

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: Rickshaw Painting Exhibition  
Artist: Nobo Kumar Bhadra  
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka  
Date: April 16-29  
Time: 3pm-9pm



### Group Art Exhibition

Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, H-60, R-7/A, Dhanmondi  
Date: April 10-19  
Time: 3pm-9pm



### 17th Young Artists' Art Exhibition 2010

Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA)  
Venue: Naton Art Gallery Plaza, Shilpakala Academy  
Date: April 2-19  
Time: 11am-7pm (Friday 3pm-8pm)



### Solo Photography Exhibition

Title: Threw the Iris  
Artist: Imran Huda  
Venue: Drik Gallery  
Date: April 16-20  
Time: 3pm-8pm



## A gift for the New Year

### A first for Bangladesh feature films in India

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

A three-day festival of Bangladeshi feature films by four eminent directors began on April 16.

Inaugurating the festival at the Siri Fort Auditorium number 2, the first-ever in the Indian capital, India's Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Choudhury Mohan Jatua said the cultural event "would contribute towards a better understanding of the composite ethos of Bangladesh amongst our people."

"Festivals of a similar nature could be organised across different cities, enabling a wider and diverse audience to view films and correlate with the value-driven, broad-based and secular cultural fabric of Bangladesh," he said.

The Minister said the people of India and Bangladesh shared a common bond with regard to history, culture and social values. In the current scenario, it was imperative that the media played a pro-active role in familiarising the people in India with the cinematic brilliance of film directors from Bangladesh, he added.

M Khan, Director of the Directorate of Indian Film Festivals, said in his welcome address, "We have been trying to organise this festival for a long time and we thank the extra efforts put in by Bangladesh High Commissioner to



A scene from "Aha" by Enamul Karim Nirjhar.

India A Tariq Karim and First Secretary Mahubub Saleh to make it happen".

Speeches over, Jatua, A Tariq Karim, Kobori, Faridur Reza Sagar, Tauqir Ahmed and Aupee Karim each lit a special lamp to mark the start of the film festival.

This is for the first time that a festival of Bangladeshi feature films is being jointly organised by the two countries. In all, seven films "Ontorjatra" by Tareque Masud, "Joyjatra" by Tauqir Ahmed, "Bachelor" by Mostafa Sarwar Farooki,

"Rupkathar Golpo" by Tauqir Ahmed, "Matir Moina" by Tareque Masud and "Aha" by Enamul Karim Nirjhar will be screened during the festival.

The Directorate of Film Festivals in India, Indian Information and Broadcasting Ministry and Bangladesh High Commission have jointly organised the festival.

The inaugural ceremony was followed by the screening of "Ayna". The film, starring Kobori in the role of a women's rights activist and a lawyer, director Subhash Dutta, Rani Sarkar, Ferdous and A T M Shamsuzzaman among others, was seen by a packed audience.

After the screening, Kobori, during an exclusive conversation with *The Daily Star* said that she was in search of a script to direct her second feature film which will be shot in her electoral constituency in Narayanganj.

Tauqir Ahmed agreed with Kobori that direction is far more challenging and difficult than acting. Two of the seven films shown on the second day of the festival are directed by "Tauqir" Joyjatra" and "Rupkathar Galpo" which also has him in the cast.

Faridur Reza Sagar said five to six films produced by Impress Telefilm will be released this year and in collaboration with Indian producers, efforts are underway to get 82-year-old Indian director Basu Chatterjee back behind the camera after a long hibernation with a Bangla remake of his hit Hindi film *Ranjnigandha*.

## More Baishakh celebrations...

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Pahela Baishakh, the first day of the Bengali New Year was observed here with fanfare. Different socio-cultural organisations and educational institutions celebrated the day with many programmes: Traditionally attired people took part in colourful rallies, while other events included, discussions, panta-ellish feasts, friendly matches, kite flying cultural shows, walking competition, photo exhibition, debates, poetry recitation, dance sequences and solo acting.

Borsha Boran Utjapan Parshad, Mymensingh brought out a huge rally from Mukul Niketan High School in the morning. Among others principal Motiur Rahman, MP and State Minister for Health Welfare Dr. Captain (Retd) Mujibur Rahman, MP attended the rally which ended at the Baishakhi Mancha at Shaheb Quarter Park.



Indigenous artistes perform at the event.

Organisations like Udichi Shilpi Goshthi, Alok Chitra Shilpi Sangsad, Antarjati Krishna Bhabanamrita Sangha, Brahma Shaily and Mymensingh Press Club held separate programmes.

Mymensingh Press Club organised a discussion with Professor Atiqur Rahman in the chair. The speakers said that we should preserve authentic Bengali culture so that we can safeguard our

identity. Among others Principal Reazul Islam, Salim Hasan and Press Club secretary Ataul Karim Khokon took part in the discussion. The discussion rounded up with a cultural programme.



Riding the waves.

HOSSAIN SERAJ, Magura

A three-day programme, titled 'Baishakhi utshab', to usher in the Bengali New Year ended at Nomani maidan in Magura town on Friday evening.

The programme featured a rally, mela (fair) donga (small boats made of palm tree) race, *lathikhela*, traditional games, *kabigaan*, *jarigaan* and an art competition for children. Several thousand enthusiastic visitors flocked to the venue everyday.



Devotees offer flowers and other items to the traditional Charak tree.

## Three day 'Charak Festival' ends

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

The traditional 'Bothor Charak' festival concluded amidst festivity on Thursday. People from many communities and different areas of the district gathered at Bothor village of Chatmohart upazila under Pabna district on Thursday to observe the concluding ceremony of the festival.

The three-day festival began with devotees from different areas offering milk, sugar, flowers

and other items to the traditional Charak tree. They sought the blessings of Goddess Mohadeb.

Mohammad Mokbul Hossain, MP, Trustee of Hindu Community Gonesh Chandra Ghosh and Chatmohart Upazila Nirbahi officer Firoz Shah were present at the festival.

The traditional 'Charak' festival is an example of communal and cultural harmony, said Kinkor Kumar Saha, the secretary of the Charak Festival Celebration Committee.

Traditional dhak dhol, recitations, renditions including *potgaan*, Baul songs, dance and drama (both folk and lyrical) marked a cultural festival to bid farewell to the last year and usher in the New Year at the National Art Gallery and at the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.



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## ON AIR

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

### ATN BANGLA

01:25 Musical Programme: Sur-er Madhuri  
02:30 Destiny Group Cricket League T-20  
05:30 Bashudha Dhak Dhol  
06:15 Law & Order  
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News  
CHANNEL i  
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
04:05 Mukti Judhyo Protidin  
06:20 Rupantor

12:00 Grameenphone Aikjer Shangbadpotro  
ntv  
12:50 Swastho Protidin  
04:10 Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey  
05:35 Apnaar Jigyasha  
06:10 Shubho Shondha  
06:45 Joto Modhur Bhulguli  
09:00 Drama: Life  
ETV  
02:02 Market Trend  
04:30 Best of Dhum Tana  
05:25 Sports Plus  
05:45 Ei Shoptaher Bishwa

06:30 Deshjurey  
07:50 Musical Programme: Ta Na Na  
RTV  
02:03 Bangla Feature Film  
06:00 Protidin  
06:45 R Ranna  
07:30 Road to Democracy  
11:30 Trade Talk  
12:00 Just Band  
BANGLAVISION  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
06:05 Positive Bangladesh  
06:40 Point of Order  
11:25 Musical Programme  
DESH TV  
05:30 Durpaath  
06:30 Shangskriti Shara Desh  
07:45 Amra Dujon, Dekhtey Kemon  
10:30 Total Sports  
11:45 Shojha Katha  
HBO  
11:30 Pistol Whipped

01:15 Get Smart  
03:30 Hindi Version: Rush Hour 3  
05:15 The Ruins  
07:00 Fracture  
09:30 Rush Hour 3  
11:30 Dante's Peak  
STAR SPORTS  
10:30 Simply The Best  
11:00 Almost Anything Goes  
11:30 FIA F1 World Championship Raceday 2010  
12:15 FIA F1 World Championship 2010 - Main Race  
14:15 FIA F1 World Championship Chequered Flag 2010  
15:00 Monte Carlo Rolex Masters  
16:30 Golf Focus 2010  
17:00 Game  
17:30 Ashes 2005 Programme Monte Carlo Rolex Masters  
17:45 Ashes 2005 Programme  
19:45 Hitz 09/10  
20:00 V8 Supercars Championship Series 2010 - Races

ESPN  
11:30 Volvo China Open Day 4  
03:00 European Individual Badminton Championships 2010 - Semifinal 1  
04:30 European Individual Badminton Championships 2010 - Semifinal 2  
06:25 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Wigan Athletic vs. Arsenal  
08:30 Super Sunday  
08:55 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Portsmouth vs. Aston Villa  
11:00 Final Score  
11:30 World Sport 2010  
12:00 Volvo China Open Day Day 4 H/Is  
BBC WORLD  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:30 India Business Report  
12:00 BBC World News

12:30 Fast Track (r)  
01:00 BBC World News  
01:10 Reporters (r)  
01:30 Roger Federer: Spirit Of A Champion (r)  
02:00 BBC World News  
02:10 This Week (r)  
02:30 Dateline London (r)  
03:00 BBC World News  
03:10 UK Report (r)  
03:30 My Country: Australia (r) Behind Closed Doors...  
04:00 BBC World News  
04:10 E24 (r)  
04:30 Africa Business Report (r)  
05:00 BBC World News  
05:30 Newsnight (r)  
06:00 BBC News Special  
09:00 BBC World News  
09:10 The Lost Libraries Of Timbuktu (r)  
10:00 BBC World News  
10:30 India Business Report (r)  
11:00 BBC World News

Talk show  
ATN BANGLA  
12:30am Hello Bangladesh  
CHANNEL i  
06:00pm Amader Television  
ntv  
12:10am Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
BANGLAVISION  
09:05pm Amar Ami

Drama Serial  
ATN BANGLA  
08:00pm Kagojer Ghar  
08:40pm No Problem Dot Com  
09:20pm Jolkona  
05:30pm Meyeli Dhaka Jachhchhey  
09:30pm Chhayabithi  
11:30pm Khujey Phiri  
ntv  
08:15pm Graduate  
ETV  
08:20pm Gunin  
09:30pm Lolita  
Rtv  
09:00pm Parshibari  
09:45pm FDC  
BANGLAVISION  
08:15pm Fifty Fifty  
09:45pm Hoi Hoi Roi  
Desh TV  
09:45pm Jao Pakhi

### News Bulletin

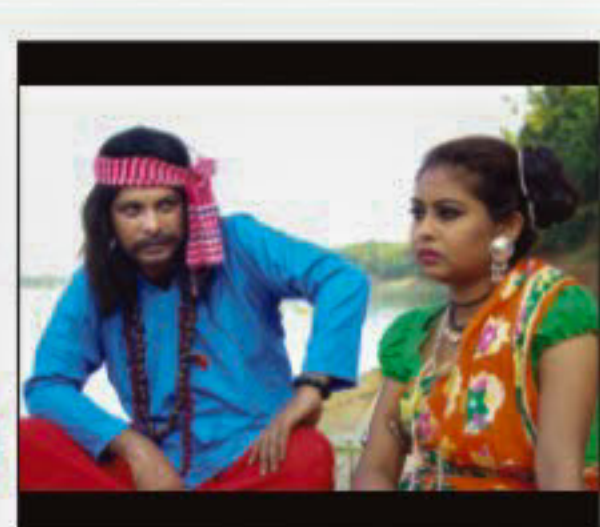
BTV  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 am.  
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am  
2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.  
News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.  
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).  
CHANNEL-i  
News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am  
ATN BANGLA  
NEWS (Bangla): 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.  
BANGLAVISION  
News (Bangla) at 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



Hoi Hoi Roi Roi  
On Banglavisian at 9:45 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Ahmed Rubel, Shojol



Rush Hour 3  
On HBO at 9:30 pm  
Genre: Action  
Cast: Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker



Gunin  
On Ekushey TV at 8:20 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Shams Sumon, Chandni

10:00am Morning Express  
12:30pm No Tension  
04:00pm Dhaka Calling  
09:00pm Full Volume  
11:00pm Back to Back music  
RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM  
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka  
11:00am Musti Unlimited  
01:00pm Today's Adda  
04:00pm U Turn  
08:00pm Tabey Tai Hok  
12:00am Today's Happy Moments  
abc radio FM 89.2  
06:00am Bhorer Janalay  
09:00am Mokhurto Jiboney  
12:00pm Darun Dupurey  
03:00pm Duranto Bikelley  
05:00pm Shondha Tara  
07:00pm Shajer Maya  
09:00pm Raat-er Akashey  
11:00pm Golper Shesh Nai  
RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM  
07:30am Hello Dhaka