

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

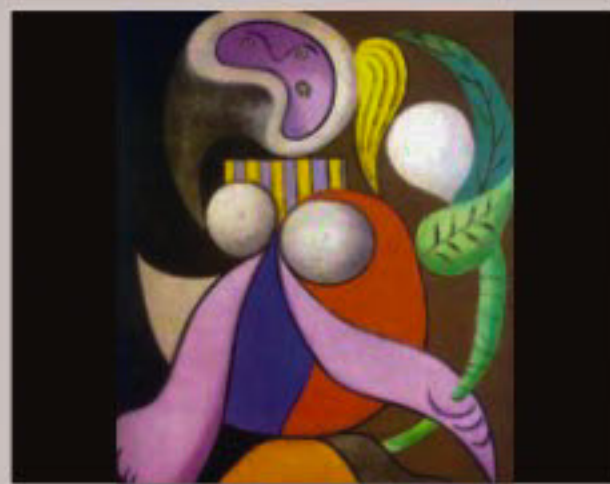
### Film Screening

Films: "Kaktaria" (Bangladesh) & "A Year Ago in Winter" (Germany)  
 Venue: Auditorium, Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H-10, Rd-9, Dhanmondi  
 Date: August 29  
 Time: 7:30pm onwards



### Dress Exhibition

Title: Woman and Flower  
 Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
 Date: August 20-September 2  
 Time: 3pm-9pm



### Photo Exhibition

To mark Int'l Day of Tourism  
 Title: Tourist Sights of Moscow and Moscow  
 Region: Moscow  
 Venue: Modern Language Institute, DU  
 Date: September 2-28



### Calligraphy Exhibition

Calligrapher: Najib Tareque  
 Venue: Impressions Gallery, 67, Gulshan Avenue  
 Date: August 19-September 19  
 Time: 9:30am-2:30pm and 4-5pm (Sunday-Thursday) and 10am-1pm (Saturday)



# Revisiting Nazrul's "Jodi Aar Banshi Na Bajey"

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Kazi Nazrul Islam, the National Poet of Bangladesh, has written on myriad themes including love, freedom and revolution. He opposed bigotry in the name of religion and gender. His impassioned patriotic stance against the British rule earned him prison at times.

Nazrul's poems "Agnibeena" and "Bisher Banshi" zoom in on revolution whereas his "Dolon Chapa," "Chhayanaut," "Shindhu Hindol" and "Chakrobaak" articulate love in its every form.

Nazrul wrote short stories, novels, and essays but is best known for his poetry and songs; he pioneered new forms such as Bengali *Ghazal*. Nazrul wrote and composed music for nearly 3000 songs, which are collectively known as Nazrul Sangeet that are widely popular to date.

On December 10 in 1929, a grand National Civic Reception for Nazrul was held at Albert Hall, Calcutta (now Kolkata), organised by the Saogat Sahitya Majlis (Saogat Literary Society). Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray, an eminent Bengali scientist, presided over the reception, and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the celebrated political leader and freedom fighter, was the chief guest. Nazrul was 30 at that time.

At the reception, Nazrul delivered a moving speech that was later regarded as a literary piece. In the speech, titled "Jodi Aar Banshi Na Bajey", the poet bared his soul.

"Friends, the Saogat that you handed me, I'm receiving it with humility. ...You've pulled me closer the day you appreciated my words. I was born in the 20th century, an era of innumerable possibilities. I am the trumpet blower of a revolution. Let this be my greatest identity. I am not only the son of this soil, just because I



I have seen not only the lute and lotus in the hands of beauty, but I have also seen its [beauty's] eyes full of tears, headed towards the grave.

was born here. I am a poet of all people and all countries," the poet began.

"A poet wants no award; rather he craves adoration, love. Poetry and divinity are expressions of beauty. Beauty is to be recognised with what is beautiful. Appreciating beauty and singing of its psalm is my creed. I have seen not only the lute and lotus in the hands of beauty, but I have also seen

its [beauty's] eyes full of tears, headed towards the grave. I have seen its starving face fading away. I have also seen it at the battlefield, at a solitary confinement and on the way to the gallows," Nazrul further said.

Towards the latter part of his address, Nazrul said that his poetry and songs come from experiences that he went through. Even when his heart

was shattered with the unimaginable grief of the untimely demise of his beloved son Bulbul, he savoured the scent of *hasnahena* bloom at his yard that evening.

"Rabindranath told me, 'Your life has witnessed a major tragedy like Shelley or Keats. You need to embracing that!'" Nazrul recalled in his speech.

Harsh poverty made Nazrul write the poem "Daridra." Excerpt:  
*Opportunity, thou hast made me great.  
 Thou hast made me honoured like Christ...*

*Thou hast given me courage to reveal all.  
 To thee I owe my insolent, naked eyes and sharp tongue...*

Nazrul was equally knowledgeable in both Hinduism and Islam. His poetry and songs explored the philosophies of Islam and Hinduism and he wanted to establish the age-old harmony that prevailed between Hindus and Muslims. Excerpt from his poem "Udar Bharat":

*Mora ek brintey du'ti kushum Hindu Musalman.*

*Muslim taar nayanmoni Hindu taar pran...*

In the last part of his speech, the poet said, "If the flute never sings again...forgive and forget me. I'm not saying this as a poet. I came to spread the word of love."

At the age of 43 (in 1942) he began showing the signs of an unknown disease, losing his speech and memory. Suffering from Pick's Disease, as later diagnosed by Dr. Hans Hoff in Vienna, Nazrul gradually yielded to incurable mental illness, which forced him to live in isolation for many years. Invited by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the then President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Nazrul and his family moved to Dhaka in 1972, where he died four years later.

# Sudhin Das and Bipul Bhattacharya to receive Shaheed Altaf Mahmood Padak

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nazrul exponent Sudhin Das and noted folk singer Bipul Bhattacharya will receive this year's Shaheed Altaf Mahmood Padak. The award-giving programme will be held at the Liberation War Museum tomorrow (August 30) at 4 pm. Altaf Mahmood was abducted by Pakistani military on August 30, 1971.

Shaheed Altaf Mahmood Foundation is arranging the programme. Motiur Rahman, editor of the Bangla daily Prothom Alo, will be present as the chief guest at the programme. The programme will also feature songs, recitations and reminiscences.

Altaf Mahmood is best known for his music composition of "Amar Bhai-er Roktey Rangano Ekushey February". He composed music for at least 20 films during the period of 1964-'71. Mahmood actively took part in the guerrilla operation in Dhaka during the Liberation War.

Sudhin Das is being honoured for his significant contribution to preserving and popularising Nazrul songs for



Shaheed Altaf Mahmood

over half a century.

Folk artiste Bipul Bhattacharya was among those who used their creative abilities to inspire the nation during the Liberation War. Bhattacharya was a member of the troupe 'Bangladesh

Mukti Shangrami Shilpi Shangstha' which travelled to and performed at refugee and freedom fighter camps during the war. Bhattacharya now leads a musical organisation called Mallika Sangeet Shamaro. Ho.

## Eid Special

# "Shapla Studio" on ETV



A scene from the play.

A CORRESPONDENT

TV play "Shapla Studio" will be aired on Ekushey Television on Eid day at 9:30 pm. Written by Brindaban Das, the play has been directed by Dipu Hazra.

The humorous play narrates the story of a photo studio and its owner. The studio is positioned just in front of a girls' college. The result: it turns into a popular hangout joint for young

guys. The owner of the studio, Hiru Bhai, is respected as the local big brother.

Hiru Bhai falls for a girl but is not brave enough to let her know. The story gets a twist when one day the girl comes to the studio with her husband and asks Hiru Bhai to take a photo of them.

The cast of the play includes Chanchal Chowdhury, Nowshin, Khushi, Putul and AKM Hasan.



Children taking part in the competition.

## Painting competition for children

### Diganta TV turns two

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

A painting competition among the school children was held in Tangail Public Library last Friday to mark the second anniversary of Diganta Television, a private TV channel.

About 100 children from different schools in Tangail town took part in the open painting competition in three categories.

Afiz Jahin Rupali, Abu Shahed Khan and Diganta Das were selected as first, second and third respectively in "Ka"

category; Debjani Roy Ratri, Monika Akter and Liza were selected as first, second and third in "Kha" category; and Bashir Anjum, Prianka Das and Purnima Rani Sinha were selected as first, second and third respectively in "Ga" category in the competitions.

Tangail Deputy Commissioner, M Bazul Karim Chowdhury distributed prizes among the winners of the competition.

The programme was presided by Khandakar Nazim Uddin, vice-president of Tangail Public Library.

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

<p><b>ATN Bangla</b></p> <p>12:10 Business Week              12:45 Law and Order              01:25 Shurer Madhuri              03:45 Zolpot Iftar              04:10 Khatme Quran</p> <p><b>Channel i</b></p> <p>11:30 Mati O Manush              04:45 Janapader Khobor              06:00 Ramjanul Mubarak              11:30 Prokriti O Jibon              12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shingbadpotro</p> <p><b>ntv</b></p> <p>04:10 Janar Ache Bolar Ache              05:30 Ridhoy E Ramjan</p>	<p>06:20 Al Quran              06:45 Joto Modur Bulguli              07:20 Sholo Ana Bangali Ana              09:00 Drama: Choto Sharer Shapno</p> <p><b>ETV</b></p> <p>02:02 Market Trend              03:30 Shonamoni Shukh-e Oshukh-e              04:30 Best of Dumtana              06:10 Iftarir Haat              07:50 Shiam O Sushota</p> <p><b>Banglavision</b></p> <p>10:10 Lal Golap              12:05 Pran Layer Media Bhuban              01:30 Bangla Feature Film              04:10 Amader Jibone Ramjan              06:00 Hamd, Naat O Ajan</p>	<p>09:05 Amar Ami</p> <p><b>Rtv</b></p> <p>10:45 Boshudha Tarokalap              12:30 Share Update              02:30 Bangla Feature Film              05:30 Prithibir Pothey Pothey              06:00 Romjan O Iftar              09:00 Drama: Magic</p> <p><b>Desh TV</b></p> <p>04:00 Desh Janopad              06:25 Atto Dorshan              11:45 Shoja Koha              12:30 Total Sports</p> <p><b>Boishakhi TV</b></p> <p>02:30 Phire Chol Matir Taney              03:15 Totka              04:40 Romjaner Sawgaat              05:40 Bismoyer Bangla              11:30 Boishakhi Sangskriti O Binodon</p> <p><b>HBO</b></p> <p>11:30 Sep '10: HBO Central (Sa)              12:30 My Blueberry Nights              03:00 Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed              05:30 Deep Blue Sea</p>	<p>07:30 Monster Ark              09:30 State Of Play</p> <p><b>Zee Studio</b></p> <p>11:00 It Runs in the Family              01:30 Serendipity              03:45 The Godfather: Part III              07:10 Chicago              09:30 Last Action Hero</p> <p><b>Star Movies</b></p> <p>11:45 Dragonball: Evolution              01:15 Fight Night              02:50 Starship Troopers              07:00 Street Fighter: The Legend Of Chun Li</p> <p>08:45 The Devil's Tomb              10:20 New In Town              12:00 Hit And Run</p> <p><b>Star World</b></p> <p>12:00 The Simpsons              12:30 Friends              05:30 Glee              07:30 Criminal Minds              09:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal              09:30 Lost              10:30 Moment Of Truth</p>
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<p><b>Cartoon Network</b></p> <p>07:30 The New Scooby-Doo Movies              08:30 Tom and Jerry Tales              10:30 Ben 10              06:30 Toon Toast              10:30 Richie Rich</p> <p><b>Discovery Channel</b></p> <p>10:30 Animal Face-Off              12:30 Bermuda Triangle Exposed              01:30 Expedition Alaska              05:30 The Delonators              06:30 How Not To Become Shark Bait              08:30 Man vs. Wild</p> <p><b>National Geographic</b></p> <p>07:30 Fight Science              09:30 Preserve Our Planet              10:30 Nat Geo Specials              11:30 True Stories</p> <p><b>Travel and Living</b></p> <p>10:30 La Ink              06:30 La Ink              08:30 Madhur Jaffrey's Flavors Of India              12:30 La Ink</p>	<p><b>CNN</b></p> <p>12:00 World Report              02:00 Political Mann              03:00 Larry King Live              05:30 Inside Africa              10:00 Prism              11:00 African Voices              11:30 Earth's Frontiers</p> <p><b>BBC World</b></p> <p>12:00 BBC World News              01:30 Talking Movies              04:10 Reporters              07:30 Life on the Edge              08:30 One Square Mile              09:10 Mo And Me              11:30 Simpson's World- General Petraeus</p> <p><b>Ten Sports</b></p> <p>10:00 US Open 09: Men's Singles Final              01:30 Micromax Cup: Final H/L's: Liga BBVA Show 2010/11: Round 1              03:30 La Liga Live: Racing Santander vs Barcelona              10:55 La Liga Live: Mallorca vs Real Madrid              12:55 La Liga Live: Mallorca vs Real Madrid</p>
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<p><b>Talk Show</b></p> <p><b>ATN Bangla</b></p> <p>02:30pm Proshonggo              05:30pm Islamic Talk Show</p> <p><b>Desh TV</b></p> <p>12:00pm Shoja Katha              Channel i              01:00am Grameenphone</p> <p><b>ETV</b></p> <p>12:10am El Shomoy              12:02am Ekusher Raat              Rtv              11:30 Trade Talk</p>	<p><b>Drama Serial</b></p> <p><b>Desh TV</b></p> <p>08:15pm Shimanto              09:45pm Jao Pakhi</p> <p><b>ATN Bangla</b></p> <p>08:00pm Chonnochar a              10:55pm Ochena Manush</p> <p><b>Channel i</b></p> <p>05:15pm Kanamachi              ntv              08:15pm Graduate</p> <p><b>ETV</b></p> <p>08:20pm Gunin              09:30pm Lolita</p> <p><b>Rtv</b></p> <p>10:20 Porshi Bari</p> <p><b>Banglavision</b></p> <p>08:15pm Jamai Mela              09:45pm Hoi Hoi Roi              Roi</p> <p><b>Boishakhi TV</b></p> <p>09:10 Momer Putul</p>
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**News Bulletin**

**BTV**  
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 am.  
 News (Bangla) at 8:00 am  
 2:00 pm-5:00 pm-8:00 pm.  
 News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.  
 Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).  
**CHANNEL-i**  
 News (Bangla): 7:00 am,

9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am  
**ATN BANGLA**  
 NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am  
**News Every Hour:**  
 7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm  
**News (English):** 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.  
**BANGLAVISION**  
 News (Bangla) at 7:30am,

1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.  
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.  
**News (English) at 6:00pm**  
**Rtv**  
 News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 pm, ntv  
 News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm,

7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am  
**ETV**  
 News (Bangla): 9:00am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm  
**abc radio**  
 News: 08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm, 06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am;  
 English Bulletin: 1:30pm, 7:30pm

<p><b>Shimanto</b>              On Desh TV at 08:15pm              Drama Serial              Cast: Subarna Mustafa, Jitu Ahsan</p>	<p><b>Chicago</b>              On Zee Studio at 07:10am              Genre: Musical              Cast: Renée Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Richard Gere</p>
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<p><b>Leelaboti</b>              On ATN Bangla at 09:20pm              Drama Serial              Cast: Shahiduzzaman Selim, Tamalika Karmakar</p>	<p><b>RADIO FOORTI</b></p> <p>07:30am Hello Dhaka              10:00am Morning Express              12:30pm No Tension              04:00pm Dhaka Calling              09:00pm Full Volume              11:00pm Back to Back music</p> <p><b>abc radio fm 89.2</b></p> <p>06:00am Bhorer Janalay              09:00am Mokhurito Jiboney              12:00pm Darun Dupurey              03:00pm Duranto Bikeley              05:00pm Shondha Tara              07:00pm Shaj-er Maya              09:00pm Raat-er Akashey              11:00pm Golper Shesh Nei</p> <p><b>RADIO TODAY</b></p> <p>07:15am Good Morning Dhaka              11:00am Musti Unlimited              01:00pm Today's Adda              04:00pm U Turn              08:00pm Tabey Tai Hok              12:00am Today's Happy Moments</p>
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