

WHAT'S ON
Borshoboron 1422
 Organiser: Chhayanaut
 Venue: Ramna Botomul, Dhaka
 Date: April 14
 Time: 6am



Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: Destination & Departure
 Artist: Professor Monsur Ul Karim
 Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, Rd-16, Sec-4, Uttara
 Date: Apr 11-21
 Time: 11am-8pm



Mongol Shobhajatra
 Venue: Charukala, Dhaka University
 Date: April 14
 Time: 9am



Group Art Exhibition
 Jatra - by contemporary Bangladeshi women artists
 Venue: Gallery Twenty One
 Date: Mar 28-Apr 12
 Time: 12-8pm



Group Art Exhibition
 The Sweet Taste of Liberty
 Venue: Athena Gallery of fine arts
 Date: March 28 to April 20
 Time: 10am-8pm



NEWS bytes

Star Wars digital collection coming online

The entire "Star Wars" saga will be available for digital download beginning from April 10. The development will sure excite fans of the films and allow filmmakers to rev up anticipation in advance of the Christmas Day release of the seventh installment, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens."

All six films in the series and bonus features -- interviews of the team and a number of deleted scenes --



will be accessible in digital HD for viewing on a variety of devices, according to an announcement by Walt Disney Studios, Lucasfilm Ltd. and 20th Century Fox.

Fans will be able to buy the films -- beginning with "The Phantom Menace" and continuing through "Return of the Jedi" -- either individually or as a set. They will be available through multiple retailers, including iTunes, Google Play, Amazon, Vudu, Amazon, Xbox Video, PlayStation Store and Verizon Fios.

Source: **Variety**



Rare gifts for **Boishakh**
 Sukanta's Dhamrai Metal Crafts

SADYA AFREEN MALLICK

On Boishakh, why not add a striking traditional gift to your list? For starters you could venture out to the village of Dhamrai, north of Dhaka beyond Savar, on the Dhaka-Aricha Highway. Here, Sukanta Banik will be more than pleased to receive you at "Sukanta's Dhamrai Metal Crafts" outlet.

Banik Bari, the family's 100-year-old mansion, which stands as a proud reminder of the family's once thriving business is located just past the "Rath" or chariot, brought out with much pomp annually during the Rath Jatra festival.

Here, you will find Sukanta's ancestral home; which is also the workshop. On a visit to the adjoining shop, housing a treasure trove of figures, one could almost spend the entire day browsing and there's something for everyone -- from various deities and other decorative pieces such as fish candle holder, folk horse on wheels, incense burner, bulls, frogs to fish and

more. The prices range from a modest few hundred Taka for a piece, to a Buddha that goes for around Taka 90,000. It would be rather difficult to shortlist your favourites. Many of the metal crafts are on sale at a number of handicrafts shops in Dhaka, but the mark ups are huge that there's a definite advantage to buying at source.

Sukanta explains, the process of metal casting. If you are lucky you might see employees continue with a live demonstration. The family members including Sukanta's mother and wife are also involved in the making process of the figurines which are finally baked in the

oven. The process involves a man climbing into the oven, placing the figures at appropriate spots and then running out before it gets too hot! The process is called lost wax method which is a 5,000 year old tradition. First the bell metal or copper is placed in a mould of wax. As the wax melts away the figures come out and each piece is unique and is done freehand. The raw material is mostly recycled, informs Sukanta.

The ancestral business that dates back 200 years is, however, in the doldrums. Enthusiastic expats, local buyers and temples are the only buyers for the crafts. While the overall indus-



Pacer Rubel to lead marketing campaign of Robi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Star pacer of Bangladesh National Cricket Team Rubel Hossain has another surprise in store for his fans. The pacer, who devastated England during the ICC Cricket World Cup, will be seen as a model in a television commercial of telecom operator Robi. In the TVC, Rubel will lead the upcoming marketing campaign of Robi.

Shooting for the commercial finished at Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (BFDC) yesterday. During a shooting break Rubel told this correspondent, "I am tremendously happy to do the TVC. I was very excited and a little bit nervous since it is my first appearance as a model. But I found the work very interesting, and will do more such assignments if I receive offers. "The pace sensation added, "The commercial features me as a cricketer that is why I am very comfortable. As a professional player I belong to cricket, and my dreams centre on the game. I would like to thank Robi for tagging me with them. Also I am grateful to the people of the country for their support."

The 40-second TVC, directed by Adnan Al Rajeev, will go on air soon.

MIB Gaan Mela begins tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 10-day music fair titled "Gaan Mela" will begin tomorrow at the premises of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Music Industries Owners' Association of Bangladesh (MIB) announced the first of its kind event in Bangladesh, at a press conference in the capital on April 6.

MIB Secretary General Shahed Ali Pappu, noted music director Sheikh Sadi Khan, Basudev Ghosh, Ibrar Tipu, Zulfikar Russel, noted singer Fatema Tuz Zohra, Ferdous Wahid, Asif Akbar, Putul and many others were present at the press meet.

Gaan Mela, that continues from April 9 to 18, aims at connecting singers, musicians, lyricists, composers and other people in the field as well general listeners.



TV WATCH
"Ekdin Chhuti Hobe"
 on ntv

Drama serial "Ekdin Chhuti Hobe" will air on ntv tonight at 9:45pm. Written by Faruk Hossain and directed by Himel Ashraf, the drama serial zooms in on some persons who lead a hectic life and are weary and crave for respite from their tedious daily chores.

The play casts Shahiduzzaman Selim, Pran Roy, Nausheen, Urmila, Nisha, Aparna, Tania Ahmed, Mishu, Sabbir, Marzuk, Rasel, Syed Hasan, Imam and others.

IT'S TRUE!



Michael Peter Balzary, known better as Flea and considered one of the best rock bassists of all time, was originally a jazz trumpet player. Apart from being the only constant member of Red Hot Chili Peppers for 30 years, Flea has also made occasional forays into acting, appearing in films that span many genres such as "Suburbia" (1983), "Back to the Future" Part II (1989) and Part III (1990), "My Own Private Idaho" (1991), "The Chase" (1994), "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" (1998) and "The Big Lebowski" (1998), in addition to voicing the character Donnie Thornberry in the animated TV series "The Wild Thornberrys" (1998-2004).



'Mr. X' has nothing to do with 'Hollow Man' ... Amyra Dastur

Bollywood actress Amyra Dastur, who will be seen in "Mr. X" alongside Emraan Hashmi, said the film has nothing to do with the Hollywood hit "Hollow Man". "I would like to clarify that it has got nothing to do with 'Hollow Man'. Our film is not even based on that film and neither is it inspired by it. 'Mr. X' is a fresh film altogether. It's a story about love and hate, but I can't reveal the plot of the film right now," Amyra told IANS. "Mr. X" is about Emraan's character, who has a dramatic past that leads to the birth of a new character - an invisible man Mr. X who seeks revenge for all the wrongs done to him.

The movie is slated to hit the screens on April 17.

Source: **NDTV**

DEEPIKA PADUKONE
 Who chooses **"MY CHOICE"?**

KAVITA, New Delhi

So what's all the fuss about? After endless well-publicised discussions about her cleavage, her bout with clinical depression, it's now Deepika Padukone's "My Choice" video that has given her two extra minutes of fame--or ill-fame going by the outraged reactions of Bollywood stars like Sonam Kapoor and Sonakshi Sinha who have cried foul to the video on women's empowerment.

Sonam is reported to have said, "I don't have to make a video to voice my opinions. My actions have always spoken louder than my words.... I'm proud to be a woman and I respect my independence." Meanwhile Sonakshi said, "Women's empowerment is now about what clothes you wear and who you want to have sex with and things like that".

The media was quick to jump in to the fray with its take on the two-minute video that went viral recently. Men rushed in to the battlefield with their own "My Choice" videos that satired

Deepika's statements on men, love, marriage, motherhood.

Yes the video is somewhat simplistic and pretentious. And yes it speaks for a minuscule section of privileged Indian women who have the freedom of choice. And yes one wonders at all the fuss about the video that had garnered 4.5 million hits at last count. But a lot of women are rooting for it because it has started a conversation about what it really means to be a woman with the freedom of choice.



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Answers of Quiz-03 :

- Brian O'Conner
- Chris Morgan

Quiz No-04:

- Which actor is a WWE superstar from Furious 7 cast?
- Mention the name of the role Jason Statham is playing in furious 7.

Winners of Quiz-03:

Ishita Jahan, Bushundhara R/A
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 Salma Kabir Mou, Mohammadpur
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