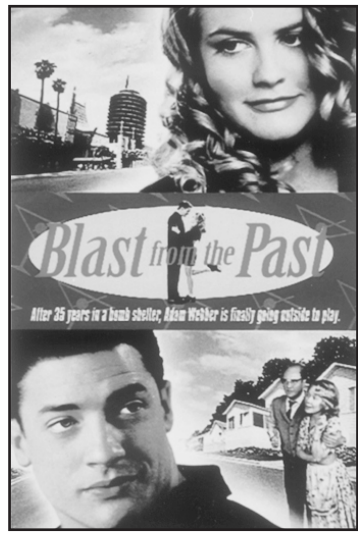


PICK OF THE WEEK



The Movie

Blast from the Past
On HBO Saturday, 22nd March at 10:00 PM
After confirmed news of a nuclear bombing, an overcautious scientist builds an entire home underground and stocks it up with enough supplies to last him, his wife and little son for 35 years. And during that time underground, he grooms his son to be the perfect gentleman.



The Sport

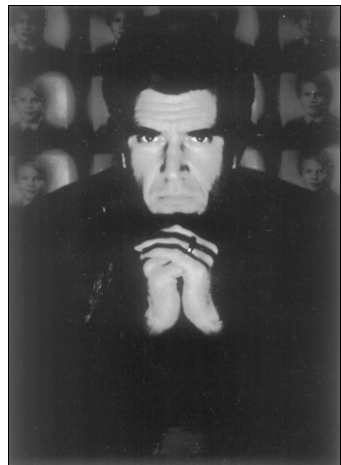
ICC Cricket World Cup 2003
Final Match
Live from the Wanderers
Johannesburg
March 23 at 1.45 p.m.
On BTV



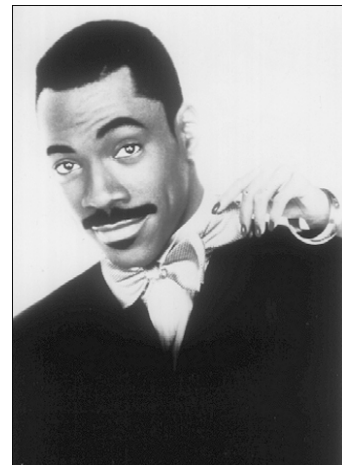
Our Choice

Legends of the Fall
On Star Movies, March 22 at 7.00 p.m.
Fed up with the way the army treats injuns, Colonel Ludlow moves to the Montana Mountains to start a new life with his 3 sons. Once settled, he teaches them the good old American skills of riding horses and shooting things. After a spell at university one of the sons, Samuel comes home to show off his new fiancée. Both his brothers love her.

Satellite TV



Ransom on HBO
On HBO Friday, 21st March at 10:00 PM
When two gifted talents join forces, the resulting collaboration is bound to be powerful. Acclaimed director Ron Howard and international superstar Mel Gibson, himself an accomplished Oscar-winning director, give us this riveting tale. Gibson stars as a fiercely independent airline tycoon who has all the trappings of success - a beautiful wife (Russo), a smart son (Brawley Nolte), a penthouse, an enviable position in society and high media visibility. This visibility proves to be his undoing as his son is kidnapped. What follows is a tense cat and mouse game between the defiant Gibson and the kidnapper. As director Howard says, the film was a chance for him to explore "the brutality and intensity of contemporary life." Gibson brings his charisma and individuality to the demanding role while Russo stands out as the suffering mother. The surprise package is the victim himself - Brawley Nolte - actor Nick Nolte's son, who gives a natural, honest performance.



Boomerang
On HBO Sunday, 23rd March at 9:30 PM
You can already hear that laugh: comedian Eddie Murphy is, what else, a suave and popular ladies' man - a high-flying New York executive who has everything, the cars, the clothes and the chicks. His one character flaw: once a woman falls in love with him, he quickly loses interest in her. However, when a new boss enters his workplace, he finds himself going ga-ga over a woman who refuses his advances, while overlooking the one woman who truly cares for him - Angela (Berry). Comedian Martin Lawrence, the enigmatic Grace Jones and the soulful Eartha Kitt round off the cast of this romantic comedy.



Gladiator
On HBO Sunday, 23rd March at 11:45 PM
Director Ridley Scott's Gladiator has everything a great story, a great star cast, a great score and an Academy Award winning performance by Russell Crowe. Crowe plays Maximus, a betrayed Roman General who returns to Rome as a Gladiator to take revenge after his wife and son are brutally murdered by Prince Commodus (Phoenix) when he turns against his own father to take over the Roman Empire. The film features stunning visual effects and some unconventional movie-making techniques of our time. Gladiator is nothing shot of a masterpiece.



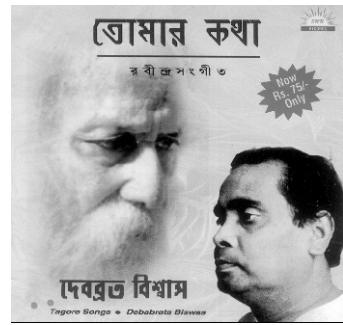
Saving Private Ryan
On HBO Saturday, 22nd March at 12:00 PM
Winner of 5 Academy Awards including Best Director for Steven Spielberg, this mega blockbuster is credited with authentically recreating the setting and the horror of D-Day in Normandy. The story centers on the mission to recover one soldier, a Private Ryan (Damon). No one knows whether he is dead or alive behind enemy lines, but his survival is crucial since 3 of his brothers have already died in previous battles. This would mean a public relations disaster for the government at home. An 8-man team is sent out, led by Captain John Miller (Hanks). This is a team divided between duty and fear, as they risk their lives to rescue a soldier who is after all, just a name to them. Hanks earned an Oscar nomination for his powerful performance as the woeful veteran whose only real goal is to return home to his wife. Be warned though. The inventive use of camera work and the realistic reproduction of the war in the first 15 minutes of the movie will not sit easy with those with weak stomachs.



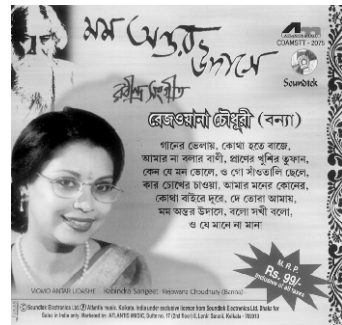
The Legend of Bagger Vance
On Star Movies, March 25 at 12.00 p.m.
A disillusioned war veteran, Capt. Rannulph Junah (Matt Damon), reluctantly agrees to play a game of golf. He finds the game futile until his caddy, Bagger Vance (Will Smith), teaches him the secret of the authentic golf stroke which turns out also to be the secret to mastering any challenge and finding meaning in life.

You've Got Mail
On Star Movies, March 27 at 8.45 p.m.
The owner of a large bookstore chain starts putting the owner of a small local bookstore out of business. Meanwhile they have been corresponding over the internet without knowing who either of them are. They can't stand each other in person but over the internet they are very attracted. He finds out who she is but she doesn't know. He starts to like her more but she still hates him. He has to fix it.

CDs & Cassettes



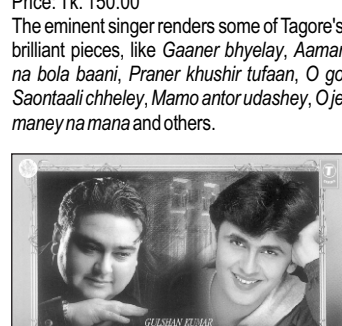
Tomar Kotha
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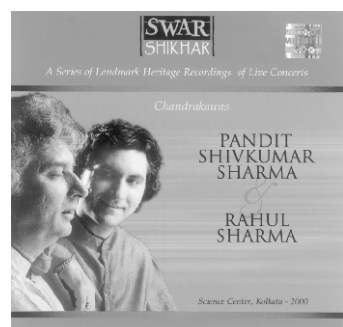
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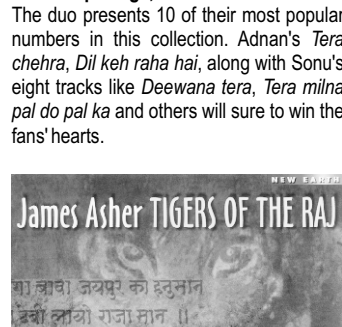
Bangla Raag Proddhan
Bangla Light classical by Jnyanendra Prasad Goswami, Tarapado Chakrabarty, Bishmadev Chattopadhyaya and Chinmoy Lahiri
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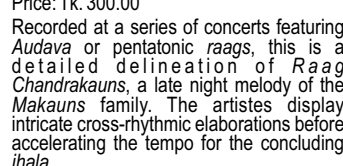
Forever Adnan Sami & Sonu Nigam
Forever Pop songs, Price: Tk. 150.00
The duo presents 10 of their most popular numbers in this collection. Adnan's *Tera chehra, Dil keh raha hai*, along with Sonu's eight tracks like *Deewana tera, Tera milna pal do pal ka* and others will sure to win the fans' hearts.



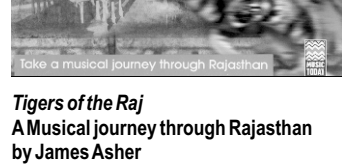
Swar Shikhar
Raag music on the Santoor by Pandit Shivkumar Sharma & Rahul Sharma
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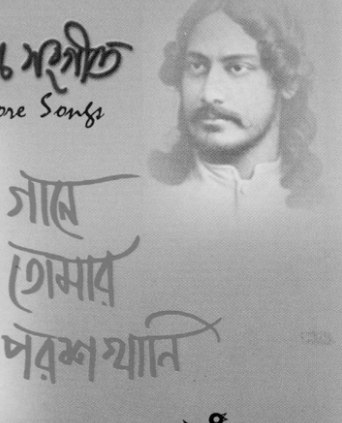
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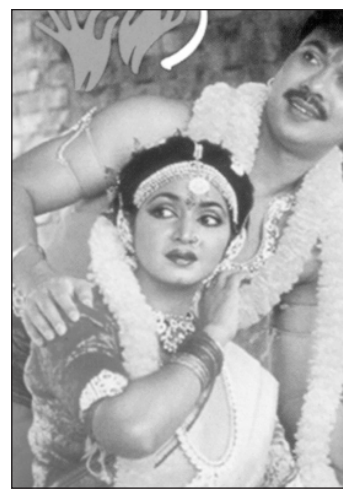
Hajar Taar Bhirey
Nazrul Sangeet & Modern Songs by Leena Taposhi Khan
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Nityanchal
Musical for dance by Nityanchal
Noted dance group Nityanchal has come up with a collection of songs and music for the dance-apprentices in the country. The songs include those well-known tracks that most dancers learn in their studentship, like *Kali dhan aayrey, Mor beena othey kon surey baji, O dhan bhani rey, and Babu selam barey bar*. On the other side of the cassette, there are musicals for classical dance *Kathak*. Students of dance will find it very helpful.

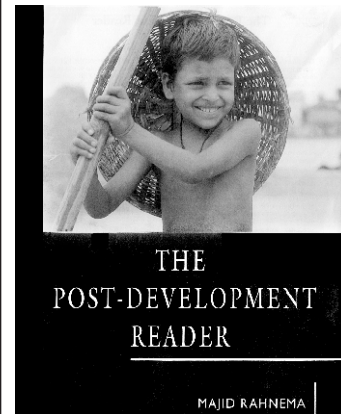


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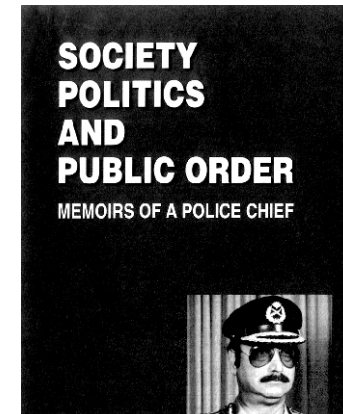


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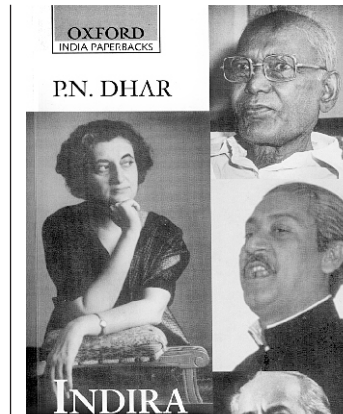
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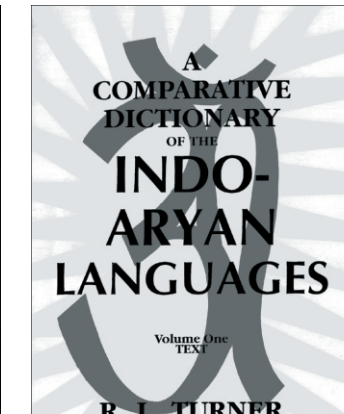
The Post-Development Reader
Compiled and Introduced by Majid Rahnama with Victoria Bawtree
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The fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations has only recently witnessed the fact that 'development' is still considered by the ruling governments and elites of the world as the only answer to the 'problems' confronting the people of the 'Third World'. By contrast, authoritative and convincing voices are heard with greater force, particularly from the grassroots, which argue that fifty years of development have only led to a new type of colonialism, even more corrosive than the old. Above all, it has exposed its 'target populations' to a new socio-cultural variety of AIDS. Instead of its premises to revitalise their regenerative capacities, it is destroying the very immune system that they had developed to this end throughout the ages.



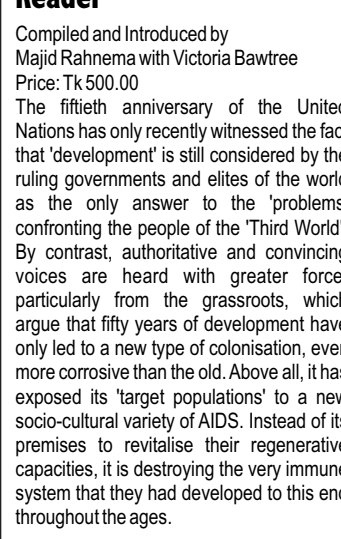
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This book is a reminiscence of the author. He revisits vivid memories of his ancestor, childhood, and schooling in the village with some accounts of rural customs and celebrations. It contains a narrative of the last phase of the British rule, growth of communalism, freedom struggle by the Indian National Congress and the Muslim League, resulting in partition of the subcontinent and of the subsequent period of mistrust, animosity and exploitation, leading to yet another freedom struggle and emergence of Bangladesh. The author, having been in the police service, working both in East and West Pakistan, had occasions to observe the various phases of the state of politics from a very close quarter. He had the unique opportunity of being associated with persons in the citadel of power. The book also contains description of the socio-cultural lives of the people together with peculiar crime problems of the different districts.



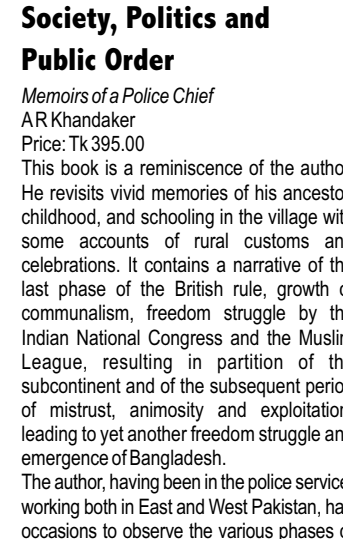
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P. N. DHAR
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This book is the result of much exhortation by many friends. They all argued that since was closely associated with Indira Gandhi and the Government of India over a momentous period in contemporary Indian political history, I should set down my recollections of the period, or at least its more memorable episodes and events. In the main, this is what I have done. Those who persuaded me to write this book also pleasantly jibed that we Indians have little sense of history. People involved in policymaking seldom leave behind records of how they formulated policies and made decisions.



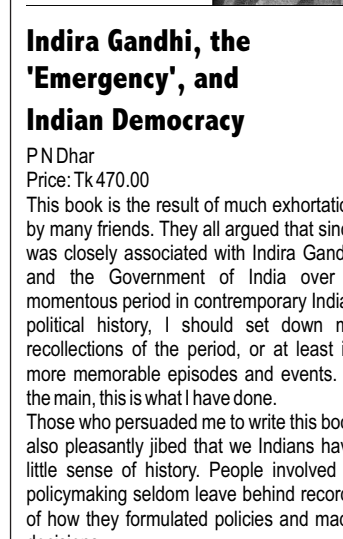
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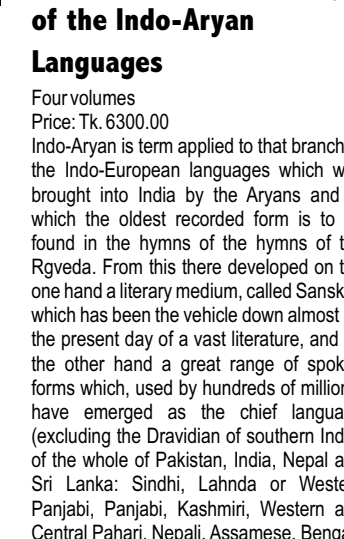
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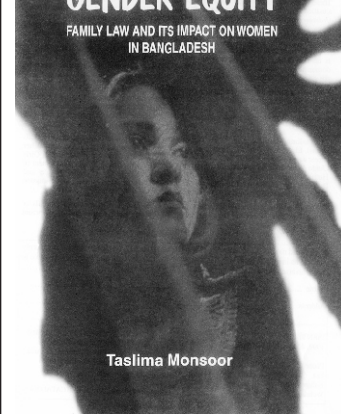
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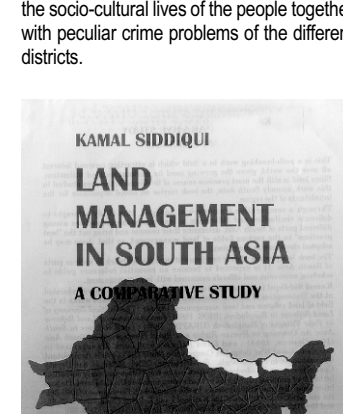
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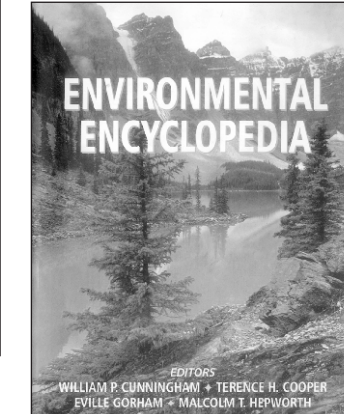
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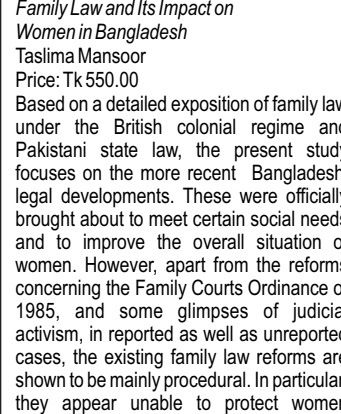
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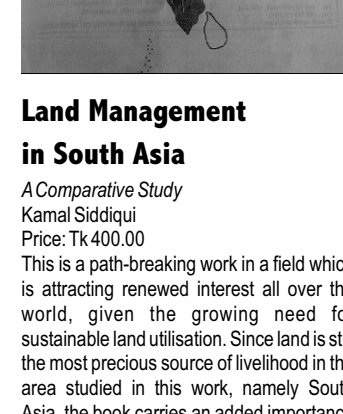
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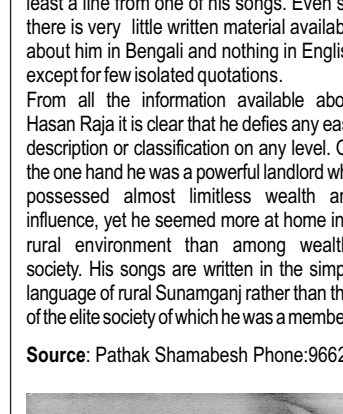
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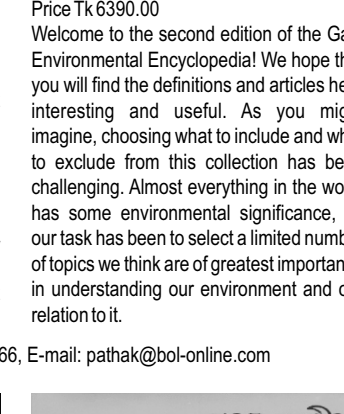
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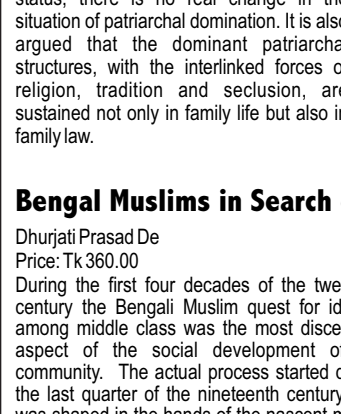
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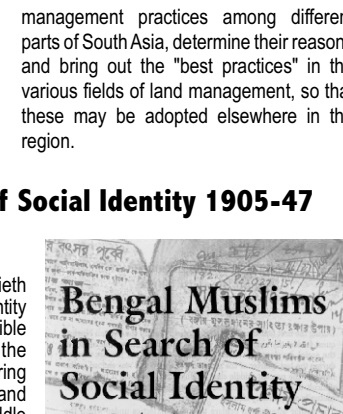
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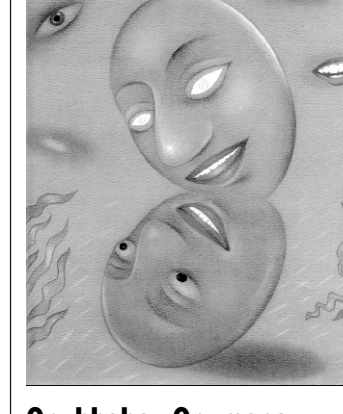
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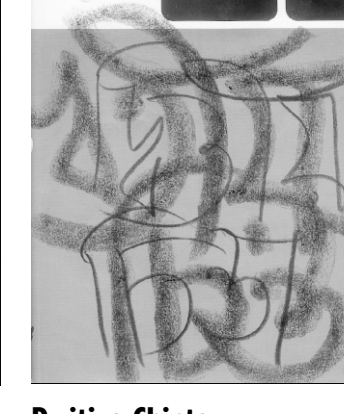
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People of Bangladesh are generally known as whimsical. There are many other such theories about us. But no one tags us as merry. For, we cannot make fun, either singly or collectively. Moreover, humorous people often have to confront the fate of being tagged as indiscreet and mischievous. Every single person, however, has a rich treasure of fun and humour in his/her heart. Writer Rabbane searches for those funny and humorous mirths in his stories. And the surplus is a colourful cover illustration by cartoonist Shishir Bhattacharya.