

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Master Painters
 Artists: Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hassan, SM Sultan
 Venue: Art Gallery, National Museum, Shahbagh
 Date: October 8-November 6
 Time: 10am-8pm



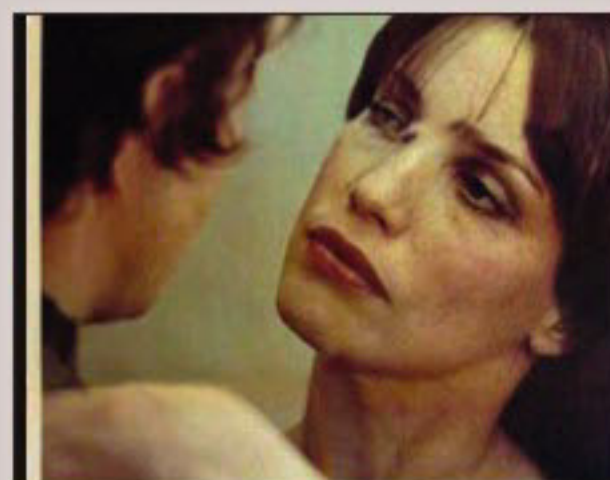
Group Art Exhibition

Title: Rooted Creativity-5
 Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
 Date: October 15-26
 Time: 12pm-8pm



Film Festival

Eric Rohmer Retrospective
 Organizer: Zahir Raihan Film Society and Alliance Francaise de Dhaka (AFD)
 Venue: Auditorium, AFD, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
 Date: October 21-29
 Today: 'Chole in the After Noon' & 'The Marquise of O'
 Time: 5pm onwards



Lalon Mela

Title: Lalon Shah Battala Modhupurnima
 Sadhusanga 1417
 Venue: Doshorpara, Tekerhaat, Bikrampur, Munshiganj
 Date: October 22-23
 Time: From evening



Shamsur Rahman: Deeply rooted in his own tradition

If Tagore was the greatest poet in the Bengali tradition, Jibanananda Das was the first of a new breed. And this new breed, in the trend of Bengali modern and postmodern poetry, has been unarguably sustained by the powerful contributions of Shamsur Rahman.

Shamsur Rahman emerged in his time as the most popular poet of modern Bengali literature. Popularity apart, Rahman had distinguished himself as an extraordinary poet, presenting a paradigm hitherto best chosen. It is a fact that his most familiar poetic diction, choice of words and thematic preferences took not much time to reach the heart of the readers. Today it can be said without exaggeration that the poetry of Shamsur Rahman has become the defining essence of modernism in 21st century Bengali poetry.

Today marks the 81st birthday of the poet.

Shamsur Rahman was born on October 23, 1929 at his grandfather's residence in Dhaka. He was the fourth of thirteen children.

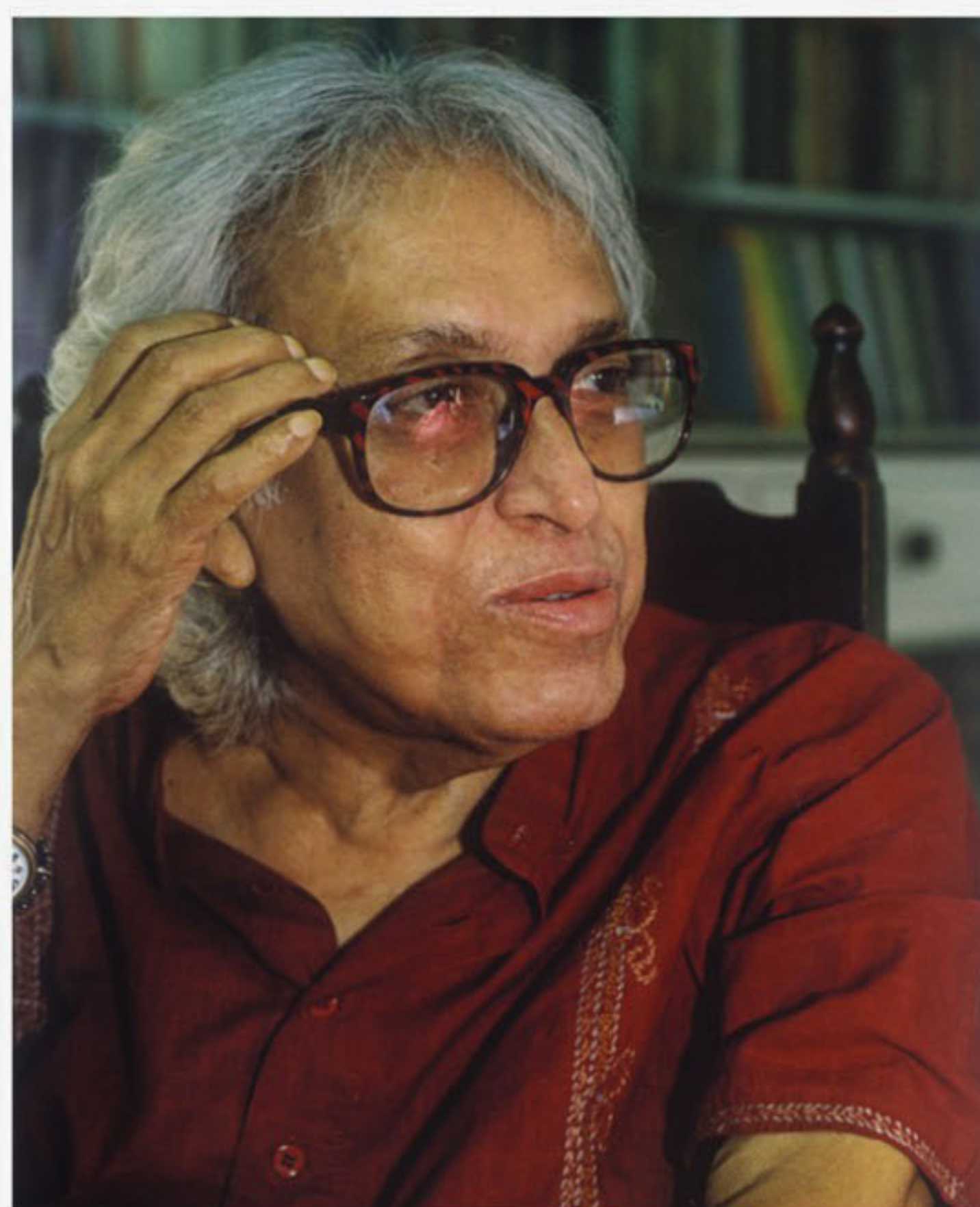
He studied at Pogose High School [matriculation in 1945], Dhaka College and Dhaka University.

After his matriculation, Rahman read the "Golpo Gucchho" of Rabindranath Tagore. Apparently it transformed him into an altogether different person. In 1949, his poem "Unishso Unoponchash" was published in "Sonar Bangla" which was then edited by Nalinikishor Guha.

Rahman wrote most of his poems in free verse, often with the rhythm style known as *poyaar* or *aakhsharbritto*. He also wrote poems in two other major patterns of Bengali rhythmic style, namely, *matrabritto* and *shorobritto*.

Rahman's first book of poetry, "Prothom Gaan Dwititoy Mrittur Agey" was published in 1960. The political turbulence of '60s and '70s was reflected in his poems clearly. The well-known poem "Asad-er Shirt" was written with respect to the mass uprising of 1969. During the Liberation War he wrote a number of extraordinary poems. These poems were so inspiring that they were read at the camps of freedom fighters. Later these poems were published in "Bondi Shibir Theke" in 1972.

Rahman continued writing poems in the independent Bangladesh and remained as the poet



whose verses reflect the history of the nation.

He had worked as a journalist and served as the editor of a national daily, Dainik Bangla in the 1980s. Rahman became an outspoken liberal intellectual in the 1990s against religious fundamentalism and reactionary nationalism in Bangladesh. As a consequence, he became a frequent target of the fundamentalists. This culminated in an attack in January 1999 by a militant group. He survived the attempt.

Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, a friend and critic, describes Shamsur Rahman as one who is "deeply rooted in his own tradition." In 1993 renowned Bangladeshi writer Humayun Azad wrote a book -- a critical analysis of Shamsur Rahman's poetry -- titled "Shamsur Rahman: Nisshongo Sherpa".

Rahman's health deteriorated towards the end of 1990s and on two occasions he received major cardiac surgery. He died on August 17 in 2006 of heart and kidney failure after having been in a coma for 12 days.

Compiled by Correspondent

TV serial "Ochena Manush" on ATN Bangla



A scene from the serial.

A CORRESPONDENT

TV serial "Ochena Manush" will be aired tonight on ATN Bangla at 10:55 pm. Ripon Nabi is the director of the play.

The story revolves around a family, which is headed by a millionaire widow Begum Jahanara. The play begins when the eldest son of the family secretly marries a dancer from a different religious background. The mother blames the son for her husband's untimely death, which she believes was caused by the shock from the son's inter-faith marriage.

The cast includes Afroza Banu, Gazi Rakayet, Kumkum Hasan, Korovi Mizan, Aparna, Alif, Nisho, Tamalika Karmakar, Shams Shumon and Ruhi. The serial airs Friday through Sunday every week.

Singer Atif Aslam to make his acting debut



First it was Pakistani singer Ali Zafar who made his debut in Bollywood with the film "Tere Bin Laden", and now its another famed Pakistani vocalist and singer Atif Aslam, who will be making his debut in Bollywood in a film being produced by Kumar Taurani of Tips.

Kumar Taurani confirmed the news saying, "Yes, Atif will be making his Bollywood debut with my film. However, though I am saying this it should be clear that nothing is yet finalised, we are still talking to Atif."

Though the producers are not ready to reveal much at this stage, it has emerged that Atif has signed a three film deal with Tips.

Source: Internet

Mel Gibson dropped from "Hangover" sequel

In a highly unusual public rebuke of a former A-list movie star, Warner Bros. has dropped Mel Gibson from the cast of "The Hangover Part II."

Gibson, whose anti-Semitic, racist and misogynist rants have made him radioactive in some Hollywood circles, was to have a cameo as a tattoo artist in the sequel to the 2009 hit.

But the stunt casting, which was picked up by the media this week, triggered an internal backlash at the studio and on the film set. And the studio, where Gibson reigned as a major star during the '80s and '90s with such movies as the "Lethal Weapon" series, decided to go public with a statement that the actor was no longer involved in the project. Gibson's spokesman declined comment.

Zach Galifianakis -- who is reteaming for the sequel with Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms and Justin Bertha and director Todd Phillips -- appears to be among those who objected to Gibson.

In a podcast released last week, Galifianakis alluded to trouble on the set of "Hangover II," without naming the film.



He said: "A movie you're acting in, you don't have a lot of control; you just show up and vomit your lines out. I'm not the boss. I'm in deep protest right now about a movie I'm working on, up in arms about something. But I can't get the guys to (listen). ... I'm not making any leeway."

Other members of the movie's cast and crew also are said to have opposed Gibson's casting, and insiders said high-level execs at the studio also objected.

One source close to the script had called Gibson's casting "genius." "He's a mean, crazy guy you're afraid to ask questions of," said the source.

While the original movie revolved around a Las Vegas bachelor party that devolves into drunken lost weekend, the follow-up tracks the same quartet on a misbegotten trip to Bangkok.

A source familiar with the production said the character of the tattoo artist is "pivotal" to the plot, in which one of the stars gets a tattoo during a night of debauchery.

The movie began shooting September 30 on the Warners lot, but Gibson's cameo had yet to be filmed.

The first "Hangover" also made use of stunt casting by recruiting Mike Tyson, who played himself in the movie. The former boxer has had plenty of infamous brushes with notoriety, including a 1992 conviction of sexual assault for which he served three years in prison. Tyson also makes an appearance in the "Hangover II" script, though there is no official word whether he will reprise the role.

Gibson's own 2006 drunk-driving arrest, in which he unleashed a string of anti-Semitic and sexist remarks, had begun to fade into the past, but the actor was thrust back into the tabloid headlines this summer when angry voicemail messages surfaced in the midst of contentious legal action between Gibson and his former girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva, who also bore him a daughter.

William Morris Endeavor dropped Gibson as a client. And Summit Entertainment has not yet to decided how to handle the pending release of Gibson's next movie, "The Beaver," directed by Jodie Foster.

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All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.	
<p>ATN BANGLA</p> <p>12:15 Musical Programme: Shesh Okkhor</p> <p>02:40 Bangla Feature Film</p> <p>06:15 Square Hospital Shustha Thakun</p> <p>10:45 Bihango Katha</p> <p>12:30 Grameenphone Lead News</p> <p>CHANNEL i</p> <p>01:05 Ebonor Cinemar Gaan</p> <p>01:30 Bangla Feature Film: Third Person Singular Number</p> <p>05:30 Drama Serial: Mohonpur-er Galpo</p> <p>06:20 Bideshey Bishisto Bangali</p> <p>09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush</p>	<p>RTV</p> <p>12:05 Protidin-er Gaan</p> <p>02:30 Drama Serial: Tourist</p> <p>04:30 Prithibir Pothey Pothey</p> <p>05:00 Cinema R Gaan</p> <p>06:00 Shustha Thakun Protidin</p> <p>09:45 Look @ Me</p> <p>11:45 Jegey Achho Ki</p> <p>BANGLAVISION</p> <p>12:05 Style File</p> <p>03:05 Bangla Feature Film</p> <p>06:10 Gaan Ebonor Fun</p> <p>11:30 Art Show: Laal Golap</p> <p>12:30 Boshudha Cinemar Gaan</p> <p>DESH TV</p> <p>10:30 Khelar Shokal</p> <p>02:30 Bangla Feature Film</p> <p>06:25 Poet Shamsur Rahman's Birth Anniversary Special Programme</p> <p>07:45 Desh Top Chart</p> <p>10:30 Mega Serial: Bhojokot</p> <p>12:30 Total Sports</p> <p>Boishakhi TV</p> <p>02:35 Bangla Feature Film</p>
<p>05:15 Boishakhi-CNN Shara Bishwa</p> <p>08:00 Documentary on Liberation War: Jagroto Ohongkar</p> <p>08:40 Drama: Bodhidrum</p> <p>10:45 Nirapod Shorok Chai</p> <p>ATN NEWS</p> <p>11:30 Sports Insight</p> <p>02:15 Amader Katha</p> <p>05:15 Pramanno Shomoy</p> <p>07:30 Saat Rang (Live)</p> <p>08:30 Ei Banglaay</p> <p>HBO</p> <p>10:00 Fresh Blood</p> <p>11:00 A Real Botswana Diamond</p> <p>12:30 Away We Go</p> <p>02:30 Deep Blue Sea</p> <p>07:30 Scooby Doo 2</p> <p>09:30 Terminator Salvation</p> <p>12:00 American Ninja 3</p> <p>Star Movies</p> <p>10:20 Moment Of Truth</p> <p>11:55 Sorority Row</p> <p>01:40 The Ladykillers</p> <p>05:15 Snake Eyes</p>	<p>07:00 Max Payne</p> <p>08:50 Mongolian Death Worm</p> <p>10:30 Righteous Kill</p> <p>Zee Studio</p> <p>01:30 Wild Hogs</p> <p>04:45 War of the Worlds</p> <p>07:10 Get Shorty</p> <p>07:40 Spy Kids 3-D</p> <p>09:30 Toy Story 2</p> <p>11:30 The Ring</p> <p>Star World</p> <p>12:30 The Simpsons</p> <p>02:30 Friends</p> <p>03:30 Ugly Betty</p> <p>06:30 The Simpsons</p> <p>08:30 VIP</p> <p>09:30 Moment Of Truth</p> <p>10:30 Ugly Betty</p> <p>11:30 VIP</p> <p>National Geographic</p> <p>12:30 Nat Geo Women's Hour</p> <p>05:30 Monkey Thieves</p> <p>07:30 Most Amazing Moments</p> <p>08:30 Nat Geo Weekends</p> <p>09:30 India: India's Ladyboys</p>
<p>10:30 Nat Geo Explorer</p> <p>11:30 True Stories</p> <p>Discovery Channel</p> <p>10:30 Mega Engineering</p> <p>04:30 A Haunting</p> <p>06:30 Anacondas With Nigel Marven</p> <p>09:30 Time Warp</p> <p>10:30 Worst Case Scenario</p> <p>11:00 Destroyed In Seconds</p> <p>TLC</p> <p>07:30 Indian Rendezvous</p> <p>15:00 Ultimate Cake Off</p> <p>18:30 Feast Bazaar</p> <p>00:00 London Ink</p> <p>BBC World</p> <p>10:30 Africa Business Report</p> <p>12:30 Click</p> <p>01:00 BBC World News</p> <p>02:30 World Challenge 2010</p> <p>04:10 This Week</p> <p>07:30 Equestrian World</p> <p>08:30 Dateline London</p> <p>10:30 Final Score</p> <p>11:00 BBC World News</p>	<p>Talk Show</p> <p>ATN Bangla</p> <p>09:20am Asian City</p> <p>Channel i</p> <p>09:45am Grameenphone</p> <p>11:05am Amader Aayna</p> <p>12:30pm Citycell Taroka Kathan</p> <p>ntv</p> <p>12:30am Ei Shomoy</p> <p>ETV</p> <p>10:10pm Galpo Shalpo Gaan</p> <p>Rtv</p> <p>10:45am Bashudha Tarokalap</p> <p>Desh TV</p> <p>11:45pm Shoja Katha</p>
<p>News Bulletin</p> <p>BTV</p> <p>News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 am.</p> <p>News (Bangla) at 8:00 am</p> <p>2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.</p> <p>News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.</p> <p>Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).</p> <p>CHANNEL-i</p> <p>News (Bangla): 7:00 am,</p>	<p>9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am</p> <p>ATN BANGLA</p> <p>NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am</p> <p>News Every Hour:</p> <p>7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm</p> <p>News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.</p> <p>BANGLAVISION</p> <p>News (Bangla) at 7:30am.</p>

<p>Third Person Singular</p> <p>On Channel i at 01:30pm</p> <p>Bangla Feature Film</p> <p>Cast: Tisha, Topu, Mosharrar Karim</p>	<p>The Ring</p> <p>On Zee Studio at 11:30pm</p> <p>Genre: Horror</p> <p>Cast: Naomi Watts, Martin Henderson</p>	<p>Swapnobhuk</p> <p>On Desh TV 08:15pm</p> <p>Drama Serial</p> <p>Cast: Shahiduzzaman Selim, Apurba</p>
<p>RADIO FOORTI</p> <p>08:00 Addabazi</p> <p>02:00 Foorti Unlimited</p> <p>06:00 Bumper to Bumper</p> <p>10:00 Back to Back music</p> <p>RADIO TODAY</p> <p>07:15 Good Morning Dhaka</p> <p>11:00 Musti Unlimited</p> <p>01:00 Today's World Music</p> <p>04:00 U Turn</p> <p>08:00 Tobey Tai Hok</p> <p>11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan</p>		