15 Drama Serial: Pashapashi  
10:30 Hello Bangladesh  
11:05 Top Spin  
11:35 Shat Din  
12:10 Selected Programme  
01:25 Musical Programme: Shur-er Madhuri  
02:30 Business Week  
03:10 Khelar Jagat  
04:20 Talk Show: Proshongo  
05:10 Kandeey Amar Maa  
05:30 Musical Programme: Bashudha Dhaak Dhol  
06:15 Law & Order  
08:00 Drama Serial: Karo Kono Niti Nai  
08:40 Drama Serial: Bhuter Goli  
09:20 Drama Serial: Jolkona  
11:30 Drama Serial: Rolo Baki Ek  
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News  
**CHANNEL i**  
08:05 Tagore Song  
08:30 Shokaler Gaan

08:40 Aiker Chakri  
09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra  
11:05 Tele Prescription  
11:30 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 Selected Programme  
03:05 Channel i Shera Kontho'09  
04:05 Mukti Judha Protidin  
04:30 Aktel Money Talk  
05:30 Talk Show: Amader Television Rupantor  
06:20 TV Series: Super Man  
07:50 Drama Serial: Sakin Sharishuri  
09:30 LUX Channel i Superstar'09  
11:30 Drama Serial: Jaatravala  
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker

09:00 Game Show: The Challenge  
09:45 Music Jam  
11:30 Shomporko  
12:00 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
**ETV**  
08:30 Ekusheyer Shokal  
09:30 Drama Serial: Bhabi  
10:50 Financial Bulletin  
12:02 Ekush-er Dupur  
02:02 Special Programme live from Komapur Stadium  
05:45 Sports Plus  
08:20 Drama Serial: Ghorar Dim  
09:30 Drama Serial: Lolita  
**Rtv**  
10:00 Drama Serial: Dorakata Share Update  
11:30 Drama Serial: FDC  
12:30 Bangla Feature Film  
02:03 Protidin  
06:03 R Ranna  
06:45

04:10 Shonchari  
05:25 Choturango  
06:15 Positive Bangladesh  
06:40 Point of Order  
08:15 Drama Serial: Rupnagar-er Konya  
09:05 Lizan Mehedi Amar Ami  
09:45 Drama Serial: Ronger Duniya  
11:25 Jonotaar Mukhomukhi  
12:30 Bashudha Chhinemara gaan  
**DESH TV**  
12:15 Durpath  
03:30 Kon Shadhoney Tarey Pai  
04:30 Desh Amar  
05:02 Cartoon: Thundercats  
07:45 Celebrity Show: Swan Namey Namey Tokkor  
08:15 Drama Serial: Jokthosholnik Alaudin  
09:45 Drama Serial: Jao Pakhi  
10:30 Total Sports  
11:45 Shoja Katha

11:30 Hope And Faith  
12:30 Everybody Loves Raymond  
02:30 Friends  
05:00 The Simpsons  
05:30 Seinfeld  
07:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?  
08:30 Late Show With David Letterman  
09:30 Monk  
10:30 Boston Legal  
11:30 Desperate Housewives  
12:30 Friends  
**BBC WORLD**  
08:00 BBC World News  
08:10 Hot Cities (r) Water, Water Everywhere..  
09:00 BBC World News  
09:30 World Challenge 2009 (r) 516  
10:00 BBC World News  
10:30 HARDtalk (r) John Howard  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:30 India Business Report

06:30 Newsnight (r)  
07:00 BBC World News  
07:15 Sport Today  
07:30 America Held Hostage (r)  
08:00 BBC World News  
08:10 Hot Cities (r) Water, Water Everywhere..  
09:00 BBC World News  
09:10 The Genius of Omar Khayyam (r)  
10:00 BBC World News  
10:30 India Business Report (r)  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:30 Talking Movies (r)  
**ESPN**  
10:30 X Games 15 All Access Preview  
11:30 FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2009 Qualifiers Conmebol Match: Argentina vs. Ecuador  
12:30 Final Score  
01:00 Fina World Swimming Championships  
02:00 Asian Amateur Championship  
04:00 Hitz 09/10  
04:30 Sportscenter Week In Review 2009  
05:00 World Of Gymnastics Final Score  
05:30 World Of Gymnastics  
06:30 Sec Women's Gymnastics  
08:00 2009 Winter X Games 13 Slammed Stomped  
08:30 Sportscenter Weekend 2009  
08:35 Asian Amateur Championship  
10:30 Super Sunday  
10:55 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Birmingham City vs. Manchester City  
01:00 Final Score  
01:30 Asian Amateur Championship  
**STAR SPORTS**  
10:00 Barclays Singapore Open  
03:00 Lives In The Fast Lane  
03:30 Porsche Carrera Cup Asia  
04:30 Maxis Football Extra  
05:30 FIA F1 World Championship Qualifying 2009  
07:00 FIA F1 World Championship Raceday  
07:45 FIA F1 World Championship 2009 - Main Race  
09:45 FIA F1 World Championship Chequered Flag  
10:30 Hitz 09/10  
11:00 FIA WRC Production Car Rally 2009  
11:30 2009/10 GP 2 Asia Series  
12:30 FIA GT Championship Highlights 2009



**Amar Ami**  
On Banglavisation at 9:05pm  
Celebrity Talk Show  
Guests: Chanchal Chowdhury, Deepa Khondokar



Shangbadpotro  
**ntv**  
08:30 Swasthyo Protidin  
08:55 Bangla Feature Film  
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
01:05 Japan Video Topic  
02:30 Drama Serial: Bela Bhumi  
03:45 Drama: Uchyo Madhyomik Ponbar  
04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey  
05:30 Apnaar Jigyasha  
06:10 Shuvosondhya  
08:15 Drama Serial: Rong

07:30 Road To Democracy  
09:25 Drama Serial: Dorakata  
10:10 Drama Serial: FDC  
11:30 Trade Talk  
**BANGLAVISION**  
08:00 Shubho Shokal  
08:30 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel  
09:00 Drama Serial: Megh Bondhu  
10:10 Parospor  
11:35 Din Badoler Manush  
12:30 Reporters Eye  
01:30 Drama Serial: Khoj  
02:30 Music Together  
03:20 Nodi O Jibon

**STAR MOVIES**  
10:50 The Sandlot: Heading Home  
12:50 Doctor Strange  
02:30 Tmnt  
04:25 Rogue Assassin  
06:30 Snake Eyes  
08:30 The Lizzie McGuire Movie  
10:30 New Police Story  
01:05 The Game Plan  
**STAR WORLD**  
09:30 Friday Night Lights  
10:30 30 Rock  
11:00 In Case Of Emergency

12:00 BBC World News  
12:30 Middle East Business Report (r)  
01:00 BBC World News  
01:10 The Genius of Omar Khayyam (r)  
02:00 BBC World News  
02:30 World Challenge 2009 (r) 516  
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