

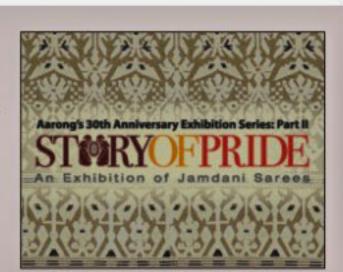
Solo Photography **Exhibition** Title: The Preceptor and

Photographer: M A Taher Venue: Dharmarajik Maha Buddha Vihara, Mayakanan, Kamalapur Date: January 15-22 Time: 3pm-8pm



**Exhibition of** Jamdani

As part of Aarong's 30th anniversary celebration Organiser: Aarong Venue: National Art Gallery, Shilpakala Academy Date: January 10-20



Theatre

Play: Shesh Sanglaap Troupe: Shomoy Natyadal Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: January 23 Time: 6:30pm



**Drawing Exhibition** 

Artist: Aminul Islam Venue: Gallery Chitrak, H 21, Rd 4, Dhanmondi Date: January 9-18 Time: 10am 8pm



# Magical strings

### In conversation with guitarist Neel Ranjan Mukherjee

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Neel Ranjan Mukherjee, a talented guitarist belonging to the 'Seniya Gharana', recently performed at a musical programme at National Press Club with ghazal singer Akhil Kumar Das of 'Indore Gharana'. Mukherjee's performance featured "Raaga Maru Behag" and a dhun based on "Raaga Mishra Khamaj". After his performance, Mukherjee talked to The Daily Star (TDS) about the gharana (school) he belongs to and his instrument of choice.

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Unlike other Indian gharana, 'Seniya' is grounded in classical music involving instruments, a tradition set by Miyan Tansen, legendary court musician of the third Mughal emperor Akbar (1542-1606). Maseet Sen (Khan) emerged as a direct descendant (6th generation) of Tansen, and founded 'Seniya Gharana'.

Though sitar, along with surbahar, has long dominated this gharana, Neel plays Hawaiian guitar (seven strings; four octaves) and santoor. Since age nine, he has been learning to play the guitar under Dr. Shivnath Bhattacharya (Varanasi). He also took sitar lessons from his maternal uncle Dr. Dyuti Kishore Acharya Chaudhuri (Varanasi), a disciple of the

late Ustad Alauddin Khan How has he made it possi-(Maihar). His know-how of ble? the sitar earned him an opportunity to pursue 'Seniya Gharana' where he studied music under Pandit Debu Chaudhuri (Padma

Bhushan). The way Mukherjee interprets Indian classical tunes on guitar produces a mingling melody of sitar and sometimes of piano as well but the raaga he plays remains almost the same.

"Playing raaga on sitar requires complete mastery over gamak and meend as sitar. Sitar players can produce almost perfect tunes as vocalists do, in respect of bandish, alaap, taan and patterns of melody. Again, though the concept of chords is totally absent in Indian classical notation, subtle alteration of chords of guitar actually helps to produce

long run," Mukherjee asserts. GM Records of India has produced Mukherjee's four albums so far, namely "Tunes of the Sky" and "Anandam" (both featuring fusion com-

positions involving western musicians); "Swarang" featuring pure Indian classical tunes and "Swaras" featuring folk tunes of Bengal, Rajasthan and Punjab. Asked about his favourite raaga, the music cited "Raaga Bageshree", "Raaga Rageshree", "Raaga

Madhabia", "Raaga Kaunsi Kanhara" and "Raaga

such a flavour. Besides, prac-

tice purifies everything in the

Bhairavi". Apart from playing with his guru Pt Debu Chaudhuri in a number of concerts, Mukherjee has performed with many renowned musicians like Ustad Shafaat Ahmed Khan (Padmashri), Pt. Nikhil Banerjee, Ustad Sabir Khan and Pt. Sandeep Das.

At present Mukherjee leads a musical troupe in India, called Sky Group. He has bagged several awards and scholarships and established himself as a noted musician in India.

The artiste's maternal lineage can be traced to Muktagachha, Mymensingh, Bangladesh.

"The future of Indian classical music is bright. My dedication to classical music will remain constant but I'd like to create something new with my guitar," Mukherjee hopes.

# Building awareness on modern and scientific education



Students of Khagrachhari Cantonment Public School and College in the play. A dancer demonstrates a balancing act.

JASIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari

Performers of Khagrachhari Cantonment Public School and College recently staged a play at the college auditorium. The aim was to raise awareness of students, teachers and the masses about the need for modern and scientific education. They also pointed out how the modernisation of the educational system had been blocked by vested interests and its adverse effects on the country and society.

Through the play they also pre-

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sented social evils like dowry and domestic violence. Spectators in thousands turned up to watch the show.

Earlier, Khagrachhari Army Region Commander Brigadier General Md. Emadul Haque psc handed over crests to students who were nominated for Academic Talent Award-2009 and cocurricular Talent Award-2009 at the annual cultural show on January 12.

School authorities said, that they had awarded 52 brilliant students for their outstanding performances in International Art Competitions, National Math Olympiad and

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Firestorm

Turner & Hooch

**Judas Chalice** 

Summer of Sam

Bailey's Mistake

Haunted Mansion

Love Rules!

Illegal Tender

Far And Away

License To Wed

Burn After Reading

Ladies and the Champ

Jane Eyre

The Flock

Shadows and Fog

The Librarian: Curse Of The

National Sports. They had also awarded a Primary Scholarship, Junior Scholarship as well as recognised those who had excelled in the SSS and HSC examinations.

Those present at the function included Khagrachhari Hill District Council Chairman Ruhity Karbary; Sadar Zone Commander Lt Col Morshed; Cantonment Public School and College Principal Lt. Col Mohammad Golam Kibria Chowdhury; Khagrachhari Municiplity Mayor Joynal Abedin and Major Lokman.

Magic Asia: India

Ultimate Escape

Top Chef

**DISCOVERY CHANNEL** 

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Man Vs Wild

**Bull Killer** 

Mega Builders 2

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### \* News Bulletin

News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 am. News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 2:00 pm.5:00 pm.8:00 pm. News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.

Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels). CHANNEL-i News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am,

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News: 08:45 am, 01:45pm, 06:45pm, 09:45pm, 11:45pm

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

## On Air

#### **ATN BANGLA**

Neel Ranjan Mukherjee

Tatka National Dance Star 09:45 Kandey Amar Maa 10:30 Hello Bangladesh

11:05 Talk Show: Asian City Top Spin Notun Chhobir Gaan 11:35 12:15 Motamot

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03:45 Chhotoder Prithibi 04:25 Banijya Mela Protidin

05:15 Kandey Amar Maa

05:20 Aaynar Shamney The Lost World 06:15

Drama Serial: Mike 08:00 Shah Cement Nirmaner Taroka 08:45 Talk Show: Jey Katha Keu 11:30

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Rabindra Sangeet 08:30 Shokaler Gaan

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03:30 04:05 Mukti Judhyo Protidin 04:30 **Business Talk** Amar Chhobi 05:30

Udyog 06:00 TV Series: Super Man 06:20 **BBC Bangladesh Shanglap** 09:35 Drama Serial: Moneybag

Fantasy Drama Serial: Alo Chhaya 10:00 RC Travel on 11:30 12:00 Grameenphone Ajker

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Rup Madhuri 10:30 The Challenge Tifiner Phakey Ei Shomoy 12:10

Japan Video Topic Drama Serial: Chakkar 03:15 Dhupchhaya Quiz Show: Janar Achhey

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Drama Serial: Mamuli Ekta Manush

**Diba Raatri Khola Thakey** 

Cast: Mir Sabbir, Fazlur Rahman Babu

On Banglavision at 9:45 pm

Cookery Show: Pran Gura

Moshla Amar Ranna

Making of Challenge

Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

Drama Serial: FnF

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Financial Bulletin

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Media Gossip

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Deho Ghari

Sports Plus

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Best of Dhum Ta Na

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Equilibrium

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**STAR MOVIES** 

World Round Up

Shotyer Shakhya

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Bangkok Dangerous

The Young Master

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Amar Ami 05:25 06:05 Sports Time 06:40 Point of Order Drama Serial: Babar Hotel Cookery Show: Amader Ranna Ghar Drama Serial: Diba Raatri Khola Thakey Anyo Nayan 11:25 Shangbad Protidin Bashuda Cinemar Gaan

Shoja Katha

Shubho Shokal

Jonotaar Mokhumukhi

Drama Serial: Patigonit

Bangla Feature Film

Shoundarjo Katha

Bhalo Thakun

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Diganta TV



On AXN at 5:30 pm

Criss Angel and his incredible illusions

Shubarno Shokal 05:15 Sydney White

**ENTERTAINMENT** Mera India: The Life Of The 09:30 Buddha 10:30 International Terrorism Since 1945: Somali Warlords 11:00 International Terrorism Since 1945: Che Guevara Creative Vision The Story of 1 01:45 Mera India: Bollywood Mein Hindi 02:30 Crusoe: Episode 9 Mansfield Park Paul Merton in India: Chennai Sgt. Bilko 07:30 & Mumbai 09:30 Money Train The History of Our Planet: 11:45 License To Wed Oceans AXN Vroom Vroom: Episode 8 Criss Angel Mindfreak 09:30 The History of Our Planet: 11:30 Scare Tactics Volcano Caught on Camera Commando - On The Frontline: 12:30 01:30 Scream 2009 **Enemy Contact** 04:00 Ebuzz Deadliest Warrior: Green Beret Criss Angel Mindfreak 05:30 vs Spetznaz 06:30 The Adventures of Sherlock Tim Gunn Holmes: A Crooked Man 07:30 Ebuzz