

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Photography Exhibition

Organiser: NSUPC  
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15A, Dhanmondi  
Date: July 4-10  
Time: 3pm-8pm



### Group Art Exhibition

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



### Solo Art Exhibition

Painter: Samiran Chowdhury  
Title: Connecting with Nature  
Venue: Galleri Kaya H-20, R-16, Sector-4, Uttara,  
Date: July 2-15  
Time: 10am-8pm



### Theatre

Play: The Communicator  
Troupe: Centre for Asian Theatre  
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy  
Date: July 2  
Time: 7pm



# Days of yore

## Azam Khan reminisces childhood

Singer Azam Khan was born in Azimpur Colony, in Dhaka, on February 28, 1950. When he was six, his family moved from Azimpur to Komolapur.

"There were only a few buildings in Komolapur back in the day. The area was almost like a village. Sometimes, after sunset, wild animals such as jackals would be visible on the streets. I had a reputation of being adventurous; nevertheless, I was afraid of jackals and never went out at night.

"There were several orchards in our area, namely Kobi Jasimuddin'er Bagan, Bepari'r Bagan, Daroga'r Bagan and many more. Except for apples and grapes, almost every fruit was available in the orchards. We used to pick fruits often," says Khan.

This habit of picking fruits without asking the owners caused an interesting incident one day. Khan recalls that it was at poet Jasimuddin's orchard, where one day he was caught red-handed by the poet himself. "I and some of my friends went into the orchard to pick a jackfruit. When we were about to eat the fruit, the poet caught us. We started running away. I heard the poet shout, 'go after finishing the fruit.' Later we came to know that the poet himself found the incident hilarious," Khan recalls.

"We also used to go to the movies a



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lot and obviously without notifying our parents."

"My father was a disciplinarian. I knew I'd face trouble if I returned home late. So I always tried to return

home before sunset."

"Many fond memories involve my visits to my maternal grandfather's home. Those are the sweetest memories. My maternal grandfather's home

is in Sirajganj and paternal grandfather's home is in Tangail. To visit Sirajganj, we would take a train from Komolapur station. Getting off the train at Jamtoli, Sirajganj, we'd take an ox-cart. I could drink *ghol* for only 3 *ana*. I can still taste that *ghol*. I'd fish, swim and bathe all day long in the nearby river. That bliss cannot be aptly described. We went there twice a year and would stay for at least a month. We'd sing Lalon songs and eat spicy *muri* at the *kachhari ghar*."

"Eid celebrations were also fun. I'd start saving money long before the Eid day. The day before Eid was always thrilling. I'd decide the places to visit on that day. I waited for the dawn to come for the *selami*."

"I spent all the saved money on Eid day. I'd eat *phuchka*, buy balloons and go to either Narayanjanj or the Airport area on that day. How colourful life was back then!"

"Once, along with my closest friend Sinti, I got lost in Dhanmondi. Dhanmondi back then was also like a village. Luckily we found someone we knew. He led us home."

"Flying kites was another fun activity. I'd plead my father to buy me kites and would fly them all day. Sometimes, after the thread of the kite was torn, I'd run after it... Those were the happiest of times."



"Eksho Bosta Chal" was staged on the opening day of a theatre festival arranged by District Shilpakala Academy of Bogra at its auditorium on June 28. Directed by Golam Sarwar, the production is a Bengali translation of a Yuzo Yamamoto play by Abdus Selim. The play is set against the backdrop of the transition from Shogunate era to Meiji Resurrection, about 140 years ago. Jointly produced by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Embassy of Japan in Dhaka, Bangladesh, the production won an Uchimura Prize in 2008.



Noted singer Kiron Chandra Roy's new album "Mon-e Ki Porey Na" was launched at Bengal Shilpalaya, in Dhanmondi, Dhaka on June 29. Nazrul exponent Sudhin Das (centre) formally launched the album. Luva Nahid Chowdhury (right), director general of Bengal Foundation, and the singer are also seen in the photo.

# CNN broadcasting legend Larry King calls it quits

Larry King, the iconic TV interviewer, will step aside from hosting of his prime time CNN show later this year, he said Tuesday.

King, 76, made the announcement with a short posting to his Twitter account, citing his desire to spend more time with his wife and young children.

"I want to share some personal news with you. 25 years ago, I sat across this table from New York Governor Mario Cuomo for the first broadcast of Larry King Live. Now, decades later, I talked to the guys here at CNN and I told them I would like to end Larry King Live, the nightly show, this fall and CNN has graciously accepted, giving me more time for my wife and I to get to the kids' little league games," King wrote.

"I'm incredibly proud that we recently made the Guinness Book of World Records for having the longest running show with the same host in the same time slot. With this chapter closing I'm looking forward to the future and what my next chapter will bring, but for now it's time to hang up my nightly suspenders."

The idea to step aside came to him after he completed his weeklong 25th anniversary celebration, he said.

Asked whom he wants to replace him, King cited "American Idol" host Ryan Seacrest. "He's curious, he's interesting, he's likable," King said. "If he has a great interest in politics, I would recommend him. But I'm sure there's a ton of people who could do it. Come on. It's Q and A."

King's decision followed months of media speculation about his future as his ratings declined.

King was hosting a radio talk show when CNN founder Ted Turner persuaded him in 1985 to try his inter-

viewing skills on cable TV.

His gentle but persistent interview style drew big-name guests, and "Larry King Live" became a place for major personalities to break news. Billionaire Ross Perot used the show to announce he was running for US president in 1992. And the show was the setting for the historic NAFTA debate between then-Vice President Al Gore and Perot in 1993.

King, who was initially based in Washington, became a mandatory

stop for politicians. Over his career, he conducted sit-down interviews with every US president since Richard Nixon.

His programme was sometimes a place of real-time diplomacy. In 1995, he hosted a programme on the Middle East Peace process with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, King Hussein of Jordan and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

His suspenders, large glasses and vintage desk microphone are as recognisable as the countless celebrities lined up to have an intimate chat with King while the world listened in.

And there have been a lot of guests, including Marlon Brando, Nelson Mandela, Mikhail Gorbachev, Paul McCartney, Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, L. Ron Hubbard, Madonna and Martin Luther King, Jr.

King says that Nelson Mandela was the most extraordinary person he has met.

In his autobiography, King confessed that he never plans a question, that he likes to be surprised by the answers. He says he asks his interview subjects to explain things. "All I do is ask questions," he wrote. "Short, simple questions."

Source: CNN



Watch out for the "Tarin @ DS Café" feature in tomorrow's issue.

# City Councilman performs with Baby Naznin in Brooklyn

Renowned singer Baby Naznin performed at a festival recently in Brooklyn, New York, according to a press release. The expatriate Bangladeshi in New York arranged the festival.

Apart from cultural programme, the festival also featured a street fair with nearly hundred stalls carrying Bangladeshi products.

At the cultural programme, Naznin performed several of her popular numbers, including "Bondhu Tumi Koi." City Councilman of Brooklyn, Brad Lander liked Naznin's performance so much that he took the stage and sang along with the artiste.

ATN Bangla Chairman Mahfuzur Rahman inaugurated the street fair. The fair



City Councilman Brad Lander (right) with Naznin during the performance in Brooklyn.

was an initiative to introduce young Bengalis born and raised in the US to their cultural roots.



# Celebrities on World Cup 2010

## Ayub Bachchu

## Football fever

"When it comes to World Cup Football, it's always about Brazil," said rockstar Ayub Bachchu.

"I'm quite certain that this year's cup has Brazil's name written all over it," Bachchu smilingly added.

What makes you so certain of Brazil's victory?

Bachchu: "The team is full of star players, and they also have a very good coach. If everything goes right it will be hard for any team to beat them."

Who do you think will play in the final?

Bachchu: "I'd be very happy if it's Brazil vs any Asian team."



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## Spot Admissions open for the MBBS Program at Manipal - Nepal (Manipal College of Medical Sciences)

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**SPOT ADMISSION DETAILS**

Students interested in pursuing the MBBS program can meet the Dean of MCOMS in person as per details given below:

Venue	Date	Time
International School Dhaka Plot 80, Block E Basundhara (Opp. Apollo Hospitals) Dhaka - 1229, Bangladesh	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2010	10.30 am to 4.30 pm

Please bring along your academic records / transcripts for the counselling session.

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