

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

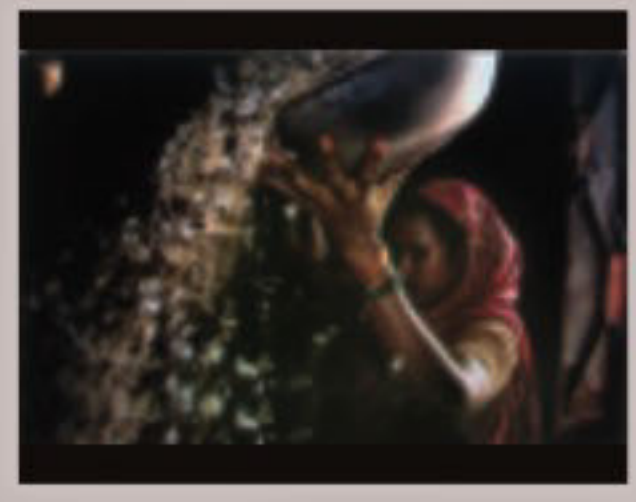
Painting and Installation Exhibition
 Title: "Save Our Trees-Save Our Planet"
 Artist: Gulshan Hossain
 Venue: Goethe-Institut, H-10, R-9, Dhanmondi
 Date: May 3-24
 Time: 10am-8pm



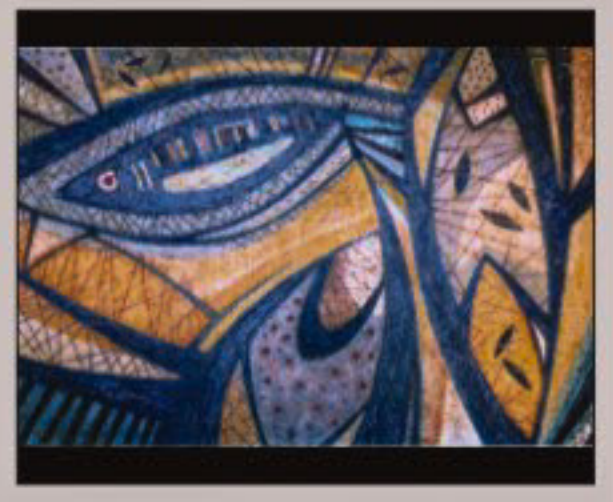
International Museum Day 2010
 Organizer: Bangladesh National Museum
 Venue: Main Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum, Shahabagh
 Date: May 18
 Time: 6:30 pm onwards



Photography Exhibition
 Title: Rural Exodus
 Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
 Date: May 28-June 12
 Time: 5pm-8pm



Group Art Exhibition
 Venue: Saju Art Gallery, D.C.C Market, Gulshan-2
 Date: May 7-June 6
 Time: 10am-8pm



Rabindra celebrations draw to an end

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

A discussion and cultural programme were held in Kushtia on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Tagore and the Initiation Ceremony of the newly elected committee of Bangladesh-India Friendship Society (BIFS) Kushtia district unit on Saturday evening.

Information and Cultural Minister Abul Kalam Azad addressed the discussion as chief guest, while High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Rajet Mitter was present as special guest.

BIFS, Kushtia district unit organised the programme held at Kushtia district Shilpakala Academy hall.

Professor M. Alauddin, president of BIFS Kushtia district unit also Vice-Chancellor of Islamic University, Kushtia presided over the

programme.

The other discussants included former Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Professor A. K. Azad Chowdhury, eminent lawyer Barrister M. Amir-ul-Islam; Mozaffar Hossain Paltu; Subir Kushari and Kushtia Municipality mayor Md. Anwar Ali.

Amirul Islam, General Secretary of BIFS Kushtia unit, delivered the welcome address.

In his speech, Minister Abul Kalam Azad recollected the contributions of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Indira Gandhi, late Prime Minister of India, for their initiative in the formation of the Bangladesh-India Friendship Society in 1973.

Azad expressed the hope that the relationship between the two countries would grow stronger through such occasions.

A cultural programme was held where Tagore artists held centre stage.



Eminent personalities on stage in Kushtia. PHOTO: STAR

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

The five-day Rabindra Festival (Rabindra Jayanti) concluded in Pabna on Wednesday night. The Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Shammilon Parishad Pabna had organised the festival in the district headquarters, to mark the 149th birth anniversary of the Nobel Laureate. The concluding day's programme featured a discussion, cultural programme and a film on Tagore.

Director General of Bangla Academy, Mohamad Shamsujjaman Khan, spoke as the chief guest in the discussion. President of Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Shammilon Parishad, Pabna, Ranaish Maitra, chaired the concluding day's programme while noted educationist Professor Mohammad Nurunnabi; Tagore artiste, Mainuddin Nazim; secretary of Pabna district unit of the Parishad Mohammad Abdul Matin

Khan spoke on the occasion.

The speakers exchanged views about the splendour of Tagore's literary works. Rabindranath has enriched Bangla literature on a global scale. In competition with western modern poets, Tagore presented heroic couplets and classicism in his writing. He often faced criticism from western writers but finally he was honoured by all of them, they said.

They went on to assert that Tagore's literary works focused on entire mankind. His writings inspired contemporary writers too.

The speakers urged the younger generation to realise the value Tagore's literary works and learn from them. Tagore's classical writings are a model for all age groups, they added.

Later, the artistes gave music and dance performances, along with poetry recitation. The artistes of RSPP performed in the cultural programme.

Childhood memories

"We saved money to buy kites" ... Raisul Islam Asad

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

"I was born in Purana Paltan Lane on July 15, 1953. I grew up and spent my childhood there. Pulana Paltan back then was a very different place. There were a few buildings and a lot of fields, where we used to play; there were a few ponds around as well. I remember my brothers teaching me to swim in the ponds. Back then there was also a canal in Purana Paltan. On the other side of the canal was Bidyamandir School. The morning shift was for the girls. During the day shift at Dhaka Collegiate School I used to have my classes there," says seasoned actor Raisul Islam Asad.

"I was admitted to Class II at Dhaka Collegiate School. My full name was Asaduzzaman Mohammad Raisul Islam. During admis-

sion, the person in charge showed his surprise at my lengthy name. I couldn't give an answer. Thus from that point my name was shortened to Raisul Islam.

"Every day I remember crossing the canal to reach school."

Any fond memories? "Within a year, Dhaka Collegiate School was shifted to Sadarghat. In the beginning my nana (maternal grandfather) used to walk me to school. After a while, I started going on my own. One of my favourite pastimes then was flying kites as it was a very popular sport among youngsters. We used to walk home regularly from school to save money to buy kites and other related equipment. My friends came from different parts of the city; some from Tantibazar, Shakhari Bazar, Gandaria, Sutrapur and other places.



Sharing a frightening experience Asad says, he had a narrow escape from kidnapper during childhood.

"It was like any other day. My sister Nurjahan and I were playing in the garden. Suddenly a person came and called us. We were very young and thinking that the person could be one of our relatives, we went with him. After walking for a while, he suddenly grabbed my sister and took her earrings and then ran away. Realising what had just happened, both of us got very scared. For a moment we even lost our sense of direction and started crying. Finally we were able to find our way home."

"I have so many fond memories of my childhood that it will take ages to recount them; but they are some of the finest moments in my life," concluded Asad.

Born to dance

Getting to know Sunita Mahothra

KAVITA, New Delhi

In a penury stricken family, it is unlikely that a girl child can get very far. An exception to this rule is the plucky Sunita Mahothra, the daughter of a mason in the Delhi Jal Board and a housewife. Today she is a rising star in the dance firmament of India and specialises in Bharatnatyam. "Yes, this dance form is very difficult and requires a lot of practice. I am fortunate to have a dedicated teacher, Guru Chandramani, at the Bal Bhavan in New Delhi, where I now take classes," says Sunita, who has just completed her Class X Board exams.

Among Sunita's achievements is her participation in national and international level concerts. In 2008 she performed at a national level performance on Ambedkar Jayanti in the presence of President Pratibha Patil at the prestigious Vigyan Bhavan. The same year, she took part in a concert organised by Ryan's International School. She had the rare fortune of performing alongside 21 children



Sunita in the splendour of dance.

from all over the world Brazil, South

Africa, Australia, USA and China. "I have made many friends in the course of my performances," says Sunita.

How did such an amazing success story come about? According to Gayatri Kapani, headmistress of Vidya Bal Vihar, where Sunita received her primary level education, she started out by performing Bharatnatyam at school functions. "Once when she was performing at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, at the Founder's Day of Vidya, which runs primary education classes, bridge education along with a number of women's welfare programmes, Vidya's executive board member Mala Goel and her husband Mohit Goel, an IT entrepreneur and consultant, witnessed her dance performance. He was so impressed by her talent that he said he would like to sponsor her dance classes and education. When she became a student of Kendriya Vidyalaya, he sponsored both her dance classes and her tuition classes in maths and science. This arrangement continues."

One performance stands out in Sunita's memory and reveals her immense talent as a dancer at tender age. She recalls that in a Rajasthani folk dance last year, she reluctantly played the part of a "horse". It was a difficult role as the costume was very heavy and the ghariyan (frills) weighed her down. Meanwhile when she went on stage she forgot her steps and as the other children went through their rehearsed movements, she just kept whirling around in circles in a completely improvised fashion. To her surprise, the audience applauded loudly and came backstage to congratulate her. Her Guru also said that she was excellent in her role as a "horse" and her movements fluid and spontaneous.

Now Sunita aspires to develop her dance skills at the Chennai-based Kalakshetra, a prestigious dance and music institution. However, in the long run, she also wants to pursue a course in Mass Communication from a good media school in Delhi.

ON AIR

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

<p>ATN BANGLA</p> <p>12:15 Motamat</p> <p>01:25 Cholo Chitr Golpo</p> <p>03:15 Selected Programme</p> <p>03:45 Chotoder Prithibi</p> <p>04:25 Selected Programme</p> <p>05:25 Ainar Shamney</p> <p>06:15 The Lost World</p> <p>08:00 Drama: Chhonnachhara</p> <p>08:45 Smile Show</p> <p>10:45 Bihonggo Katha</p> <p>12:00 Grameenphone Lead News</p> <p>CHANNEL i</p> <p>01:05 Ebonag Cinemar Gaan</p> <p>01:30 Sa Re Ga Ma</p> <p>04:05 Muktiudhyo Protidin</p> <p>04:30 Magazine Programme:</p>	<p>Arshinagar</p> <p>06:00 Jibon Jekhaney Jemon</p> <p>06:20 TV Series: Super Man</p> <p>12:00 Grameenphone Aaker Shangbadpotro</p> <p>ntv</p> <p>01:00 Swastho Protidin</p> <p>04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey</p> <p>05:30 Apanar Jigyasha</p> <p>06:45 Ogrozo</p> <p>09:00 Life in Style</p> <p>ETV</p> <p>10:50 Financial Bulletin</p> <p>03:30 Dehaghari</p> <p>04:30 Street Magic</p> <p>05:25 Kobi O Kabita</p>	<p>05:45 Sports Plus</p> <p>06:30 Desh Jurey</p> <p>07:50 Tomi Miya Recipe</p> <p>12:00 Ekusher Raat</p> <p>Rtv</p> <p>02:03 Bangla Feature Film Protidin</p> <p>06:00 Crime Focus</p> <p>06:30 Road To Democracy</p> <p>09:00 R Music</p> <p>12:00 Budget-e Prottyasha</p> <p>DESH TV</p> <p>05:30 Dur Paath</p> <p>06:30 Bazarey Notun</p> <p>07:45 Upakulo Jeley Utshab</p> <p>12:30 Total Sports</p> <p>BANGLAVISION</p> <p>12:30 Shaili</p> <p>06:05 Sports Time</p> <p>06:40 Point of Order</p> <p>09:05 Cookery Show: Amader Rannaghar</p> <p>11:20 Anno Nayon</p> <p>12:30 Cinemar Gaan</p> <p>ZEE STUDIO</p> <p>08:30 Last Action Hero</p>	<p>11:00 Return To Neverland</p> <p>01:30 Besieged</p> <p>03:30 Born Romantic</p> <p>05:30 Half Light</p> <p>07:30 Just Friends</p> <p>09:30 Barbershop</p> <p>11:40 Barbershop2: Back in Business</p> <p>HBO</p> <p>12:30 Battle Of Britain</p> <p>03:15 Trial By Fire</p> <p>05:15 Charlie Wilson's War</p> <p>07:15 Collateral Damage</p> <p>09:30 American Ninja 2: The Confrontation</p> <p>11:15 Quarantine</p> <p>ESPN</p> <p>11:30 Jesse Owens Classic</p> <p>01:30 Comitunitat Valenciana European Nations Cup</p> <p>02:30 MLB Regular Season 2010 (E) Match: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. San Diego Padres</p> <p>05:30 Uda National Dance Team Championships</p> <p>06:30 Winter X Games 13 Classix : All Access</p> <p>07:30 ICC World T20 2010 - H/Is Match: TBC vs. TBC</p>	<p>08:30 Sportscenter India</p> <p>09:00 Sportscenter Asia</p> <p>09:30 Contenders, The</p> <p>10:00 Contenders, The</p> <p>10:30 Sportscenter India</p> <p>11:00 Sportscenter Asia</p> <p>11:30 ICC World T20 2010 - H/Is Match: TBC vs. TBC</p> <p>STAR SPORTS</p> <p>12:30 Sbk Supbike World Championship 2010 - Races</p> <p>02:30 FIM Mx1 Motocross World C'ship 2010 - Races</p> <p>03:30 FIM Mx2 Motocross World C'ship 2010 - Races</p> <p>04:30 German FA Cup 2009/10 Match: Werder Bremen vs. Bayern Munich</p> <p>06:30 Hitz</p> <p>07:00 TNA Xplosion 09/10</p> <p>09:00 FIA F1 World Championship Highlights 2010</p> <p>09:30 Engine Block 2010</p> <p>10:00 Score Tonight</p> <p>10:30 Roland Garros 2008 - Daily Highlights Day 12</p> <p>BBC WORLD</p> <p>11:00 BBC World News</p>	<p>11:30 World Business Report</p> <p>11:45 BBC World News</p> <p>12:00 BBC World News</p> <p>12:30 World Business Report</p> <p>12:45 Sport Today</p> <p>01:00 BBC World News</p> <p>01:30 World Business Report</p> <p>01:45 Sport Today</p> <p>02:00 BBC World News</p> <p>02:30 HARDtalk (r) Mark Sedwill</p> <p>03:00 BBC World News</p> <p>03:30 World Business Report</p> <p>03:45 Sport Today</p> <p>04:00 BBC World News</p> <p>04:30 World Business Report</p> <p>04:45 Sport Today</p> <p>05:00 GMT with George Alagiah</p> <p>05:30 GMT with George Alagiah</p> <p>06:00 BBC World News</p> <p>06:30 World Business Report</p> <p>06:45 Sport Today</p> <p>07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain</p> <p>07:30 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain</p> <p>08:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain</p> <p>08:30 World Business Report</p> <p>08:45 Sport Today</p> <p>09:00 BBC World News</p> <p>09:30 HARDtalk (r) Mark Sedwill</p> <p>10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowling</p> <p>10:30 World Business Report</p> <p>11:45 Sport Today</p>
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Talk show

<p>ATN BANGLA</p> <p>11:30pm Jay Katha Keu Boleni</p> <p>12:30am Hello Bangladesh</p> <p>CHANNEL i</p> <p>09:50am Grameenphone Tritto Matra</p> <p>12:30pm Citycell Taroka Kathan</p>	<p>07:50pm Shomoyer Sanglap</p> <p>EKUSHEY TV</p> <p>10:10pm O Bandhu Amar ntv</p> <p>12:00am Ei Shomoy</p> <p>DESH TV</p> <p>11:45pm Shoja Katha</p>
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Drama Serial

<p>ATN BANGLA</p> <p>08:00pm Chhonnachhara</p> <p>CHANNEL i</p> <p>05:30pm Mon</p> <p>09:35pm Chhayabithi</p> <p>EKUSHEY TV</p> <p>08:20pm Gunin</p> <p>09:30pm Lolita</p>	<p>ntv</p> <p>08:15pm Mamuli Ekta Manush</p> <p>09:45pm Dhupchhaya</p> <p>DESH TV</p> <p>08:15pm Shimanto</p> <p>09:45pm Khorat</p> <p>BANGLAVISION</p> <p>08:15pm Jol Pukur</p> <p>09:45pm Fifty Fifty</p>
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News Bulletin

<p>BTV</p> <p>News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 am.</p> <p>News (Bangla) at 8:00 am</p> <p>2:00 pm-5:00 pm-8:00 pm.</p> <p>News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.</p> <p>Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).</p> <p>CHANNEL-i</p> <p>News (Bangla): 7:00 am,</p>	<p>9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am</p> <p>ATN BANGLA</p> <p>News (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am</p> <p>News Every Hour:</p> <p>7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm</p> <p>News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.</p> <p>BANGLAVISION</p> <p>News (Bangla) at 7:30am.</p>	<p>1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.</p> <p>News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.</p> <p>News (English) at 6:00pm</p> <p>Rtv</p> <p>News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am</p> <p>ntv</p> <p>News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm,</p>
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<p>Dhupchhaya</p> <p>On ntv at 9:45 pm</p> <p>Drama Serial</p> <p>Cast: Noushin, Anisur Rahman Milon</p>	<p>Just Friends</p> <p>On Zee Studio at 7:30 pm</p> <p>Genre: Comedy</p> <p>Cast: Ryan Reynolds, Amy Smart</p>	<p>Jolpukur</p> <p>On Banglavisian at 8:15 pm</p> <p>Drama Serial</p> <p>Cast: Tropa Majumdar, Intikhab Denar</p>
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abc radio fm 89.2

<p>06:00 Bhorer Janalay Mukhonto Jiboney</p> <p>12:00 Darun Dupurey</p> <p>03:00 Duranto Bikeley</p> <p>05:00 Shondhatara</p> <p>07:00 Shajer Maya</p> <p>09:00 Raat-er Akashey</p> <p>11:00 Golper Shesh Nei</p>	<p>07:30 Hello Dhaka</p> <p>10:00 Morning Express</p> <p>12:00 My Time</p> <p>01:00 No Tension</p> <p>04:00 Dhaka Calling</p> <p>09:00 Night Rider</p> <p>01:00 Back to Back music</p> <p>RADIO TODAY</p> <p>07:15 Good Morning Dhaka</p> <p>11:00 Musti Unlimited</p> <p>01:00 Today's Adda</p> <p>04:00 U Turn</p> <p>08:00 Tobey Tai Hok</p> <p>11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan</p> <p>12:00 Today's Happy Moments</p>
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