

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

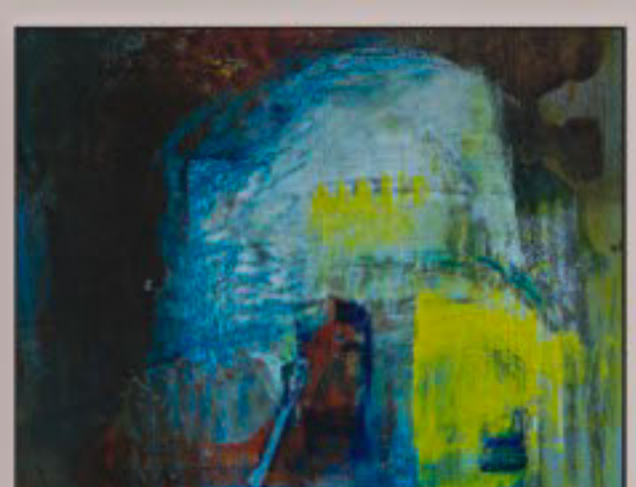
**Group Painting Exhibition**  
**Title:** Padma Crying-1  
**Venue:** Garden Gallery, R-4, H-23, Baridhara  
**Date:** January 2-3  
**Time:** 4pm-8pm



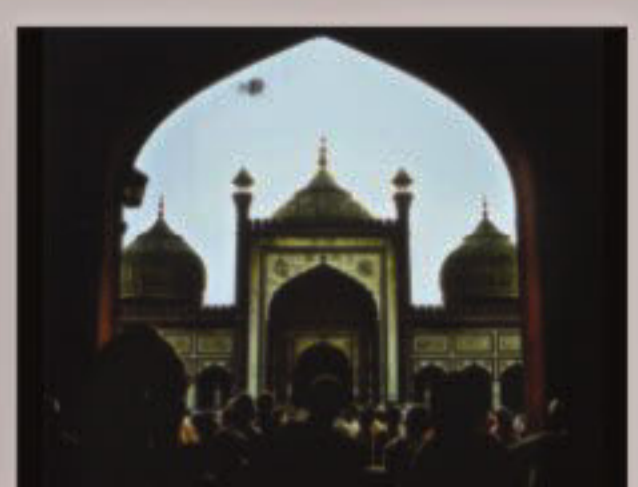
**Group Painting Exhibition**  
**Title:** The Journey and Fraternity  
**Venue:** Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F (old), Dhanmondi  
**Date:** 5-January 11  
**Time:** 12pm-8pm



**Solo Art Exhibition**  
**Painter:** Zahura Sultana Hossain  
**Title:** Contemplation  
**Venue:** Bay's Galleria, Radius Centre, Gulshan-2  
**Date:** December 11-January 27  
**Time:** 10am-8pm



**Photography Exhibition**  
 By the students of batch 05, Dept. of Architecture, BUET  
**Title:** India: Plural  
**Venue:** Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (new), Dhanmondi  
**Date:** January 1-5  
**Time:** 3-8pm



## Theatre festival for generating awareness on human rights

**AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU,**  
*Pabna*

Theatre can play a vital role in generating awareness about human rights, said speakers at a discussion held in the course of a two-day theatre festival in Pabna which concluded on Thursday. Human Rights Theatre Organisation Pabna district unit committee organised the festival at the Pabna Town Hall premises.



Actors perform plays focusing on social injustice.

President of Manobadhikar Natto Parishad, Pabna Abdul Matin Khan chaired the discussion, while the Principal of Pabna Edward College Professor Shahidur Rahman was chief guest.

The speakers were educationist Professor Mohammad Nurunnabi, Professor Abu Anis Mohammed Firoz, theatre artist, advocate Abdul Hannan Shelley and social worker Brojo Gopal Shaha.

"Theatre is a strong instrument of social change. Human rights is a strong slogan now in society but there is a lack of awareness about human rights; what it means to be oppressed in ways that violate human rights. Through

plays, the actors portray the oppression and injustice that are widely prevalent in society," asserted the speakers.

Later, actors from 10 theatre organisations around the district staged plays at the festival. Of these seven were participants from several human rights organisations. In addition Chiknai Theatre Dorpon and Anushilon Ashi, prominent theatre organisations of the district, performed plays.

"All the organisations performed plays focusing on social injustice. Through these plays the message of human rights permeates to the people. The Manobadhikar Natto Parishad seeks to generate human right awareness through the theatre movement," Mohammad Abdul Matin Khan, president of the organisation told The Daily Star.

Cultural organisations also gave performances of folk music and dance at the festival.

## Celebrities in celebration of New Year...

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'Praner Mela', hosted by beautician Kaniz Almas Khan and singer Fahmida Nabi, was what the name suggested. Many had come together to welcome the new year with a new spirit and a new enthusiasm. It was held on the dusk of 1 January at the Bengal Gallery in Dhanmondi. The guests started flooding in from after 7 pm. The programme continued all the way till midnight.

On the first day of the New Year, what can be better than meeting old friends and just chilling out? That's why the event was arranged.

"This is the second time Persona is doing that," said Nurul Afsar Raj, Canvas. "It was a pretty big hit last year, so we planned it once again," said Sadique, an organiser.

In the party cum adda, there were celebrities from every branches - from singers Dinat Jahan Munni, Samina Chowdhury, Elita, fashion designers Shahruk Shahid, Emdad, film maker Mostafa Sarwar Farooki, actor Afzal Hossain, photographers Chanchal Mahmood, dramatist Kona Reza, models Alif, Raja, Kabir Bukul, Rafi Hassan and more.

Stars of Close-up One, Channel- i Shera Kontho, et al started the programme with some

mixed genre performances that had a bit of soft rock but mainly folk. The whole presentation and environment had a friendly ambience with the neon lights lit up on trees and the seating arrangements made both inside and out on the garden. There was a huge pot wrapped in silver paper that had an assortment of the Bangladeshi sweets.

Dramatist Sacchu anchored the programme. Imdadul Haq Milon gave the opening speech. The guests had a lot of fun with themselves. At one corner a group of models around the age group of 20-25 had circled to have a vibrant gossip. At another, curious boys and girls approached Shifat, palmist and Latin dancer (Cuban) to know what their fate's unlocked. Some senior journalists and economists converse about the recent global issue. Some models and singers-girls only- posed for a photoshoot. The best part about the get-together was the collection of such diverse aged, profession's people on the same spot.

"It's nice to see so many smiling faces together, that's what the whole arrangement is for," said Barky Xihad, an organiser.

In the function, the issue of the fashion magazine Canvas, a sister concern of Persona, was given out.



Professionals turned out in large numbers for the get-together.



Eminent Indian painter KG Subramanyan gets a glimpse of the works of contemporary Bangladeshi painters at Bengal Gallery as Abul Khair, chairman, Bengal Foundation shows him around.

## Ishara Bhashi in assembly in Jhenidah

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

Recently an assembly of Ishara Bhashi and cultural show was held at Jhenidah district Shilpakala academy. At the initiative of the Association for Integrated Socio Economic Development under Privileged people (AISEDUP), speech impaired persons performed spontaneously.

Mohammad Abu Bakar assistant secretary (ret'd), was chief guest while Ekramul Haq, Jhenidah village theatre convener; Aminur Rahman Tuku, president of Human Rights Association; Sheikh Selim, president of Electronics Media Reporters Association and Nargis Aktar Nirbahi Magistrate and Suvash Chandra Devnath were special guests.

People from all walks of life including 125 speech impaired people from Jhenidah attended the function. The speech impaired

performed a play, dance and entertaining programmes, much to the surprise of the audience.

A play "Haturey doctor" composed and directed by entrepreneur Ahsan Habib was staged.

Speech impaired Alamgir told The Daily Star that he is self reliant. He has studied up to Class VIII from Dhaka Sign Language School. Now he has a stationary shop at Harina kundo upazila bazar.

An audience said that speech impaired are not the objects of abhorrence.

The speakers said that we should all stretch our hands to them. The speech impaired can neither speak nor hear like other people. However, they can run all kinds of business and exchange views and opinions through sign language. They are not the objects of contempt in the society. They are self reliant and are not a burden to their parents.



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

## On Air

### BTV

- 09:05 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
- 09:15 Amar Swapno
- 10:05 Open University
- 10:30 Swastho Sheba
- 11:00 Kanoney Kushum Koli
- 11:30 Agamir Swapno
- 12:10 Aandharey Alo
- 01:30 Shukhi Poribar
- 02:15 Dhormo O Jibon
- 02:45 Campus
- 03:05 Projanmo 71
- 03:30 Maa O Shishur Katha
- 04:05 Sufi Shadhok-er Bangladesh
- 04:30 Bidhi Bidhan
- 05:05 Debate
- 06:15 Mati O Manush
- 07:00 Malanchyo
- 07:25 Cookery Show
- 07:40 Phirey Dekha
- 08:25 Shobhyotaar Joyjatra
- 09:20 Drama Serial: Probash Jibon
- 10:25 Gaaner Aashor
- 11:05 Chena Jana

### ATN BANGLA

- 08:30 Drama Serial: Projapati Mon
- 09:10 Kandyer Amar Maa
- 09:15 Drama Serial: Pashapashi
- 10:30 Hello Bangladesh
- 11:05 Asian City Vision 2020
- 11:35 Shat Din
- 12:10 Selected Programme
- 01:25 Musical Programme: Shur-er Madhuri
- 02:30 Business Week
- 03:10 Khelar Jagat
- 03:45 Char Deyaler Kabbo
- 04:20 Bashundhara Banijya Mela Protidin
- 05:10 Kandyer Amar Maa
- 05:30 Musical Programme: Bashudha Dhaak Dhol
- 06:15 Law & Order
- 08:00 Drama Serial: Mike
- 08:40 Drama Serial: No Problem Dot Com
- 09:20 Drama Serial: Jolkona
- 11:30 Drama Serial: Ma Tui Kemon
- Aachhish

### CHANNEL i

- 08:05 Tagore Song

- 08:30 Shokaler Gaan
- 08:40 Ajker Chakri
- 09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh
- 09:45 Public Reaction
- 09:50 Gramphone 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 Special Programme
- 04:05 Muktijudhyo Protidin
- 04:30 Talk Show: Amader Television
- 05:30 Musical Programme: Shur Doria Bagha Gayen
- 07:50 Drama Serial: Sakin Sharishuri
- 09:30 LUX Channel i Superstar'09
- 11:30 Drama Serial: Khujey Phiri

### ntv



No Problem Dot Com On ATN Bangla at 08:40pm Drama Serial Cast: Jenny, Fazlur Rahman Babu

- 08:30 Swasthyo Protidin
- 08:55 Bangla Feature Film
- 12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
- 01:05 Japan Video Topic
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Chokkor
- 03:10 Single Episode Play
- 04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Achhey
- 05:30 Apnaar Jigyasha
- 06:10 Shuvosondhya
- 06:45 Aain-er Chokhey
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Rong
- 09:00 Game Show: The Challenge
- 09:45 Music Jam
- 11:30 Shomporko

- 12:00 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
- ETV**
- 08:30 Ekushey Shokal
- 09:30 Drama Serial: Bhabi
- 10:00 Urtoradhikari
- 10:50 Financial Bulletin
- 11:30 Ekushey Business
- 12:02 Ekush-er Dupur
- 02:02 Market Trend
- 02:30 Ekushey Business
- 03:30 Shonamoni Shukhey Oshukhey
- 04:30 Best of Dhum Ta Na
- 05:25 Sports Plus
- 05:45 Ei Shoptaer Bishwa
- 06:30 Desh Jurey Oporadh Porikroma
- 07:50 Ta Na Na
- 08:20 Drama Serial: Ghorar Dim
- 09:30 Drama Serial: Lolita

### Rtv



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- 10:00 Drama Serial: Dorakata
- 10:45 Tarokakalap
- 11:30 Share Update
- 12:30 Drama Serial: FDC
- 02:03 Bangla Feature Film
- 06:03 Protidin
- 06:45 R Ranna
- 07:45 Road To Democracy
- 09:25 Drama Serial: Dorakata
- 10:10 Drama Serial: FDC
- 11:30 Trade Talk
- 12:00 Fusion Concert

### BANGLAVISION

- 08:00 Shubho Shokal

- 08:30 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel
- 09:00 Drama Serial: Rang-er Dunia
- 10:10 Orthoniti Shanglap
- 11:35 Din Badoler Manush
- 12:30 Shyamol Bangla
- 01:30 Drama Serial: Patigonit
- 02:30 Bangla Feature Film Choturango
- 05:25 Positive Bangladesh
- 06:05 Point of Order
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Rupnagar-er Konya
- 09:05 Lizan Mehedi Amar Ami
- 09:45 Drama Serial: Khonj
- 11:25 Jonotar Mukhomukhi
- 12:00 Shangbad Protidin

### DESH TV

- 12:15 Durpath
- 03:30 Kon Shadhoney Tarey Pai
- 04:30 Desh Amar
- 05:00 Cartoon: Thundercats
- 05:30 Batighar

- 02:30 2009 Remax World Long Drive Championship
- 04:00 Sportscenter Asia : Year In Review
- 04:30 2010 Argentina - Chile Dakar
- 05:00 Uca College Cheerleading Championships
- 06:00 Sec Women's Gymnastics
- 07:25 Sportcenter Weekend
- 07:30 Lillehammer 1994 : 16 Days Of Glory
- 11:30 Hitz 09/10
- 12:00 Sec Women's Gymnastics

### HBO

- 06:30 Vanity Fair
- 09:30 The Good Witch's Garden
- 11:15 What A Girl Wants
- 01:15 Get Smart
- 03:30 Tmz 140
- 04:00 The Making Of Speed Racer
- 04:30 Missionary Man
- 06:15 Jan '10: HBO Central (SA)

- 2009/10
- 05:30 Hyundai Hopman Cup Xxii Match: Spain vs. USA
- 08:30 Hitz 09/10
- 09:00 Glitch Special - Favourites Of 2009
- 09:30 Australian Open Tennis Classic Match 2007 Match: Roger Federer vs. Andy Roddick
- 11:30 Best Of Australian Open Tennis 2009 - Men's Singles Highlights Match: James Blake vs. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga

### ZEE STUDIO

- 08:30 The Hot Chick
- 10:45 Eight Below
- 01:00 The Wedding Date
- 03:30 A Lot Like Love
- 05:50 Campus Confidential
- 07:40 Halloween Resurrection
- 09:30 Match Point
- 12:05 Dirty Dancing Havana Nights

### BBC World

- 08:00 BBC World News
- 08:10 A Taste Of Iran
- 09:00 BBC World News
- 09:10 Story Of Maths
- 10:00 BBC World News
- 10:30 HARDtalk
- 11:00 BBC World News
- 11:30 India Business Report
- 12:00 BBC World News
- 12:30 Middle East Business Report
- 01:00 BBC World News
- 01:30 Our World: Chechnya's Missing Women
- 02:00 BBC World News
- 02:10 Story Of Maths
- 03:00 BBC World News
- 03:30 Dateline London
- 04:00 BBC World News
- 04:30 Equestrian World
- 05:00 BBC World News
- 05:30 India Business Report
- 06:00 BBC World News
- 06:30 Thinking Big
- 07:00 BBC World News
- 07:15 Sport Today
- 07:30 Our World: Vanishing Breed
- 08:00 BBC World News
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- 10:00 BBC World News
- 10:30 India Business Report
- 11:00 BBC World News
- 11:30 Equestrian World

**abc radio FM 89.2**

- 06:00 Bhorer Janalay
- 09:00 Mukhorto Jiboney
- 12:00 Darun Dupurey
- 03:00 Duranto Bikeley
- 05:00 Shondhalara
- 07:00 Shajer Maya
- 09:00 Raater Akashy
- 11:00 Golper Shesh Nei

**RADIO FOORTI 88.0 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
- 01:00 Back to Back music

**RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM**

- 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
- 11:00 Must Unlimited
- 01:00 Today's Adda
- 04:00 U Turn
- 08:00 Tobey Tai Hok
- 11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan
- 12:00 Today's Happy Moments

**On ZEE STUDIO at 09:30pm**

**MATCH POINT**

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