

PICK OF THE WEEK



The Movie

The Phantom
on HBO March 30 at 10:00 pm
Based on the famous King Features comic strip which first appeared in 1936, The Phantom, with his black mask and rippling purple body suit, was not only seen as the precursor to the DC Comics superheroes, but also one of the few to have that unique, yet admirable guy-in-the-jungle mystique.



The Sport

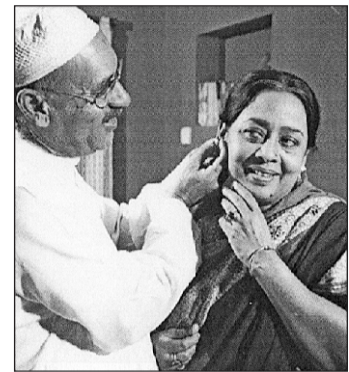
ODI Cricket series
Live on ESPN at 2:00pm
4th ODI on Mar 30
Australia
VS
South Africa



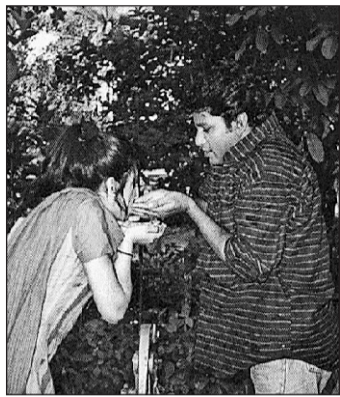
Our Choice

Scent of a Woman
on HBO March 31 at 10:00 pm
Scholarship student Charlie Simms hopes to earn a little extra spending dosh, by taking care of a blind and very bitter Lieutenant Colonel Frank Slade, over the thanksgiving weekend -- a weekend that will change their lives forever. But while Frank waxes poetic about life's finer things -- wine, women and the Waldorf-Astoria -- there's more planned for the brief retreat than just merry-making with the schoolboy.

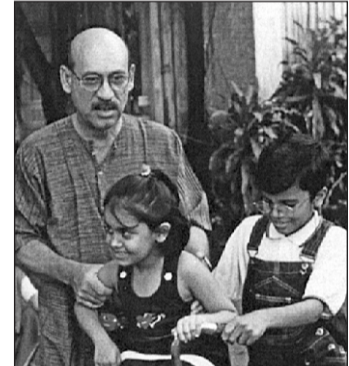
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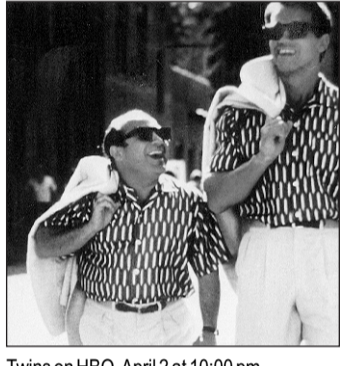
Ekushey: April 1 at 8:05 p.m. Bandhan. 92nd episode of this popular serial unfolds the true story of Chhuti-Muhit relationship. Coincidentally Shirin, Ali Hossain and Imran visit Kanka's house. Imran and Rohan want to revive their old bond. But even after many ups and downs none of them can conquer their difference from each other.



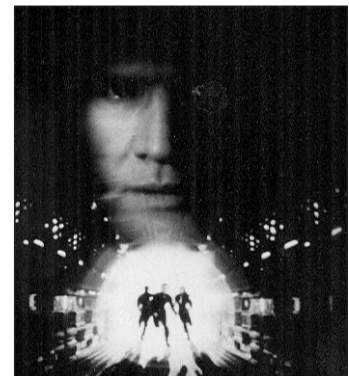
Ekushey: April 3 at 9:00 p.m. Atmaproakash. In the 12th episode of this serial viewers see Shima returns home after she realises her mistake. Chandan and Kabita perform their social duty in rescuing an abducted child. They take the child home and start for their new destination.



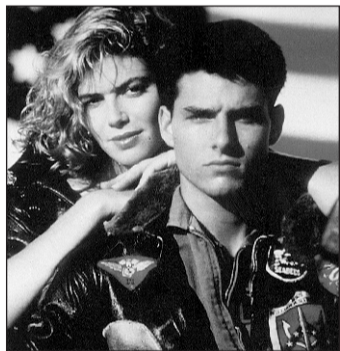
Ekushey: March 31 at 8:30 p.m. Kafiluddin Mahuri. Kafiluddin Mahuri's only job is to while away his time in loneliness sitting on a sooty veranda. He awaits return of his expatriate son and wishes to buy a piece of land near his ancestral house. But his son finds the idea ludicrous.



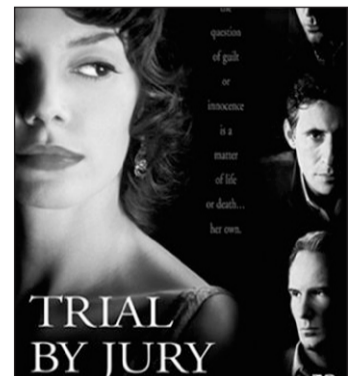
Twins on HBO, April 2 at 10:00 pm
Double your comedy fun with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito as the unlikely and loopyest-twins ever to cut the cord. Separated at birth, the valiant hulk and his sleazeball, shrimpy twin reunite to search for their long-lost mom. But a stolen Cadillac and its multi-million dollar cache might mean the end of their road! Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny DeVito



Fortress 2 on HBO, April 3 at 10:00 pm
It is ten years from the original Fortress movie. Brennick and his family are still on the run from the Mental corporation. Finally, they give in, and surrender, only to find themselves imprisoned in a new, more sophisticated fortress prison in outer space. But Brennick's not a man to give in easily, and with a 10-year-old son waiting for him back on earth, he's going to pack some serious assault on the evil corporation. Starring: Christopher Lambert, David Robertson, Liz May Brice, Pam Grier



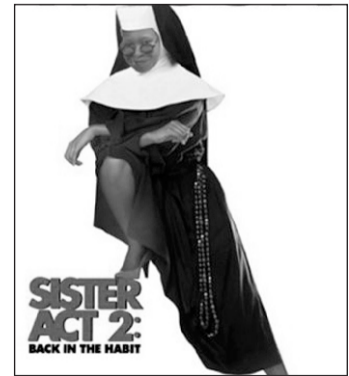
Toppun on HBO, April 1 at 10:00 pm.
Some of the most eye-boggling fight sequences ever made will take your breath away in the action-romance that soared into the box-office stratosphere. Cruise is a cocky Navy pilot whose unorthodox techniques land him in hot water as well as instructor Kelly McGillis' arms. Sprinkled by a hit sound track and a cast loaded with star-power. Starring: Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis, Anthon Edwards, Valkilmer



Trial By Jury
Trial By Jury, On Star Movies on March 30 at 7:00p.m.
Valerie is a juror in the trail of a mob boss. When her young son's life is threatened, she has no option other than to see that justice isn't done.



Bedazzled, On Star Movies on April 4 at 7:00p.m.
Elliott Richardson, suicidal techno geek, is given seven wishes to turn his life around when he meets up with a very seductive Satan. The catch: his soul. Some of his wishes include a 7 foot basketball star, a rock star, and a hamburger. But, as could be expected, the Devil must put her own little twist on each his fantasies.

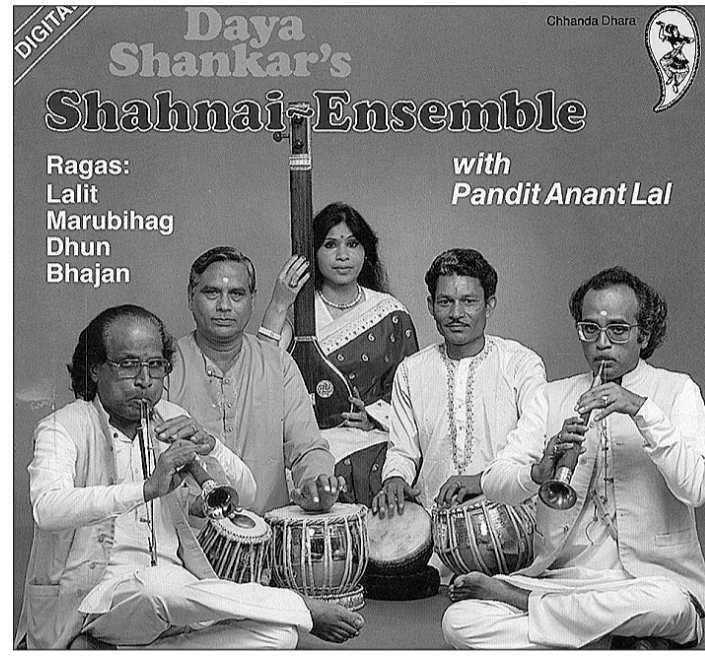


Sister Act 2, On Star Movies on March 31 at 7:00p.m.
The sisters come back to Delores's show to get her back as Sister Mary Clarence to teach music to a group of students in their parochial school which is doomed for closure. One of the girls, who is the most talented of the bunch, is forbidden to sing by her mother, although the choir has made it to the state championship. A group of stereotypical incompetent monks tries to stop them.

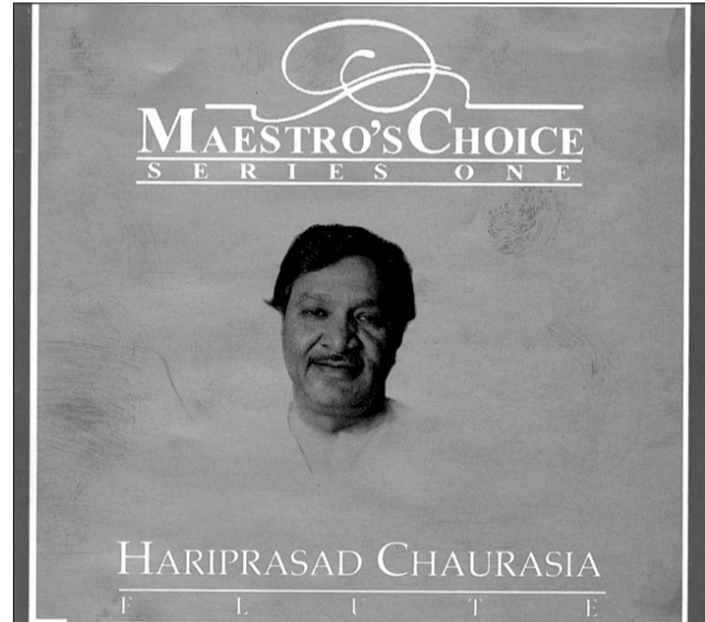


The X-Men, On Star Movies on April 3 at 7:00p.m.
All over the planet, unusual children are born with an added twist to their genetic code. This "X-factor" allows the children to perform extraordinary feats - flight, telekinetics, laser beams from the eyes and more. One Dr. Charles Xavier gathers the children to a place where he can train them to use their powers for themselves and the forces of good he dubs these children his X-men and hijinks ensue.

Cassettes & CDs



Daya Shankar's Shahnai Ensemble
Featuring ragas Lalit, Marubihag, Taka: 500
Shri Daya Shankar, a leading shahnai artist from India, was born into a Shahnai gharana of Benaras with a tradition of over 300 years. His shahnai playing is characterised by his systematic badhat in gayaki ang, exquisite ghamaks, intricate tan patterns and his rhythmic jhala executed with precision and clarity.



Maestro's Choice
Hariprasad Chaurasia, Taka: 450
This album features ragas Lalit and Bhoopali. Lalit is an early morning raga. The awakening of a new day gives a feeling of awe and worship. Bhoopali, on the other hand, is steeped in the essence of the devotional mood.

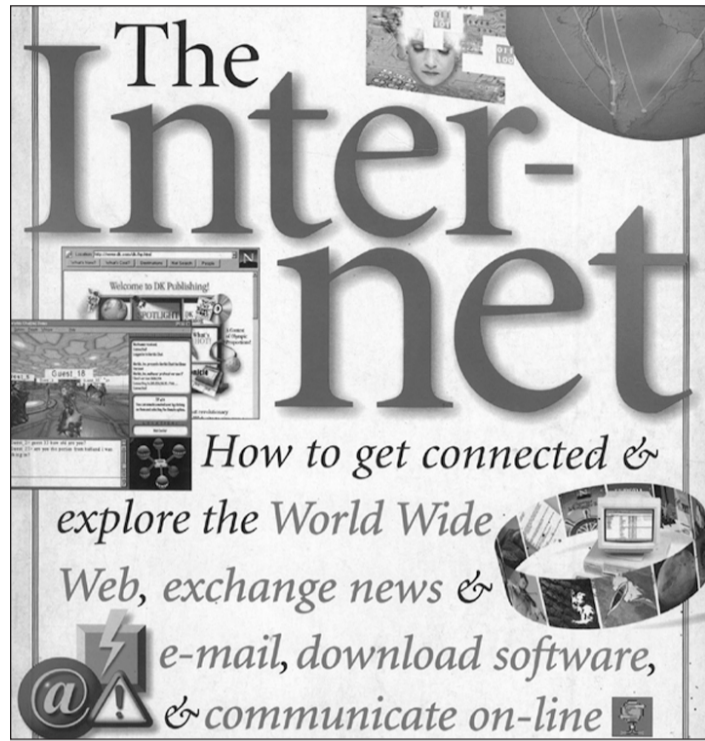


Aamaray Tumi Ashesh Arechho
Readings from songs and poems of Rabindranath Tagore by Rina Mahmud, Taka: 250

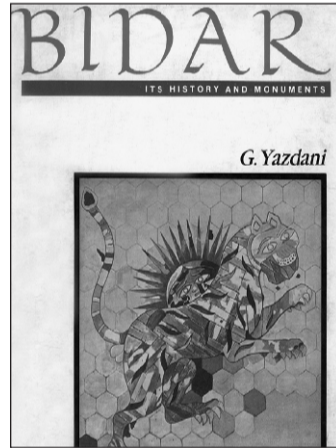


Aamaray Jadi Jagalay Aaj
Songs of Rabindranath Tagore sung by Selina Malek, Taka: 250
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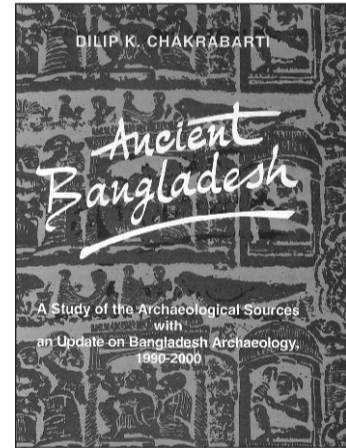
New Books



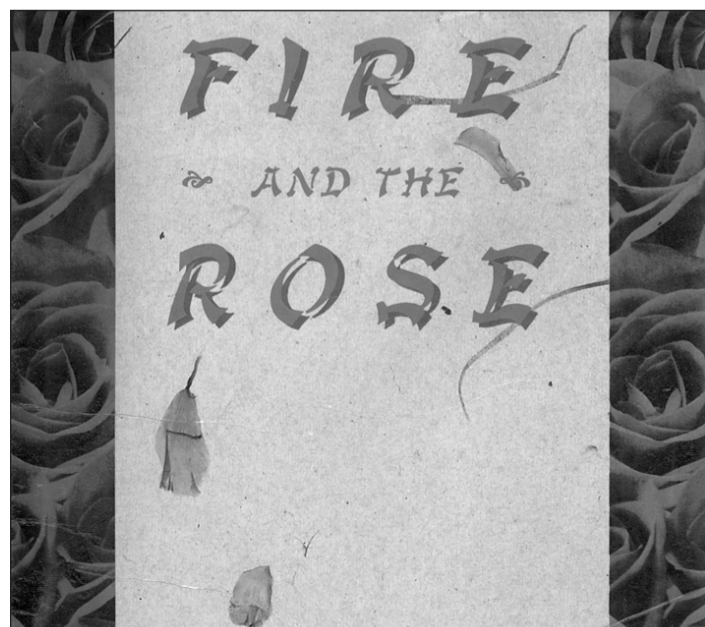
The Internet
Price Tk 1190
This book is a beginner's guide to the internet for windows 95 users. It contains clear descriptions of how to connect to the Internet, how the main activities on the Internet work, and how to obtain, set up, and use all the necessary software. The book does not overload you with technical information. It tells you as much information as you need to know to make a start, and offers hands-on guidance on how to use the main areas of the Internet by means of detailed, thoroughly tested examples. It contains essential reference material, and also points you to more detailed technical information on the Internet.



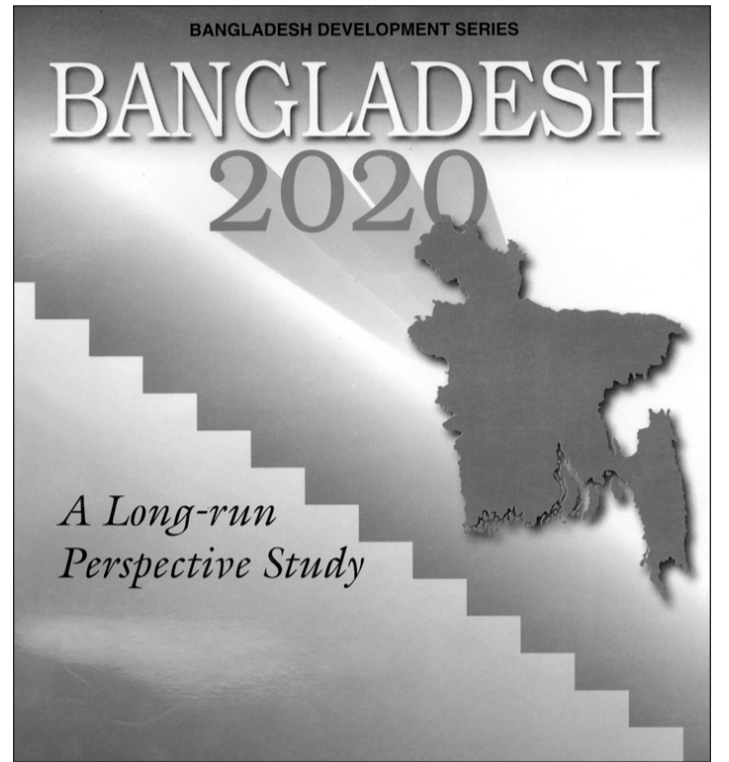
Bidar
Its History and Monuments
G Yazdani, Price Tk 1200
The town of Bidar, some eighty miles from Hyderabad, flourished as the capital of the Bahmani kings during a hundred years from about the middle of the fifteenth century. It afterwards experienced sundry vicissitudes, and fell into complete decay in the later part of the nineteenth century, its once beautiful palace and public buildings, formerly the envy of the great cities of India, becoming a neglected mass of debris. Dr Yazdani, who visited Bidar for the first time in 1915, drew up a comprehensive programme for the thorough repair and conservation of the monuments at Bidar, and the work has been carried out through the enlightened policy of the Nizam's Government by whose authority the present magnificently illustrated record has been made available. It surveys the physical features, history and architecture of Bidar in Chapters I-III and thereafter treats in detail of the numerous historical monuments, which include rare masterpieces of architecture and ornament in the palace buildings, temples, mosques, and tombs.



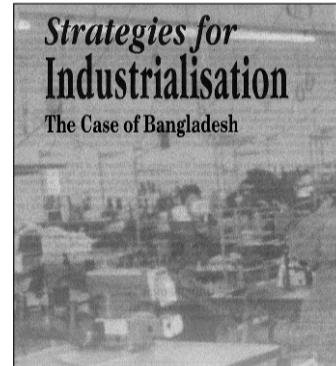
Ancient Bangladesh
A Study of the Archaeological sources with an Update on Bangladesh Archaeology, 1990-2000
Dilip K Chakrabarti, Price Tk. 395.00
This book was first published in 1992. It is still the only authoritative and comprehensive review of Bangladesh archaeology in the context of the archaeology of the subcontinent. The present print bears an update on the more recent developments in the field. In the context of South Asian archaeology as a whole, the archaeology of Bangladesh is viewed with general indifference. The iconography, sculptural, architectural, epigraphic and numismatic data from this area have long been drawing the attention of specialist scholars in these fields, but archaeologically the country is known principally for three sites: 1) Mahasthangarh, a major regional administrative centre of the Mauryas in the third century BC; (2) Paharpur, a Buddhist monastery which was established by the Pala King Dharmapala towards the end of the eighth century AD; and (3) Mainamati, which houses more than fifty Buddhist sites (dated between the seventh and the thirteenth centuries AD) in a setting of low hills.



Fire and the Rose
Edited and Translated by Anisur Rahman, Price Tk 630
As the first comprehensive selection of modern Urdu poetry, *Fire and the Rose* brings together the best of poetry written during the last six decades. It also represents, in this process, a distinct and vibrant tradition of modern Urdu poetry in Pakistan. A reading through the hundred poems of this anthology, selected carefully for their literary merit, exposes the reader to myriad modes of perception and expression, typical of an old and established culture craving to carve a niche for itself in the maze of the modern world. These poems may well be placed among the prominent Third World texts that are being read today with great curiosity and interest.
Source: Pathak Shamabesh



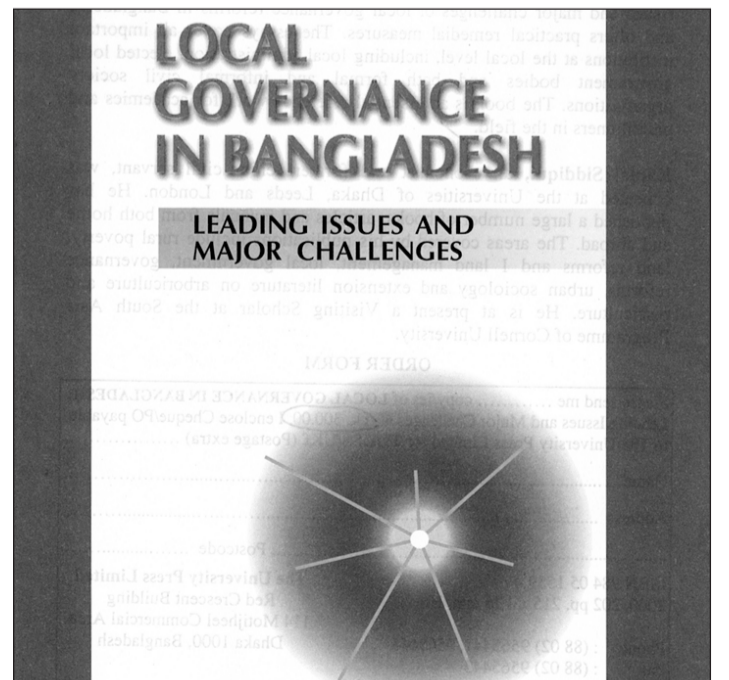
Bangladesh Development Series
Bangladesh 2020 A Long-run Perspective Study The World Bank and Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies, Price Tk 450.00
This study presents a vision of Bangladesh in the year 2020. In articulating that 'vision', the authors all Bangladesh scholars have chosen the path of cautious optimism by recognizing the enormous potentials on which to build a prosperous future, but warning that unless Bangladesh is fully prepared to face the challenges of a highly competitive world of the 21st century, accelerated growth and poverty alleviation could remain a dream.



Strategies for industrialisation
The Case of Bangladesh
Edited by Mozammel Huq, Jim Love, Price Tk 495.00
The volume contains a selection of papers generated in the course of a Link Programme on industrialisation between the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) and the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. In focusing broadly on the strategy of industrialisation, relevant theoretical and empirical issues are brought forward dealing in particular with external competitiveness and economic development. The issue of technological capability building is also extensively analysed. Another important area covered in the book is the identification of inter-sectoral linkages. Trade liberalisation, exchange rate reforms and export promotion obviously form the main instruments of the industrialisation strategy being pursued by Bangladesh. These issues are extensively covered in three separate papers. Two major empirical investigations are also included, examining the dynamics of competitiveness of garments and leather manufacturing.



The Logopathic Reviewer's Song
Kaiser Haq, Price Tk 120
In this exciting new collection of poetry and prose, *The Logopathic Reviewer's Song*, Kaiser Haq demonstrates his ability to mould the English language into strange and beautiful forms that reflect his distinctive vision of life at once ironic, quirky, zany, and rich in emotional undertones and intellectual implications. With increasing exuberance, he explores varieties of free verse, experiments with prose poetry and aphorisms, and for good measure dips into the rich fund of folk tales. Varied experiences spanning three continents are destined with innovative verve into this memorable volume.



Local Governance in Bangladesh
Leading Issues and Major Challenges
Kamal Siddiqui, Price Tk. 300.00
A pioneering effort, this book, in twenty-five essays, analyses the leading issues and major challenges of local governance reforms in Bangladesh, and offers practical remedial measures. The essays cover all important institutions at the local level, including local administration, elected local government bodies and both formal and informal civil society organisations. The book is an essential reference work for academics and practitioners in the field.
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