

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Alluvial Soul  
 Artist: Kalidas Karmakar  
 Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
 Inauguration: February 4 at 6pm



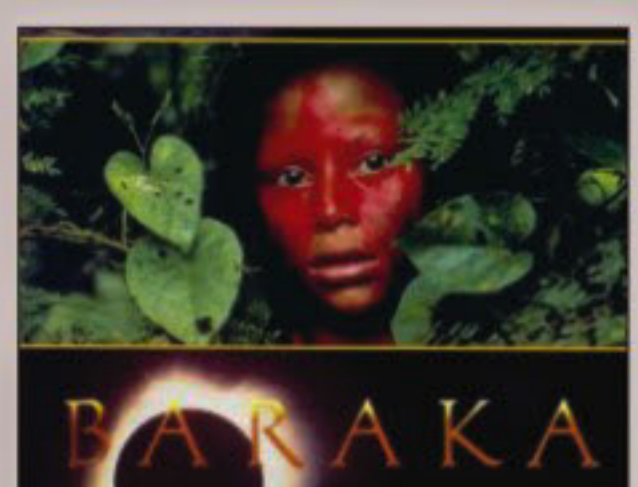
**Photography Exhibition**  
 Title: Ghum  
 Photographer: Bakin Rabbi  
 Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi  
 Date: January 23-February 5



**Documentary Premiere**  
 Documentary: Call Me Salma  
 Directors: Sébastien Rist and Aude Leroux-Lévesque (Canada)  
 Venue: Auditorium, University of Liberal Arts, Dhanmondi  
 Date: February 4  
 Time: 2pm



**Film Screening**  
 Organiser: Dhaka University Film Society  
 Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi  
 Date: February 2-3  
 Time: 3pm onwards



## A conclave of poets

### National Poetry Festival ends at Dhaka University



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Held by Jatiya Kabita Parishad, the festival saw a convergence of poets from home and abroad.

A CORRESPONDENT

With the slogan "Notun Kabita, Notun Samoy" (new poems, new times), the two-day long 24th Jatiya Kabita Utsab (National Poetry Festival) concluded yesterday at the Dhaka University Library premises.

Poet Syed Shamsul Haq inaugurated the festival, organised by Jatiya Kabita Parishad. Parishad President and poet Habibullah Shirazi presided over the programme. Poet Asad Chowdhury, convener of the Parishad; Aslam Sani, general secretary; Rabindra Gope; Muhammad Samad; eminent Indian poet and litterateur Sunil Gangopadhyay and fellow Indian poet Samarendra Sen Gupta, among others, spoke on the occasion.

Poets, representing different generations, participated at the festival.

Poet Muhammad Samad, presidium member of the Jatiya Kabita Parishad, said,

"This Parishad is not just an institution, but rather a platform to bring together poets from home and abroad."

Indian poets Amitabh Chowdhury, Ratul Dev Burman, Dip Mukhopadhyay, Taposh Roy, Bithi Bandopadhyay, Shyamol Kanti Das, Santosh Roy, Satyajit Mondal and others recited their poems on the occasion.

Shyamol Kanti Das said, "Every year I try to take part in this festival. I think it is one of the more vibrant poetry festivals in the sub-continent."

Bangladeshi poets Syed Shamsul Haq, Habibullah Shirazi, Sujauddin Kaisar, Tareq Sujat, Muhammad Rafique, Aslam Sani, Tareq Mahmud, Rahman Henry, Ashim Saha, Baki Billah and others recited their poems at the festival.

Noted reciters Asaduzzaman Noor and Hasan Arif also recited poems. A number of poets came from USA, England, Australia and Kuwait to attend the event.

## Commemorative festival at Al Deen's ancestral village

In honour of 'Natyacharya' Selim Al Deen, a three-day festival will be held at the theatre icon's ancestral village Shenerkhil under Shonagazi upazilla of Feni, says a press release. Organised by Selim Al Deen Mela Udjapan Jatiyo Parshad, the festival will be held from February 4 to 6. The festival will feature theatre, music, film screening and traditional performing arts.

On the first day, Dhaka Theatre will stage "Dhaboman" and artistes of Feni will render songs. 'Alkap' songs and a documentary screening are also part of the inaugural

programme.

On the second day, documentary screening, 'gano sangeet', recitation, 'Muharram-er gaan', 'gambhira' and staging of the play "Shikhandi Kotha" will be held.

The programme on the third day will start early in the morning through rendition of Rabindra sangeet. 'Jari gaan', 'shong jatra', 'Lalon geeti' and the play "Prachya" are the highlights of the concluding programme.

Apart from these, 'lathi khela', 'putul nach', 'nagordola', 'ha du du', photography and book exhibition will also be held at the mela.

## "Bappa Mazumder featuring Nancy Rahman"

### Latest work of Bappa

A CORRESPONDENT

The launching ceremony of Bappa Mazumder's latest work, "Bappa Mazumder featuring Nancy Rahman" was held at a city hotel, recently. Bappa Mazumder has done the music composition and arrangement for the album.

The album contains eleven tracks -- Shasti, Brishti udas, Amar shobei, Keno tumi bhangley amay, Neel akashey, Amar janala diye, Ichhey, Bondhu amay, Shukh pakhi, Shamanyo shombbol and a duet of "Shamanyo shombbol" with Bappa Mazumder.

Speaking of the album Bappa Mazumder said "I have enjoyed working with Nancy, she has been very hardworking, dedicated and vigilant during the entire recording of the album."

"For some one totally raised abroad interest in Bangla music is really a positive thing,"

Bappa added.

Nancy Rahman is a Bangladeshi expatriate, living in Australia; she completed her double bachelor in business and law from Sydney University.

Sharing her feelings Nancy Rahman said "Even though I was raised abroad, I have always had this special liking of eastern music thanks to my mother Syntheya Rahman who always inspired me to listen to eastern music."

Speaking of the album Nancy said "I was always passionate about bringing out a Bengali album of my own, I travelled to Bangladesh and stayed here for four months only for the album."

This is Nancy Rahman's second visit to Bangladesh. Nancy Thanked Bappa Mazumder for his guidance during the recording of the album. The album has been released under the banner of *agniveena*.

Promode Mankin, state minister, ministry of cultural affairs, attended the event as the chief guest and launched the album.

## Pitha makers reap a bonanza



A CORRESPONDENT

Winter in Bangladesh and it's time for an amazing array of delectable pithas. The winner hands' down is the hot delicate *bhapa pitha*, the art of making which has been come down the generations, thanks to many creative mothers.

Presently, the art of winter *pitha*-making so long popular in the rural settings is quite popular in the urban areas as well. The steaming-pitha can be found in various spots is made from rice dust, molasses and a sprinkle of coconut. Among the pitha-makers who make a living from selling these delicacies is Rowshan Ara Begum. Rowshan recently talked to the correspondent about her trade.

"You cannot imagine a winter without pithas! Young, old, everyone likes it," she says.

Rowshan Ara has been making pitha since the 1980s. In fact in Shyamoli, she is the only pitha-maker who has been making the delicious pithas for so long. This explains the conglomeration of customers who make a beeline for her *pithas*.

"The practice of making *pithas* remains the same as in the past. Not everyone can make *bhapa pitha*, as this requires skill. It has to be steamed for just the right time, or it stays raw, or gets over-cooked and difficult to handle."

Kudos to such pitha-makers who have held on to the tradition of pitha-making.



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

## On Air

### ATN BANGLA

- 08:30 Drama Serial: Kothay Pabo Tarey
- 09:10 Kandey Amar Maa
- 09:15 Drama Serial: Jolkona
- 10:30 Hello Bangladesh
- 11:05 Asian City Vision 2020
- 11:40 Boimela Protidin
- 12:15 IT ZONE
- 12:30 Band View
- 02:30 Nupur-er Chhondey
- 03:15 Drama Serial: Rupali Manush
- 03:45 Children's Programme
- 04:25 SA Games
- 05:15 Kandey Amar Maa
- 06:15 Take Care
- 08:00 REXONA Destination Unlimited
- 08:40 Drama Serial: Gharjamai
- 09:20 Drama Serial: Kothay Pabo Tarey
- 11:30 Talking Point
- 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

### CHANNEL I

- 08:05 Tagore Song
- 08:30 Shokaler Gaan
- 09:30 Shangadpotrey Bangladesh
- 09:45 Public Reaction
- 11:05 Sports Time
- 11:30 Surdora Baghagayen
- 12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathon
- 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
- 01:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
- 02:30 Selected Programme
- 03:30 Apnaar Shuswashto
- 04:05 Multijudhyo Protidin
- 04:30 Trust Bank Boimela Shorashori
- 05:30 Special Programme
- 06:00 Drama Serial: Kosto Shudhu-i Amar
- 06:20 Cookery Show
- 07:50 Drama Serial: Tulir Telesmati
- 08:25 Drama Serial: Chhayabithi
- 09:30 Drama Serial: Swapnabazar
- 11:30 E Bhora Badar Mah Bhadar
- 12:00 Grameenphone Aajker Shongbadpatra

### ETV

- 09:30 Drama Serial: Jahur Ali Jahuri
- 10:02 Galpo Shalpo Gaan
- 11:30 Ekushey Business
- 12:02 Desh Jurey Oporadh
- 03:30 DW Global 3000
- 04:02 Drama Serial: Bishkata
- 04:30 Drama Serial: Haka Robyn
- 05:25 TV South Asia Munmun Moments
- 05:45 Sports Plus

- 06:00 Ekusher Shondhya
- 06:30 Campus-e Campus-e
- 08:20 Drama Serial: Poster
- 09:30 Drama Serial: Jahur Ali Jahuri
- 10:10 Ciney Hits
- 11:45 Amader Boimela
- 12:02 Ekusher Raat
- ntv
- 08:30 Shasthya Protidin
- 08:55 Drama Serial: Mamuli Ekta Manush
- 09:30 Crime Watch
- 12:10 Ei Shomoy
- 01:05 Japan Video Topic
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
- 03:15 Drama Serial: Shanto Kutir
- 04:10 Janar Achhey Blaar Achhey
- 05:30 Apnaar Jigyasha
- 06:40 Rupali Pordaar Golpo
- 08:15 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
- 09:00 Kisu Katha Kisu Gaan
- 09:45 Drama Serial: Manush Bodal
- 11:30 Music Jam

### DESH TV

- 11:30 SA Games
- 04:30 Dur-er Janala
- 05:02 Cartoon
- 06:30 Shangbaad Shondhya
- 07:45 Desh Galpo
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Jolpori
- 09:45 Bindu Theke Brityo
- 10:30 Total Sports
- 11:45 Talk Show: Shoja Katha
- RTV
- 08:00 Ei Din
- 09:00 Black Horse RTV Golden Key
- 10:00 Very Filmy
- 10:45 Taroka Alap
- 11:30 Share Update
- 12:30 Cookery Show: R Ranna
- 02:03 Bangla Feature Film
- 06:03 Protidin
- 06:45 Amader Dhaka
- 07:15 Ekusher Boimela
- 07:45 Road to Democracy
- 09:25 Drama Serial: Mon Kora
- 10:10 Drama Serial: Shey Amar Ekla

### DIGANTA TV

- 08:05 Shubarno Shokal
- 12:30 Score Card
- 08:05 Eye- Tech
- 09:25 Diganta Anoushondhan
- 10:00 Prime Time
- 11:05 Shobaar Agey Desh
- ZEE STUDIO
- 08:30 The Haunted Mansion
- 10:30 Little Fish
- 01:30 Pride and Prejudice
- 03:10 Get shortly on Campus
- 03:40 The Pacifier
- 04:10 Instinct
- 06:55 Wicker Park
- 09:30 How To Lose Friends & Alienate People
- 12:00 Count of Monte Cristo
- HBO
- 09:00 Making Mr. Right
- 10:45 Bats: Human Harvest
- 12:30 Arlington Road

### BBC WORLD

- 08:30 Asia Business Report
- 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
- 11:45 BBC World News
- 12:00 BBC World News
- 12:30 World Business Report
- 12:45 BBC World News
- 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
- 03:00 BBC World News
- 03:30 HARDtalk (r)
- 04:00 BBC World News

### ESPN

- 09:30 City, The
- 09:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak
- 11:30 Cyril: Simply Magic
- 12:30 Wipeout
- 01:30 So You Think You Can Dance
- 02:30 Most Amazing Videos
- 03:30 Stamball
- 05:30 Middleman, The
- 06:30 Date My Ex
- 07:30 Wipeout
- 08:30 Video Zonkers
- 09:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak
- 10:30 Guinness World Records Smashed
- 11:30 Numb3rs
- 12:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak
- 09:00 BBC Archives 2005-06 India Legends 7
- 10:00 Nagano 1998 : Stories Of Honor And Glory
- 12:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10
- Match: Hull City vs. Chelsea Southeastern Conference Basketball
- Match: Mississippi vs. Kentucky
- 04:30 Fina World Swimming Championships
- 05:30 NBA Action 2009/10
- 06:30 Hitz 09/10
- 06:30 Winter X Games Eleven
- 07:30 Football Focus With John Dykes
- 08:30 Sportscenter India
- 09:00 Sportscenter Asia
- 09:30 Goals!
- 10:00 Global Football
- 10:30 Sportscenter India
- 11:30 Hitz 09/10
- 12:00 Planet Speed 2009/10



**Shey Amar Ekla Pakhi**  
 On Rtv at 10:10 pm  
 Drama Serial  
 Cast: Apurbo, Kushum Shikdar

### BANGLAVISION

- 09:00 Drama Serial: Diba Ratri Khola Thakey
- 10:10 Drama/Programme
- 11:35 Onyo Nayan
- 12:30 Raat Biratey
- 01:00 SA Games: Bangladesh Vs Nepal Hockey
- 03:00 SA Games: India Vs Pakistan Hockey
- 06:05 Telepress Business
- 06:40 Point of Order
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Megh Bondhu
- 09:05 Shoundarja Kotha
- 09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
- 12:00 Shangbaad Protidin

### CHANNEL 1

- 08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
- 09:10 Events of the Day
- 10:30 Nongor
- 11:00 Bangla Feature Film
- 03:30 Drama Serial: Kancher Putul
- 04:00 Drama Serial: Gahor Baidya
- 04:30 Doctor's Voice
- 05:15 Cine Tune
- 06:00 Saanjh Bela
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Gorbhodharini
- 09:00 Drama Serial: Kancher Putul
- 09:45 Events of the Day

- abc radio FM 89.2
- 06:00 Bhorer Janajay
- 09:00 Mukhorto Jiboney
- 12:00 Darun Dupurey
- 03:00 Duranto Bilekey
- 05:00 Shondha Tara
- 07:00 Shaj-er Maya
- 09:00 Raat-er Akashey
- 11:00 Galper Shesh Nei
- RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM
- 07:30 Hello Dhaka
- 10:00 Morning Express
- 12:00 No Tension
- 04:00 Dhaka Calling
- 09:00 Knight Riders
- RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM
- 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
- 11:00 Masti Unlimited
- 01:00 Today's Adda
- 04:00 U-lum
- 08:00 Tobe Tai Hok
- 11:00 Raat Vor Gan
- 02:00 Back to Back



- 02:45 Marci X
- 04:15 New York Minute
- 06:15 Generation Kill S105: A Burning Dog
- 07:30 Get Smart's Bruce And Lloyd
- 09:00 Out Of Control
- 09:30 Tmz 162
- 11:30 Wanted
- 11:30 Bats: Human Harvest
- STAR MOVIES
- 09:45 Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back
- 11:35 Pulse I
- 01:25 Juno
- 03:20 The Condemned
- 06:00 Blonde & Blonder
- 07:25 Species
- 04:30 BBC World News
- 05:30 World Business Report
- 05:45 Sport Today
- 06:00 GMT with George Alagiah
- 07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain
- 08:30 World Business Report
- 08:45 Sport Today
- 09:00 BBC World News
- 09:30 HARDtalk (r)
- 10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing
- 10:30 The Hub with Nik Gowing
- 11:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing
- 11:30 World Business Report
- 11:45 Sport Today
- AXN
- 08:30 Real Housewives Of New York

### STAR SPORTS

- 09:00 TNA Impact 09/10
- 11:00 Hitz 09/10
- 11:30 Goodyear Formula Drift Malaysia 2009
- 12:30 Australian Open 2010, Presented By KIA Motors
- 01:30 Ashes Heroes
- 02:00 Hitz 09/10
- 02:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10
- Match: West Ham United vs. Blackburn Rovers
- 04:30 International Motorsport News 2010
- 05:30 Game
- 06:00 Ghit
- 06:30 K1 World Grand Prix 2009 - Tokyo - Final 16 Qualifying
- 08:30 Simply The Best
- 09:00 Almost Anything Goes
- 09:30 Score Tonight
- 10:00 Nike Football Locker Room 2009/10
- 10:30 Australian Open 2010
- 11:30 Game
- 12:00 Glitch