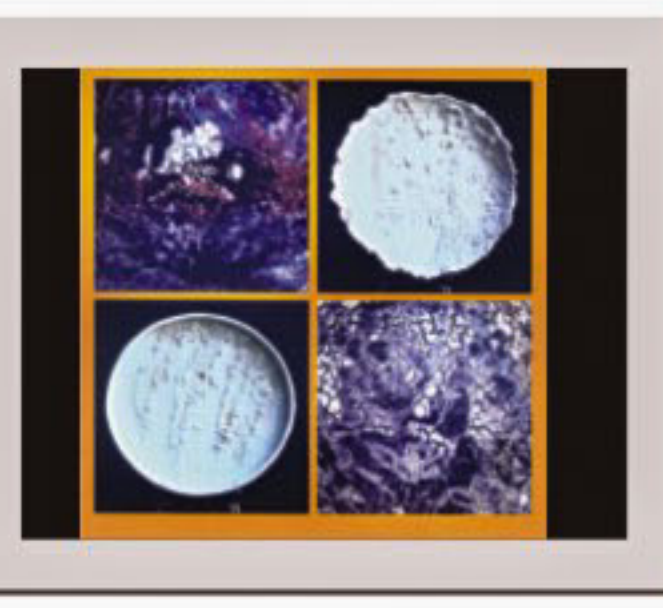


### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Ceramics Exhibition**  
 Title: Aesthetic Studio Ceramics  
 Artist: Syed Shahadat Hussain  
 Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
 Date: December 18-30  
 Time: 3-9pm (Monday-Thursday) 9am-12pm & 5-8pm (Friday & Saturday)



**Robi Channel i Bijoy Mela 2010**  
 Organisers: Robi & Channel i  
 Venue: Channel i Office, Tejgaon  
 Date: December 16  
 Time: 11am-5pm

**Solo Exhibition**  
 Artist: Shohag Parvez  
 Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, Dhanmondi  
 Date: December 12-24  
 Time: 10am-8pm

**Cartoon Exhibition**  
 Title: Cartoon Against Corruption  
 Organiser: Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB)  
 Venue: Zainul Gallery, Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University  
 Date: December 9-16  
 Time: 12-8pm

## Shohag's ode to nature

### Solo exhibition at Shilpangan

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Shilpangan Contemporary Art Gallery has organised a solo exhibition of artist Shohag Parvez. The exhibition began on December 12 and will continue till December 26.

Shohag has a niche for highlighting the serene splendour of nature, riverine life, cloudy skies and hilly areas. He believes that we are all part of nature, but some closely observe it with intense passion.

The painter concentrates on the consistency of colours, rough textures and incredible features. For their unique application on the canvas, the colours come across as vibrant and the forms as well as compositions seem beautifully embellished.

Noted painter Hashem Khan inaugurated the exhibition. Historian Muntasir Mamun was present as special guest at the opening and acclaimed architect and critic Shamsul Wares presided over it.

The exhibition has been sponsored by LankaBangla.



Paintings by Shohag Parvez.

## A rich celebration

### Run up to Christmas

**QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon**

A play was staged at the regional office premises of The Leprosy Mission International of Thakurgaon unit at Salandar village under Thakurgaon Sadar upazila on Thursday.

To mark the run up to Christmas, the Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh organised programmes including a discussion, cultural programme, play and cutting a cake to celebrate the occasion.

The message of the play was that if one shows mercy to others one will be showered

with mercy from God.

The cast, including Shubal, Niranjana, Mamun, Anil and Mukti, was directed by Bratel.

A discussion was held prior to the play at the same venue, with programme director of Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh (Community programme) Shurendranath Singh in the chair.

The discussants said for ushering in a stable and peaceful society all we have to do is maintain and abide by religious precepts and rituals.

## Lending a hand to Aila survivors

### Concert at Cuppa Coffee Club

**TOWHIDUL ISLAM KHAN**

Cyclone Aila hit the coasts of Bangladesh in May 2009. The casualties and damages made the headlines then, but as time passed the hardship and woes of the Aila survivors seemed to get overlooked. But Cuppa Coffee Club in Gulshan, Dhaka brought to light the plight of Aila-victims again through its fund raising campaign.

The club arranged a concert on December 11 featuring popular and promising bands like Nemesis, Shunno, Groovetrap, Bohemian, Alternation, Oblique, Owned and Overtone joining in the relief efforts. The amazing turnout proved that people still cared about fellow Bangladeshis in need.

The bands performed their original numbers, as well as covers of songs of Kings of Leon, U2, Guns N Roses, Wolfmother, Jet, Rush and Deep Purple. Cuppa Coffee Club owner Sayeed bin Anwar expressed hopes that the success of the event will pave way for future aid efforts. All proceeds from the concert will be donated among the people of Dakop in Khulna, where many are still living in dire conditions, he added.



**Owned and Shunno perform at the concert.**

## Docu Fest-4 in the offing

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The fourth instalment of Bangladesh Documentary Film Festival will be held in February next year.

The organisers, Bangladesh Documentary Council (BDC), have invited documentary filmmakers to submit their works for the festival. The deadline for submission begins tomorrow (December 15) and will end on January 15 next year. Enthusiast filmmakers can collect forms from the BDC office in Aziz Super Market, Shahbagh or through log on to its website www.documentarycouncilbd.org.

The fourth instalment of the festival will be held at Central Public Library and National Museum premises, from February 9 to 12. Divided into different segments, the festival will feature documentaries made in the years 2009 and 2010 subjected on Bangladesh by both local and foreign filmmakers.

The coming festival will feature several segments such as General, Competition, Retrospective and Special Focus.

The competition segment will highlight two categories-- 'Students' and 'Debut Filmmakers'.

The organisers have decided to give a lifetime achievement this year, which will be feted to legendary filmmaker Zahir Raihan (posthumously).

## James Cameron hopes to make a film on Indian epics

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

If there is anything that would convince world famous Hollywood director James Cameron to make a film in India, it would be its popular ancient epics, the "Ramayan" and the "Mahabharat".

"Maybe right after the third 'Avatar'," joked the self-confessed 'science groupie,' social activist and one of Hollywood's most successful filmmakers who finds India "fascinating, now that I've been here a couple of times."

"But if there is an Indian director who'd like to make a film -- it could be about the 'Ramayan' or the 'Mahabharat' -- we can offer the technology we've already developed (the 3D system and the virtual camera)," he added.

For now though, as far as filmmaking is concerned, Cameron is not looking beyond the next two films in the "Avatar" series; he is in the midst of scripting the films.

Talking about "Avatar", which grossed more than \$ 2.7 billion worldwide in ticket sales only, he says, "The films made money in a way that gave me hope. Non-profit organisations and NGOs approached me to use 'Avatar' to further their message."

Earlier in the year, Cameron was in the Amazon, protesting against the massive Belo Monte dam that the

Brazilian government plans to build.

According to the New York Times, "it would be the third largest in the world, and environmentalists say it would flood hundreds of square miles of the Amazon and dry up a 60-mile stretch of the Xingu River, devastating the indigenous communities that live along it."

Cameron became a passionate social activist post-Avatar, particularly after he saw the response the film generated among NGOs. "However," he says, "I pick my causes carefully." His strategy, he says, is "to go there, talk to all sides and once I am concerned, then I can do something about it."

"We can do well," he said, "Do good for the planet and the future generation."

The unexpected response to "Avatar" from environmental groups has got Cameron "very interested in renewable energy. I am going to focus my extra-curricular energy outside 'Avatar' to that cause. But we are not going to solve the environmental crisis if we don't first solve the energy crisis."

Asked to define success, he says, "Success is when people are listening. If the seeds are landing on fertile soil, that's it."

Cameron was in Lavasa, a hill township near Pune, as one of the featured speakers at INK, the innovation and knowledge conference inspired by the TED series.

Before coming to India -- his first visit was in March this year -- says Cameron, he had a love affair with the imagery of India that he had in his head. But, once he came here, "I realised they were real people." Now, he's fascinated with what he describes is the "energy of the nation and the rapid changing modern India."

Compiled by Correspondent

**ATN BANGLA**  
 01:25 ATN Music  
 03:45 Furniture Mela  
 04:25 Sonali Din  
 05:20 Obiraam Bangladesh  
 10:45 Bihonga Katha  
 12:30 Grameenphone Lead News

**CHANNEL i**  
 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
 01:30 Hridoyer Gaan  
 04:05 Muktiuddho Protidin  
 07:50 Special Tele-film: Rebeka  
 11:30 Banglalink Banglar Pothey  
 12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro

**ntv**  
 04:10 Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey  
 05:30 Aajker Jiggasha  
 06:10 Shubho Shondha  
 06:45 Frankly Speaking  
 09:00 Special Programme on Martyred Intellectual Day: Nirob Kanna  
 11:30 Drama: Khelaghar

**ETV**  
 04:30 Programme on Martyred Intellectual Day: Protikriti  
 Programme on Martyred Intellectual Day: Smriti Omolin  
 05:30 Desh Jurey Shanglap

**DESH TV**  
 03:00 Documentary: Stop Genocide  
 04:30 Documentary: Al Badr  
 05:00 Documentary: Muktiuddhar Smitikatha  
 05:30 Durpath  
 06:25 Documentary: Munier Chowdhury O Kabor  
 08:15 Recitation Programme: Swadhinata Tumi Total Sports

**RTV**  
 12:05 Protidiner Gaan  
 02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
 09:20 Drama: Air Corn  
 11:45 Bedona Bidhur Almotyag

**BANGLAVISION**  
 03:30 Cinebit Shadakalo  
 06:30 Bhalobashar Bangladesh  
 09:10 Garbo: Gao Pran Khuley Gao

**Boishakhi TV**  
 03:20 Totka  
 04:15 Shorashori Doctor  
 05:15 Boishakhi-CNN Sharabishwa  
 05:30 Shudhu Cinemar Gaan  
 11:30 Boishakhi Shongskriti O Binodon Sangbad

**Diganta TV**  
 12:30 Score Cards  
 03:30 Shahityalal  
 05:30 Shur Shurobhi  
 06:05 Dosh Diganta  
 08:05 Lime Light  
 10:00 Prime Time

**HBO**  
 10:00 You Don't Mess with the Zohan  
 12:30 Public Enemies  
 03:15 Anaconda 3: Offspring  
 05:00 The Pagemaster  
 07:00 Fred Claus  
 09:30 Ghost Ship

**Star Movies**  
 10:25 Ruslan  
 12:10 101 Dalmatians  
 02:00 Weather Girl  
 05:25 Ninja  
 07:00 Reign Of Fire  
 08:55 The Reader  
 10:55 The Deal

**Star World**  
 12:30 Burn Notice  
 03:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?  
 03:30 How I Met Your Mother  
 04:00 Friends  
 07:30 Koffee With Karan  
 09:00 Friends  
 09:30 MasterChef Australia

**Cartoon Network**  
 12:30 Ben 10  
 04:30 My Giant Friend  
 05:00 Krishna and Balaram  
 05:30 Beyblade Metal Fusion  
 08:30 Pokemon DP: Battle Dimension  
 09:30 Inazuma Eleven

**Talk Show**

**ATN BANGLA**  
 06:20pm Kothamala  
**CHANNEL i**  
 09:45am Grameenphone Tritto Matra  
 12:30pm Citycell Taroka Kathon  
**ETV**  
 10:10pm Gaipo Shalpo

**Drama Serial**

**ATN Bangla**  
 08:00pm Madhabi Villa  
 09:20pm Poush Phaguner Pala  
 10:55pm Nondini  
**Channel i**  
 05:30pm Jato Gurey Jai  
**ntv**  
 08:15pm Manabzamin  
 09:45pm Dhupchhaya  
**ETV**  
 08:20pm Ek E Shunno

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

**Nirob Kanna**  
 On ntv at 09:00pm  
 Special Programme on Martyred Intellectual Day  
 Guests: Shahriar Kabir, Manzoorul Islam

**The Reader**  
 On Star Movies at 08:55pm  
 Genre: Drama  
 Cast: Kate Winslet, Ralph Fiennes

**Saatkahon**  
 On Boishakhi TV at 10:45pm  
 Talk Show on Martyred Intellectuals  
 Discussants: Nasiruddin Yousuff, Syed Manzoorul Islam

**RADIO FOORTI**  
 10:00 Morning Express  
 12:00 My Time  
 01:00 No Tension  
 04:00 Dhaka Calling  
 09:00 Night Rider  
 01:00 Back to Back music

**abc radio fm 89.2**  
 06:00 Bhorer Janalay  
 09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney  
 12:00 Duranto Bikeley  
 03:00 Shondhatara  
 07:00 Shajer Maya  
 09:00 Raat-er Akashey  
 11:00 Golper Shesh Nel

**RADIO TODAY**  
 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka  
 11:00 Musti Unlimited  
 01:00 Today's Adda  
 04:00 U Turn  
 08:00 Tobey Tai Hok  
 11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan  
 12:00 Today's Happy Moments