

QUOTES



"Abdullah Al Mamun's classic 'Sangsaptak' was supposed to be made into a movie, and I had worked with Mamun bhai for that project. I was supposed to play the character of Phulmoti, immortalised by the great Ferdausi Mazumdar. The film didn't happen eventually, due to various reasons. It is one character I wish I could have played."

SUBORNA MUSTAFA
(IN A TV INTERVIEW)



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHIE

SHIKOR: WHERE LEARNING IS JOY

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With a view to introduce children to their cultural roots, Chhayanaut has been running Shikor, a special programme for young ones, for the last eight years. This first programme of its kind in Bangladesh aims at enlightening children between 6-13 about culture, history and the heritage of the nation.

Chhayanaut authorities hope that the programme will help children develop their intellectual faculties and guide them to grow into better human beings.

Shikor differs from traditional competitive schooling which largely rests on examinations; rather, it promotes an open learning platform where children are encouraged to take part in cultural activities. The programme incorporates music, painting, dance, physical exercise, recitation, acting, and sports.



As part of the programme, children are exposed to the rich cultural and historical heritage of the country. They are regularly taken on excursions to places of historical importance which gives them insights into the history of this region. Also, they are introduced to traditional fruits and delicacies like pitha and other delights. The programme runs throughout Baishakh to Chaitra of the Bangla calendar every year, and students are enrolled only once a year in Baishakh.

About the programme, Chhayanaut's vice president Sarwar Ali said, "We are receiving favourable feedback from both the students and guardians. We request other schools in Dhaka to introduce the same programme aside from the existing system. If they do so, we will give them logistical support since we have the experience of running this programme."

Khairul Anam Shakil, general secretary of Chhayanaut said, "We are trying to create a culture-conscious generation as we believe cultural identity is the main identity of a nation. We have a thousand-year-old heritage but our young generation is getting deviated from it. It is high time we took some measures to spread culture across the country. We have contacted several schools and they have shown interest in introducing our programme."



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"I usually prepare some dessert items on Eid day" ...Nadia

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Popular TV face Nadia Ahmed had a busy shooting schedule ahead of Eid. She recently talked about her Eid celebrations, cooking and more in an interview with The Daily Star. Excerpts:

Have you had a tight schedule this Eid season?

Nadia: I was booked for shooting for Eid plays till September 22. I am appearing in two plays directed by Tauquir Ahmed and another one under the direction of Badrul Anam Soud. Besides, Aniruddho Russel's "Nil Megh Kuasha Ar Bhalobasa" aired on Eid. Two plays were shot abroad.

What do you usually do on Eid day?

Nadia: As there is no shooting, I catch up on some sleep. I also hang out with friends and family during the Eid holidays.

Do you cook on Eid day?

Nadia: A little bit. Basically it's my mother's department. I usually prepare some dessert items on the occasion. Although I'm an occasional cook, I love collecting cooking recipes.

What's your ideal Eid makeover?

Nadia: It depends on the situation. For example, if there is any party on the day, I take bright makeup. On the other hand, if I stay at home, I wear a simple look.

Do you watch Eid TV plays?

Nadia: I like to sit back during the time and hang out with friends and relatives. But I watch the dramas on Youtube later.

NEWS bytes

"Hotel Transylvania 2" opens big

Adam Sandler's embarrassing "Pixels" flop didn't keep the comedian down. "Hotel Transylvania 2", which Sandler executive produced, co-wrote, and stars in, opened this weekend to an estimated \$48.2 million-- breaking records for the struggling studio, Sony.

The animated comedy about a spooky hotel filled with vampires, werewolves and more, handily won the box office weekend. It more than doubled the \$18.6 profit that second place "The Intern" raked in, and in third came "Maze Runner: Scorch Trials", which brought in \$14 million. Even more impressively, the film's massive opening is the highest of the year for Sony.

"Hotel Transylvania 2" is directed by Genndy Tartakovsky, and co-stars Andy Samberg, Selena Gomez, Kevin James, David Spade, Steve Buscemi, Keegan-Michael Key, Molly Shannon and Mel Brooks.

Source: **Cinemablend**



KAPIL SHARMA makes strong Bollywood debut

Stand-up TV comedian Kapil Sharma's debut film "Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon" has had a strong opening at the box office, with collections estimated to be to the tune of Rs 10 crores, a record-breaking collection for a newcomer. Elated Kapil Sharma fans flooded Twitter with congratulatory messages and 'Kapil Sharma Creates A History' was among the top trends on the social networking site.

A Box Office India report says that the movie has broken the record previously held by "Student Of The Year" which marked the debut of actors Alia Bhatt, Siddharth Malhotra and Varun Dhawan and made Rs 7.5 crores on its opening day.

The opening day figures of the film is also higher than Sooraj Pancholi and Athiya Shetty's much-hyped and aggressively-promoted "Hero", which scooped around Rs 6 crores on its first day. The first day collections are also higher than that of this year's "Brothers" and "Tanu Weds Manu Returns", but lesser than that of "Bajrangi Bhaijaan", "ABCD 2" and "Welcome Back".

Besides Kapil, the cast of the Abbas Mustan-directed laugh riot includes Elli Avram, Simran Kaur Mundi and Manjari Phadnis.

Source: **NDTV Movies**

Bhutanese Film Festival in Dhaka

A CORRESPONDENT

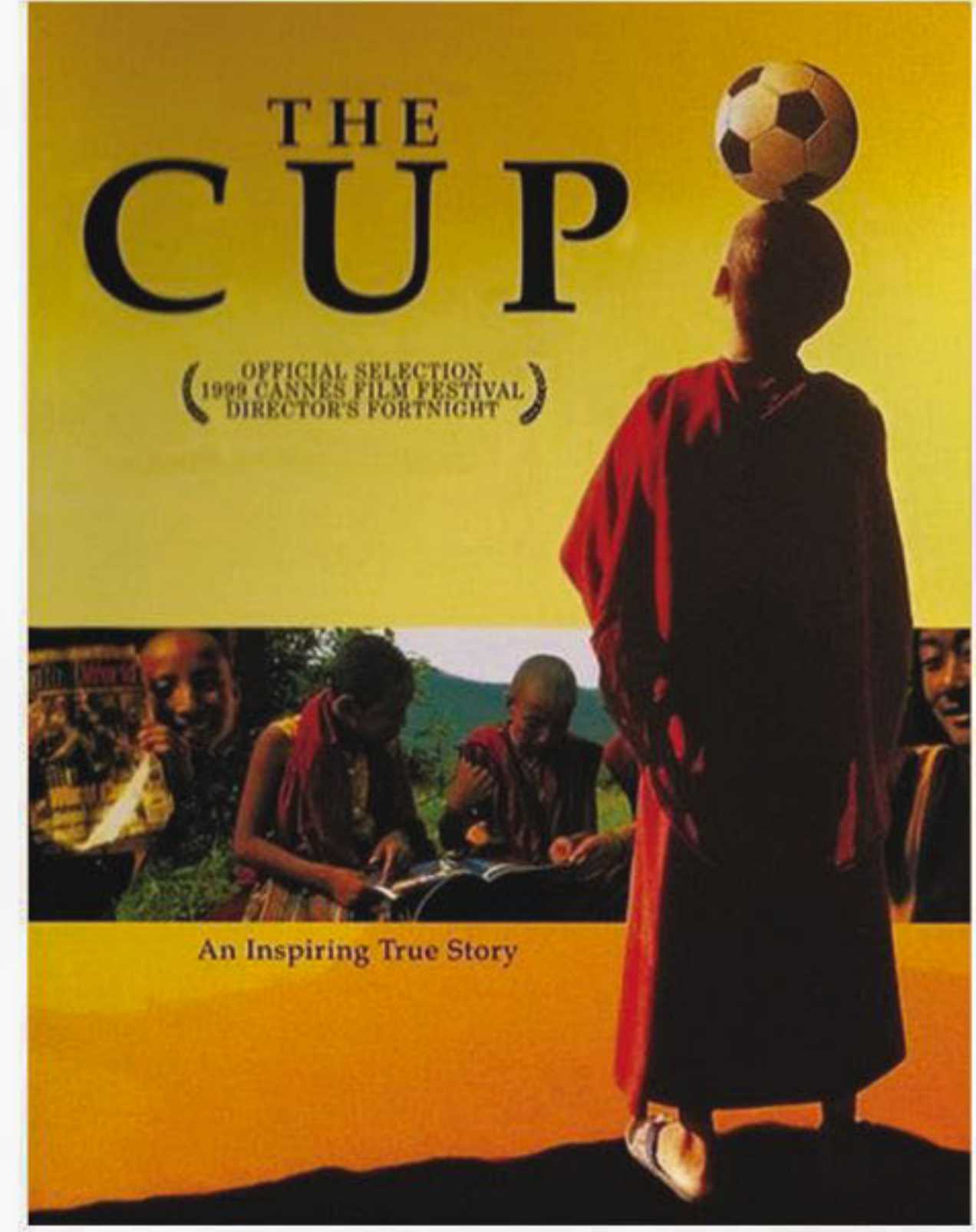
The Royal Bhutanese Embassy in Dhaka, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture of Bangladesh and the Bangladesh National Museum, is hosting a Bhutan Film Festival from October 2 to 6, at the Kabi Sufia Kamal Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum.

The festival is part of the yearlong celebrations in Bhutan to commemorate the 60th Birth Anniversary of the Fourth King of Bhutan, Jigme Singye Wangchuck.

The Bhutan Film Festival will be inaugurated by Asaduzzaman Noor, Minister of Cultural Affairs of Bangladesh.

A total of six Bhutanese feature films and seven documentaries will be screened at the five-day festival. The screenings will be daily at 10:30am, 1pm, 3:30pm and 6pm.

The festival is open to all.



TV WATCH

"Prem Othoba Duhshopner Raat Din" on ntv



A CORRESPONDENT

Eid special television play "Prem Othoba Duhshopner Raat Din" will air on ntv tonight at 8:05pm. Written by Nur Siddiqui and directed by Tuhin Hossain, the play's protagonist is Shafin whose car accidentally hits a stranger. Following the doctor's advice, he brings the man to his house but as the man's condition improves he begins to claim that he is married to Shafin's wife.

The play casts Mosharrar Karim, Iresh Zaker and Purnima among others.

"Commercial Break" on Maasranga



A CORRESPONDENT

Single-episode television play "Commercial Break" will air tonight at 10:30pm on Maasranga Television. Written and directed by Imraul Rafat, the play is about married couple Fahad and Arony, who face various problems in their conjugal life.

The play casts Tisha, Afran Nisho and Hillol in the lead roles.