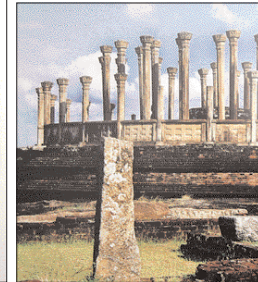
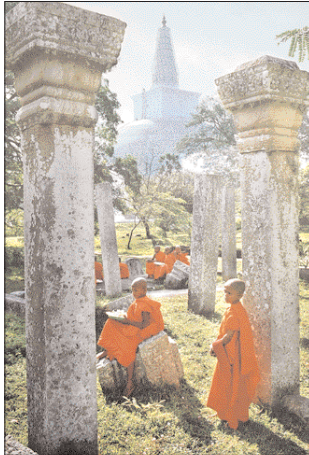


## Nethra Pooja unveiled

PHOTOGRAPHY: *Nethra Pooja*, an exhibition of photography by Janaka Weithasinghe which adorned the pages of the Buddhist journal *Budharana* was opened to the public at the Colombo Arts Gallery on August 11 and 12. First lady, Shiraniji Rajapaksa and Minister of Media and Information, Anura Priyadarshana Yapa were present at the opening ceremony. Pictures by Kavinda Perera



## Amitabh, Sarika bag top honours

**CINEMA:** Noted director Bud-dhabed Dasgupta's Bengali movie *Kaalpurush* - Memories in the Mist has been chosen as the best feature film in the 53rd National Film Awards for 2005 which were announced by the government on Tuesday evening.

In the best popular film category, the award has gone to the Hindi movie *Rang de Basanti*. It has also walked away with the awards for the best audiotape and the best editing.

The award for best actor has gone to Amitabh Bachchan for the Hindi movie *Black* for his 'dramatic rendition of a reformed alcoholic who struggles to give a physically handicapped child a new life'. *Black* has also won the award for the best feature film in the Hindi films category.

Actress Sarika has got the award for the best actress for the English movie *Parzania* 'for her rendition of a crusading mother-

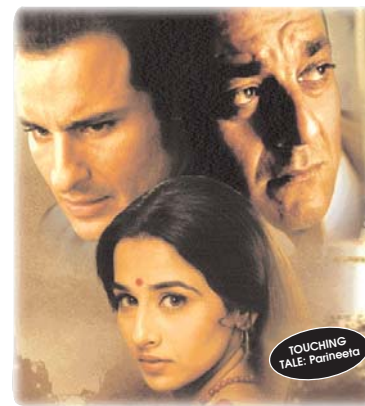
er who fights for justice against all adversity in a communally charged environment'.

The awards announcement was delayed considerably after one of the jury members for selecting the 2005 awards had gone to court complaining that the awards were 'fixed' by the authorities. The petition was dismissed by the Delhi high court a few days ago, clearing the decks for the announcement of the awards.

Both Bachchan and Sarika will be awarded the Rajat Kamal and a cash award of Rs 10,000 each. Mr Dasgupta whose movie has been selected for its 'rare lyrical style and a unique cohesion of narrative structure and characters that allow it to flow on different planes' will receive the Swarna Kamal and a cash prize of Rs 50,000. A Swarna Kamal and a cash award of Rs 40,000 will be given to the director of *Rang de Basanti*, Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra.

Among other categories, the best director's award has gone to Rahul Dholakia, the director of *Parzania*. Not screened in Gujarat theatres - the story was based on the real life story of a Parsi couple after their son went missing during the 2002 communal riots in Gujarat. *Parzania* has walked away with two national awards.

Naseeruddin Shah has been chosen for the best supporting actor award for the Hindi movie *Iqbal*. Actress Urvashi has been selected for the best supporting actress award for her 'highly credi-



ble performance of a brave woman who pledges her life and love for an adopted child' in the Malayalam movie *Achuvinte Amma*. The best child artist award has been given to Sai Kumar for the Telugu movie *Bommalata-A Bellyful of Dreams*.

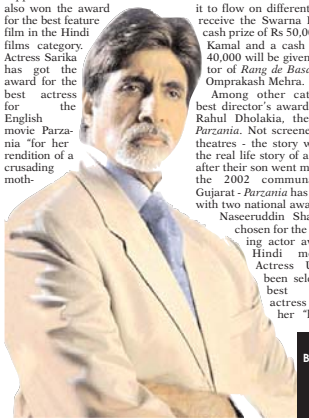
The best male playback singer and the best female playback singer awards have gone to Nareesh Iyer and Shreya Ghoshal, respectively. The former has been chosen for the soulfully rendered *Roo ba Roo* in the movie *Rang de Basanti* while the latter gets the award for the song *Apne aansoo peene ke liye* in the movie *Fuhrer!*.

Lalgudi Jayaraman has got the award for the best music direction for the Tamil movie *Sringaram*

while the award for the best lyrics has been won by Barguru Ramchadrappa for a song in the Kannada movie *Thaayi!*.

The Indira Gandhi award for the best first film of a director has gone to the Hindi movie *Purneeta* whose director was adman turned filmmaker Pradeep Sarkar. Malayalam movie Daivanamathil has been conferred the Nargis Dutt award for best feature film on national inter-gration.

The Nagesh Kukunoor directed Hindi movie *Iqbal* has been chosen as the best film made on social issues. Director Vishal Bharadwaj's *Blue Umbrella* has walked away with the best children's film award. (Courtesy - Asian Age)



**BEST ACTOR:**  
Amitabh Bachchan



Compiled by Ruwini Jayawardana

## DIARY

### Film Forum at German Cultural Centre

**CINEMA:** It's a jungle out there', a German film with English subtitles by Hans-Christian Schmid with Franka Potente, with English Subtitles will be screened at the Goethe-Hall, German Cultural Centre, on August 15 at 5:30 p.m.

The director of this film is 23-years-old. It is his first film and it deals with a 17-year-old teenager stepping into adulthood. Lured into it, fascinated by presumed promises of it, looking for a new relationship than that with her parents.

Her room in the house is in a 'terrible' state as her parents see it; Anna reacts impulsively by taking her bundle with a guitar and leaving for Munich with high expectations of a show business career.

Having dreams and projections of a youngster into a future that looks desirable, to be a part of the grown-up world, of that span in the life of men, where no restrictions from school and parents seem to hinder the experience of full satisfaction.

### Children's movies on Channel One MTV

**CINEMA:** Channel One MTV has lined up children's movies from Mondays to Fridays at 8 a.m. during August.

The movie line up for next week:

- August 16 - My Dog Skip
- August 17 - All Dogs Go to Heaven 2
- August 20 - Dennis the Menace Strikes Again
- August 21 - Napoleon
- August 22 - Flike



## Theatrical Feature Schedule on channel one MTV

**Real women have curves (Comedy/ Drama)**

In this independent drama, Ana (America Ferrera) is a bright and ambitious 18-year-old Latina who has just graduated from high school in East Los Angeles. Ana wants to broaden her horizons and go on to college, but her mother Carmen (Lupe Ontiveros) has other ideas; Ana's older sister Estela (Ingrid Olivi) overrules the family business, a dress factory, and Carmen has decided that Ana should put higher education on hold and go to work as a seamstress. When Estela loses four employees in a week, Ana reluctantly agrees to take a job at the factory to help her out, while she applies for college scholarships without her mother's knowledge. While Ana is not unattractive, she carries more than a few extra pounds, a subject her mother mentions at every available opportunity, and as Ana encourages her co-workers at the shop to stand up for themselves and gain a greater perspective of their own worth, she takes a long hard look at her own self-image. *Real Women Have Curves* won the Audience Award at the 2002 Sundance Film Festival, while actresses America Ferrera and Lupe Ontiveros received a Special Jury Prize at the same festival for their performances. 'Real women have curves' will be shown on August 18.



**The Peacemaker (Action Thriller/spy story)**

The first motion picture produced by Dream Works SKG, *The Peacemaker* (1997) was a spy thriller that married the exotic locations and settings of *James Bond* with the high-tech obsession of *Tom Clancy*. Greedy Russian military officers crash two trains into each other, the warheads aboard one causing a nuclear blast. The accident is a cover for the theft of some of the weapons for sale to terrorists and rogue governments. In the U.S., intelligence officer Lt. Col. Tom Devoe (George Clooney), isn't fooled. Neither is Dr. Julia Kelly (Nicole Kidman), the acting head of a White House task force on nuclear smuggling. Devoe and Kelly team up to find the nukes, and they are able to stop the transfer of the weapons in a raid at the Iranian border, but one warhead is missing. It's in the hands of Dusan Gavlich (Marcel Iures), a grief-stricken terrorist planning to call the world's attention to the war in Croatia with a nuclear explosion in Manhattan. Although fictional, *The Peacemaker* was based on the magazine article 'One Point Safe' by Andrew Cockburn and Leslie Cockburn, a factual investigative news report about nuclear weapons smuggling in Russia. The peacemaker will be shown on August 17.



### Smt. Bindu Juneja in Sri Lanka

**DANCE:** Renowned odyssey dancer from India, Smt. Bindu Juneja will perform along with her troupe at the Bishop's College Auditorium in Colombo today, at Dharmaraja College auditorium, Kandy, tomorrow and at the Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo, on August 17. All three concerts will begin at 6.30 p.m. Juneja's visit to Sri Lanka is sponsored by the High Commission of India in Sri Lanka and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) to celebrate the 60th anniversary of India's independence.

### Exhibition of paintings at Lionel Wendt

**PAINTINGS:** An exhibition of paintings by Madava Sanjeewa will be held at the Lionel Wendt Art Gallery from August 17 to 19. A past student of Ananda College, Colombo, Madava had mastered the creativity within him to win local as well as international recognition. He had won several awards for his work.

