

# Pick of the week



## The Serial

Bakeman's Ooh La La

August 31st at 8:30 on Star Plus

Hosted by Neelam, Ooh La La is a "thematic Masala-Mix" countdown show. The theme of each episode is independent. The show tries to bring out the action of the anchor in all its splendour. The character that the anchor portrays is of a couch potato—A television addict housewife with a remote in her hand, constantly surfing the channels. The genesis of the theme of each episode and of all the characters played by her in the first episode is in the mind of the "couch potato" and she constantly gets transported into playing the main characters of the various kinds of shows she ends up watching on television.



## The Sport

US Open 1997

Sept 1, 2, 3, 4 at 10:00 pm everyday on Star Sports

September 1 Men's and Women's 3rd Round, Men's and Women's Round of 16

September 2 Men's Round of 16/ Women's Quarter Finals

September 3 Men's and Women's Quarter Finals

September 4 Mixed Doubles Final



## The Interview

Breakfast With Seshan

August 30th at 9:30 on Star Plus

A half-hour chat show on politics, business, society, sports and environment. The host is TN Seshan, former Election Commissioner who gained celebrity status since he took on the mantle of cleansing the election process in India. Mr Seshan brings with him a reputation which came out of a reported quote "I eat politicians for breakfast". During his tenure as Election Commissioner, all political parties and political leaders were wary of Mr Seshan because of his bold manner of functioning. In this programme Mr Seshan will grill, chat, accuse and applaud prominent persons in public and people who make a difference to Indian society.

## Satellite TV

### BANGLA PROGRAMMES ON ATN

Friday, 29 August

7:00pm Drama: Neel Samudra  
Director: Jahangir Alam Suman  
Starring: Film Actress Poppy

Monday, 1 September

7:00pm Lucky Seven, part-6  
Anchor: Shimul Hossain; 7:30pm Humayun Ahmed's Nakshatrat, part-6

Saturday, 30 August

7:00pm Lip to Lip, part-5; 7:30pm Henolax  
Drama serial  
Saad Satero part-3  
Writer: Shahabuddin Nagree

Tuesday, 2 September

7:00pm Dhun Dharaka, part-6  
Director: Rose Mahmud; 7:30pm Saat Number Bari (Comedy serial), written and directed by Anzad Hossain

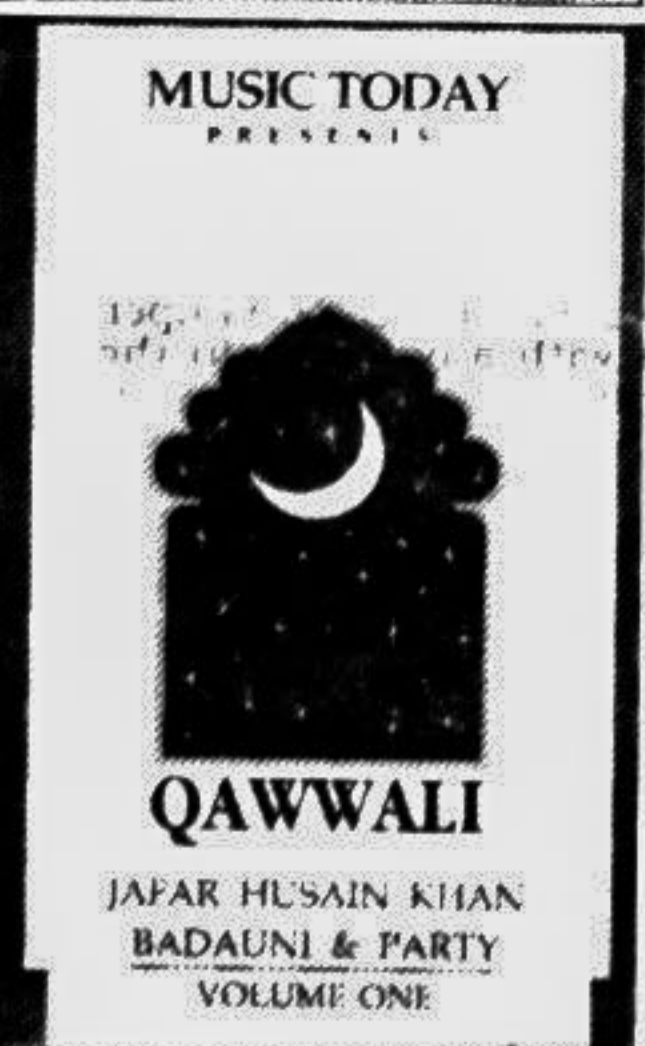
Sunday, 31 August

7:00pm Sheesha Bindi, part-5  
Writer: Pratab Bhatta  
Director: Ferdousi Majumdar; 7:30pm Priya Shikpi featuring Syed Abdul Hadi

Wednesday, 3 September

7:00pm Harry Khaji; 7:30pm Shikpi (Drama serial), written and directed by Mamunur Rashid

## Cassettes

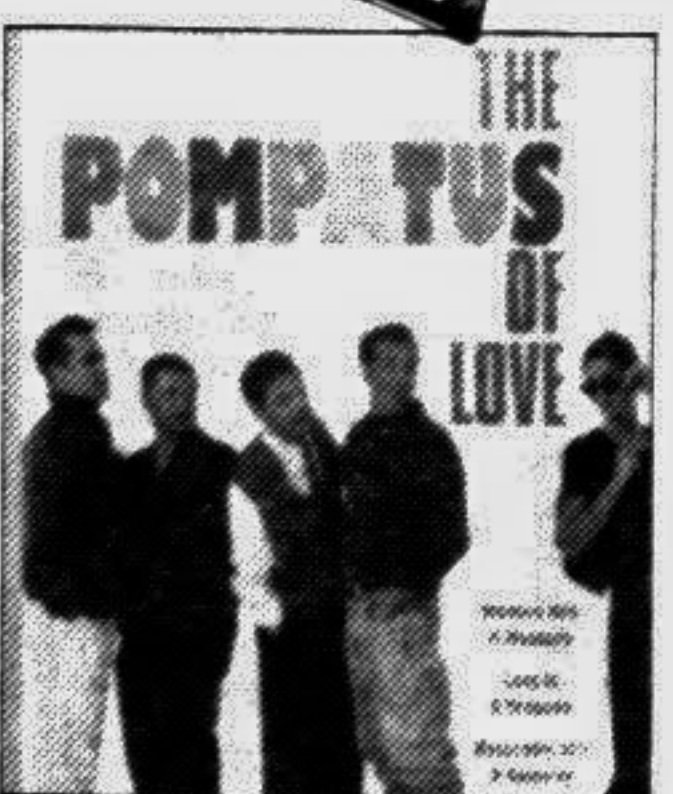


### Indian Classical Music

Music Today is successfully bringing out the very best of classical Indian music for some time now. Here are some of its not-to-be-missed new releases. Each cassette is priced at Tk 110 and available at the local den of classical music Drupadee, Aziz Super Market, Shahbagh.

**Shringar** subtitled "many moods of love" comes in four volumes  
Vol 1: Girija Devi (Thumri & Dadra)  
Vol 2: Shobha Gupta (Thumri & Dadra)  
Vol 3: Lakshmi Shankar (Thumri & Dadra)  
Vol 4: Ajoy Chakraborty (Thumri & Dadra)  
**Qawwali** series is in two volumes featuring Jafar Husain Khan.  
**Jugalbandi** is in three volumes  
Vol 1: Sitar and santoor — featuring Buddhadi Mukherjee and Bhajan Sopori  
Vol 2: Sitar and violin — featuring Shahid Parvez and Fayaz Hussain Khan  
Vol 3: Pakhawaj and tabla — featuring Arjun Shejwal and Fazal Qureshi  
Ashwini Bhide Deshpande featuring in **Young Master Series** with Raga Bhimpalasi and Shuddha Kalyan.

## Video



### Pompatus of Love (Comedy)

Director: Russell  
Jon Cryer  
Adrian Pasdar  
Mia Sara  
Kristin Scott Thomas



### Face Off (Thriller/ Action)

John Travolta  
Nicolas Cage



### Death Machine (Sci-Fi/Action)

Source: Rose Valley

## Screening



### Now in CASSETTE

The most gifted film-maker of our time Morshedul Islam's — who won silver peacock award for best direction in the 10th International Film Festival in India — three acclaimed films Dukhai, Dipu Number Two and Chaka are really for small screen. The cassette version of the films will be officially released 31 August at German Cultural Centre at 5:30pm. The ceremony will be followed by the screening of some selected scenes. The cassettes also will be on sale.

## Theatre

### ANAMMI ANGANA



The most prodigious writer after great Rabindranath Tagore in Bengali Literature was perhaps Buddhadev Bose. Bose has written some verse drama of extraordinary intensity. Of them, **Anammi Angana** is certainly the most celebrated and acclaimed by critics and theatre groups. Mukta Padabali, a theatre group, is bringing **Anammi Angana** on stage this Friday at Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 7 pm. Address: House 510, Road 7, Dhanmardi, R/A.



### KHATTA TAMASHA

4 September at Mahila Samity at 7:00 pm

A play by Syed Shamsul Haq

Directed by Aly Zaker

Set in the famine of 1943, the play examines the predicament of three young women who, in a village in northern Bangladesh, had fallen victim to the wrath of the famine. Bereaved at the loss of their near and dear ones they went from door-to-door for help and succor. The response of the society, more significantly the men of the society, towards these women is one of indifference. The three women, now at the end of their patience, decide to pursue the oldest trade in the society. They publicly declare that they have no alternative but to take to prostitution. The society is suddenly awoken by this stark assertion and endeavours to pull all its resources to avoid the so-called catastrophe. They try to bribe, cajole and tempt the three women out of their resolve. The dramatic personae includes: Ananta Heera, Khaled Khan, Afana Mimi, Bipasha Hayat, Zafar Rahman, Alaur Rahman, Asaduzzaman Noor, Aly Zaker, Sara Zaker.

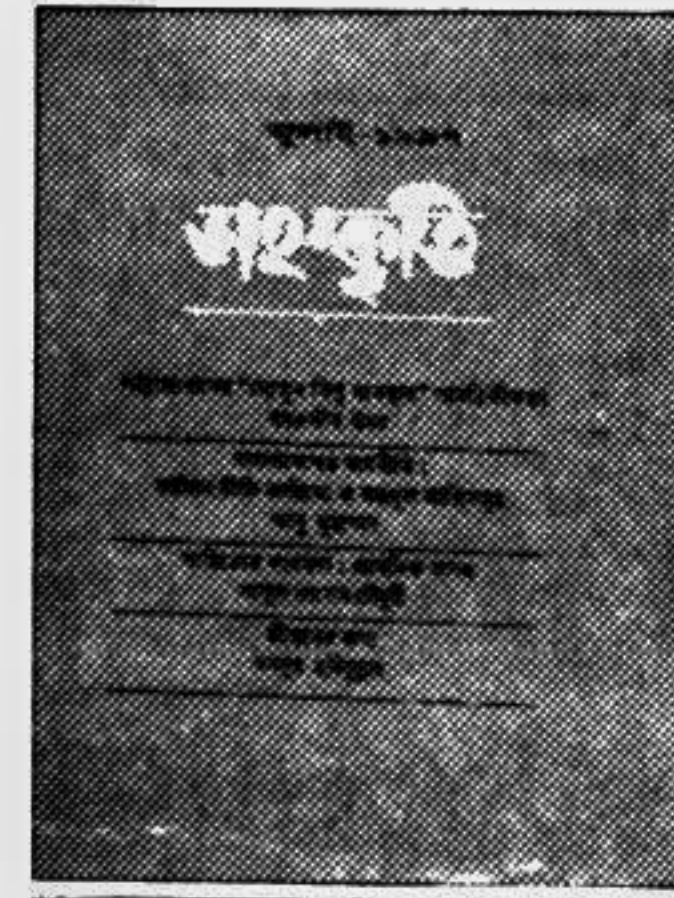
## Bookshop



### Boi-Patra

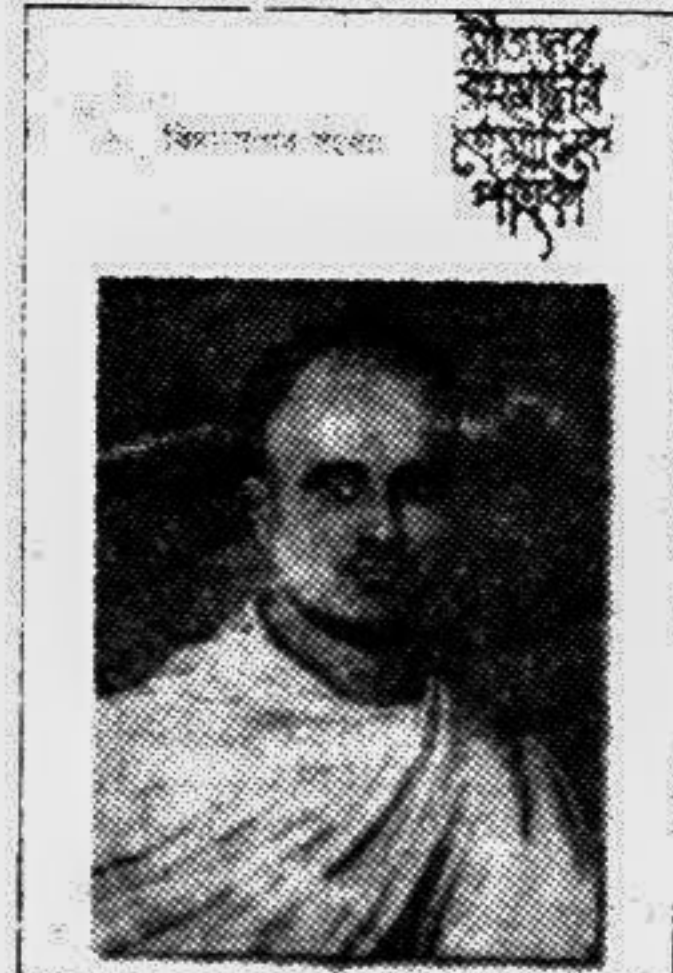
As you come from Shahbagh to Elephant Road you will left Aziz Super Market on right — a shopping centre which to the book lovers known as **boi para**. The bookshops of this market are marked for their browser-friendliness. But the book store that stands out for its rich collection of books on philosophy, anthropology, sociology and world classics is no doubt **Boi Patra**. You will get welcome as you come in by the shopkeeper Arif and are then left to trawl the shelves at your leisure. With a formidable range of studies Arif can be your good guide if you are not sure about which title is the best introduction for a certain subject you are looking for.

## Magazine & Journal



### THE JOURNAL OF SOCIAL STUDIES

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### SOME IMPORTANT PUBLICATIONS

Four new magazines of scholarly interest have hit the bookstores. Priced at Tk 200 **Mizanur Rahman's Troimashik Patrika** no doubt is going to be a collectors' issue which devoted its present volume on the great social reformer and intellectual Bidyasagar. **Pashchimanga** has focused its current issue on Tebhaga movement. You can get it at Tk 40. **The Journal of Social Studies** present issue is rich with some insightful essays. Price Tk 30. **Sanskriti** shades light on imperialism's new face after Cold War in its cover story. Price Tk 10. Available at Pathak Samabesh, Shahbagh.

## Shopping



### Aloha

What is it? A lonely shop as it were Aloha, gift emporium, nestles next to Green Squire. Devoted to revive the traditional Bangladeshi crafts, the shop has an enviable variety of goods you will love to buy. Want to add colour to your bedroom but bored with what is available in the posh arcades? Don't worry try Aloha's tribal artefacts produced Monipuri bed sheet and bed cover. And successfully retrieved from oblivion a rich collection of tapestry is also there to quench your aesthetic thirst. Oh yes! Don't forget to look for the silver jewellery collection that Aloha has.

## Bhojan Bilas



### Khabar Dabar

For the urbanites, specially those who live in the 'new' part of the city, the taste of many traditional mughal dish erased from memory. Here is a finger-licking news for them. If you want to refresh your memories of imperial food try **morag polo** of Khabar Dabar in Chawk Bazar. Choose a holiday to avoid thick and suffocating traffic of old Dhaka if you don't have an urgent piece of business there. But even if you decide to brave the summer heat and despairing traffic you will not regret it after having the mouth-watering dish. And the price? Very competitive. Taka 60 for a plate which comes with the sumptuous Khabar Dabar special free dal.

## New Books



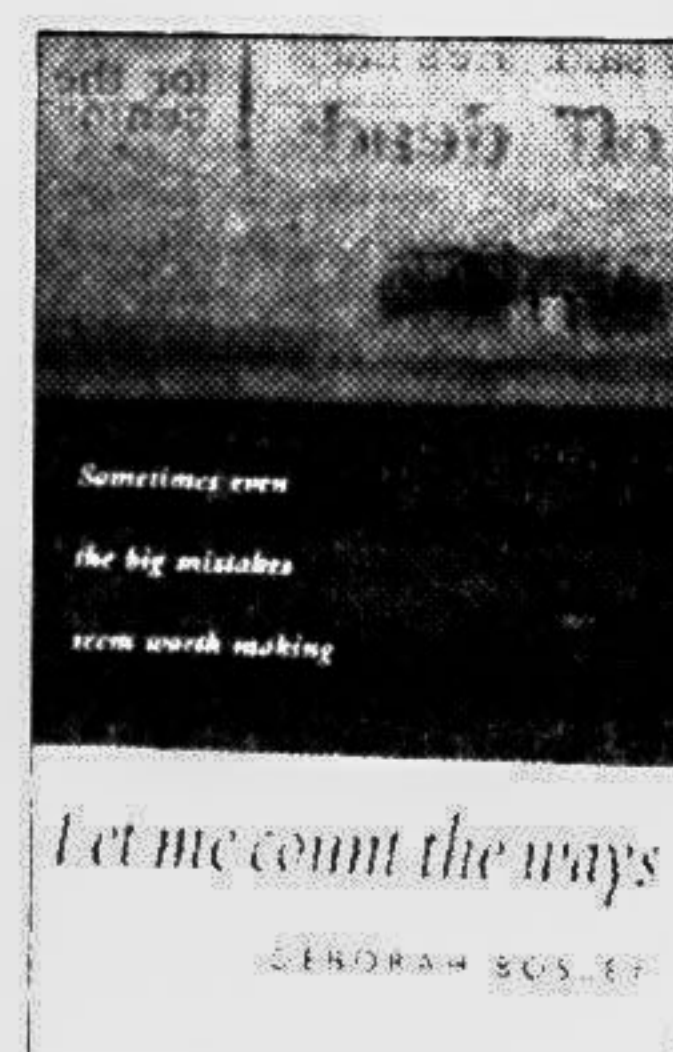
### OPENING MOVES

Author: Shrilal Shukla  
Publisher: Penguin India  
Price: Tk 125

When Meduram, alias 'Neta', a daily-wage labourer on a construction site, suddenly disappears, his absence leave everyone baffled. The police believe that Neta was involved in an accident, but 'Munshi' Santosh Kumar, the foreman, who is popular among the workers as their spokesman and leader, suspects foul-play. Neta is hospitalised in a critical condition and soon succumbs to his wounds.

Authentic, moving and eloquent, **Opening Moves** is another virtuoso performance by Shrilal Shukla, the author of **Raag Darbari**, the critically acclaimed bestseller.

Translated from the Hindi by David Rubin



### LET ME COUNT THE WAYS

Author: Deborah Bosley  
Publisher: Century  
Price: Tk 890

Bright, outspoken but dissatisfied Frances in is a dead-end job in a second-hand bookshop in Charlotte Street when her brother takes her to a party at the Royal Institute of British Architects in Portland Square. There she meets Finn, a handsome and glamorous American upon whom she decides to heap her fantasies of Mr Right. Ignoring all the signs she moves with him to San Francisco, where they marry, and little by little she has to come to terms with the fact that he has been less than honest with her. Their marriage is a sham and slowly they drift apart. Luminous with pain, yet never without wit and humour, **Let me count the ways** is a first novel of extraordinary intensity.



### EXQUISITE CORPSE

Author: Robert Irwin  
Publisher: Dedalus  
Price: Tk 1300

**Exquisite Corpse** is set in London, Paris and Munich in the 1940s and 50s. Like **The Arabian Nights** and **The Limits of Vision**, Robert Irwin's new novel is centrally concerned with the strange powers of the imagination.



### BAHUMATRIK JOYTIRMAY

Selected writings of Humayun Azad  
Publisher: Agami  
Pages: 336  
Price: Tk 300

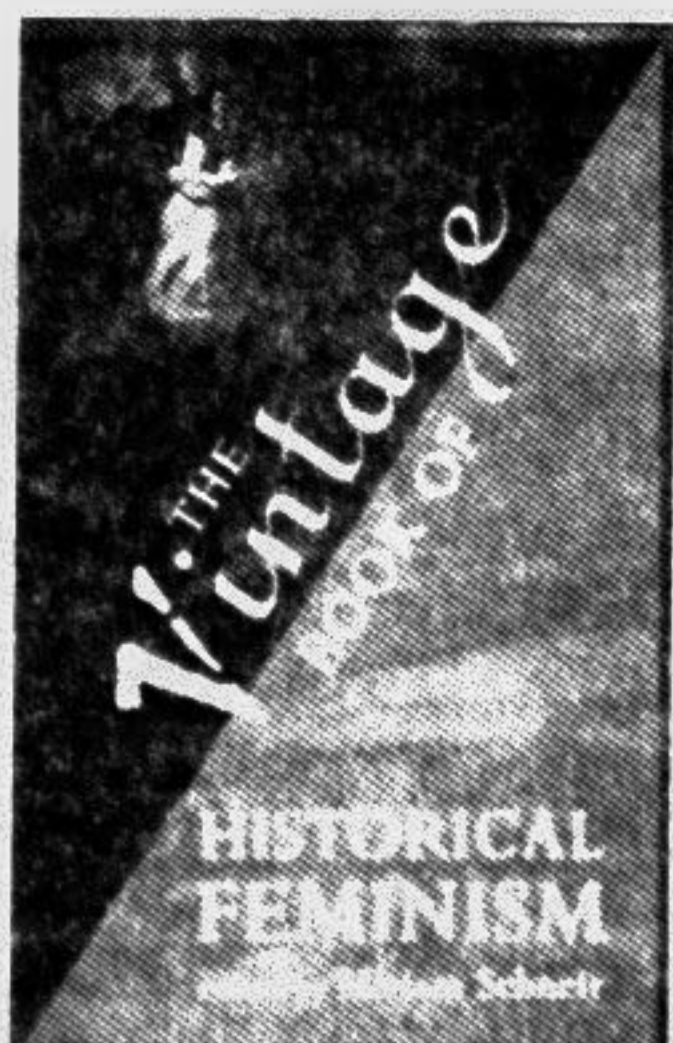
Beginning as a poet of emotional wariness Humayun Azad eventually ventured boldly and confidently into variety of areas and genres. He is the most trenchant critic of poetry writing today; a novelist of repute; an essayist loved and hated for his iconoclastic approach and argument and an accomplished columnist. This prodigious author, writing incessantly for 30 years, has recently completed 50 years. The volume **Bahumatric...** is an anthology of his selected writing, a definitive guide to the psyche of the most non-conformist writer of our time.



### SURVIVING MEN

The Smart Women's Guide to staying on top  
Publisher: Penguin India  
Price: Tk 300

Bestselling novelist and columnist Shobha De gives a provocative, no-holds-barred guide to the Indian man. Are men worth the time women spend on them? Is it possible to actually love a man? Are men any good in bed? What do men like about women? What do women like about men? How does a woman train a man? Can men and women ever be friends? — the questions she asks and answers.



### THE VINTAGE BOOK OF HISTORICAL FEMINISM

Edited by Miriam Schneir  
Publisher: Vintage  
Price: Tk 615

This anthology gathers together the essential historical writings of feminism. Many of the works, long out of print, are brought out of obscurity and into the light of contemporary analysis and criticism. More than forty selections cover 150 years of writing on women's struggle — from Mary Wollstonecraft and George Sand to Emma Goldman and Clara Zetkin — and extensive commentaries by Miriam Schneir help the reader see the historical context of each selection.

Available at Pathak Samabesh, Shahbagh

## Spotlight



### MEMORY OF DHAKA

Memories are what from where the creative works stem. For Watanabe memories of the Dhaka city are precious and as the crime rises to the top so do the senses of the city she famed in her mind come into fore in the form of painting. The reticent and shy Watanabe has put up her sweet memories of Dhaka against the wall of Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Shahbagh. The week-long show stays open till 31 August everyday from 10am-7pm.