

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

#### Solo Art Exhibition

**Title:** A Shifting Weave of Memory  
**Artist:** Dipali Bhattacharya (India)  
**Venue:** Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi  
**Date:** March 5-16  
**Time:** 12-8pm



#### Theatre Festival

**Organiser:** Prachyanat  
**Venue:** Studio Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy  
**Date:** March 15-18  
**Time:** 6:30pm



#### Solo Art Exhibition

**Title:** Staring Women (In Observation of International Women's Day 2010)  
**Artist:** Nazia Andaleeb  
**Venue:** Radius Centre-Bay's Galleria, 57, Gulshan, Dhaka  
**Date:** March 5 to March 19  
**Time:** 10am-8pm (Friday 3pm-8pm)



#### Solo Art Exhibition

**Artist:** Anukul Mojumdar  
**Title:** Tales of Dreams  
**Venue:** Shilpangan Art Gallery, H-26, R-3, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** March 19-April 3  
**Time:** 12pm-8pm



## The myth that lives on Festival at the shrine of Gazi, Kalu and Champaboti



A baul in his element at the shrine.

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AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

A few miles off Jhenidah, at Barobazar, lies the 'dargha' (shrine) of legendary Gazi, Kalu and Champaboti, who according to popular myth, lived in the region about 700 years ago.

Each year in the Bangali month of Falgun, devotees gather at the 'dargha' to pay homage to the legends and to receive their blessings. The venue takes on a festive look.

Thousand of ardent devotees thronged here last Thursday night. Some brought 'batasha' (a kind of sweet) and candles as offerings. Food is provided to all, whether poor or rich. Throughout the night, in candlelight, devotees pray,

keeping the three legends in mind.

Devotees believe that Gazi and Kalu had miraculous powers. Gazi was the son of Sultan Shah Sikandar Ali and Azufa Shundari. Gazi's mother was the daughter of king Bali (a Hindu royal). Kalu was Gazi's adopted brother.

Sultan Sikander Shah offered his throne to Gazi but the latter refused, claiming that he had to lead the life of an ascetic. The Sultan was enraged.

Gazi's conviction was put to the test. An elephant tried to trample him; he was attacked with a sword, thrown in the fire and more. But Gazi survived. He left the country accompanied by his brother Kalu. He reached Sundarbans

and stayed there for seven years.

Here fairies and tigers became his disciples. From this belief, locals of the Sundarbans still recall Gazi when overcome by the fear of tigers.

Gazi fell in love with the beautiful Champaboti, daughter of King Mukut Roy of Brahmannagar. On learning of this, the king was furious and waged a war against Gazi. Tigers and crocodiles fought on both sides and eventually Gazi won the fight. Mukut Roy surrendered and agreed to the marriage of Champaboti and Gazi.

Gazi remains a "Zinda Pir" (immortal spiritual leader) to his followers and thus the myth lives on.

## Traditional Baruni Festival in Pabna

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR  
TOPU, Pabna

The traditional Hindu Baruni festival was held amidst religious festivity in Brea upazila under Pabna district on Saturday. Several thousand devotees across the country gathered at the banks of the Kageshwari river in Kutishwari Bottola and the bank of Ichhamoti river of the municipality area of Bera upazila under the district to celebrate the festival.

The Baruni festival is a 200-year traditional festival held in 'Troadashi Tithi' (mid spring) every year. The devotees bathe in the rivers for the purification of their souls and pray for the salvation of their forefathers' souls beneath an ancient tree.

A colourful traditional Chaitra-Mela was also held on the banks of the river. A variety of traditional and rural food items, earthen, bamboo and wooden goods were sold at the fair, attracting several thousand devotees.

The traditional Baruni festival, which used to carry on for a week in mid-spring a few years ago, has now been truncated to one day, while the fair continues for two or three days.

## 11th International Short and Independent Film Fest ends

MAINUL HASSAN

As the clapstick hit the clapboard, the final sequence of the 11th International Short & Independent Film Festival, by Bangladesh Short Film Forum (March 4-12), began with the organisers presenting this year's award for Best Documentary, Best Fiction award to international entries and Tareque Shahriar Best Independent Short awards. BSFF has been hosting the event since 1988 biennially.

The closing ceremony was held at Sawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium, Central Public Library on March 12.

"Rouge Nowa Huta" from France bagged the award for the best documentary, while "Vanni Mouse" (Norway) won the award for the best fiction. "The Rest Day" by young Bangladeshi filmmaker Mushfek Manzoor won the Tareque Shahriar Best Independent Short awards.

"Rouge Nowa Huta" has been jointly directed by Blandine Huk and Frederic Cousseau.

The documentary narrates the tale of Polish industrial city Nowa Huta. Founded after the Second World War, the city was designed as a self-contained and model city - as Poland's "first socialist town". Integral to the design of the town was an enormous metallurgical complex. The city was intended to symbolise the utopian promise of communism.

"Vanni Mouse" is a short film on Manik Farm, an internment camp in Sri Lanka, about 30 kilometres from the northern town of Vavuniya. Shot in Tamil, the film follows two mice as they take a journey through the camp. Giving the audience a glimpse of life inside the camp, the film has been directed by Subas Kannan.

"The Rest Day" is a short film on the traditional "Tomtom", cart pulling horses. On every Saturday the horses are taken to the Suhrawardi Udyan; where they graze all day and roam freely. They are accompanied by young children who

work as helpers for the "Tomtom" carts. The day offers a much needed break for both the animals and their young riders. The film narrates their story.

The winners at the international category were awarded a crest and US \$ 1,000 each. The winner of Tareque Shahriar Best Independent Short awards was presented a crest and a cash prize of BDT 25,000.

Finance Minister Abul Maal A. Muhit, was present as the chief guest at the programme. Among others, Dr. Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, Secretary, Ministry of Information; Hedayetullah Al Mamoon ndc, Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs; Hasnat Abdul Hye, chairman, festival committee; Zahidur Rahim Anjan, president Bangladesh Short Film Forum and N. Rased Chowdhury, director, festival committee were also present at the occasion.

The award giving ceremony was followed by screening of the prize winning films.



Glimpses from the award winning films "The Rest Day" (L) and "Rouge Nowa Huta".



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

## On Air

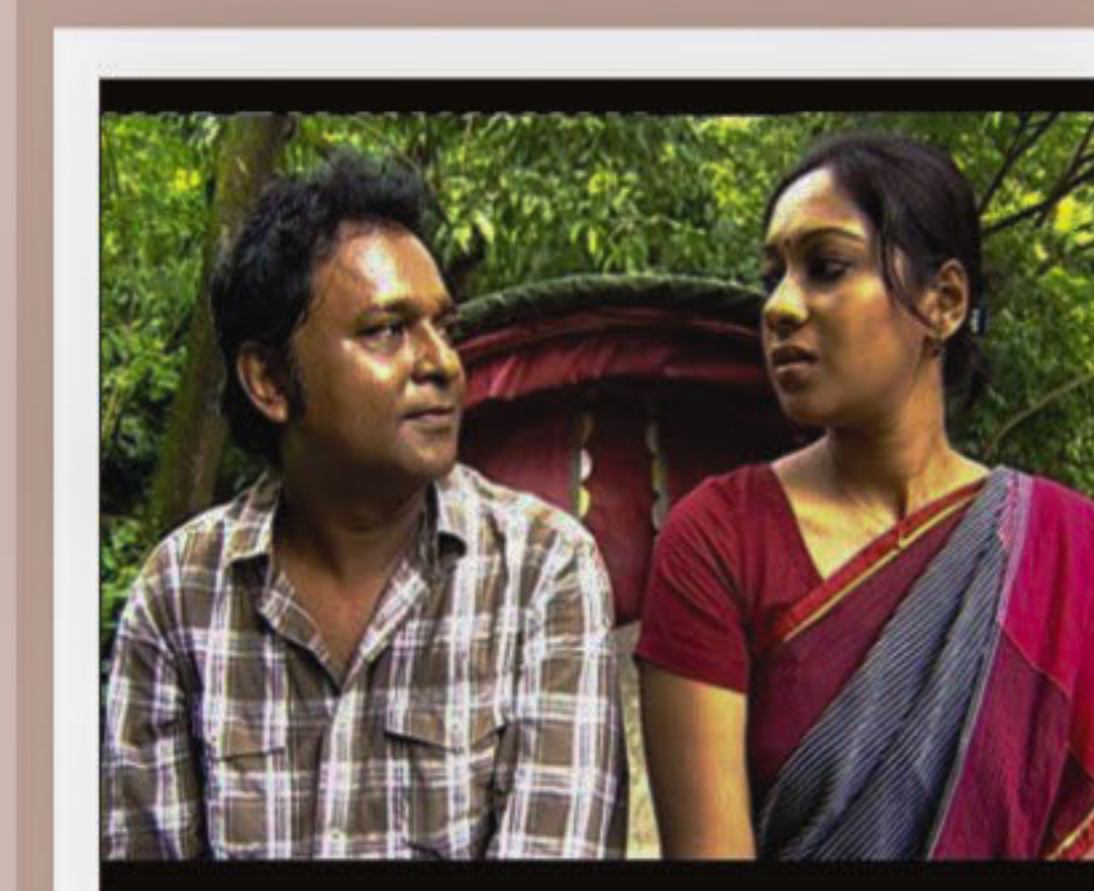
### ATN BANGLA

- 08:30 Tatka National Dance Star
- 09:45 Kandey Amar Maa
- 10:30 Talk Show: Hello Bangladesh
- 11:10 Asian City Vision
- 11:35 Notun Chhobir Gaan
- 12:15 Motamot
- 01:30 Cholo-chitir Golpo
- 03:10 BBC BUZZ
- 04:25 Agricultural Programme: Matir Shubatabash
- 05:15 Kaandey Amar Maa
- 05:15 Ainar Shamney
- 06:15 The Lost World
- 08:00 Drama Serial: Chhondochara
- 08:45 Shah Cement Nirmaner Taroka
- 11:30 Talk Show: Jay Katha Keu Boley Ni
- 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

### CHANNEL I

- 08:05 Rabindra Sangeet
- 08:30 Shokaler Gaan
- 09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh
- 09:45 Public Reaction
- 09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
- 11:05 Educational Programme
- 11:30 Docu Drama: CSR
- 12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan
- 01:05 Musical Programme: Ebing Cinemar Gaan
- 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Noukadubi
- 03:05 Medha Bikash
- 04:05 FCT Business Talk
- 04:30 Trust Bank Boimela Protidin
- 05:30 Amar Chhobi
- 06:00 Udyog
- 07:50 Talk Show: Shomoyer Shanglap
- 09:35 Drama Serial: Money Bag Fantasy
- ntv
- 08:25 Swastho Protidin
- 08:45 Drama Serial: Graduate

- 09:30 Aain-er Chokhey
- 10:05 Gallery
- 10:30 Rup Madhuri
- 11:00 The Challenge
- 11:30 Tifiner Phakey
- 12:10 Ei Shomoy
- 01:05 Japan Video Topic
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Chakkar
- 03:15 Drama Serial: Dhupchhaya
- 04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Achhey
- 05:30 Apnaar Jigyasha
- 06:40 Unnoyoner Jonyo Shouhardo
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Mamuli Ekta Manush
- 09:00 Cookery Show: Pran Gura
- 09:45 Drama Serial: FnF
- 11:40 Making of Challenge
- 12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy



Mamuli Ekta Manush On ntv at 8:15 pm Drama Serial Cast: Azad Abul Kalam, Meenara Zaman

- 07:50 Khudrowin-er Shud-er Haar
- 08:20 Drama Serial: Neelanjana
- 09:30 Drama Serial: Lolita
- 10:10 Talk Show: O Bondhu Amar
- Rtv
- 09:00 Trade Talk
- 09:30 Just Band
- 10:45 Taroka Alap
- 11:30 Share Update
- 12:30 Drama: FDC
- 02:03 Bangla Feature Film
- 06:03 Protidin
- 06:45 Crime Focus
- 07:30 Road To Democracy
- 09:25 R Music
- 11:30 Drishyo Kalpo
- DESH TV
- 12:15 Durpath

- 01:30 Drama Serial: Patigonit
- 02:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 06:05 Sports Time
- 06:40 Point of Order
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel
- 09:05 Cookery Show: Amader Ranna Ghar
- 09:45 Drama Serial: Diba Raatri
- 11:25 Anyo Nayan
- 12:00 Shangbad Protidin
- Channel 1
- 08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
- 09:10 Events of the Day
- 10:30 Drama: Gaanwala
- 11:00 Bangla Feature Film
- 03:30 Drama Serial: Probnati Shobuj Shanga
- 04:00 Gaan-er Khata

- 06:00 Bhorer Jansalay
- 09:00 Mukhorto Jiboney
- 12:00 Darun Dupurey
- 03:00 Duranto Bikelley
- 05:00 Shondhatara
- 07:00 Shajer Maya
- 09:00 Raat-er Akashey
- 11:00 Golper Shesh Nei
- RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM
- 07:30 Hello Dhaka
- 10:00 Moring 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 Musti 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

- 09:30 Mortal Kombat Annihilation
- 11:30 10,000 B.C.
- ZEE STUDIO
- 08:30 Match Point
- 11:20 The Haunted Mansion
- 01:30 The Great Raid
- 04:20 Goal
- 07:00 How To Lose Friends & Alienate People
- 09:30 Instinct
- Channel 1
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- 09:30 BBC World News
- 05:00 GMT with George Alagiah
- 06:00 BBC World News
- 06:30 World Business Report
- 06:45 Sport Today
- 07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain
- 08:30 World Business Report
- 09:00 BBC World News
- 09:30 HARDtalk (r)
- 10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing
- 11:30 World Business Report
- 11:45 Sport Today
- ESPEN
- 10:30 2010 US Figure Skating Championships
- 12:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10
- Match: Tottenham Hotspur vs. Blackburn Rovers
- 02:30 Pac - 10 Men's Basketball
- 04:30 Uda National Dance Team Championships
- 05:00 PBA Tour : Pepsi Red, White & Blue Open
- 06:30 Jet Sprint World Championships
- 07:30 Premier League Highlights
- 08:30 Sportscenter India
- 09:30 Jet Sprint World Championships
- 10:30 Sportscenter India
- STAR SPORTS
- 10:00 Behind The Baseline
- 10:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10
- Match: Birmingham City vs. Everton
- 12:30 Hitz 09/10
- 01:00 FIA F1 World Championship Raceday 2010
- 01:45 FIA F1 World Championship 2010 - Main Race
- 03:45 FIA F1 World Championship Chattered Flag 2010
- 04:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Bolton Wanderers vs. Wigan Athletic
- 06:30 TNA Xplosion 09/10
- 07:30 FIA F1 World Championship Highlights 2010
- 08:30 Engine Block 2010
- 09:30 Score Tonight
- 10:00 TNA Xplosion 09/10