

On October 4, 2015 Hazrat Shah Amanat International Airport was filled with some special young passengers. The excitement was more than usual and it was all because of a team of 100. The young 100-team delegation from Bangladesh was travelling to India thanks to the India- Bangladesh Cultural Exchange programme organised by the Indian High Commission in Dhaka. This was the fourth time that the exchange was being organised and the lucky 100 were to travel to India for a first hand experience

swept from their feet by Indian hospitality. Their first exposure to India began with the visit to the Delhi Museum where the delegates enjoyed Indian heritage up close. Later that day they were taken to the Indian Metro Station for a ride on the glorious Indian metro. The ride stopped at the Jamuna Bank Station where the first day of the trip ended.

The second day was a trip to IIFT (Indian Institute of Foreign Trade) where the delegates learned about Indian modern economy. "The lectures were very

President Pranab Mukherji. "This was something which we all have been waiting for. The President greeted us with a warm welcome and spoke about Bangladesh. As his wife was from Bangladesh we could actually see how he missed the country," says Zunaid Omar, studying Electrical Engineering at BUET and also one of the members of the delegation. The delegation also presented the President with souvenirs from the country. The trip also included heritage sites such as the Taj Mahal, Red Fort, Shantiniketan and so much more. The

EXPERIENCE



A TRIP OF A LIFETIME

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on Indian culture and traditions. Their visit spanned from October 4 to 11.

After boarding Jet Airways the team reached Delhi at around 1:00 am. "We knew this was a government sponsored trip but didn't realise we would be treated like VIPs!" says Chowdhury Farahnaz Priyanka, a delegate and also a student of History at Dhaka University. On arrival, the team was greeted at the airport by the Ministry of Youth and Sports, India. With flowers and music, the 100 members were

useful as we got to learn from the experts how India has developed and how they are still running the process," says Talbida Ali, a young Shanto-Mariam graduate in Fashion Designing, also a delegate. They were also taken to Hero Honda's factory, where they saw how a bike was manufactured step by step.

The third day was very important since it was the highlight of the trip. On October 6, the delegates were taken to the Rashtrapati Bhavan to meet with the Indian

trip to the Taj Mahal is said to be a trip of a lifetime by the delegation. They were also taken to Jaipur and Kolkata.

Overall the trip represented a taste of India which the delegation came back with. "A diverse delegation including students, journalists and even sportsmen came back with an experience of a lifetime, an experience of true India," says Muhammad Tarequul Hassan, a young Cricket match manager, umpire and also a delegate.

ABOUT TOWN



FILM SCREENING OF 'MARNIE (HITCHCOCK)'

'Marnie' is psychological thriller directed by Alfred Hitchcock in the year 1964. The screenplay was based on the 1961 novel of the same name by Winston Graham. Bengal Cinematheque presents the films and ideas of cinema's greatest auteurs, shown at the highest quality, to support a community of emerging film-makers, writers and programmers in Bangladesh. Free entry.

November 8th, 7pm-9pm (doors close at 7pm due to limited seating)

The Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct, Level 1 and 2, The Daily Star Centre, 64-65 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue.



ART EXHIBITION- 'DELIBERATE/RANDOM'

'Deliberate / Random' - Dialogue between Images, is an art exhibition by artists Farzana Rahman Bobby and Palash Biswas Shurjo. The exhibition was inaugurated on 13 October 2015, at 7:00 pm in the presence of Eminent Artist Monirul Islam; Joint Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Bangladesh, Md. Manzur Rahman; and Vice Chairman, DBL Group, Adviser, Kibria Print Kibria Printmaking Studio, M A Rahim Feroz. The exhibition curators are Wakilur Rahman and Kebkasha Sabah. It will continue till 8 November, 2015.

October 13 - November 8, 5-9 pm Kalakendra, 1/11, Iqbal Road (3rd floor), Mohammadpur.

SHUTTERSTORIES



OF FLUTTERING BUTTERFLIES

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Vibrant butterflies hovering over flowers and bushes, and dancing in the air may be one of the best scenes to witness. Apart from their mind-blowing beauty, the insects also contribute to the ecology by helping pollination of plants. Now-a-days a flying butterfly has become a very rare scene in the cities due to unplanned urbanisation. However in Chittagong city, there is a park where several hundred butterflies of 11 different species could be found. Situated in a land that measures over 6 acres. This Butterfly Park, near the Shah Amanat International Airport in Patenga, was opened in 2012 and now gets several hundred visitors daily. Visitors believe if such park could be set up in a larger area it could help preservation of butterflies, as well as be an entertainment facility for visitors.

