

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Painting and Installation Exhibition
 Title: "Save Our Trees-Save Our Planet"
 Artist: Gulshan Hossain
 Venue: Goethe-Institut, H-10, R-9, Dhanmondi
 Date: May 3-24
 Time: 10am-8pm



Musical Programme
 Title: Rabindra Mela
 Venue: Channel i office premises, Tejgaon
 Date: May 8
 Time: 10am-5pm



Terracotta Exhibition
 Organiser: Teachers and Students of the Department of Ceramics, FFA, DU
 Venue: Zainul Gallery-2, Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka
 Date: May 3-9
 Time: 11am-8pm

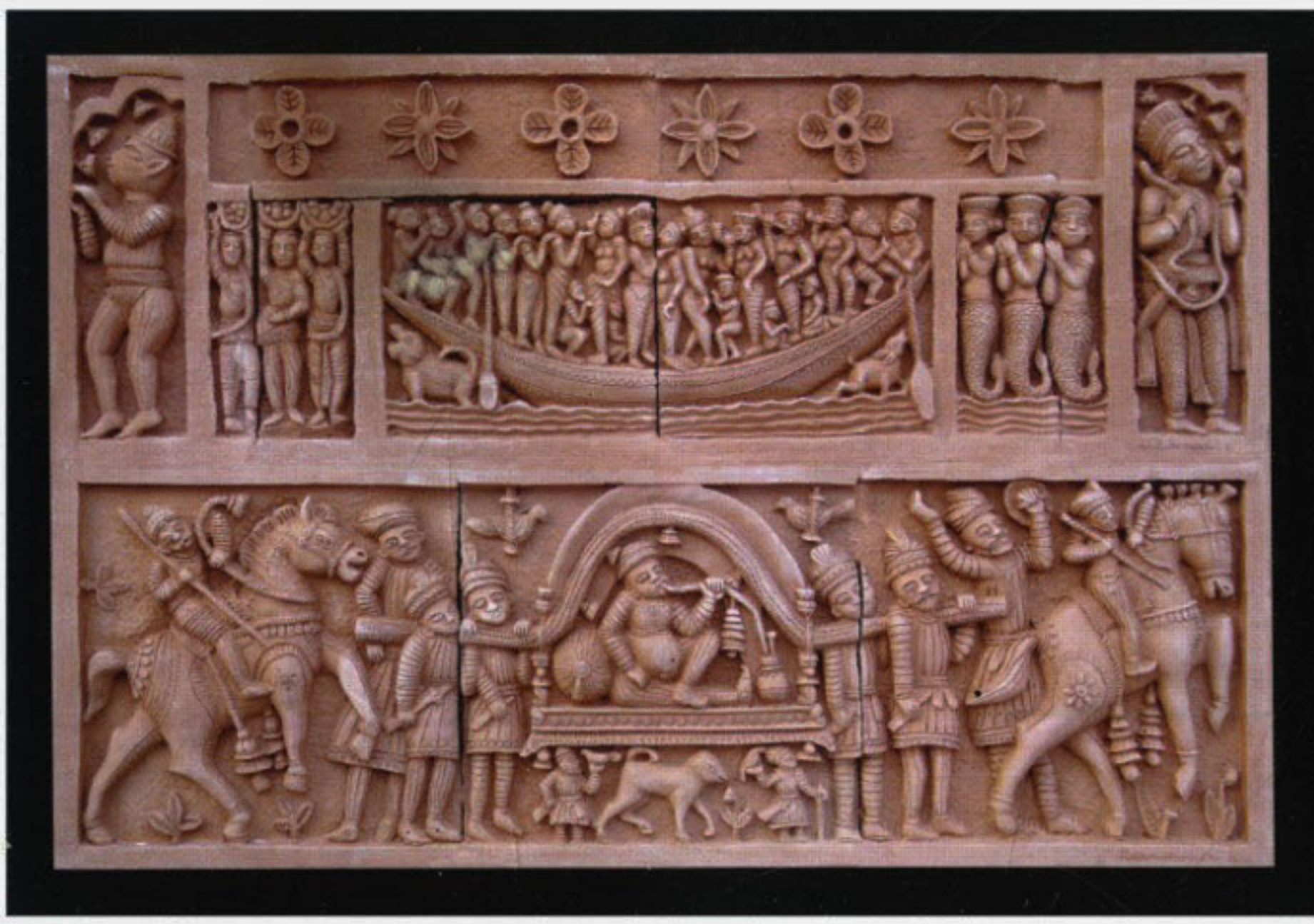


Photography Exhibition
 Title: BBC BUZZ Capturing Moments, Framing Lives
 Venue: DRK Gallery, H-58, R-15A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka 1209
 Date: May 1-6
 Time: 3-8 pm



Of old glory and novel designs

Terracotta exhibition at Zainul Gallery



"Kantaji Temple" by Mohammad Robiul Hossain.

ZAHANGIR ALOM

A weeklong terracotta exhibition -- featuring works of teachers and students of the department of Ceramics, Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA), Dhaka University -- is on at Zainul Gallery-2.

The inauguration of the exhibition was presided over by eminent artist Professor Rafiqun Nabi, Dean of FFA, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique was the chief guest. Professor Matlub Ali of Drawing and Painting

department of FFA and art critic Moinuddin Khaled were special guests at the inaugural programme on May 3.

Participating artists include teachers of Ceramics department, FFA -- Assistant Professor and also Chairman of the department Md. Robiul Islam, Assistant Professor Swapan Kumar Sikder and Assistant Professor Ad. Azharul Islam Sheikh -- and students -- Sunzida Meherin, Soumitra Biswas, Md. Nadimuzzaman Bhuiyan, Suman Kumer Borhal, Rajib Kumar Saha and Mohammad Robiul Hossain.

Two experimental compositions mark Robiul Islam's work while Swapan Kumar Sikder has delicately combined local terracotta with metallic colour without using any chemical in his works "Love-1" and "2". In two of his glazed abstract works, Azharul Islam Sheikh has depicted various geometric forms and shapes along with imaginative figures.

Influences of the motifs of the Kantaji Temple terracotta are noticeable in the students' works. Maharaja Pran Nath commissioned the temple in Dinajpur in 1722. The

construction of the temple was finished in 1752 during the rule of Maharaja Ramnath. Kantaji terracotta influenced notable works by Robiul Islam are *Nou-bihar* (river cruise) of Radha-Krishna and *shikar* (hunting) of Mughal Emperor Akbar.

Aside from this, several studies of antique sculptures including Gautam Buddha, Durga, Bishnu, Matshya Kumar etc by the students are on display. Rajib Kumar Saha has done the study of Buddha from Emperor Ashoka's time.

Suman Kumer has done a Bengali calligraphy that reads "Bishwey ja kichhu mohan

shristi chiro kolyankor, ordhek tar goriachhey nari ordhek tar nor," an excerpt from National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's work.

Nadimuzzaman's relief works feature several figures from Indian mythology along with an Arabic calligraphy articulating "Sura Fatiha" from the Holy Quran.

Several other realistic and improvised folk-themed works like "Vulture" (white clay), "Parrot," "Kingfisher," "Woodpecker," "Owl," "Butterfly," "Elephant," "Horse," "Bird" and "Nature" by the students are also on display.

The exhibition ends on May 9 at 8 pm.



"Love-1" by Swapan Kumar Sikder.

Deforestation on canvas

Solo painting and installation exhibition at Goethe Institut



Artwork by the artist.

A CORRESPONDENT

Gulshan Hossain's current solo painting and installation exhibition, titled "Save Our Trees Save Our Planet", is now on at Goethe Institut, Dhaka. The exhibition focuses on deforestation and climate change. Fallen trees, dry twigs, branches and other aspects of plants are recurring themes in her paintings. Fragment is another feature in her works. Her space is filled up with many forms as space obtrudes in her works. Her previous exhibition was held at Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts in 2009 where nature, nostalgia and the Liberation War were the prime themes.

Hossain's ongoing exhibition is more focused on soothing colours and luxuriantly restful textures. Red, blue, yellow, ochre are predomi-

nant in her paintings. Subdued and vibrant, both shades are noticeable in her works.

As an abstract expressionist, the painter takes care of colours, forms and textures. This genre of art is technically an important precursor of surrealism, with its emphasis on spontaneous or subconscious creation. However, her forms create many images, as the paintings look very rigid. She should concentrate more on application forms.

Her "Greeneries Converted to Desert-1" denotes two fallen trees at a spacious land and the backdrop looks gloomy. Various shades and soothing textures have enriched the work.

"Effects of Deforestation on Earth-3" another a mixed media piece, denotes a round shaped image with various colours and scattered lines.

The exhibition ends on May 24.

'Nakkati Mela': A 200-year old tradition

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon

The traditional 'Nakkati Mela' was held on Saturday at Lashkara village under sadar upazila in Thakurgaon.

Thousands of Hindu devotees from adjacent districts, including Thakurgaon, Dinajpur, Nilphamari and Panchagarh, came to pay homage to Bishnu at the temple. As in previous years, the *mela* attracted people of other communities as well.

Though the *mela* runs for only a day, hundreds of traders from different dis-



People of the district eagerly await the *mela*, which gives them an opportunity to pick up everyday items such as pottery, handicrafts and toys.

tricts gather here and set up stalls with their goods and products.

The people of the district, especially low-income groups from adjacent villages, eagerly await the *mela*, which gives them an opportunity to pick up items such as pottery, handicrafts and household items for women and traditional toys for children.

'Nakkati Mela' is held on the first Saturday after three Thursdays in the month of Baishakh. The festival's origins are shrouded in mystery. According to one version, around 200 years ago a statue of Bishnu was

found in a nearby pond. The *mela* became an integral part of the celebration of the discovery.

As the Bishnu sculpture's nose was broken, the *mela* came to be known as 'Nakkati Mela'.

Amena Begum, 38, a day labourer of Gorea village under sadar upazila in Thakurgaon, told this correspondent, "I cannot afford to buy toys for my children over the year because of soaring prices in the market. I wait for the *mela* so that I can purchase toys for my son and household materials at a low cost."



Music Planet, a music school, recently organised a show where the students showcased their talents. Noted personalities, music teachers and the students' family members were also present at the concert.

ON AIR

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

ATN Bangla

05:45 Tri-Nation Cricket Series
 06:15 Take Care
 08:00 Rexona Destination Unlimited
 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News
ntv
 12:10 Talk Show: Ei Somoy
 12:50 Swastho Protidin
 05:30 Apnaar Jigyasha
 06:10 Shubhoshondha
 06:45 Bajo Ebong Bajao
 08:15 Cookery Show
 09:00 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan

Banglavisoin

11:35 Anno Nayon
 12:30 Raat Biraatey
 03:35 Cinebit Shadakalo
 05:25 Musical Programme: Projapoti Chhoya
 06:40 Point of Order
 09:05 Shoundorjo Katha
 11:20 Rhythm and Melody
 12:00 Shangbaad Protidin

Desh TV

03:30 Pritilota
 04:30 Dur-er Janala
 05:30 Durpath
 06:30 Jolkatha

07:45 Ekoi Brintey
 12:30 Total Sports

RTV

11:30 Share Update
 02:03 Bangla Feature Film
 06:30 Amader Dhaka
 07:30 Road to Democracy
 11:10 Concert

ZEE STUDIO

08:30 Capote
 11:00 The Long Weekend
 01:30 The Bridge Of San Luis Rey
 04:15 Flawless
 06:45 Raging Bull
 09:30 Mr. Brooks
 12:00 National Treasure

HBO

10:30 Chill Out, Scooby-Doo!
 12:00 The Making Of Rendition
 12:30 Flatliners
 02:45 The Making Of Fast & Furious
 03:00 Tmz 226
 03:30 The Making Of Frost/Nixon

04:00 Flash Of Genius
 06:30 Fracture
 09:00 Tmz 227
 09:30 The Glass House
 11:45 Serenity

ESPN

11:30 Uda National Dance Team Championships
 12:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10
 Match: Wigan Athletic vs. Hull City

STAR SPORTS

12:30 MotoGP World Championship 2010 - Main Race
 03:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Chelsea vs. Sunderland
 05:30 Game
 06:00 Glitch
 06:30 K1 Dream 9
 08:30 Simply The Best
 09:00 Almost Anything Goes
 09:30 Score Tonight
 10:00 Nike Football Locker Room 2009/10
 10:30 Mobil 1 The Grid
 11:00 FIA Wcct 2010 Highlights

09:00 Sportscenter Asia
 09:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10
 Match: Sunderland vs. Manchester United
 10:30 Sportscenter India
 11:00 Sportscenter Asia
 11:30 Hitz

STAR CRICKET

01:30 Contender (2010 ICC World T20), The
 02:00 ICC World T20 2010 - H/Is Match: Sri Lanka vs. Zimbabwe
 03:00 ICC World T20 2010 - H/Is Match: England vs. West Indies
 04:00 ICC World T20 2010 - H/Is Match: India vs. Afghanistan
 05:00 ICC World T20 2010 - H/Is Match: South Africa vs. India
 06:00 T20 Superteams ICC W T20 (2010)
 06:30 Match Up Zone ICC Wt20 (2010)
 07:00 Match Up Zone ICC Wt20 (2010)
 07:30 ICC World T20 2010 - H/Is Match: New Zealand vs. Zimbabwe
 08:30 ICC World T20 2010 - H/Is Match: England vs. Ireland
 09:30 ICC Cricket Crazy (Pre Show)
 10:45 ICC World T20 2010 Match: Bangladesh vs. Australia

Talk show

ATN BANGLA

11:30pm Talking Point
 12:30am Hello Bangladesh
ntv
 12:10am Ei Shomoy
Desh TV
 11:45pm Shoja Katha

Drama Serial

ATN BANGLA

08:40pm Gharjama
 09:20pm Kolhay Pabo Tarey
ntv
 09:45pm Asharey Galpo
 11:30pm Manush Bodol
RTV
 09:00pm Neel Nirjoney
 09:45pm Shey Amar Ekia Pakahi
BANGLAVISION
 08:15pm Meghbondu
 09:45pm Gulshan Avenue
DESH TV
 08:15pm Shuvro

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).
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 News (Bangla): 7:00 am,

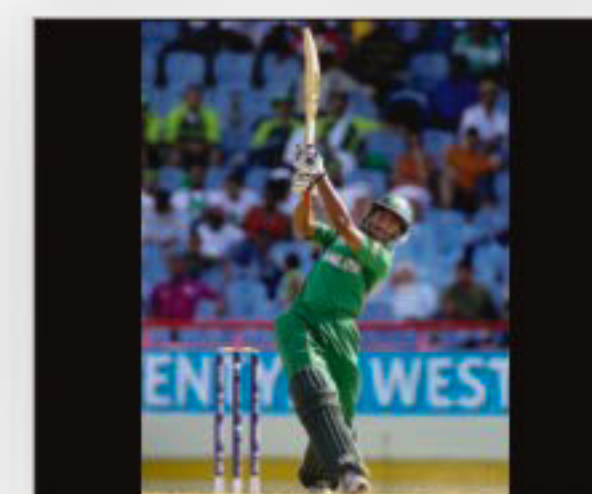
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ATN BANGLA
 NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am
 News (English) at 6:00pm
Rtv
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ntv
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1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am
ETV
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abc radio
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 English Bulletin: 1:30pm, 7:30pm

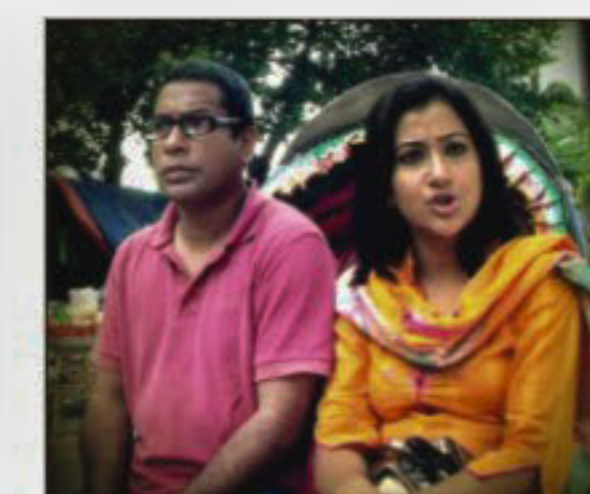
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Shey Amar Ekla Pakhi
 On Rtv at 9:45 pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Afroza Banu, Kushum Shikdar



ICC World T20 2010
 Bangladesh Vs Australia
 On Star Cricket at 10:45 pm
 Live from Kensington Oval, Bridgetown, Barbados



Megh Bondhu
 On Banglavisoin at 8:15 pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Mosharrar Karim, Dipa Khondokar



abc radio fm 89.2

06:00 Bhorer Janalay
 09:00 Mukhorito
 12:00 Darun Dupurey
 03:00 Duranto Bikeley
 05:00 Shondha Tara
 07:00 Shaj-er-Maya
 09:00 Raat-er-Akashay
 11:00 Galper Shesh Nei

RADIO FOORTI

07:30 Hello Dhaka
 10:00 Morning Express
 12:00 No Tension
 04:00 Dhaka Calling
 09:00 KnightRiders
RADIO TODAY
 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
 11:00 Masti Unlimited
 01:00 Today's Adda
 04:00 U-tum
 08:00 Tobe Tai Hok
 11:00 Raat Vor Gan
 02:00 Back to Back