

PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

28 Days
On HBO, August 02 at 9:30 p.m.
Sandra Bullock, Viggo Mortensen, Dominic West
After getting into a car accident while drunk on the day of her sister's wedding, Gwen Cummings is given a choice between prison or a rehab center. She chooses rehab, but is extremely resistant to taking part in any of the treatment programs they have to offer, refusing to admit that she has an alcohol addiction.



The Sport

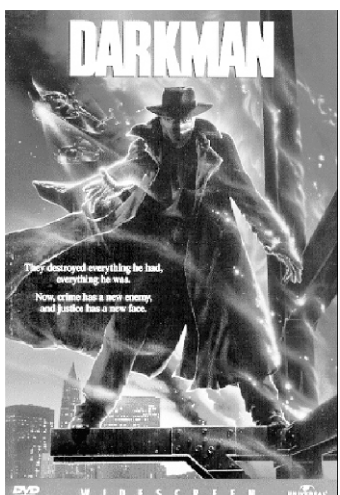
Nitol Tata National Football League 2003-04
Live on August 4 at 4:00 p.m. on BTV
Mohammedan SC
Vs
Muktijodha Sansad KC



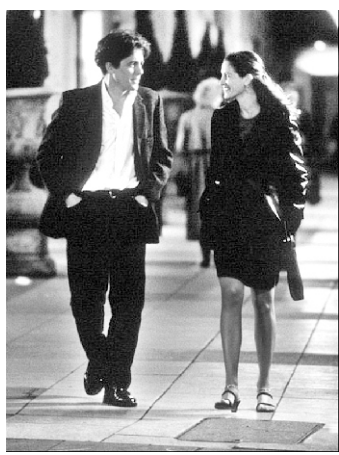
The Movie

The Nightmare before Christmas
On Star Movies, August 04 at 10:45 p.m.
Chris Sarandon, Danny Elfman, Catherine O'Hara
Jack Skellington, the pumpkin king of Halloween Town, is bored with doing the same thing every year for Halloween. One day he stumbles into Christmas Town, and is so taken with the idea of Christmas that he tries to get the resident bats, ghouls, and goblins of Halloween town to help him put on Christmas instead of Halloween -- but alas, they can't get it quite right.

Satellite TV



Darkman
On HBO, August 01 at 9:30 p.m.
(Liam Neeson, Frances McDormand)
A scientist is attacked by gangsters, who blow up his lab, with him inside it. He is presumed dead, but luckily he survives, horribly deformed and unrecognizable. The doctors remove his neurons so that he can't feel pain, but this gives him extreme physical strength and the power to leave the hospital. Now, with the help of the synthetic skin he was working on, he can take his revenge! But how can he face his love again?



Notting Hill
On HBO, August 03 at 9:30 p.m.
(Julia Roberts, Hugh Grant)
Every man's dream comes true for William Thacker, a successful Notting Hill bookstore owner, when Anna Scott, the world's most beautiful woman and best-liked actress, enters his shop. A little later, he still can't believe it himself, William runs into her again - this time spilling orange juice over her. Anna accepts his offer to change in his nearby apartment, and thanks him with a kiss, which seems to surprise her even more than him. Eventually, Anna and William get to know each other better over the months, but being together with the world's most wanted woman is not easy - neither around your closest friends, nor in front of the all-devouring press.



Boycott
On HBO, August 04 at 9:30 p.m.
(Jeffrey Wright (I), Terrence Dashon Howard)
This award-winning movie is based on the 13-month boycott of the use of bus services by the coloured community in Montgomery, Alabama. The furor is caused when a black woman, Rosa Parks, refused to give up her bus seat for a white man. Featuring intense and passionate performances by Jeffrey Wright as Martin Luther King and Terrence Dashon Howard, the film portrays the truth, taking an unbiased look at race relations, and delivers the message in an interesting documentary-cum-feature film style.



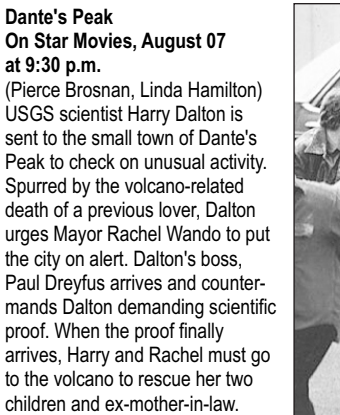
The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad!
On HBO, August 05 at 9:30 p.m.
(Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley)
A re-run of many of the gags from the original TV series 'Police Squad'. An Airplane type spoof, this time with an incompetent lieutenant who always 'gets his man'. Visual gags come thick and fast, and it's impossible to catch them all with one viewing. The plot... Queen Elizabeth II of England is coming to town, and Vincent Ludwig has plans to assassinate her using a brainwashed baseball player.



Mad Dog and Glory
On Star Movies, August 02 at 10:30 p.m.
(Robert De Niro, Uma Thurman)
Wayne Dobie is a good police photographer but not very confident with his other duties. Even so he manages to get local racketeer Frank Milo out of a hold up with his life, for which Milo wants to thank him. He does this by sending Glory round for a week, giving Dobie something of a problem. Milo seems to own people and he has a hold over Glory so that if she returns early it will go badly with her. And she's damned attractive too.

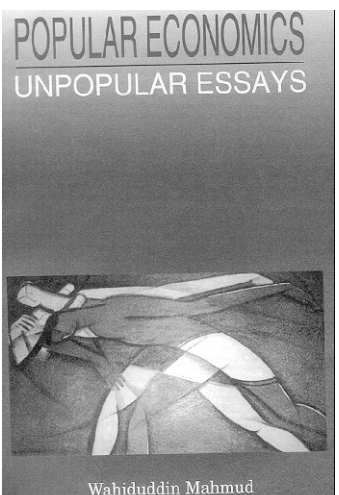


Blood and Wine
On Star Movies, August 05 at 8:45 p.m.
(Jack Nicholson, Stephen Dorff, Jennifer Lopez)
Bob Rafelson has stated that this is the final part of an informal trilogy he started with "Five Easy Pieces" and continued with "The King Of Marvin Gardens". In the three, Nicholson has now played son, brother and father. In this one, Nicholson is a wealthy wine dealer who has distanced himself from his wife with his philandering and from his son with his negligence. After he steals a diamond necklace with the help of a safecracker partner, Victor, things start coming apart. His wife sets out to interrupt what she thinks is another one of his weekend dalliances, but is really his trip to pawn the jewels.

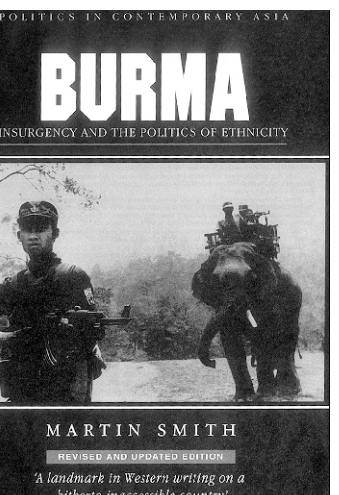


Dante's Peak
On Star Movies, August 07 at 9:30 p.m.
(Pierce Brosnan, Linda Hamilton)
USGS scientist Harry Dalton is sent to the small town of Dante's Peak to check on unusual activity. Spurred by the volcano-related death of a previous lover, Dalton urges Mayor Rachel Wando to put the city on alert. Dalton's boss, Paul Dreyfus arrives and countermands Dalton demanding scientific proof. When the proof finally arrives, Harry and Rachel must go to the volcano to rescue her two children and ex-mother-in-law.

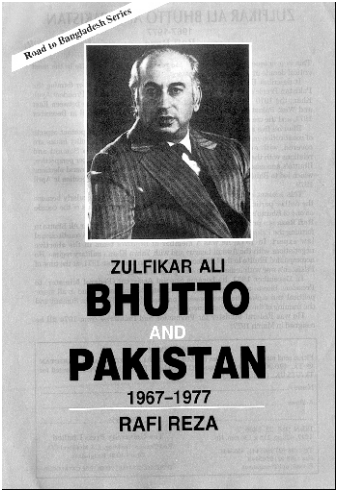
Books



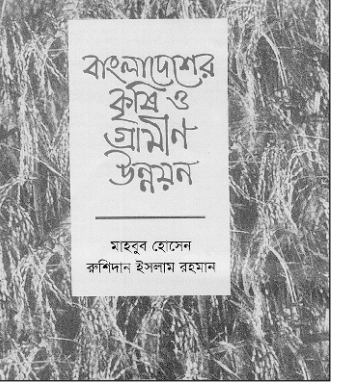
Popular Economics Unpopular Essays
Wahiduddin Mahmud
Price: Tk. 275.00
The book comprises an assortment of articles and commentaries written by the author for newspapers and occasional lectures delivered in popular forums. Most of them are of recent origin, dating back to no earlier than the late 1990s, and deal with contemporary development problems such as facing Bangladesh. A good number of the essays are aimed at explaining economic policy issues in an easily accessible way, while some represent a mix of economics and politics. Others deal with purely political issues such as attempting a Game-theoretic approach to explaining the prevailing politics of confrontation in Bangladesh.



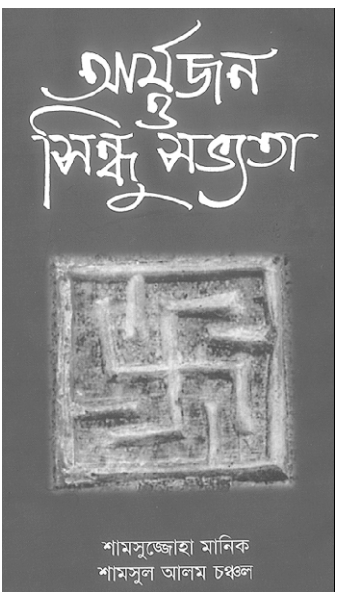
Burma Insurgency and the Politics of Ethnicity
Martin Smith
Price: Tk. 790.00
Burma remains a land in deep crisis. The popular uprising of 1988 swept away 26 years of military rule under General Ne Win in name only. The National League for Democracy of Aung San Sun Kyi won a landslide victory in the 1990 election. But, as this book relates, the military remained in control and the future of Burma looks more problematic than ever. With unparalleled command of largely inaccessible Burmese sources and interviews with many of the leading participants, Martin Smith charts the rise of modern political parties and unravels the complexities of the long-running insurgencies waged by opposition groups, including the Communist Party of Burma, the Karen National Union and a host of other ethnic nationalist movements. It is essential reading for those interested in the conditions giving rise to guerrilla warfare, the character of national liberation movements, and the impact of ethnicity on political conflict.



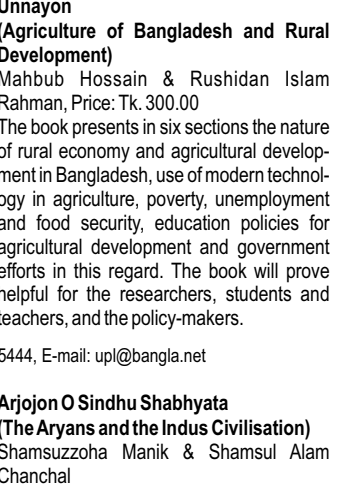
Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Pakistan 1967-1977
Rafi Raza
Price: Tk. 490.00
This is a unique insider account of the role of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in the most critical decade in the history of Pakistan. It describes Bhutto's remarkable rise to power, four years after forming the Pakistan People's Party in December 1967. It examines the fall of President Ayub Khan, the 1970 general elections, the breakdown of negotiations between East and West Pakistan, what transpired at the UN Security Council in December 1971, and the creation of Bangladesh.



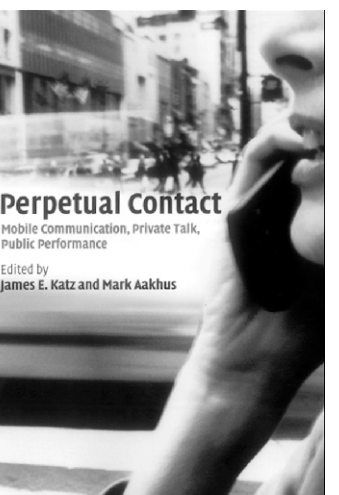
Bangladesher Krishi O Grameen Unnayan (Agriculture of Bangladesh and Rural Development)
Mahub Hossain & Rushidan Islam Rahman, Price: Tk. 300.00
The book presents in six sections the nature of rural economy and agricultural development in Bangladesh, use of modern technology in agriculture, poverty, unemployment and food security, education policies for agricultural development and government efforts in this regard. The book will prove helpful for the researchers, students and teachers, and the policy-makers.



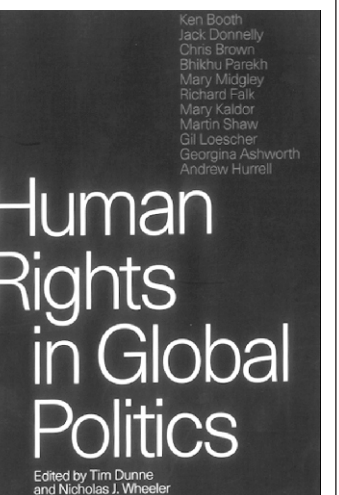
Arjuno O Sindhu Shabhyata (The Aryans and the Indus Civilisation)
Shamsuzzoha Manik & Shamsul Alam Chanchal
Badwip Prokashan, 70 Basement, Aziz Super Market, Shahbagh, Dhaka-1000
Price: Tk. 400.00
It was believed that the nomad, aggressive Aryans captured the land and the Indus civilisation was founded. But the recent archaeological discoveries have nullified this theory of the outsider Aryans. Nevertheless, the theory is still being taught at institutions and most of the educated population does not even know it. The present book clearly discards the theory of the outsider Aryans not only by means of the archaeological findings, but with the help of the Scriptures on which the European philosophers formed this wrong assumption. In fact, the *Rigveda*—the concerned Scripture, has been given the most importance in establishing the cancellation of the popular theory in this book.



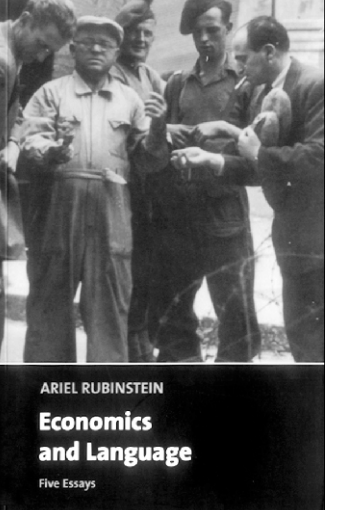
Economics and Languages
Ariel Rubinstein
Price: Tk. 1395.00
Arising out of the author's lifetime fascination with the links between the formal language of mathematical models and natural language, this short book comprises five essays investigating both the economics of language and the language of economics. Ariel Rubinstein touches on the structure imposed on binary relations in daily language, the evolutionary development of the meaning of words, game-theoretical considerations of pragmatics, the language of economic agents, and the rhetoric of game theory. These short essays are full of challenging ideas for social scientists that should help to encourage a fundamental rethinking of many of the underlying assumptions in economic theory and game theory.



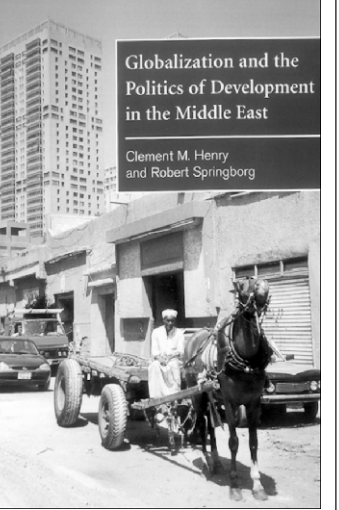
Perpetual Contact
James E. Katz & Mark A. Aakhus
Price: Tk. 2595.00
The spread of mobile communication, most obtrusively as cell phones but increasingly in other wireless devices, is affecting people's lives and relationships to a previously unthought-of extent. Mobile phones, which are fast becoming ubiquitous, affect every aspect of our personal and professional lives either directly or indirectly. They have transformed social practices and changed the way we do business, yet surprisingly little serious academic work has been done on them. This book, with contributions from the foremost researchers in the field, will be the first study of the impact of the mobile phone on contemporary society from a social-scientific perspective. Providing a comprehensive overview of mobile phones and social interaction, it comprises an introduction covering the key issues, a series of unique national studies and surveys, and a final section examining theoretical and practical implications.



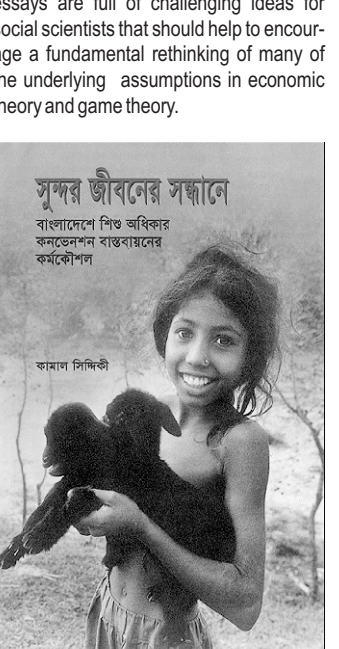
Human Rights in Global Politics
Tim Dunne & Nicholas J. Wheeler
Price: Tk. 2195.00
There is a stark contradiction between the theory of universal human rights and the everyday practice of human wrongs. This timely volume investigates whether human rights abuses are a result of the failure of governments to live up to a universal human rights standard, or whether the search for moral universals is a fundamentally flawed enterprise which distracts us from the task of developing rights in the context of particular ethical communities. In the first part of the book, chapters by Ken Booth, Jack Donnelly, Chris Brown, Bhikhu Parekh and Mary Midgley explore the philosophical basis of claims to universal human rights. In the second part, Richard Falk, Mary Kaldor, Martin Shaw, Gil Loescher, Georgina Ashworth, Andrew Hurrell, Ken Booth and Tim Dunne reflect on the role of the media, global civil society, states, migration, non-governmental organisations, capitalism, and schools and universities in developing a global human rights culture.



Globalization and the Politics of Development in the Middle East
Clement M. Henry & Robert Springborg
Price: Tk. 1995.00
At the beginning of the twenty-first century countries in the Middle East and North Africa contend with the threats and opportunities of economic globalization, the driving force of change in the contemporary world. As Clement Henry and Robert Springborg confirm in their straightforward and, at times, irreverent analysis of the region's response to these challenges, it is globalization which is the key to an understanding of economic reform.

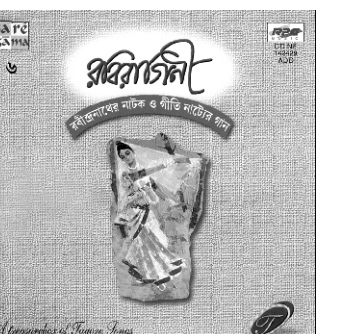


Earth at a Crossroads Paths to a Sustainable Future
Hartmut Bossel
Price: Tk. 2495.00
Can we reach a future that is both environmentally and socially sustainable? Many issues characterize global developments at the end of the twentieth century: globalization of the economy, unemployment, social problems, environmental pollution, resource waste, ecological destruction. *Earth at a Crossroads* offers a holistic systems view of the development of human society within the natural environment on which it depends for support.

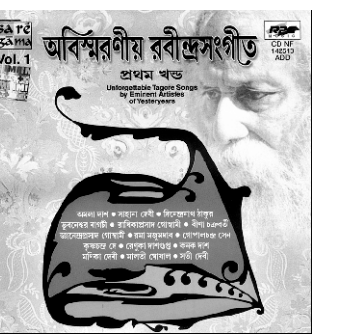


Sundar Jiboner Shandhaney Kamal Siddiqui
Price: Tk. 200.00
[Bangla translation of *Better Days, Better Lives: Towards a Strategy for Implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Bangladesh*]
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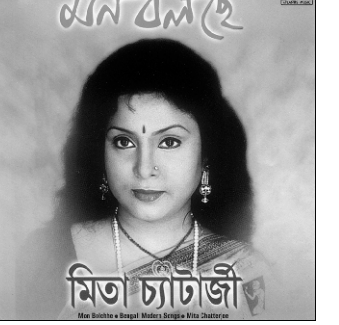
CDs & Cassettes



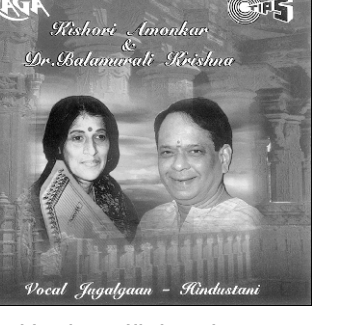
Rabiragini
Tagore songs from dramas and operas
Price: Tk. 225.00
The collection presents Rabindranath Tagore's drama and opera songs in the voices of legendary singers like Hemanta Mukherjee, Subinoy Ray, Suchitra Mitra, Sagar Sen, Konika Bandyopadhyay, Chinmoy Chattopadhyay and Neelima Sen. The songs include *Graam chhara oi ranga matir path, Tumi daak diyechho kon shokaley, Poush toder daak diyechhe, Ami jenesshuney bish korechhi paan, Rodono bhora e Bashanto* and a few others.



Unforgettable Tagore Songs
Price: Tk. 275.00
Here is another rich volume of Tagore songs sung by the eminent artists of yesteryears including Dwivedranath Thakur, Monika Devi, Bhubaneswar Bagchi, Bina Chakrabarty, Amala Das, Radhikaprasad Goswami and so many others. The songs include *Aloker ei jhamadharay, Amar sonar Bangla, Tomay notun korey pabo boley, O amar chander alo, Megher porey megh jomechhey* and sixteen others.



Mon Bolchhe
Bangla Modern Songs by Mita Chatterjee
Price: Tk. 325.00



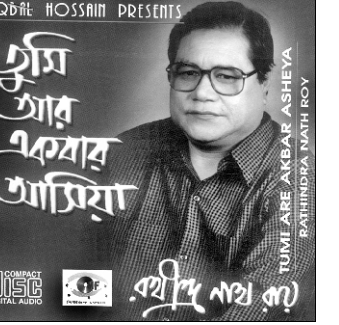
Vocal Jugalgaan-Hindustani
Classical vocal by Kishori Amonkar & Dr. Balamurali Krishna
Price: Tk. 325.00



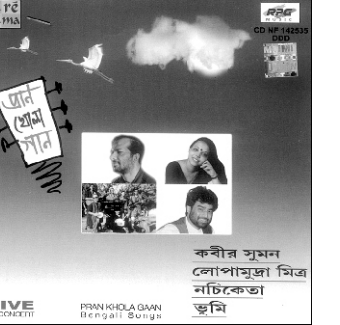
Shei Aami Pentagon
Price: Tk. 100.00
Five musicians who used to perform earlier with different known and unknown artistes and groups have emerged under the title of Pentagon in this album. With Sumon as the main vocal, and Tipu, Ranjan, Babu, Shelly, Jeebon and Anan in the instruments, the group presents a queer blend of the Western music like Country, Latin and Blues.



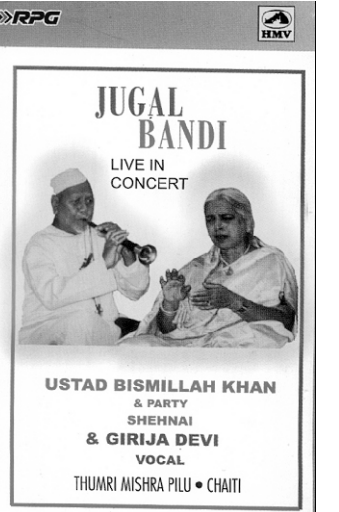
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Tumi Ar Ekbar Ashiya
Rathindranath Roy
Price: Tk. 100.00
Rathindranath Roy is a popular name in the domain of Bangla folk music. Many modern folk songs—quite a few of them from Bangla films also—have earned immense popularity with him. Some twelve such tracks have been presented in this CD album. The songs include *Shobai boley boyosh barey, Hiramoti Hiramoti, Amar haar kala korlam er, Ami pagol hobo, O jar antorey bahirey, Ami ki tor apion chilam na* and the titular *Tumi ar ekbar ashiya*.



Pran Khola Gaan
Bangla Songs by Kabir Suman, Nachiketa, Lopamudra Mitra & Bhoomi
Price: Tk. 175.00
As in their solo albums, all four artistes present songs of their own styles. With a couple of already-popular tracks, Suman and Nachiketa have sung some new numbers like *Ekta thalay charti ruti, Chhoriye royeche jibon* and *Pacemaker*. Besides, there are *Abar ashbo phirey Dakchhey akash* and *Bangla amar Shashey ilish* by Lopamudra, and *Shohag chand badani dhoni* and *Uru uru* by Bhoomi.



Jugal Bandi
Live in Concert
Shehnai by Ustad Bismillah Khan & vocal by Girija Devi
Price: Tk. 80.00



The Golden Collection Noorjehan
Price: Tk. 400.00
Jhute Jaag Ki Joothi Preet
Begum Akhter, Price: Tk. 150.00

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