

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

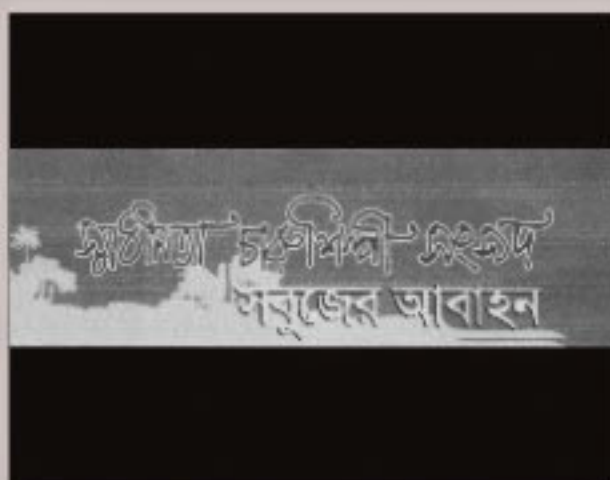
Photography Exhibition

Title: Summer in Russia
Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Culture, 42, Bhasha Shoinik M.A Matin Road, Dhanmondi
Date: June 16-30
Time: 10am-7pm



Group Art Exhibition

Organiser: Shadinota Charu Shilpi Sangsad
Venue: Bangladesh Asiatic Society, Nimtoli, Dhaka University
Date: June-26-July 1
Time: 10am-8pm



Musical Soiree

Title: Praner Khela
Singers: Shammi Akhtar and Shahid Kabir
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, R-27, H-275/F, Dhanmondi
Date: June 30
Time: 7pm



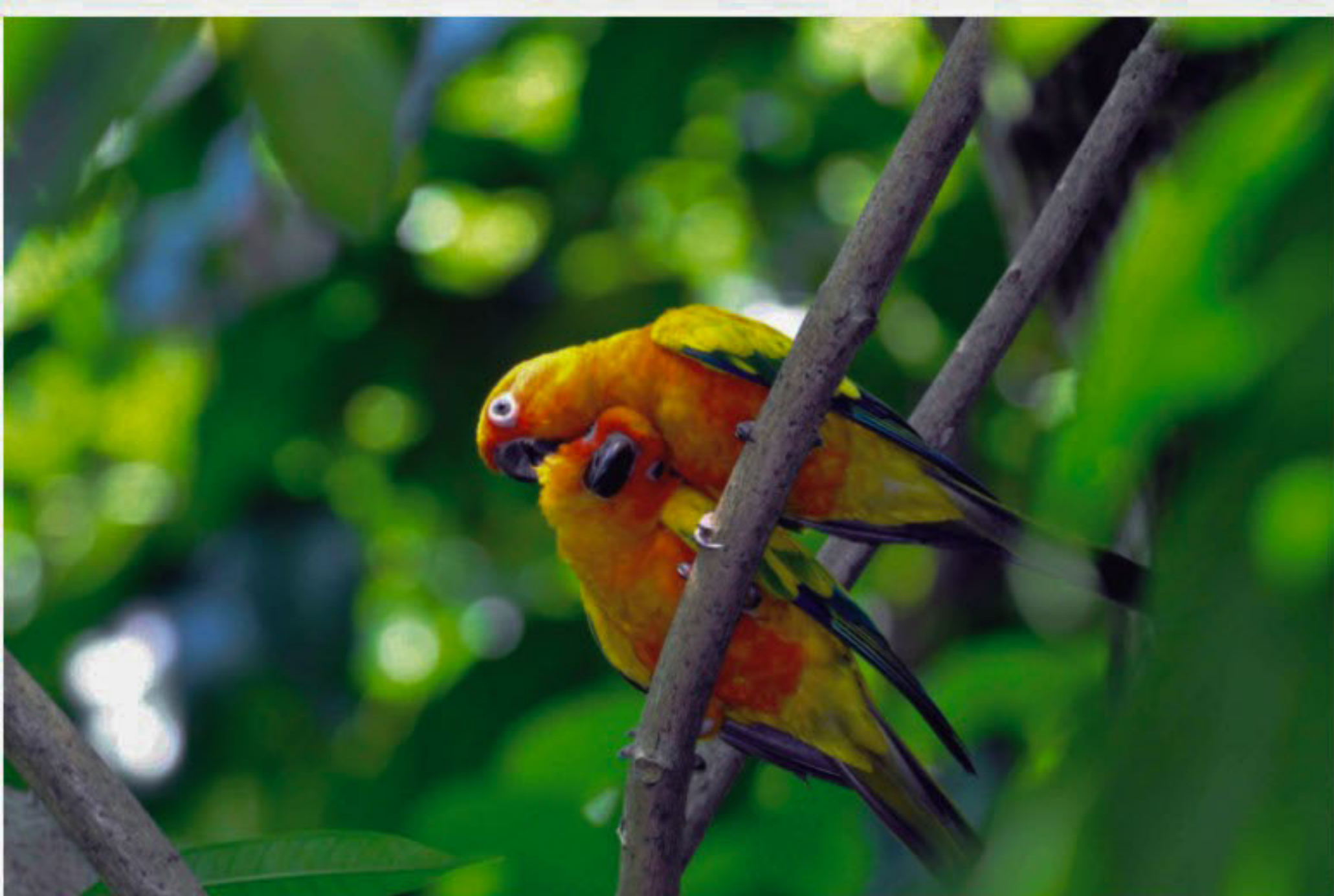
Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Mohammad Fakruzzaman
Venue: Gallery Chittrak, H-21, R-4, Dhanmondi
Date: June 19-27
Time: 10am-8pm



Framing birds

Solo photography exhibition, "Rhythmic Wing Beats", begins at Drik



The photographs depict the birds in their diversity of poise and colour. (Bottom-Right) Dr. Niaz Rahman, Aly Zaker and Mustafa Nurul Islam at the inauguration.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A weeklong solo photography exhibition of amateur photographer Dr. Niaz Rahman on birds began at Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi, on June 25. Titled "Rhythmic Wing Beats" (Pakhaye Pakhaye Chhando), the exhibition features over 70 photographs on different species of birds. "I took photographs of birds whenever and wherever I got an opportunity. During my overseas travels, I

snapped rare birds that would never be seen in Bangladesh," said Dr. Niaz Rahman, an eye specialist. "I am not a professional photographer. It never occurred to me that I would exhibit my photographs. I simply love to take snaps," he added. The exhibited photographs highlight mainly three species of birds--Bangladeshi native birds, migratory birds that come to our country in winter and birds seen on foreign soil and that never appear in our country.

The photographs depict the birds in their diversity of poise and colour. An inauguration programme was held at the venue. Eminent cultural personality and photography enthusiast Aly Zaker inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest. Noted litterateur Mustafa Nurul Islam and reputed nature photographer Sadat Hossain Salim were special guests. The inaugural ceremony was presided over by educationist Professor Rowshan Ara Rahman. "The pleasure of photography is that it will take you closer to nature.

Where day by day our lifestyle becomes more artificial in this concrete urban jungle, photography may give you some relief for a while," said Sadat Hossain Salim. Dr. Rahman has captured on his lens photographs of birds such as the Nicobar Pigeon, which are globally threatened with extinction. He has also taken photographs of very common birds of Bangladesh, which too are on display. The exhibition will remain open everyday from 3pm to 8pm till July 2.

Drama serial "Jamai Mela" on Banglavision

A CORRESPONDENT

New drama serial "Jamai Mela" will be aired tonight on Banglavision at 8:15pm. Written by Brindaban Das, the serial has been directed by Azharul Karim. The story of the serial revolves around a village. Most of the males from the village live abroad. As a result, the villager elders often marry off their daughters and keep the in-laws at their house. The story takes a twist, when one day the in-laws want to arrange a



Dr. Enamul Haque and Shamim Zaman in the serial.

'jamai mela'. Mosharraf Karim, Chanchal Chowdhury, Shamim Zaman, Azizul Haque, Dr. Enamul Haque, Nova, Alvi, Dihan, Shahnaz Khushi and Putul are the lead characters in the serial.

"FDC" on Rtv tonight

TV serial "FDC" will be aired on Rtv tonight at 9:45pm. The serial has been written and

directed by Kochi Khondakar. The story follows Liakat Ali Liku who is an avid fan of

Bangla films. To Liku, each film is an experience. He is so much into films that he can throw dialogues from his favourite films at the drop of a hat. He meets Swapan Nandi, a cine-journalist, who introduces Liku to the behind-the-scene action at FDC where films are shot. The cast includes Zahid Hasan, Mosharraf Karim, Fazlur Rahman Babu, Anisur Rahman Milon, Hasan Masud, Marjuk Rasel, Tinni, Tisha, Momo and others.



Hasan Masud in a scene from the TV play.

Shishu Ananda Mela concludes

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabganj

A two-day Shishu Ananda Mela ended at Shaheed Satu Hall in Chapainawabganj town on Friday. Hundreds of excited children took part in the event.

Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Chapainawabganj, organised the event at Shaheed Satu Hall premises. The mela aimed at making people aware about the necessity to rear children in a way that they can reach their full potential.

Events like 'Dress As You Like', Rabindra and Nazrul sangeet, dance and drama competitions were organised where children participated with much enthusiasm.

Nazibul Islam, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chapainawabganj, inaugurated the fair.

Later, a discussion also held at Saheed Satu Hall auditorium in the evening, where Deputy Commissioner K.M. Ali Azam attended as chief guest.

Khandokar Mohammad Shamim Hossain acting Superintendent of Police (SP); Ruhul Amin, Chairman of Chapainawabganj sadar upazila parishad and Ataur Rahman, Mayor of Chapainawabganj municipality were present as special guests. Sarwar Jahan, Additional Deputy Commissioner (general) presided over the programme. Among others, Mosharraf Hossain Proddhan, children affairs officer, Bangladesh Shishu Academy also spoke.

A large number of children of different schools and kindergartens along with their guardians and teachers made their way to the mela the whole of Thursday and Friday. The main venue of fair was decorated with a big colourful marquee. A total of 10 stalls with books, alphabet charts, toys, sports equipment and sports related items, ancient coins and traditional nakshi kantha were on display. Each day a discussion was held.

Speakers said, the mela enriches creativity of children, encourages an exchange of views and helps in boosting self-confidence.

Later, prizes were distributed among the winners of various events on Friday evening.

Serious about serials

Popular actor Zahid Hasan on his upcoming serials

A CORRESPONDENT

Tell us about your latest serial...

My upcoming serial is titled "Hater Rekha Kotha Boley." Ali Imran is the playwright, while I have chosen my hometown Sirajganj and Dhaka as locations. The serial will be telecast soon on ATN Bangla.

Give us a brief outline of the plot...

The name itself suggests that it is a comedy. The story revolves around a fortune-teller, a business magnate, a politician and their baffling activities. I have donned the role of the fortuneteller, while Humayun Faridee plays the politician and Aziul Hakim is the business tycoon.

Any special reason behind shooting in Sirajganj?

Certainly. Since the ambience of the story is a mufassil town, and I was born and brought up in a small town, my native town seemed an ideal setting. Working in one's own circle certainly has its merits.

As a director, which TV play has brought you the most popularity?

In my long acting career, I have directed quite a few serials, among which, "Laal Neel Beguni" was greatly appreciated. Other than that "Chorkuturi", "Ghugur Basha" and others have been well received as well.



Zahid Hasan

How busy are you with acting?

My hands are full for the time being. "Graduate" is being aired on ntv. In fact, I am rather enjoying the work. You can say that I am playing a role that I have been waiting for. "All Out" is aired on Channel i. I am doing "Pother Dabi, Chhonnochhara" on ATN. There's another one called "Saadmaan Bhai". Then I am doing several single episode plays as well.

Are you acting in movies as well?

My latest movie is "Amar Achhey Jol" by Humayun Ahmed. I am acting in a movie "Projapoti" by Mustafa Kamal Raj. Moushumi is my co-star in the movie. I am confident about the success of the movie.

Any plans of directing a movie?

I do have a dream of directing movies, but that has to wait. I will pursue my dream in due course.

Celebrities on World Cup 2010

Cup 2010 Football fever



Hanif Sanket

Unbelievable though it may sound, I am not supporting any particular team. I have no favourite team in the World Cup. I try to remain neutral and have always been a supporter of good teams and good players. Football has however been, one of my favourite games from my childhood. Whenever I get the chance, I like to watch the game. The game gets popular due to media hype. Back in the old days, the number of media was few but even then, the game have its share of mass popularity.



Pop star Mika performs at the opening of the Baalbeck International Festival in the Beqaa Valley of Lebanon. The annual event hosts dance, theatre, opera, and jazz as well as modern world music in the ancient Roman Acropolis, one of the largest and well-preserved Roman temples ever built.