

PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

Close Encounters of the Third Kind (IMDb rating 7.8)
On HBO, December 31 at 1:45 am
Genre: Adventure/Drama/Sci-Fi
Richard Dreyfuss, François Truffaut, Teri Garr, Melinda Dillon
Planes reported missing in 1945 suddenly appear in the Mojave desert. A commercial flight is buzzed by a 'bright' object that the pilot 'wouldn't know how to describe'. Roy Neary, while working one night, has a Close Encounter... The US Government determine where the visitors plan to land and create an elaborate cover-up to keep people away.



The Sport

English Premier Football

League 2003/04

Live from Southampton, Hampshire, England

On ESPN, December 30 at 2:00 am

Southampton

Vs

Arsenal



The Movie

Insomnia (IMDb rating 7.4)
On Star Movies, December 28 at 7:00 pm
Genre: Crime/Drama/Thriller
Al Pacino, Martin Donovan, Hilary Swank
Sent from the city to investigate the murder of a teenage girl in a small Alaska town, a police detective accidentally shoots his own partner while trying to apprehend a suspect. Instead of admitting his guilt, the detective is given an unexpected alibi, but this "solution" only multiplies the emotional complexity and guilt over his partner's death. He's also still got a murder to solve, in addition to the blackmail and framing of an innocent bystander being orchestrated by the man they were chasing.

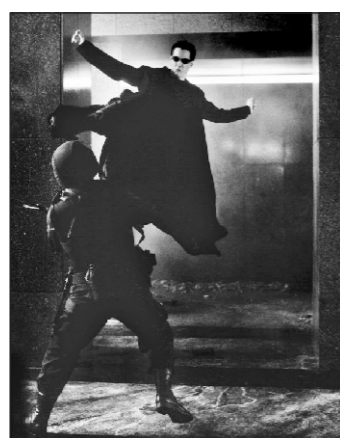
Satellite TV



Mercury Rising (IMDb rating 5.6)
On Star Movies, December 27 at 7:00 pm
Genre: Action/Drama/Thriller
Bruce Willis, Alec Baldwin, Miko Hughes
The United States government is about to launch its brand new super code. Impossible to break, or so they thought until it was broken by a nine year old autistic boy. Now the bodies are piling up to keep it secret and the mercury is rising. Bruce Willis, an outcast FBI agent, is assigned to protect the boy.

The Matrix (IMDb rating 8.5)
On HBO, December 30 at 9:30 pm
Genre: Action/Thriller/Sci-Fi
Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss, Hugo Weaving

In the near future, a computer hacker named Neo discovers that all life on Earth may be nothing more than an elaborate facade created by a malevolent cyber-intelligence, for the purpose of placating us while our life essence is "farmed" to fuel the Matrix's campaign of domination in the "real" world. He joins like-minded Rebel warriors Morpheus and Trinity in their struggle to overthrow the Matrix.



Planet of the Apes (IMDb rating 5.7)
On Star Movies, December 29 at 8:40 pm
Genre: Action/Adventure/Sci-Fi
Mark Wahlberg, Tim Roth, Helena B Carter, Michael C Duncan, Estella Warren
It is the year 2029: Astronaut Leo Davidson boards a pod cruiser on a Space Station for a "routine" reconnaissance mission. But an abrupt detour through a space time wormhole lands him on a strange planet where talking apes rule over the human race. With the help of a sympathetic chimpanzee activist named Ari and a small band of human rebels, Leo leads the effort to evade the advancing Gorilla Army led by General Thade and his most trusted warrior Attar. Now the race is on to reach a sacred temple within the planet's Forbidden Zone to discover the shocking secrets of mankind's past—and the key to its future.

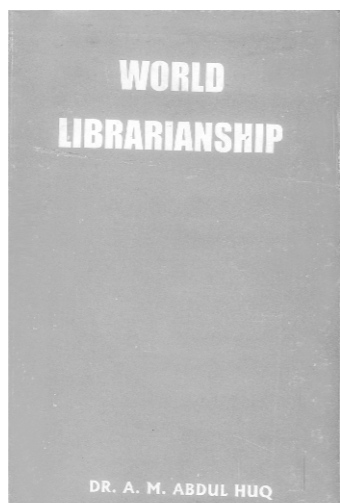


Kiss of the Dragon (IMDb rating 6.3) On Star Movies, January 01 at 7:00 pm
Genre: Action/Crime/Drama/Thriller
Jet Li, Bridget Fonda, Tcheky Karyo, Max Ryan
Liu Jian, a police officer from China, comes to Paris to help the vice squad apprehend a Chinese drug lord and his unknown French connection. The French connection is Richard, the head of the vice squad, who intends to kill the drug lord then frame Jian. Jian ducks a bullet and escapes with a tape of what really happened. By chance, Jian turns to Jessica—a US farm girl who is one of Richard's hookers—for help. She has her own problems, including the fact that Richard has her daughter locked in an orphanage to keep Jessica on the streets and silent about his activities. Can Jian protect Jessica, rescue her daughter, and give Richard the kiss of the dragon?

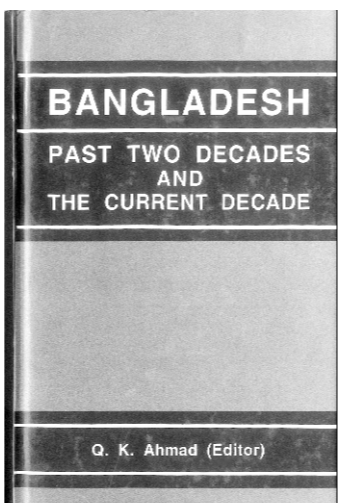


Vanilla Sky (IMDb rating 6.9) On HBO, December 27 at 9:30 pm
Genre: Drama/Romance/Sci-Fi/Thriller
Tom Cruise, Penélope Cruz, Cameron Diaz, Kurt Russell
During the week he turns 33, NYC magazine publisher David Aames, a playboy who has strange dreams, spends a night of passion with Julie, "a friend he sometimes sleeps with," and a night with Sofia, a witty, knowing dancer with a Spanish accent—a night with intimations of love. David is charming, rich (his mother's Monet, "Vanilla Sky" is in his bedroom), and feckless: he inherited the magazines and his minority partners want him out. Jump ahead: he's in jail, wearing a prosthetic mask, talking to a sympathetic psychologist to get at the truth behind a death. Who has died? How? And who's Ellie? Popping up often on TV is Benny, a dog who survived for months frozen in ice.

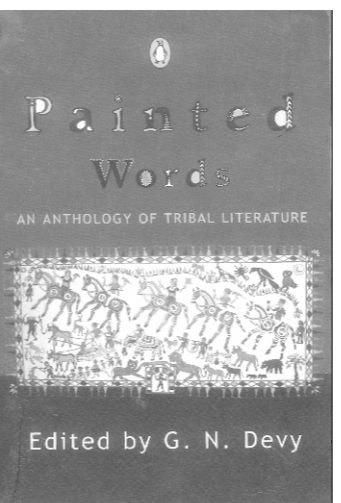
Books



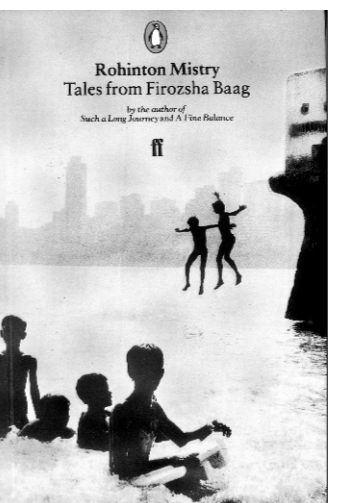
World Librarianship
Dr. AM Abdul Huq
This voluminous compendium of International Librarianship of nearly 450 pages, captures the essence of world librarianship from 1976 to 1992, an important phase of its development and history. This product of well-organized research and searching analysis and scholarship is bound to become an invaluable tool for students, teachers, librarians and researchers in the field. No other work is available to offer such punctilious information spanning the last sixteen years.



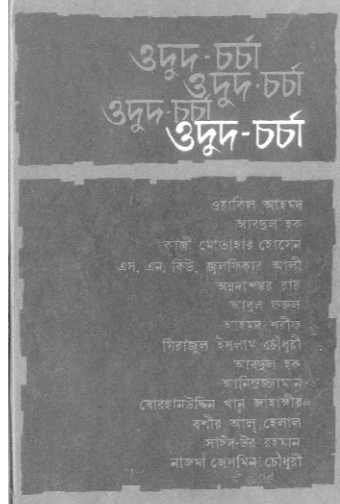
Bangladesh Past Two Decades and the Current Decade
Edited by QK Ahmad
Price: Tk. 500.00
The articles published in this book review the policies and programmes formulated and implemented over the past two decades with a view to attaining the national objective of socio-economic development. The concept and process of national development involve all facets of life and living of a people. It is, therefore, in the fitness of things that the subjects covered range from national economic management.



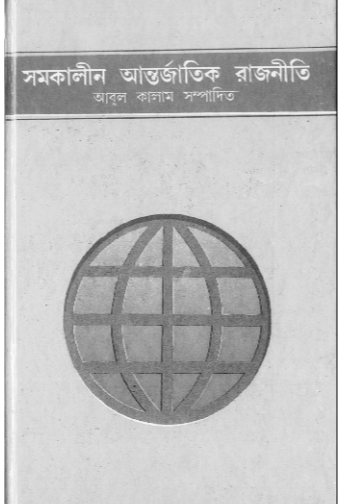
Painted Words an Anthology of Tribal Literature
Edited by G N Devy
Price: Tk. 500.00
'May your granary fill till it overflows'
Painted Words is the first collection of its kind: writings in a rich variety of genres by Adivasis and denotified tribals. Culled from all over India, the selections include tribal versions of the Mahabharat and Ramayan, colourful legends, rhythmic epics, poignant songs, oral histories and a simple but chilling play depicting the routine exploitation of tribal citizens. Anchoring such fancies as a magical flower, a bed with golden legs and a girl who lights cooking fires with her tongue are the realities of political graft, wedding-day debacles and rank police brutality.



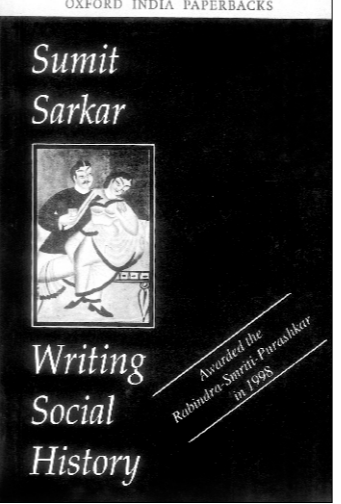
Tales from Firozsha Baag
Rohinton Mistry
Price: Tk. 440.00
'Patterns of life are selfish and unforgiving,' explains Nariman Hansotia, the resident storyteller of Firozsha Baag. And in these eleven interesting stories, Rohinton Mistry opens our eyes and our hearts to the rich, complex patterns of life inside this Bombay apartment building. The occupants from Jaakaylee, the ghost-seer, through Najamai, the only owner of a refrigerator in Firozsha Baag, to Rustomaji the Curmudgeon and Kersi, the young boy whose life threads through the book and who narrates the final story, 'Swimming Lessons', as an adult in Toronto all express, knowingly or unknowingly, the tensions between the past and the present, between the old world and the new. Compassionate and funny in turns, *Tales from Firozsha Baag* illuminates the very meaning of change through this pungent and exuberantly textured mosaic of lives.



Odud Charcha
(Practice of Odud)
Edited by Saeed-ur-Rahman
Price: Tk. 40.00

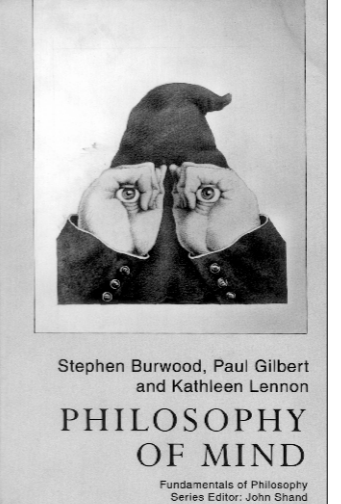


Shamokalin Antorjatik Raajneeti
(Contemporary International Politics)
Edited by Abul Kalam
Price: Tk. 100.00

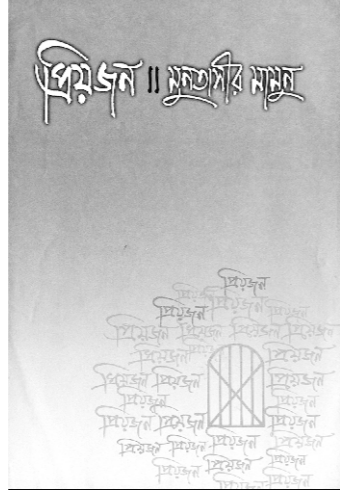


Writing Social History
Sumit Sarkar
Price: Tk. 465.00

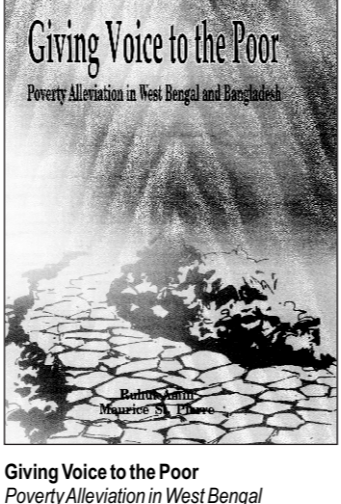
The essays in this volume seek to combine empirical study of specific themes pertaining to late-colonial Indian history with interventions in current debates on the extent and nature of Western cultural domination. They range from a study of liberal British attitudes to essays on Vidyasagar and Ramakrishna; from the relevance of EP Thompson to the decline of the subaltern in Subaltern Studies; from a village scandal in Bengal to the evolving urban landscape of its capital, Calcutta. Deploying the long-essay form, Sumit Sarkar makes a powerful case for the importance of richly detailed, nuanced social history. He highlights several neglected themes such as responses to the colonial imposition of a new discipline via clock-time; the specificities of a clerical lower-middle-class world as partially distinct from the well-known world of prominent intellectuals; and conceptualizations of caste in emerging political ideologies.



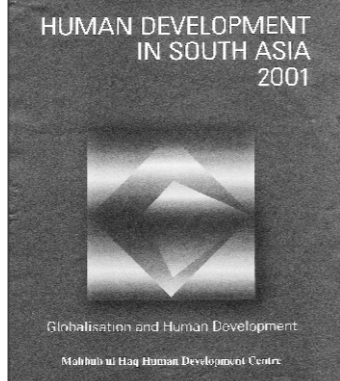
Philosophy of Mind
Fundamentals of Philosophy
Stephen Burwood, Paul Gilbert & Kathleen Lennon, Price Tk 500.00
This remarkable and original introduction to philosophy of mind clearly and engagingly presents the fundamentals of the subject while also suggesting a new approach to tackling its most resistant puzzles. The essential issues of the nature of mind, the content of thought, the subjective point of view and intentionality are all explained and the motivations for the current scientific paradigms, interrogated. The book offers a fresh and radical treatment by suggesting that apparently insoluble problems stem largely from the legacy of Descartes' dualism persisting even in those current approaches that appear to reject it. The key is the neglect of the body and the pervasive division of "mind" and "body": the artificial conception of the mental that separates it from our embodied engagement with the world.



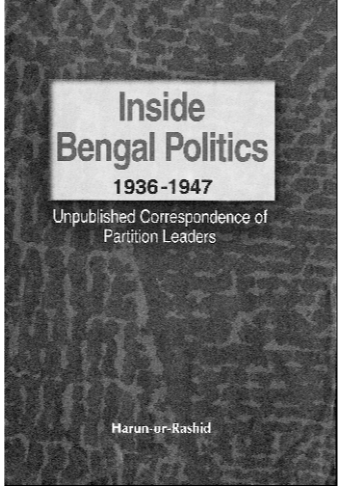
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Muntassir Mamun
Price: Tk. 110.00



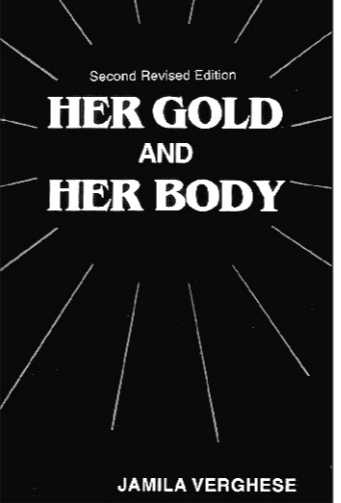
Giving Voice to the Poor
Poverty Alleviation in West Bengal and Bangladesh
Ruhul Amin and Maurice St. Pierre
Price: Tk. 260.00



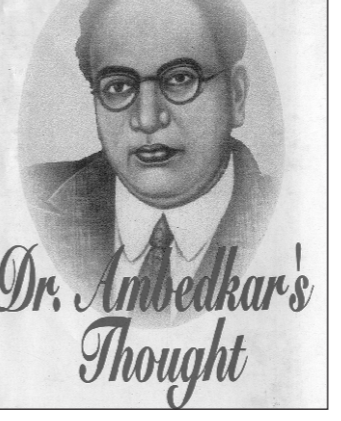
Human Development in South Asia 2001
Globalisation and Human Development
Price: Tk. 550.00
By the early 1990s all the countries in South Asia entered the globalisation process by liberalising their economies, opening up their markets, and implementing reforms to improve economic management. The results of these efforts have been uneven from one country to another and within each country. Even where economic growth rate has improved, human welfare in terms of education, health or employment may have suffered. Human Development in South Asia 2001 analyses this process from the perspective of its impact on people.



Inside Bengal Politics: 1936-1947
Unpublished Correspondence of Partition Leaders
Harun-ur-Rashid
Price: Tk. 300.00
The decade preceding the 1947 Indian partition was an eventful period, with profound impact on the subsequent political developments of the states thus created. Though works dealing with this period abound, most of these have an all-India focus.



Her Gold and Her Body
Jamila Verghese
Price: Tk. 300.00
The status of women is being increasingly seen as an important index of the social health of nations. What is woman worth? Living under the tyranny of patriarchal tradition, the Indian woman has not been able to answer this question. Spanning a period of over twenty years, this book places the situation of the Indian woman in a historical and global context.

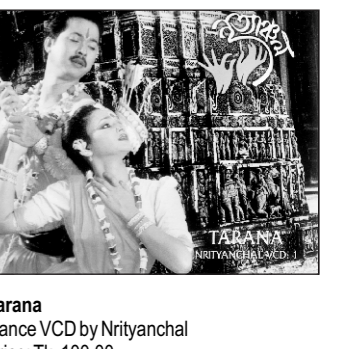


Dr. Ambedkar's Thought
BK Ghatak, Price: Tk. 850.00
This book is a summary version of the writings and speeches of our great saviour Dr. BR Ambedkar—a masterly statesman-ship, he championed the cause of the down-trodden and helped them to bring into the mainstream of the Indian socio-political life. I have collected some of the valuable excerpts from his books, as I understand they are much required as a handbook for an Ambedkarian. On occasions I have answers many queries through Babashahab's writings and I would like the other Ambedkarian fellow brothers also to avail the opportunity. It will help them as a ready reference and confidence.

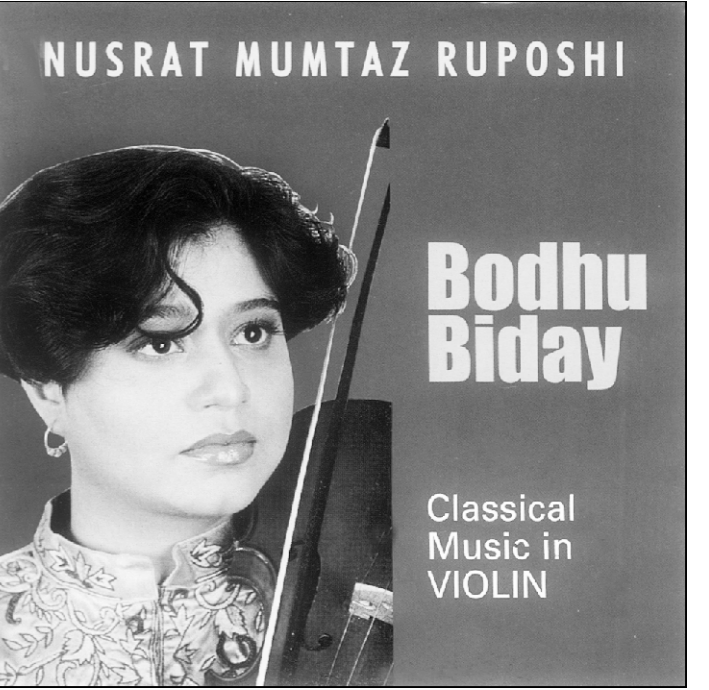
CDs & Cassettes



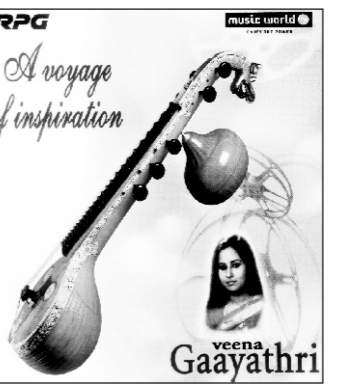
Edeshke Bhalobeshe
Patriotic songs by Nazmul Hasan Shishir
Price: Tk. 80.00
The young singer has tried to revive the love for those old patriotic songs like *Ek nodi raktto*, *Ekbar jete dena*, *Ma-go bhabna keno?*, *Ektara tui desher kotha* and others.



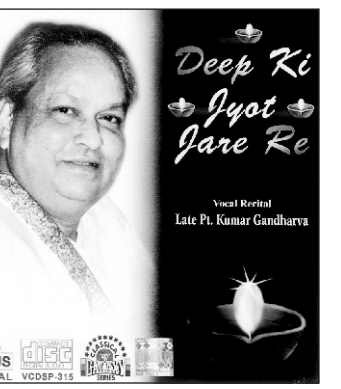
Tarana
Dance VCD by Nityanchal
Price: Tk. 100.00
First time in the country the renowned dance institution presents in this VCD dance compositions to several popular songs like *Shwet kapot*, *Babu selam*, *Kali dhan*, *Prayo shrei mukh* and others. Besides, a composition on Kathak dance will be loved by learners of classical dance.



Bodhu Biday
Classical music on Violin by Nusrat Mumtaz Ruposhi
Price: Tk. 100.00
The young violinist presents compositions on two raagas—Joog Raag and Bhairavi Raag. Besides, she presents one original theme composition named Bodhu Biday.



A Voyage of Inspiration
Recital of Veena by Gaayathri
Price: Tk. 350.00



Deep Ki Jyot Jare Re
Classical vocal by Pandit Kumar Gandharva
Price: Tk. 250.00

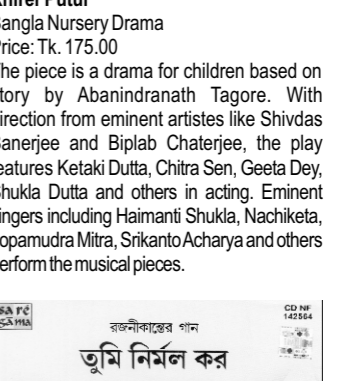
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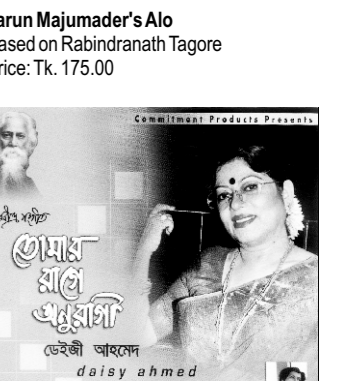
Khirer Putul
Bangla Nursery Drama
Price: Tk. 175.00
The piece is a drama for children based on story by Abanindranath Tagore. With direction from eminent artistes like Shvidas Banerjee and Biplob Chatterjee, the play features Ketaki Dutta, Chitra Sen, Geeta Dey, Shukla Dutta and others in acting. Eminent singers including Haimanti Shukla, Nachiketa, Lopamudra Mitra, Srikanto Acharya and others perform the musical pieces.



Tarun Majumader's Alo
Based on Rabindranath Tagore
Price: Tk. 175.00



Tumi Nirmal Koro
Songs of Rajanikanta Sen
Price: Tk. 275.00



Tomar Raagey Onuraagi
Rabindra Sangeet by Daisy Ahmed
Price: Tk. 100.00
The wife of actor Alamgir presents the album of Rabindra Sangeet including songs like *Mone robey kina robey amarey*, *Ektuku chhowa lagey*, *Chander hashir badh bhengechhey*, *Ei kothai mone rekho* and others.

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