




<p>WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK</p>	<p>Photography Exhibition Organiser: NSUPC Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15A, Dhanmondi Date: July 4-10 Time: 3pm-8pm</p> 	<p>Recitation Title: Ekatturer Kobita Organiser: Ekatturer Jatri Venue: Seminar Room, Central Public Library, Shahbagh Date: July 5 Time: 6:30pm</p> 	<p>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</p> 	<p>Theatre Festival Play: End Game (Playwright: Samuel Beckett) Troupe: Dept. of Theatre, Dhaka University Venue: Natmandal, DU Date: July 2-6 Time: 7pm everyday</p> 
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Making Bangladesh proud

Rashid Talukder wins National Geographic's Pioneer Photographer Award



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Renowned Bangladeshi photographer Rashid Talukder has won the 2010 Pioneer Photographer Award in the All Roads Photography Programme, according to a press release. Talukder is the first Bangladeshi photographer to win this prestigious award. Talukder's award-winning photograph will be displayed at the National Geographic headquarters in Washington, D.C., September 20 through November 21, 2010, as part of both the All Roads Film Festival and FotoWeek D.C. The All Roads Film Project is a National Geographic

programme dedicated to providing a platform for indigenous and under-represented minority-culture storytellers from around the world to showcase their works to promote knowledge, dialogue, and understanding with a broader, global audience. Rashid Talukder was born on October 24, 1939, in Chhabish Pargana, West Bengal, India. His interest in photography was initiated while he was in school. Talukder began working in the darkroom in 1945 when he was a student of class 8. He joined the daily Sangbad as

a photojournalist in 1962, and has been a press photographer since then for 46 years. He worked with the daily Ittefaq for 29 years. His images of the Liberation War (1971) are considered invaluable documents. For several decades, he has recorded various aspects of Bangladeshi life. His images remain an important visual archive of the events in both pre and post-war Bangladesh. Talukder received several honours at home and abroad. His photograph of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's his-

toric speech on March 7, 1971 was nominated for the Encyclopaedia on Southeast Asia, published by Cambridge University, England. Talukder received a Lifetime Achievement Award at Chobi Mela IV, International Festival of Photography, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2006 for his contribution to photography. He has been a member of the advisory council of several photographic societies including The Bangladesh Photographic Society. He is also the founder of the Bangladesh Photo Journalists Association

Hero and Chandni off to attend World Dance Alliance fest

The dancing duo Anisul Islam Hero and Mehbuba Mehnor Chandni along with their troupe will be attending a dance festival organised by the World Dance Alliance. The programme is due to be held from July 12 to 17, at the Helen and Martin Kimmel Center, University of New York, says a press release. Eminent dancers from different countries of the world are due to deliver lectures on traditional dance. Dancers from Bangladesh, USA,

Canada, Malaysia, Tanzania, India, Australia, China, Taipei, UK, Singapore, New Zealand, Cambodia and Korea will emphasise on their traditional dances at the convention. Noted dancers of Bangladesh Lubna Marium and Anisul Islam Hero will highlight the traditional aspects of dance in our country. Troupe members Samina Hossain Prema, Tushar, Mithun and Anika will also perform at different venues.



Chandni and Hero.

Pabna prays for Suchitra Sen

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Cultural activists of Pabna offered prayers for Suchitra Sen at the legendary screen diva's ancestral home in Pabna last Saturday night. Suchitra Sen Smriti Shangrakkhan Parishad, Pabna held a meeting on the occasion at the office of Pabna Ekushey Boi Mela Udjapon Committee. Md. Saidul Haque Chunnu, convener of Suchitra Sen Smriti Shangrakkhan Parishad, chaired the discussion. Among others, Advocate Azizul Haque, Amirul Islam Ranga, Rezaul Karim Moni, Zakir Hossain, Ganesh Das and Gopal Shannal, spoke at the meeting. "Suchitra Sen is the pride of Pabna. People of Pabna, particularly the cultural activists, have been concerned after hearing about her illness. We are praying for her early recovery," Pradip Shannal Gopal, president of Pabna Drama Circle, and also a member of Suchitra Sen Smriti Parishad, said.



A fan in Pabna places flowers at a poster of Suchitra Sen.

Quiz competition for children

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

A month long quiz competition for school students began in Kushtia on July 3. Professor M. Alauddin, vice-chancellor, Islamic University Kushtia inaugurated the competition at a programme held at Kushtia Pouro Auditorium as chief guest.

Kushtia municipality organised the programme. With Kushtia Municipality Mayor Anwar Ali in the chair, the programme was addressed, among others, by Kushtia Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abdul Mannan and cultural personality Advocate Lalim Haq. A total of 165 groups from different schools in

the district are taking part in the competition with five competitors in each group. The Kushtia municipality has been arranging such quiz competitions over the last three years. In his speech, chief guest Professor M. Alauddin urged all to organise such programmes as they will help enrich the knowledge base of schoolgoers.

Box office bombs: Bollywood half-year report

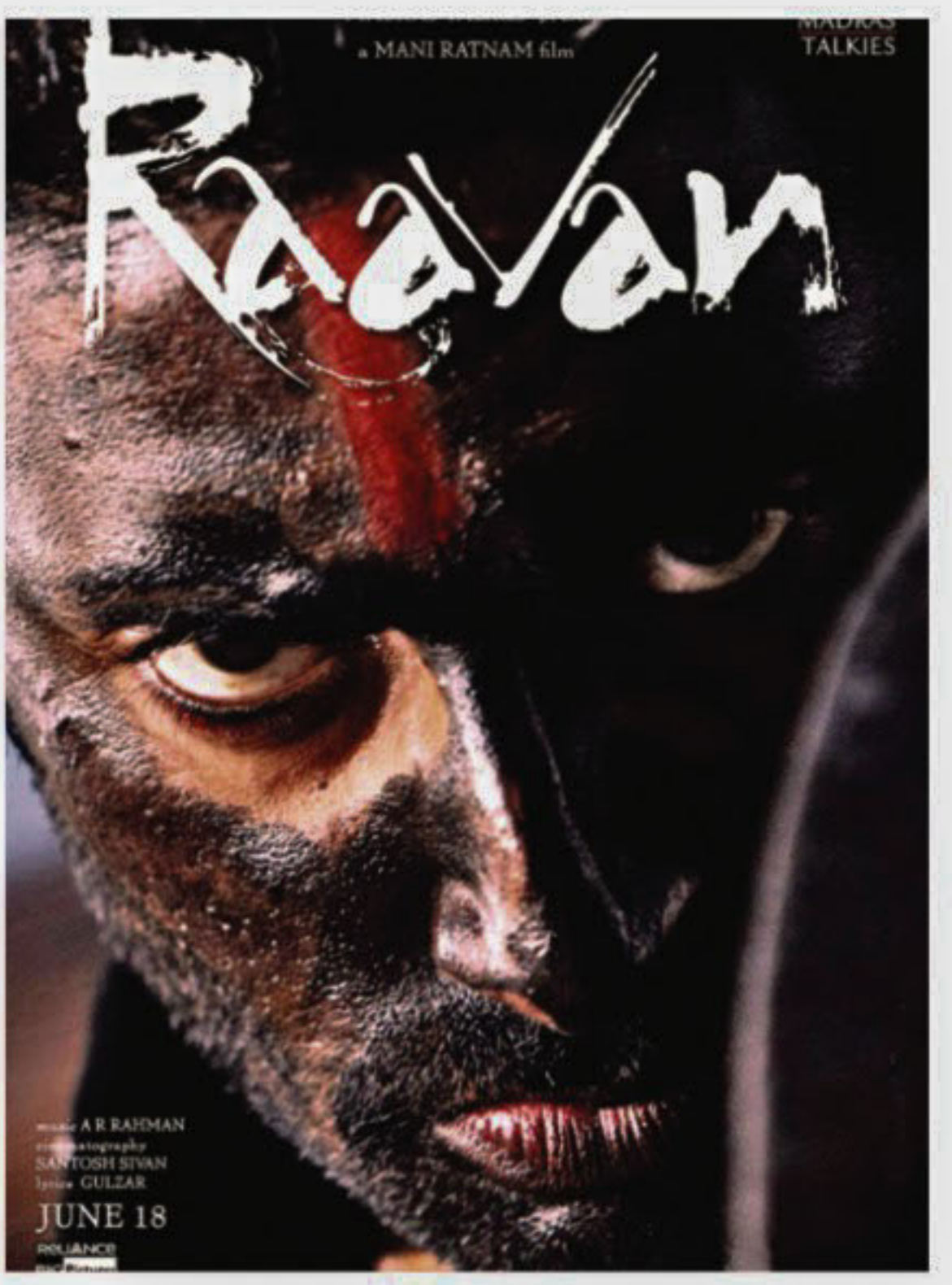
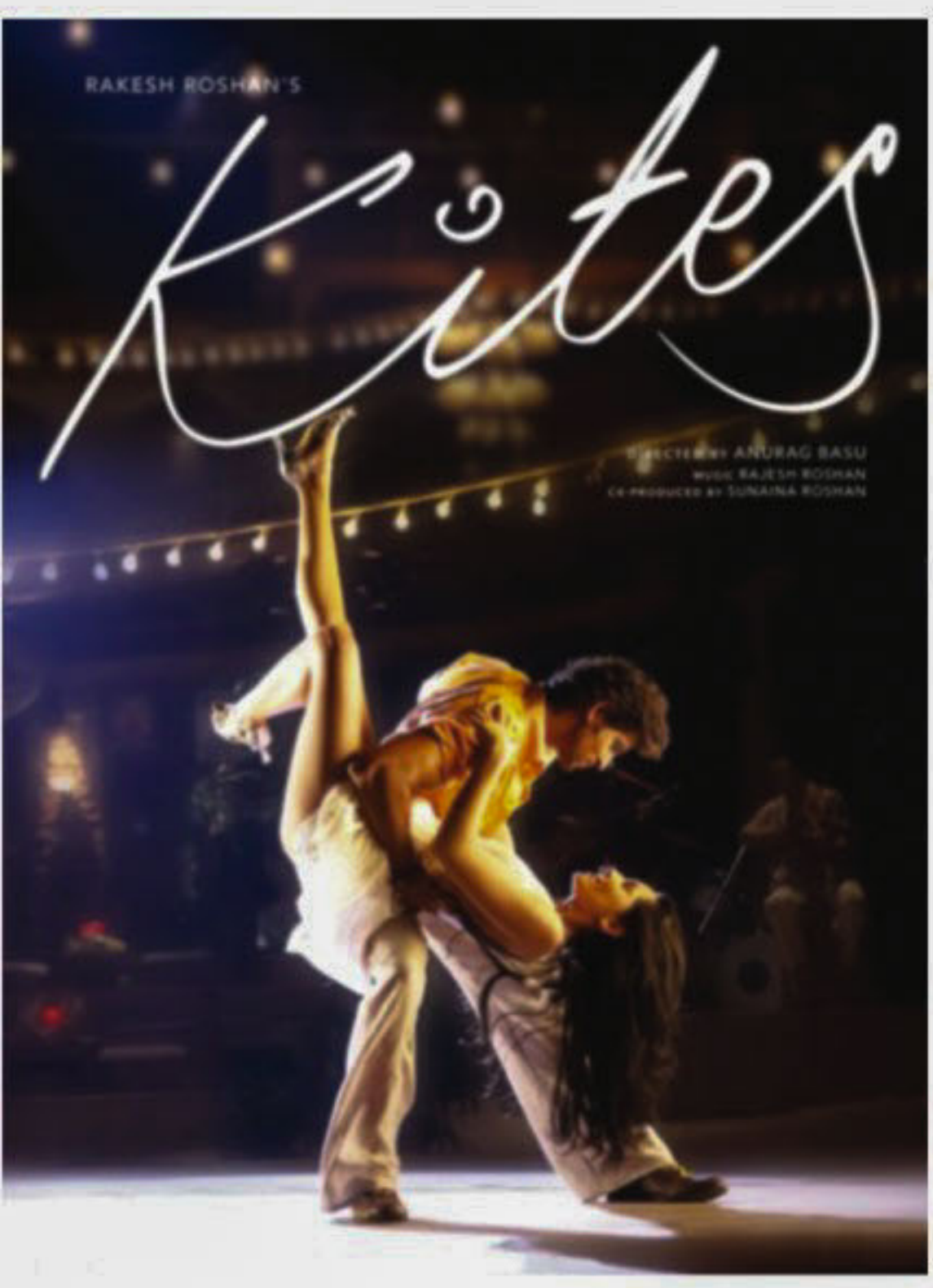
PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

It was a disappointing first half of the year 2010 for Bollywood as far as collection at the box office is concerned. The half-yearly report card is out. While 125 movies were released in the last six months, only veteran director Prakash Jha's "Raajneeti" was declared a blockbuster with a net gross of over Rs 77 crore. Big-budget

movies like "Kites," starring Hrithik Roshan, "Veer" featuring Salman Khan and "Raavan" with Abhishek Bachchan and Aishwarya Rai in the cast failed. According to Bollywood trade analyst Amod Mehra, the industry lost Rs 500 crore in the first six months of the year. He feels "Raajneeti," starring Ranbir Kapoor, Ajay Devgan and Katrina Kaif worked because of the casting of Ranbir and Katrina in the

political drama. "Many people underestimated Ranbir's charisma. It is the youth which matter at the box office as an audience. But for these two, the youngsters would not have gone to see a political film." Mehra said makers of "Kites" and "Raavan" have suffered losses of over Rs 100 crores as these two movies proved to be major disasters. "Only 'Houseful' and 'Love Sex and Dhoka' have broken even. The rest of the movies were all flops," he said.

Mehra said "My Name is Khan," starring Shahrukh Khan, "Ishqiya" and "Athithe Tum Kab Jaoge," featuring Ajay Devgan, Konkona Sen and Paresh Rawal, came in for appreciation but eventually lost money at the box office. Another trade analyst Taran Adarsh said the distributors have incurred losses of over Rs 200 crore due to the failure of "Veer," "Kites" and "Raavan." Hrithik Roshan-starrer "Kites" had its fair share of controversies with Mexican actress Barbara Mori making her Bollywood debut and the alleged affair of the lead pair, resulting in the actor's wife Suzanne leaving their house. "Raavan" got a lot of media attention because it marked the coming together of Abhishek Bachchan and Mani Ratnam after delivering two critically acclaimed movies like "Yuva" and "Guru." The film was panned by critics and kept the audience away from the theatres. The first half might not have been great but Adarsh is hopeful that Bollywood has a lot to look forward too in the second half of 2010. "I Hate Luv Storys," starring Sonam Kapoor and Imran Khan, "Once Upon a Time in Mumbai" and "Khatta Meetha" and Sonam-Abhay Deol starrer "Aisha" are among the films slated for release in the second half of the year. With the success of "Houseful" under his belt, actor Akshay Kumar will have maximum releases in the later half of the year like "Tees Maar Khan," "Action Replay," "Patiala House" and "Khatta Meetha."

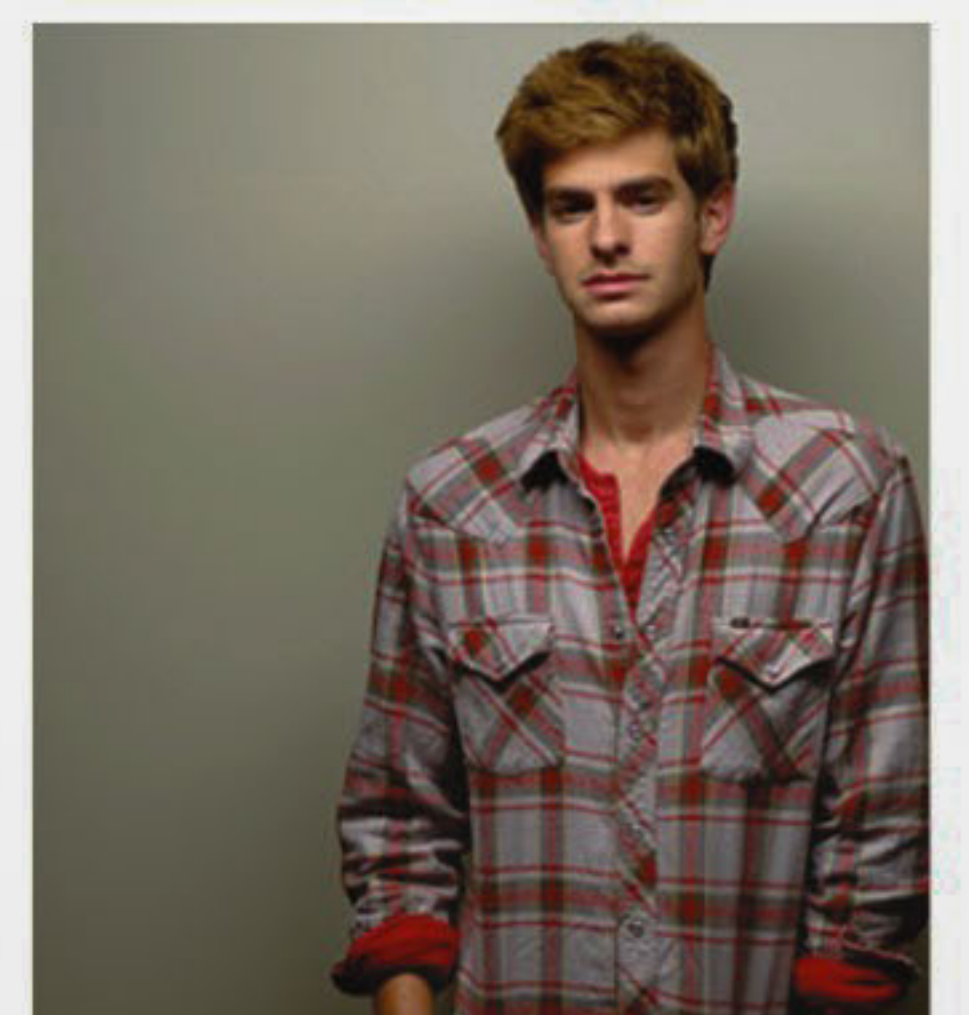


"Kites" and "Raavan" are two of the major Bollywood flops this year.

British theatre actor nabs "Spider-Man" role

A virtual unknown has landed the coveted lead role in the upcoming resurrection of the "Spider-Man" movie franchise, ending an intense search that attracted virtually every eligible actor in the business. Andrew Garfield, 26, will take over the Peter Parker/Spider-Man role played by Tobey Maguire in a trilogy that generated more than \$2.5 billion at the worldwide box office, distributor Columbia Pictures said. The Sony Corp unit will release the film in 3D on July 3, 2012. Garfield, raised in Britain, has headlined

only one movie, the little-seen UK crime drama "Boy A," for which he won a Bafta award in 2008. His upcoming releases include the thriller "Never Let Me Go," in which he co-stars with Keira Knightley and Carey Mulligan, and the Facebook movie "The Social Network." Garfield also had small roles in such box office weaklings as "The Imaginarium of Dr Parnassus" and "Lions for Lambs." Much of his resume boasts British stage and TV work. "Though his name may be new to many, those who know this young actor's work understand his extraordinary talents," director Marc Webb said in Columbia's statement. "He has a rare combination of intelligence, wit, and humanity. Mark my words, you will love Andrew Garfield as Peter Parker."



Columbia said in January that it was dropping plans to make "Spider-Man 4" after spending millions of dollars in development and butting heads with franchise director Sam Raimi on creative issues. Instead, it decided to relaunch the series by taking Peter Parker back to high school. Webb, who made his feature debut last year with the romantic comedy "(500) Days of Summer," was hired later that month to replace Raimi.

Source: Internet