

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



Solo Photography Exhibition

Title: Wedding Diary
 Photographer: Prito Reza
 Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15/A (new), Dhanmondi
 Date: October 28-November 5
 Time: 3-8pm



Jazz Concert

Artist: Christina Bjordal and Helge Lien (Norway)
 Organizer: Royal Norwegian Embassy, Dhaka
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shipakala Academy
 Date: November 1
 Time: 7pm



Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Dematerialization of Reality
 Artist: Kazi Salahuddin Ahmed
 Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
 Date: October 29-November 11
 Time: 3-9pm



Sukumar Ray

Breaking ground with literary nonsense

Bengali poet, storywriter and playwright Sukumar Ray was perhaps the most famous practitioner of "literary nonsense" in the subcontinent. He is often compared to Lewis Carroll. His works such as the collection of poems "Aboltabol", novella "HaJaBaRaLa", short story collection "Pagla Dashu" and play "Chalachittachanchari" are considered nonsense masterpieces equal in stature to "Alice in Wonderland", and are regarded as some of the greatest treasures of Bangla literature. Close to a century after his death, Ray remains one of the most popular among children's writers in both West Bengal and Bangladesh.



technology of block-making, conducted experiments, and set up a business of making quality blocks.

In 1906, Sukumar Ray graduated with Honours in Physics and Chemistry from the Presidency College, Kolkata. He was trained in photography and printing technology in England and was a pioneer of photography and lithography in undivided India. While in England, he also delivered lectures about the songs of Rabindranath before he [Tagore] won the Nobel Prize. Sukumar had also drawn acclaim as an illustrator. As a technologist, he also developed new methods of half-tone block-making, and technical articles about this were published in journals in England.

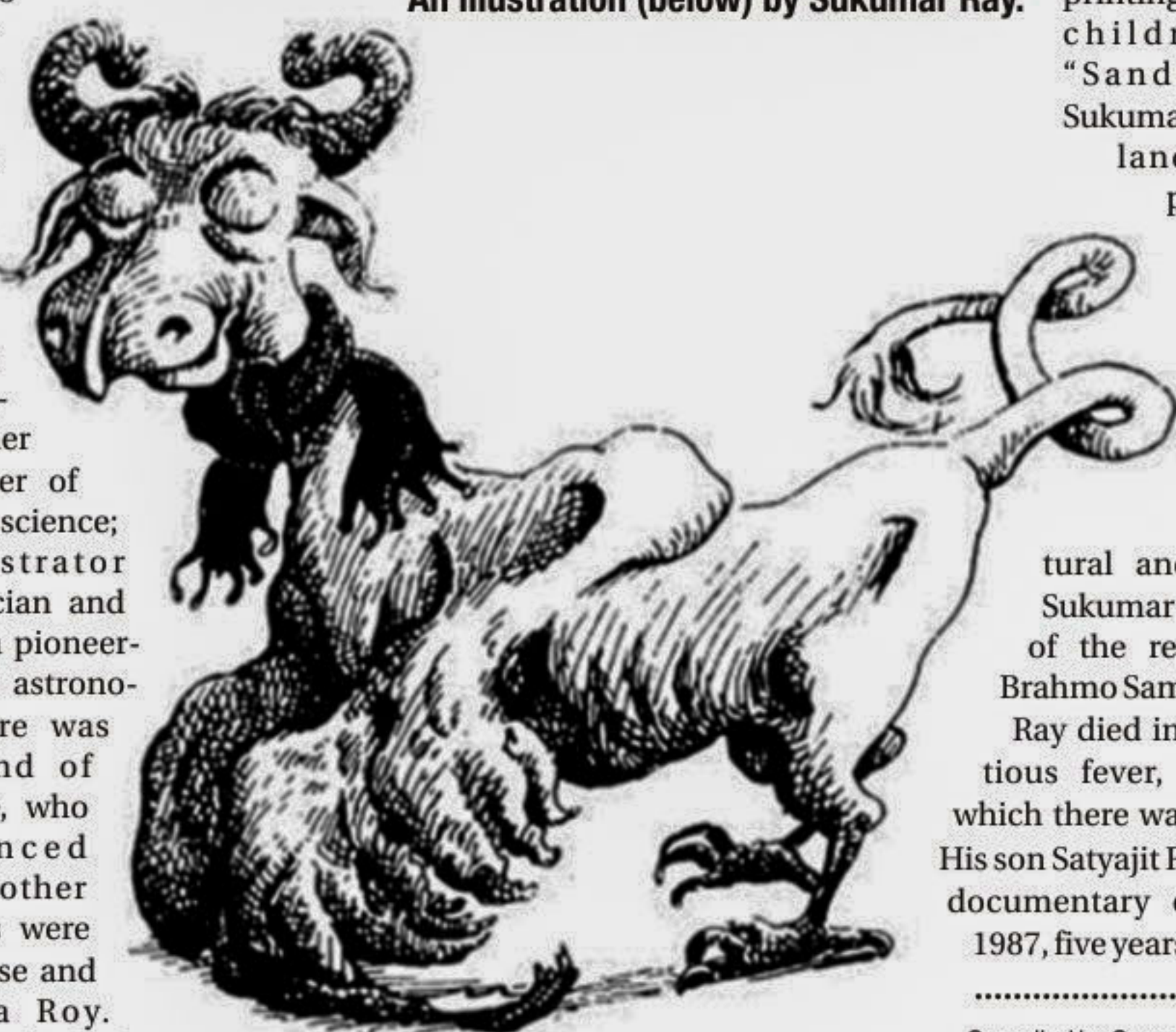
Upendrakishore started a publishing firm, which Sukumar and his brother Subinay helped to run. While Sukumar went to England to learn printing technology, Upendrakishore set up a printing press with facilities for high-quality halftone colour block-making and printing. He also launched the children's magazine, "Sandesh". Soon after Sukumar's return from England, Upendrakishore passed away, and Sukumar ran the printing and publishing businesses and the "Sandesh" magazine for about eight years.

Apart from the cultural and creative activities, Sukumar Ray was also a leader of the reformist wing in the Brahmo Samaj.

Ray died in 1923 of severe infectious fever, 'Leishmaniasis', for which there was no cure at the time. His son Satyajit Ray would later shoot a documentary on Sukumar Ray in 1987, five years before his own death.

Compiled by Correspondent

An illustration (below) by Sukumar Ray.



Today marks 123rd birth anniversary of Sukumar Ray.

He was son of the famous children's storywriter Upendrakishore Ray Chowdhury and father of the iconic filmmaker Satyajit Ray. Sukumar Ray was also known as the convenor of "Monday Club", a weekly gathering of likeminded people at the Ray residence, where the members were free to express their irreverent opinions about the world at large.

Born in an era, which can be called the pinnacle of the Bengal Renaissance, he grew up in an environment that fostered his literary talents. His father was a talented writer of stories and popular science; painter and illustrator extraordinaire; musician and composer of songs; a pioneering technologist and astronomer. Upendrakishore was also a close friend of Rabindranath Tagore, who directly influenced Sukumar. Among other noted family friends were Jagadish Chandra Bose and Prafulla Chandra Roy. Upendrakishore studied the

"Rooted Creativity-6" begins at Bengal Gallery



Participating artists at the press conference.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bengal Gallery's "Rooted Creativity-6", a group art exhibition, which is a part of the celebration of the gallery's 10th anniversary, began yesterday. The show will run till November 9.

The participating artists are Nasim Ahmed Nadvi, Golam Faruque Bebul,

Ahmed Shamsuddoha, Wakilur Rahman, Saidul Haque Juise, Atia Islam Anne, Md. Moniruzzaman, Mohammad Iqbal, Mustafa Zaman and Ronni Ahmmed.

On the occasion, a press conference was held at the gallery's café on October 28. Subir Chowdhury, director of Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts; artists Nasim Ahmed Nadvi, Ahmed Shamsuddoha, Saidul Haque Juise, Atia Islam Anne,

Mohammad Iqbal and Mustafa Zaman, among others, spoke at the conference. Sarwar Jahan, general manager (administration) of the gallery, briefed the media on the works included in the exhibition.

Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mijarul Quayes, inaugurated the exhibition. Noted painter Hashem Khan was present as the chief guest.

Drum beats

Profile of instrument-maker Taposh Chandra

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

Taposh Chandra Das' life changed forever when his father, a musical instrument-maker, died in 2002 at the age of 64. Caught in the vicious grip of hardship, his brother and he had little choice but to take up the same profession as their father.

Taposh has turned out to be versatile instrument-maker. He puts his remarkable skills to use by making drums, congo, bongo, nal, kati dhol, dugi, tabla, khol, Bangla dhol, dholok, bhaber baya and dhak. His reputation has spread far and wide; today his instruments make their way to Dhaka, Rajshahi, Magura, Faridpur, Kushtia and as far as Chittagong.

Taposh told this correspondent that wholesalers from Kushtia, Chuadanga, Magura and Faridpur often flock to him for his superbly crafted musical instruments. Now he makes 20/22 sets of khol, ten sets of dugi etc. His 13-year-old



Taposh (centre) and his brother Tapan at work.

brother Tapan, pitches in to help him when demand is high.

Taposh said it costs him Taka 950 to make a pair of dugi tabla, which sells for Taka 1,150, while congo and bongo cost Taka 2,600 and sell at Taka 3,200.

They live in a rented house and Taposh maintains the family on his meagre income. Taposh added that he aspires to be an ace musical instrument-maker by further refining his skills.



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

ATN BANGLA	
12:15	Musical Programme: Shesh Okkhor
02:40	Bangla Feature Film
06:15	Square Hospital Shushtha Thakun
10:45	Bihango Katha
12:30	Grameenphone Lead News
CHANNEL i	
01:05	Bangla Feature Film: Daruchini Dwip
05:30	Drama Serial: Mohonpur-er Galpo
06:20	Bideshey Bishisto Bangali
09:35	Hridoye Mati O Manush
12:00	Grameenphone Aiker

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12:50	Shastha Protidin
04:10	Gallery
06:45	Shongskriti Ei Shaptaho
07:20	Sholona Bangaliana
09:00	Drama
ETV	
11:30	Mukto Khobor
01:30	Bangla Feature Film
05:25	The Aim
06:30	Bhaboghurey Dot Com
07:50	Golden Voice
12:02	Banglalink Ekusher Raat

RTV	
12:05	Protidin-er Gaan
02:30	Drama Serial: Tourist
04:30	Prithibir Pothey Pothey
05:00	Cinema R Gaan
06:00	Shushtha Thakun Protidin
09:45	Look @ Me
11:45	Jegey Achho Ki
BANGLAVISION	
12:05	Style File
03:05	Bangla Feature Film
06:05	Gaan Ebgong Fun
09:10	Garbo: Gao Pran Khuley Gao
11:30	Art Show: Laal Golap
12:30	Boshudha Cinemar Gaan
DESH TV	
09:30	WEKA Beach Cricket 2010 (Live)
07:45	Desh Top Chart
10:30	Mega Serial: Bhojokot
12:30	Total Sports
Boishakhi TV	
02:35	Bangla Feature Film
05:15	Boishakhi-CNN Shara Bishwa

08:00	Documentary on Liberation War: Jagroto Ohongkar
08:40	Drama: April Phul
10:45	Nirapod Shorok Chai
ATN NEWS	
11:30	Sports Insight
02:15	Amader Katha
05:15	Pramanno Shomoy
07:30	Saat Rang (Live)
08:30	Ei Banglaay
Diganta TV	
12:30	Score Cards
05:30	School Angina
06:30	Aparajita
11:05	Desh Mahadesh
11:30	Shindhu Hindol
HBO	
12:30	My Zinc Bed
02:30	Hollywood One On One 110
03:00	Star Trek
06:30	HBO Central
09:30	Transformers: Revenge of The Fallen
Zee Studio	
10:45	Reign of Fire

01:30	Meet the Fockers
03:45	Shadow Conspiracy
06:00	Miss World 2010
08:00	Scary Movie 2
09:30	The Incredibles
11:35	The Ring Two
Star Movies	
11:20	A Dangerous Man
01:00	There's Something About Mary
05:05	The Proposal
07:00	Drag Me To Hell
08:45	Str of Echoes: The Homecoming
10:20	My Bloody Valentine
12:10	The Haunting in Connecticut
Star World	
09:00	The Bold And The Beautiful
09:30	Best Of Koffee With Karan
11:30	Masterchef Australia
12:30	The Simpsons
02:30	Friends
06:30	The Simpsons
08:30	VIP
09:30	Moment Of Truth
10:30	Royal Pains
11:30	VIP

National Geographic	
12:30	Nat Geo Women's Hour
05:30	Monkey Thieves
07:30	Most Amazing Moments
08:30	Nat Geo Weekends
09:30	India: Mumbai
10:30	Nat Geo Explorer
11:30	True Stories
Discovery Channel	
12:00	Destroyed In Seconds
01:30	Bermuda Triangle Exposed
02:30	Man vs. Wild
08:30	Day Of The Shark II
10:30	Worst Case Scenario
11:00	Destroyed In Seconds
BBC World	
12:30	Click
12:10	Weekend World
01:30	The Bottom Line
03:10	The World Debate: Middle East Peace
07:30	Talking Movies
09:30	Ideas That Changed the World
11:30	Russia Business Report

Talk Show	
ATN BANGLA	
09:20am	Asian City Vision 2020
Channel i	
09:45am	Grameenphone Tritiomatra
11:05am	Amader Aayna
12:30pm	Citycell Taroka Kathan
Desh TV	
10:10pm	Galpo Shalpo Gaan
10:45am	Bashudha Tarokalap
11:45pm	Shoja Katha
Drama Serial	
ATN BANGLA	
08:00pm	Projapoti Mon
09:20pm	Lilaboti
Channel i	
07:50pm	Chaita Pagol
10:00pm	Ural Ponkhi Mon
nvt	
08:15pm	Graduate
ETV	
09:30pm	Chatok Baki Bhai
Rtv	
09:20pm	Life Is Beautiful
BANGLAVISION	
08:15pm	Jamaimela
Desh TV	
08:15pm	Swapnobhuk
09:45pm	Nikamaler Bioscope

News Bulletin	
BTv	
9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am	
ATN 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):	
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CHANNEL-i	
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ATN BANGLA	
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CHANNEL-i	
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1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am	
Etv	
9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm	
abc radio	
08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm, 06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am	
English Bulletin:	
1:30pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm	

Daruchini Dwip
 On Channel i at 01:05pm
 Bangla Feature Film
 Cast: Abdullah Al Mamun, Riaz, Momo

The Incredibles
 On Zee Studio at 09:30pm
 Genre: Animation
 Cast: Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter

Garbo: Gao Pran Khuley Gao
 On Banglavisian at 09:10pm
 Talent hunt for garment workers

RADIO FOORTI	
08:00	Addabazi
02:00	Foorti Unlimited
06:00	Bumper to Bumper
10:00	Back to Back music
RADIO TODAY	
07:15	Good Morning Dhaka
11:00	Musti Unlimited
01:00	Today's World Music
04:00	U Turn
08:00	Tobey Tai Hok
11:00	Raat Bhor Gaan
abc radio fm 89.2	
06:00	Bhorer Janalay
09:00	Mukhorito Jiboney
12:25	Standard Chartered-The Daily Star Jiboner Jyogyan
03:00	Duranto Bikeley
05:00	Shondhatar
07:00	Shajer Maya
09:00	Raat-er Akashay
11:00	Golper Shesh Nei