

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Sultan Utshav 2010**  
 Organiser: SM Sultan Shishu O Karukala Foundation  
 Venue: SM Sultan Art College, Narail  
 Date: August 8-10  
 Time: 10am



### Film Screening

Film: "Summer Things"  
 Venue: Auditorium, Alliance Française De Dhaka  
 Date: August 13  
 Time: 6pm



### Film Festival 2010

Title: The one minutes Jr. Film Festival 2010  
 Organisers: Children's Television Foundation of Bangladesh and UNICEF Bangladesh  
 Venue: British Council Auditorium, 5, Fuller Road  
 Date: August 10  
 Time: 5pm



### Contemporary Norwegian Glass and Ceramics

Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, R-16, H-275F, Dhanmondi  
 Date: August 6-20  
 Time: 12pm-8pm



## Sultan Festival in Narail



SM Sultan

HOSSAIN SERAJ, from Narail

The three-day 'Sultan Utshob' (festival), to mark the 86th birth anniversary of the noted painter SM Sultan, began in Narail town last Sunday. The inaugural programme, held at the Sultan Mancho (stage), attracted hundreds of enthusiastic people and cultural activists.

The SM Sultan Charu-O-Karukala Foundation has organised the festival, sponsored by Banglalink.

The festival includes a painting exhibition featuring renowned painters of the country as well as artworks of amateur and child artists, boat race on the river Chitra and cultural programmes. Cultural organisations from various districts of Khulna division are performing at the event.

At the inaugural programme, a discussion on Sultan's life and works was held. The first day's programme also featured live performances.

Noted artist Rafiqun Nabi; Deputy Commissioner of Narail, Anwar Hossain; educationist Ashok Sheel and Banglalink's Khulna Regional Commercial Chief Mohammad Babul Haque,

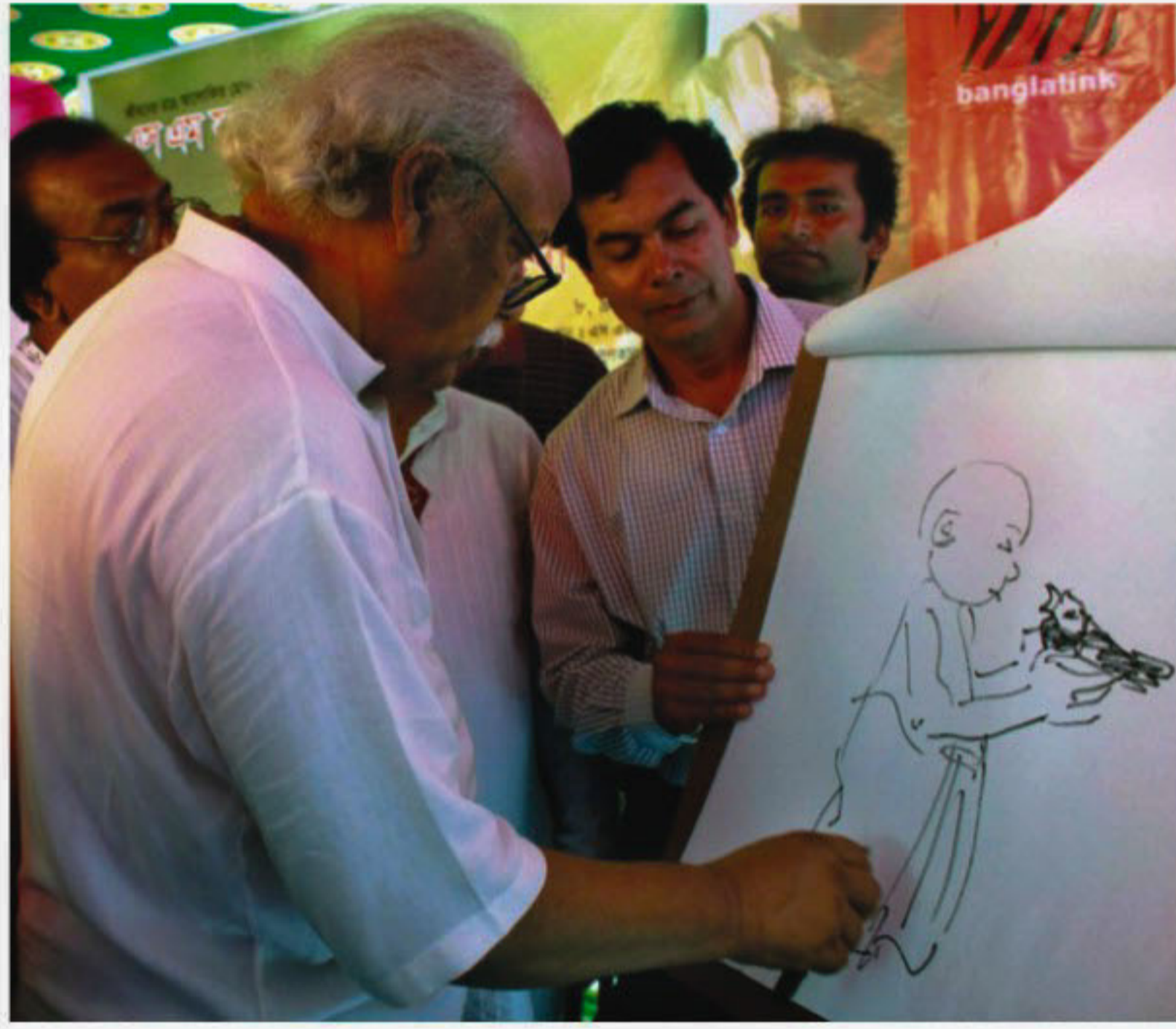
among others, spoke at the discussion.

Hundreds of enthusiastic locals thronged the exhibition and cultural programmes on Sunday and yesterday.

SM Sultan was born in Narail in 1924. Born to a mason, Sultan's love for art grew out of drawing the buildings his father would work on. With the help of benevolent patrons, Sultan was able to receive an art education, but he wandered off before completing his education and travelled to various places working as a freelance artist.

He moved back home to Narail after the Partition (1947) and in the following years took part in various group and solo exhibitions both at home and abroad, including New York, Washington, Chicago, Boston and London with top painters of the world. He established an art school in Narail, on the bank of the River Chitra. During his lifetime he was awarded both the Ekushey Padak and Swadhinota Padak, highest national honours.

He passed away on October 10, 1994.



Rafiqun Nabi drawing a cartoon at the opening of the festival.

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## Photography exhibition

## Devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in focus



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### Visitors at the exhibition.

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR, Pabna

An infant with fatal burns, a ship used in the Second World War, widespread devastation in Japan... Over hundred such disturbing images of the destruction wrought by the US atomic bombing against the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II

are on display at a three-day photography exhibition in Pabna. The exhibition marks Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day. The Rotary Club of Pabna organised the exhibition.

The exhibition was launched in Pabna Town hall premises on August 8.

Nahin Imran of Pabna Rotary Club chaired the opening programme, while Rotarian Ali



Mortoza Bishwas Sony inaugurated the exhibition. Among others, secretary of Rotary Club, Mobidur Rahman Shetu, and Rotarians Faridul Islam, Raihan Ahmed, Saiful Alam Shopon Chowdhury along with chairman of the exhibition committee Ziaur Rahman Bishwas spoke on the occasion.

Hiroshima and Nagasaki were bombed by the US on August 6 and 9, 1945. The speakers focused on the brutal atomic bombing of the twin cities during the Second World War and emphasised the need to build a peaceful world.

## Short Film Fest'10

## Highlighting aspiring filmmakers

A CORRESPONDENT

Last Saturday evening, young individuals showcased their short films at The Bench, a restaurant in Gulshan, Dhaka.

BRAC University Film Club, Deafrip Entertainment, Pothochari Films, Imap Films, Artra, and Zubuyer Kaolin showcased their short films at the event.

The screenings started with BRAC University Film Club's "Before Sunrise" which presented a young man's frustrations and his deliberate attempts to commit suicide, after being rejected by his girlfriend. The second film, "Blood Case", by Deafrip Entertainment, features noticeable direction, for which the credit goes to Reehan Rahman. Although the story is pretty common, the whole package -- music, direction, and cinematography -- seems polished. The Third was the



premiere of "Dreams", the main attraction of the festival, by Pothochari

Films. Directed by Adnan MS Fakir, and written by Anika Ali, the film depicts lives of acid victims. It follows a young girl who is a victim of acid violence. Her world breaks everyday when she looks at the mirror. However, this doesn't stop her from living. Painting is what she looks up to.

Zubuyer Kaolin's "Polkarella in the Rain of Fury" is a film, which relates to spirits. "Annabelle Lee", an animated clip was the shortest of the films screened; the duration was around two minutes. Words would fail to describe how funny, creative and good it is. This Imap Film presentation indicates that animation just might help our film industry shine in near future.

The last film screened at the event was "Washroom" by Artra, which had a comic approach.

The festival was a well-appreciated event, highlighting future film directors and scriptwriters.

## Integrating fantasy and reality

### Bonsai exhibition in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The 11th Annual Bonsai Exhibition and Competition began at Rajshahi Chamber of Commerce and Industries auditorium last Friday. The aim is to popularise miniature versions of trees among people of the northern district.

Some 142 bonsai of rare and nearly extinct local trees like bot, pakur, tomal, sheora and

and said that the enthusiasm of the organisers and visitors imply that bonsai is becoming popular among local nature lovers.

Besides being works of art, bonsai has its commercial aspects too, as bonsai cultivators can sell their products at high prices, said the MP.

Rajshahi Bonsai Society (RBS), in association with Home Stone Limited, organised the exhibition.



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Fazle Hossain, MP, from Rajshahi city inaugurated the exhibition as the chief guest

RBS president Sayed Mahfuz-e Tawheed in his welcome address described the aesthetic appeal of Bonsai that he said "integrates fan-

tasy and reality."

Mahfuzul Haq, joint secretary to Establishment Ministry, and Home Stone Limited's executive director

Shafikul Alam attended the inaugural function as special guests.

The exhibition will remain open until November 10.

## Hard reality for Big B

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

It's the turn of yet another Bollywood Khan to replace veteran Amitabh Bachchan in a reality TV show.

If some years ago, Shahrukh Khan had replaced Bachchan in "Kaun Banega Crorepati", it is going to be Salman Khan who will anchor the popular TV "Big Boss" show next season.

And this will set the stage for a contest between Salman and Bachchan, who will host *Kaun Banega Crorepati* for another entertainment channel next season, to grab the audience. Both the reality



Amitabh Bachchan



Salman Khan

shows will be aired around the same time.

After a great season with Amitabh Bachchan as the host of "Big Boss", the channel hopes Salman Khan will also keep the viewers engrossed.

However, Salman says he is not concerned about the comparison or competition with Amitabh Bachchan.

"I really don't care about that. These comparisons are not in mind.

I just like connecting with my audience, which is why I'm doing more of TV Programmes," says Salman.

"For me, television is a way of returning the love and affection which I have got from the audience for the past 22 years. Now, they can get to see me in the comfort of their homes and that too for free", he says.

Salman's role as the host in "Big Boss" will be different from that of Amitabh. While the veteran actor was a friend, philosopher and guide, Salman is expected to be at his brutally honest and spontaneous best, makers of the TV show.

## Divisional drama workshop ends

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

A four-day Khulna divisional drama workshop ended in Kushtia on Sunday.

Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF) organised the event, at the Kushtia Shilpakala Academy Hall.

Ranjit Biswas, popular actor inaugurated the workshop. Jhuna Choudhury, secretary general of BGTF was present at the inaugu-

ration.

With Kushtia general secretary of the BGTF Mokhlesur Rahman Babu in the chair, the discussion was addressed by, among others, federation's central finance secretary Shah Alam Dulal as chief guest; while Amirul Islam general secretary, Kushtia Shilpakala Academy, drama personality Zinna Haque and president of Parimol Theatre in Kushtia advocate Akhteruzzaman Masum spoke as special

guests.

After the workshop, certificates were distributed among the participants.

A drama was also staged on the closing day. Participants of the workshop took part in the play. A total of 44 drama activists of 13 organisations in Khulna division took part in the workshop.

BGTF handed over a cheque of Taka 1 lakh to theatre personality, Zinna who is suffering from cancer.