

WHAT'S ON

Solo Photography Exhibition Photographer: Nafis Ahmed Nadvi Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, Dhamondi Date: October 8

Film Screening Film: Mukti Gan Venue: Indra Gandhi Cultural Centre, Gulshan-1 Date: October 13 Time: 3:15pm

Tasher Dosh Troupe: Shadhona Painter: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy Date: Oct. 6 Time: 7pm

Group Art Exhibition Title: Master and the Apprentices Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, Dhamondi Date: October 7-18

Solo Art Exhibition Title: Symphony of Colours Painter: Shumona Haque Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhamondi Date: Oct. 2-11

Solo Painting Exhibition Title: Portrait: Riddle of Characters Artist: Apurba Karri Das Venue: La Galerie, Miranso, Franciscan de Dhaka, Dhamondi Date: Sept. 30-Oct. 13 Time: 3-9pm

Classical Music Soiree Artist: Pandit Sarathi Chatterjee Venue: Natyashala, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Dhaka Date: October 15

Film Screening Title: Maitri Maitri Venue: Indra Gandhi Cultural Centre, Gulshan-1 Date: October 20 Time: 6:30pm

"ITI gives priority to creative and active individuals, centres" -- Ramendu Majumdar



Ramendu Majumdar speaks at the 33rd ITI World Congress.

PHOTO: SELIM SH CHOWDHURY

JAMIL MAHMUD Noted Bangladeshi theatre personality Ramendu Majumdar has been re-elected the worldwide president of International Theatre Institute (ITI). The newly elected 19-member executive council voted for him at the 33rd ITI World Congress held recently in Xiamen, China.

Several new strategies were adopted at the recent ITI congress. He said, "When we were elected in 2008 at the Madrid congress, we had a vision to bring about a change in the organisation. Although ITI was founded in 1948, very few changes have been made over the years. We

observed that in most countries, ITI centres have been treated as exclusive organisations. We took initiatives to make them more inclusive. This time, we are adamant to make the process transparent, as we want to involve more creative individuals from all over the world. Encouraging young activists and enthusiasts under the umbrella of ITI is another strategy that was adopted in the recent congress."

His personal vision: "ITI is changing. Personally I feel that I have to continue programmes and projects that support this change. We have to change our approach. I hope within the next two years, my organisation and I will be able to see fruits of this change. Local centres have to be more open and accessible. I have a dream of having as many centres as possible in Asia. Currently, there are only eight centres in Asia."

POETRY OF LIGHT AND SHADE

Nafis Ahmed Nadvi's solo photo exhibition at

FAYZA HAQ

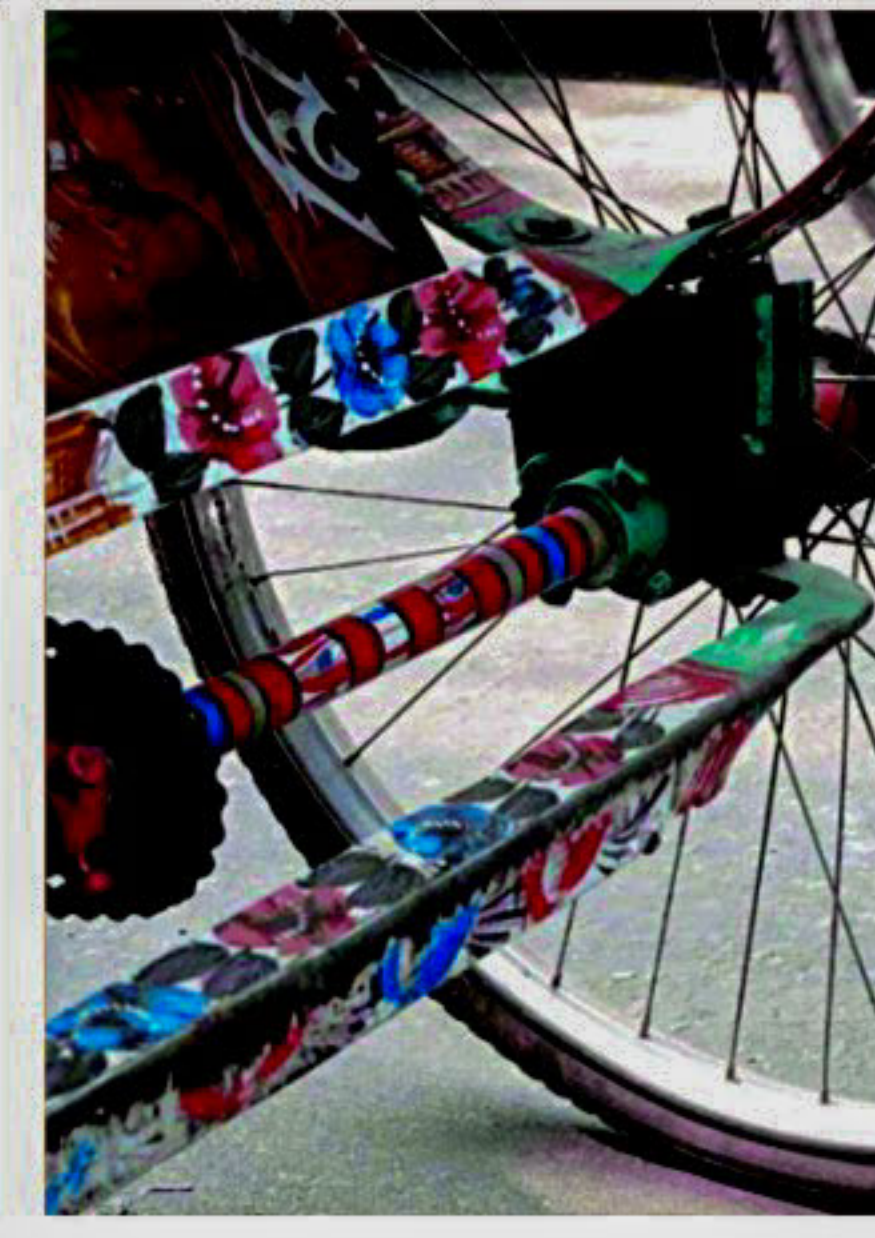
Nafis Ahmed Nadvi had master photographers like Dr. Noazish Ahmed and Naib Ahmed as his uncles. His other well-known relative is Nasim Ahmed Nadvi, an accomplished painter and architect. It is not surprising that Nafis Nadvi's solo photography exhibition, at the Dhaka Art Centre, began with a sea of viewers. The display is to end on October 8.

The crumpling of ancient buildings of Panam City, seen through the opening of the glitzy plastic, garish hood of the rickshaw, arrests the eye. So does the legs of the tailor with checked "lungi", hitched up, the thin legs crossed, with the metal, corrugated door -- partially shut -- brings the repose of the afternoon



Photos by Nafis Ahmed Nadvi.

co-exist. The poor, pot-bellied children sans clothes won one's heart, as did the average man's daughters decked to the hilt -- placed on the father's flat stomach in a mud hut through which parallel bars of sunlight poured in.



"Koyekti Neel Rong Pencil" on Boishakhi TV



A CORRESPONDENT

Single-episode TV play, "Koyekti Neel Rong Pencil" will be aired tonight on Boishakhi TV at 8:45pm. Written and directed by Anjan Aich, the play features Joya Ahsan, Intekhab Dinat, Ranwak Hasan and Tanmoy. The story revolves around a lonesome housewife, Joyita, and her estranged husband, Uday. Out of the blue, an old man approaches Joyita and introduces himself as the father of her grandfather, even though the man is supposed to be long dead. At first Joyita pays no heed to the old man but gradually the mystery starts revealing itself.

Dima Nefertiti launches new album

To mark the 150th birth anniversary of Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore, news presenter and elocutionist Dima Nefertiti launched her fourth solo album, titled "Shurjopronam". The album was formally launched on October 3 at Bengal Shilpalaya, Dhamondi in Dhaka, according to a press release. Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University; Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman and educationist Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir attended the programme as guests. A number of poets, elocutionists and cultural personalities were also present at the programme.

Making of a model

In conversation with Shokh

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Although she made her first steps in the media with dance, it was modeling that jumpstarted Shokh's career. The journey has taken her through the world of TV dramas and even a movie with superstar Shakib Khan. Shokh says it's patience, not haste, that has contributed to her success story.

TV channels regularly air the popular Banglalink commercials featuring Shokh. Recently a commercial with movie star Ferdous -- for an air conditioner -- has become quite a hit. Pairing up with another acclaimed film star Riiaz in a carbonated cola commercial brought Shokh further fame, while her appearances in beauty soap and cream commercials have also made her a familiar face among TV viewers.



PHOTO: STAR

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY Children stage cultural function in Tangail

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

A vibrant cultural function and a drama were staged at Zila Shilpakala Academy auditorium in Tangail on October 3 on the occasion of World Children's Day. Child artists of Amra Korbo Joi, a children's organisation in Tangail, staged "Jiboner Khoje". Ratan Datta wrote the play while Ratan Chandra directed it. The drama, highlighting the lives of street children, was performed by young actors who secured first place in a competition among 51 theatre teams of 17 districts of Dhaka Division at the Children's Drama Festival held last



PHOTO: STAR

Rocking Kabul: Afghanistan stages secretive rock event

It was arranged in secret, dates and venues closely guarded until the day. But this basement gig, held underneath a veterinary clinic, isn't in London or New York but in the Afghan capital, Kabul. The event was part of the city's first rock festival since the fall of the Taliban and it went ahead despite threats to some of the bands. "Four or five years ago all this could only have been a dream," says lead vocalist of District Unknown, Kassim.



Kassim from District Unknown says the festival was like a "dream".

District Unknown are an Afghan heavy metal band and like their idols Slipknot, they usually wear masks. But they wear them to protect their identity, having been threatened by the Taliban not to play music. "Some so-called very religious people like to spread the fear of the Taliban. I've been threatened two times," says the band's 23-year-old drummer, Pedrum.

"They come to you and say stop it or we'll force you to stop. I told them that I had stopped, so we all started using masks. I hate hiding myself, I'm sick of it." The secret gig is packed and sweaty and there's a very enthusiastic mosh pit. The boys wear low-slung jeans with Pink Floyd and Red Hot Chili Peppers T-shirts, the few girls in attendance wear long-sleeved tops, but don't cover their hair like most Afghan women.

something very bad. It's only music, we're just chilling." Farida says she's determined to try her best to lead a normal life: "We know anything can happen. Everyday when you walk out of your house, you know you might not come home in the evening. But we can't lock ourselves away and not enjoy our lives. We need to take the risks to live our lives like human beings." Whilst traditional Afghan music and even Bollywood songs can be heard on the streets of the capital, rock music is generally seen as an unwanted western influence. "That disapproving meant fans had to register on a secret database to let them receive text messages of where and when the performances were taking place. Almost 1,000 people attended the four-day event, with bands taking part from all over central Asia, including Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Iran.



The event finished in the Central Sound Festival at Bagh-e Babor Gardens.

Table with TV and radio schedules for ATN Bangla, Channel i, and BANGLOVISION.

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Ke Hote Chay Kotipoti On Desh TV at 09:45pm Reality Show Host: Asaduzzaman Noor

Batman: Under the Red Hood On HBO at 07:55pm Genre: Animation/Action Cast: Bruce Greenwood, Jensen Ackles

Sharidiyo Studio Concert On Rtv at 11:30pm Musical Programme Guest: Raul Shaif Mandal, Arif Zaul

Table with TV schedules for various channels including Desh TV, Boishakhi TV, ETV, and Diganta TV.

Table with Drama Serial schedules for ATN Bangla, Channel i, and BANGLOVISION.

Table with News Bulletin schedules for ATN Bangla, Channel i, and BANGLOVISION.

Table with Talk Show schedules for ATN Bangla, Channel i, and BANGLOVISION.