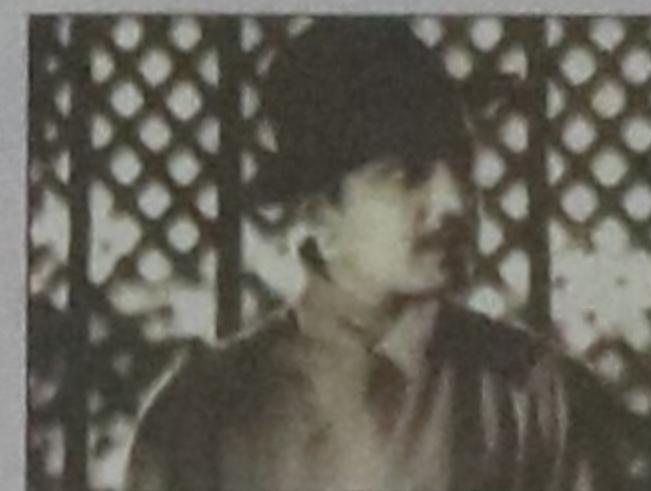
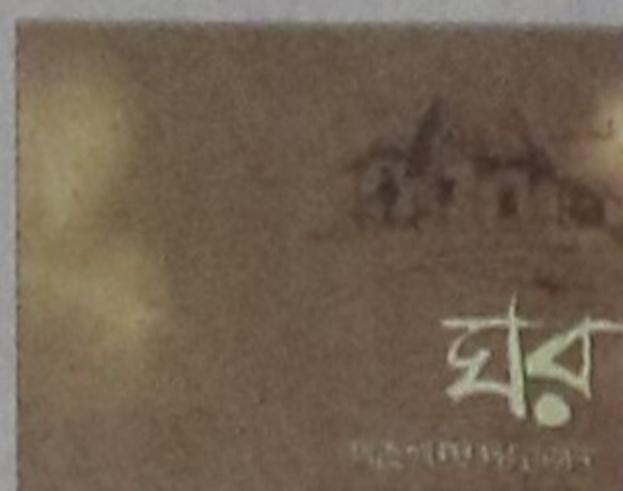


## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Film Screening**  
Film: Jhinder Bandi  
Filmmaker: Tapan Sinha  
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, H 35, Rd 24, Gulshan-1  
Date: December 7  
Time: 6pm



**Solo Sketch Exhibition**  
Title: The Story of Mud & Thatch from Time Immemorial  
Artist: Sajid-Bin-Doba Bonny  
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
Date: December 4-17  
Time: 9am-12pm & 5-8pm



**Film Screening**  
Film: Home (2009)  
Venue: Auditorium, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
Date: December 11  
Time: 10:30am & 6pm



**Dance Performance**  
Title: Arangatrom  
Artistes: Kasfi & Naziba  
Organiser: Dhrujad Kala Kendra  
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA  
Date: December 5  
Time: 5pm



## Mokammel's *Swapnabhumi* induces spirited discussion at Srinagar film festival



Mokammel's documentary is about the Urdu-speaking community in Bangladesh, who are also known as 'Biharis' or 'Stranded Pakistanis'. The documentary narrates the woes of the 'Biharis' and their hopes of a better life.

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

At minus two degrees celsius, Srinagar, the summer capital of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir, was virtually freezing on November 24. But the auditorium at the Kashmir University -- crammed with young men and women -- was warm with an animated discussion on Bangladeshi director Tanvir Mokammel's award-winning documentary "Swapnabhumi" and a host of other issues thrown up by it.

The seats in the auditorium were full and people

sat on the passage while many others chose to stand behind the seats in big numbers. The audience, mostly young Kashmiris, seemed an engaged one, as they shot off question after question at Mokammel after the screening of his documentary, the director told The Daily Star.

During the question and answer session after the film's screening, "they asked me all kinds of questions about the film and the issues it dealt with," he said.

The questions mostly related to the partition of India in 1947 and the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971. About the partition of India, the discussions

were "very vibrant and the viewpoints of Mahatma Gandhi, Mohammad Ali Jinnah and Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad about India's partition were discussed," said the director.

"I was also asked about the Liberation War of 1971. I told them in detail how the people of the then East Pakistan were economically, politically and culturally exploited by the Pakistani power elites and how we the Bengalis became disillusioned about the Pakistan state.

"I told them about the socio-political history of Bangladesh -- the Language Movement of 1952, the student movements in the 1960s, the Mass Uprising of 1969 and the election of 1970 in which the Bengalis won absolute majority and, of course, the Liberation War of 1971," he said.

Mokammel narrated to the audience the trauma Bengalis suffered from the brutal Pakistan army -- the genocide of three million people and the sufferings of ten million refugees.

"In general, the audience was very receptive and were avid listeners. The engaging question and answer session had to be terminated because of paucity of time but my discussions with the young Kashmiris went on in the lobby and in the garden of the university. It seemed to me that there was no dearth of enthusiasm among the people of Kashmir about politico-historical documentary films but they lacked exposure to this kind of cinema. They also seemed lacking knowledge about the true historical events of 1947 and 1971," said Mokammel.

Describing the documentary festival as "quite a success," he said two dozens of very well selected documentary films from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal were showcased at the festival. The presence of filmmakers from South Asian countries "added spice to the festival held in this conflict-ridden but beautiful town of Srinagar where for the first time such an important cultural event like a film festival took place."

What struck the filmmaker most was the comment from a young female student: "Your film, other films and this festival was a real eye-opener for us" and the director said this seemed the "quintessential feeling" of the Kashmiri people about the Srinagar festival.

## Robert Pattinson to play John Lennon?

Guess it's time for "Twilight New Moon" dreamboat to set sail on the Mersey.

How else would he get in the Liverpudlian frame of mind and master the famous accent of the northern English city?

Because, if the rumours sweeping Hollywood are true, none other than famed filmmaker Robert Zemeckis wants Pattinson to change hats and play the late John Lennon in Disney's rehash of the Beatles' animated classic, "Yellow Submarine".

What else would it take for Rob to transform himself into the late "Working Class Hero"? Well, he is down with the music, since he enjoys the occasional strum and howl with a willing guitar.

He would probably look cool sporting the sailor's cap that the Beatle made famous in his early years, to the point it was popularly called a "John Lennon cap."

Here's a tough one though, who's going to play Paul opposite the dashing hero?

The decidedly un-late Paul McCartney was known world-wide as the "cute Beatle."

Pattinson recently told MTV that he is testing the "economic viability" of lots of flicks. Included are an adaptation of Guy de Maupassant's torrid page-turner, "Bel Ami".

Then Pattinson said he is also considering a more sanguinary role: "I'm doing -- I



hope -- a western with Rachel Weisz and Hugh Jackman called 'Unbound Captives' sometime [next year]."

"Nobody's given me an instruction manual for dealing with it. I kind of stumbled into it by chance. It's true that I can't move around as freely these days. I can't go out alone anywhere I might be recognized. A lot of the time I feel like a nocturnal animal, blinded by the headlights of a car about to run over me. But I refuse to complain about what's happening to me. I just have to hunker down and let a few years go by. I know this craze will eventually die down. Then I'll be able to look back and say I lived through some extraordinary things," said the young actor about dealing with fame.

Source: Internet

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### On Air

#### BTB

08:50 Binodan Kichhukhon  
09:20 Children's Programme  
10:30 Entertainment Programme:  
Anna Rakam  
11:20 Special Programme: Chhora  
Paath  
11:50 Special Programme: Kabita  
Paath  
12:25 Eid Adda by Women  
01:00 Bangla Feature Film  
03:55 Bangabandhu SAF Football'09  
06:20 Special Programme on  
Suhrawardi  
06:55 Bangabandhu SAF Football'09  
09:00 Drama: Ajker Patrikay  
Dekhlaam  
10:30 Drama: Chhayamukh  
12:00 Swadheen Bangla Belar  
Kendra-er Gaan

#### 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): 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

12:05 Hridoyer Gaan  
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan  
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Shobaar Jonyo Shorboshey  
Bigyan Dharon  
02:30 Muktiudhyo Protidin  
04:05 Talk Show: Save the Children  
04:30 Shoyer Shondhaney  
05:30 Talent Hunt: Surdona Bagha  
Gayen

07:50 Drama Serial: Sakin Sharishuri  
09:35 Hridoyer Mati O Manush  
10:00 Drama Serial: Koyekti  
Kataghuri  
11:30 Drama Serial: Jatrawala  
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker  
Sangbadpaltra

ETV

09:30 Drama Serial: Bhabhi  
10:02 Deho Ghari

#### BANGLAVISION

08:30 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel

09:00 Ebong Class-er Bairey

10:10 Jonotaar Mukhomukhi

11:35 Anyo Nayan

12:30 Media Bhuban

01:30 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue

02:30 Bangla Feature Film

05:25 Chhu Manor Chhu

06:20 Special Programme: Vision

Living Onyo Alor Gaan

11:00 BBC World News  
01:00 Cartoon  
01:10 Durba Feature Film

02:00 Desh Janapad

02:45 Documentary Programme:

Muktiuddhodh Smritikatha

03:00 Drama Serial: Jao Pakhi

03:30 Total Sports

04:00 Newsnight

04:30 BBC World News

05:00 BBC World News

05:30 BBC World News

06:00 BBC World News

06:30 Our World: The Fire Storm (r)

07:00 BBC World News

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11:00 BBC World News

11:30 BBC World News

12:00 BBC World News

12:30 BBC World News

01:00 Football Forecast

02:00 Football Asia 2009/10

02:30 Seoul 1988: Official

Documentary

05:00 Premier League Preview

05:30 2010 FIFA World Cup

Magazine Show

06:00 Inside Wcc

06:30 Hitz 09/10

07:00 Sportcenter Weekend 2009

07:30 Primetime Premier League

08:00 BPL 09/10: Portsmouth vs.

Burnley (Live)

09:45 Primetime Premier League

09:55 BPL 09/10: West

Ham United vs. Manchester

United (Live)

10:00 Primetime Premier League

10:30 BPL 09/10: Manchester City vs. Chelsea

#### HBO

09:15 The Incredible Hulk (2008)

11:30 Copperhead

01:15 The Heartbreak Kid

03:30 Dec '09: HBO Central (SA)

04:00 The Spiderwick Chronicles