

## PICK OF THE WEEK



### The Movie

**Practical Magic**  
On HBO July 21 at 3:00 p.m.  
The Owens are not your plain Janes. Sally and Gillian hardly ever stick to conventions. They eat chocolate for breakfast, they stay up late and for recreation, they study spell books. Yep Witchcraft. Magic Hocus Pocus. It is a legacy that's been passed from generation to generation and mainly used on men.



### The Sport

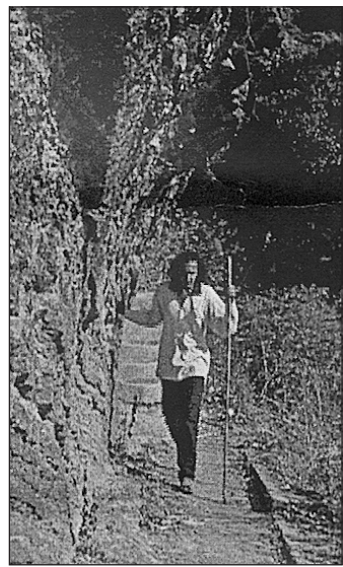
Live on ESPN at 4:00 p.m. (BST) on July 25  
Tri-nation series champs India meets England in the first test match of the series being played in England from Thursday. The Asian giants eye for a series win while on the other hand the Englishmen also are desperate to take revenge on India of their recent ODI loss. Watch the five-day proceedings of the exciting game.  
India Vs England



### Our Choice

**Men Of Honor**  
Star Movies July 21 at 7:00 p.m.  
A heroic life gets a suitably dramatic retelling in George Tillman Jr.'s docudrama MEN OF HONOR. Based on the true story of Carl Brashear, the first African American to become a United States Navy master diver, the film follows the conventional yet pleasurable against-all-odds narrative.

## Satellite TV



Ekushey at 8:05 p.m. on July 19. Adventure Bangladesh. This episode brings before the viewers, several locations of Ruma Upazilla in Bandarban district. Journey starts from Hafez Gona, a bus stand that leads to Ruma. Among other places, a tribal bazar at Meghla Haat, Sangu river and Rijkh Jarna will be shown in the episode. Khan Manzurul Islam hosts the program and Sharifuddin Palah directs it.



Ekushey at 9:00 p.m. on July 20. Neel towale. A drama serial written by Humayun Ahmed shows a family that includes Prithul, a child, an uncle, Ira, grandfather and others. On Prithul's birthday, the child is gifted with some money by his grandfather. Uncle takes Prithul and his sister to their mother to seek blessing. Shoma prepares for her exams. Shawkat sahib likes her very much.



Ekushey at 9:00 p.m. on July 19. Amanisha. Newly retired judge Abdul Jalil goes to his village home for vacation and meets the villagers. He is well known in the place for his influential characteristics and also for his wealth and power in the urban society. He intends to compete in the general elections but his daughter thinks that her father tries to win in the election only to misuse his powers. One day Jalil meets a man he knew as Kala chore, who was hanged to death in a judgement read out by Jalil himself. Is Kala chore now a ghost?



**Forbidden Sins** on HBO  
Friday July 19, at 12:00 PM  
When a stripper is murdered in an apparent crime of passion, all evidence seems to point to her lover and employer, David Mulholland (Timbrook). Already a suspect for a previous murder, Mulholland is an easy target for detective John Doherty (Myles O'Brien), the cop assigned to the case. Mulholland, however, claims the evidence was planted, and to defend him, he hires Doherty's strongest foe his ex-wife, Maureen (Tweed), and attorney. As Maureen works to clear Mulholland's name, she finds herself falling in love with him, a liaison that as her ex-husband warns could prove fatal, for both.



**Get Carter** on HBO  
Friday July 19, at 10:00 PM  
When Frank Carter ends up dead, his brother Jack (Stallone, The Specialist), a hired-killer, is here to investigate his death. Help from the LAPD isn't forthcoming, so Jack goes trailing for clues himself, and finds himself knee-deep in the seedy underworld of LA's gambling and porn industry, and gets acquainted with its nasty players, including his old nemesis Jeremy Kinneer (Alan Cumming), who runs an especially dirty porn game where unsuspecting victims are drugged and videotaped; and Cliff Brumby (Caine), owner of the club that Frank managed.

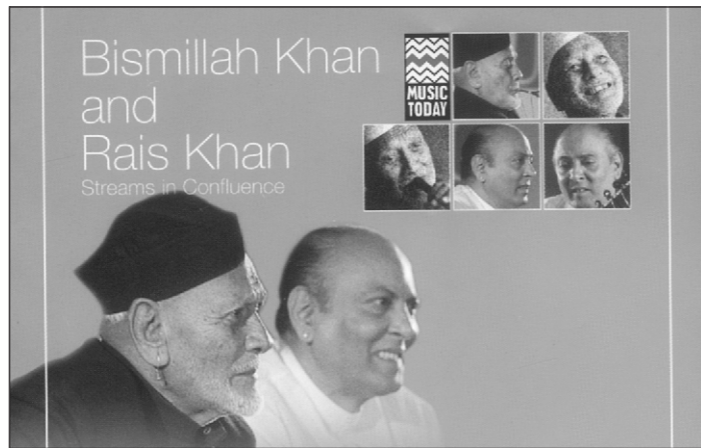


Star Movies on July 19 at 8:45 p.m. Bad Moon. One night, Ted is attacked by a werewolf, who bites him on the arm. A few months later, Ted -- now a lycanthrope himself -- moves in with his sister Janet and her son, who are unaware of Ted's condition. However, Janet's German shepherd Thor is highly suspicious of Ted... Will Ted-the-werewolf turn on his family? If so, can Thor save the day?



Star Movies on July 20 at 7:00 p.m. Species. A team of scientists decide they must gas to death a young girl named Sil. Why? Because she is the result of an experiment in which human DNA was mixed with that of a (possibly nefarious) alien race. But Sil has plans of her own, so she breaks out of the gas chamber and escapes. This prompts Fitch, the head scientist, to gather a team to track the child down. Unfortunately, they may have trouble recognizing their prey, because Sil has turned herself into a lethal, sexy, adult woman... whose goal is to procreate as soon as possible.

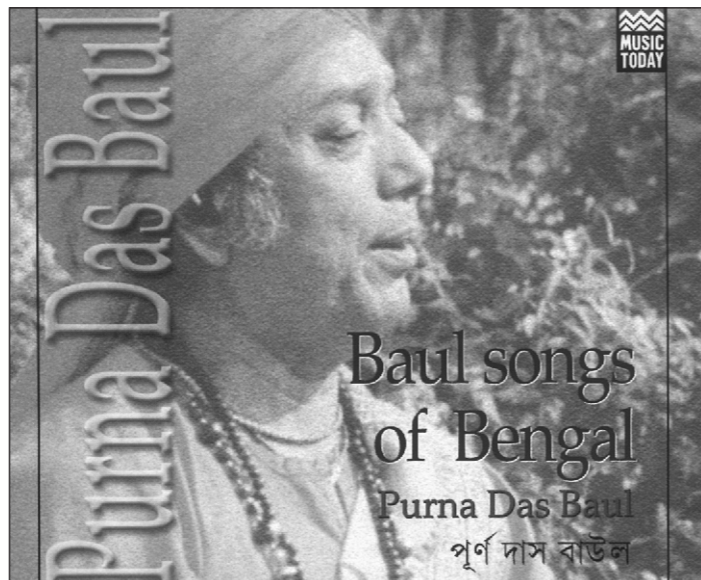
## Cassettes & CDs



**Swar Utsav - Streams In Confluence**  
Bismillah Khan and Rais Khan Price: 400.00  
Streams in Confluence Contrasts and confluences of all kinds have always found musical expression from earliest times to date in Indian music. Be it a confluence of voices and styles from within the Indian music forms or the arrangement ad juxtaposition of musical ideas from western and other musical cultures, this series offers it all. There were three such presentations in Swar Utsav 2001. There were two unusual jugalbandi performances Bismillah Khan (shehnai) and Rais Khan (sitar) partnered for the first time at Swar Utsav's inaugural night and another first ever on-stage encounter was between vocalist Ashwini Bhide Deshpande and sarod player Biswajit Roy Chowdhury. While these were both from within the tradition, there was another one by Ganesh-Kumaresh-Taufiq Qureshi in a scintillating recital of Carnatic music pieces augmented with western strings, keyboards and percussion skillfully woven around the theme of nava rasas or the nine basic emotions.



**Swar Utsav - Scaling The Classical Heights**  
Ajoy Chakraborty Price: 400.00  
This volume of the series features Ajoy Chakraborty, one of the most versatile Hindustani classical singers of the country. At the Swar Utsav 2001 Ajoy Chakraborty gave a masterly rendering of the evening raga Maru Bihag. This leading exponent of the Patiala gharana then went on to bring alive the memories of Bade Ghulam Ali Khan with the popular semi-classical numbers Yaad Piya Ki Aaye and Ka Karoon Sajni. Ajoy's mesmerizing voice and control created an ambience of sheer bliss.



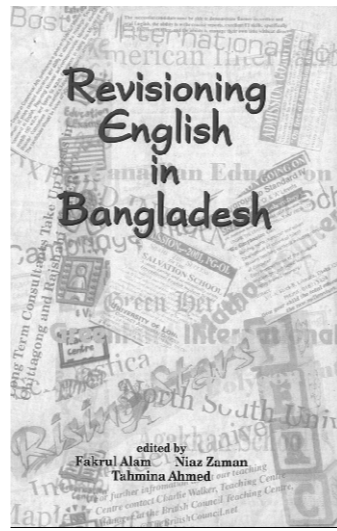
**Baul songs of Bengal**  
Purna Das Baul Price: 400.00  
Purna Das Baul is a real folk hero in his country, where he is referred to as 'the King of Bauls'. He represents the seventh generation in a dynasty of prestigious musicians. He used to spend most of his time with his father Nabani Das, who used to teach Purna Das the most fabulous Baul songs. Purna Das, at the age of four, got a job as a singer in an opera part, earning only five rupees per night. There, he contacted laureate Tarashankar Bandhopadhyay.



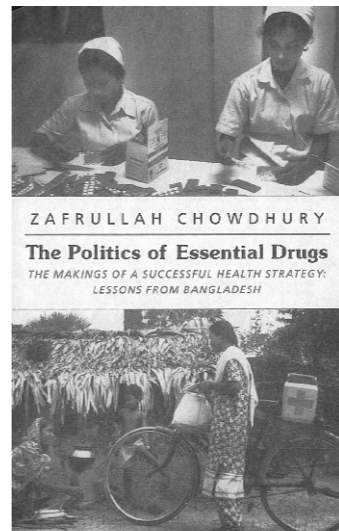
**Ei koti mor gaan**  
Gulshan-E-Yasmin Price: 150.00  
It contains a compilation of Tagore songs presented by the artist in radio and television over last few years. Fifteen songs of the album are supported by musicians including Ajit Roy, Anisur Rahman and Saeed Hossain Sentu.

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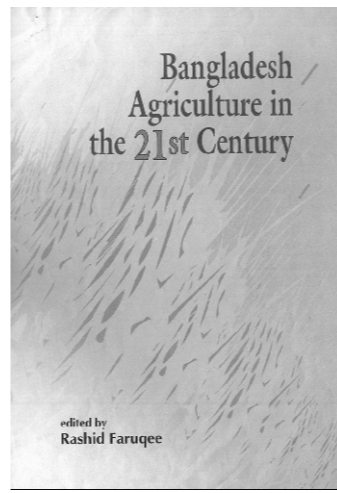
## New Books



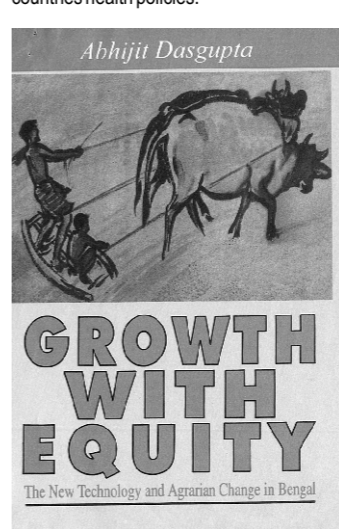
**Revisoning English in Bangladesh**  
Edited by Tahmina Ahmed, Fakrul Alam and Niaz Zaman, Price Tk 350.00  
The essays in Revisoning English in Bangladesh emerged from a biennial conference held about rethinking the status of English in Bangladesh. Before 1971, English had been the lingua franca between the two regions of Pakistan, both of which spoke different languages. With independence, English lost its importance in Bangladesh. Today, English has become the language of global communication and information and is increasingly seen as essential for jobs at home and abroad.



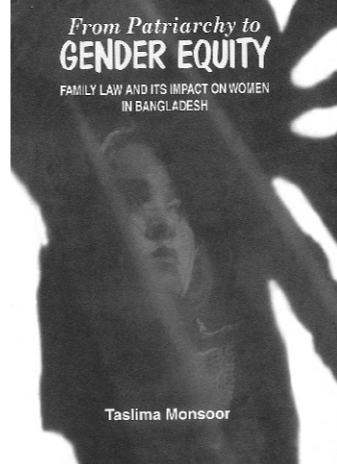
**The Politics of Essential Drugs**  
The Makings of a Successful Health Strategy: Lessons from Bangladesh  
Zafarullah Chowdhury, Price Tk 250.00  
Dr. Zafarullah Chowdhury is widely regarded as the father of Bangladesh's National Drug Policy which pioneered a way through the maze of modern, Western-manufactured drugs and developed a more affordable health strategy based in part on the local manufacture of a relatively small number of essential generic drugs. With the World Health Organization supporting the same approach, the Bangladesh experiment became influential in shaping other countries health policies.



**Bangladesh Agriculture in the 21st Century**  
Edited by Rashid Faruque, Price Tk 500.00  
Agriculture plays a key role in Bangladesh by contributing 24 per cent to its exports, 32 per cent to its GDP and employing more than 60 per cent of its labor force. The dominance of agriculture will continue well into the 21st century as the nation fights against poverty and strives to raise standard of living of its people through sustained economic growth. This book is a collection of essays contributed by eminent scholars economists agriculturists, environmentalists and others both from home and abroad, who took part at the World Bank sponsored international conference on Bangladesh Agriculture in the 21st Century in 1995.

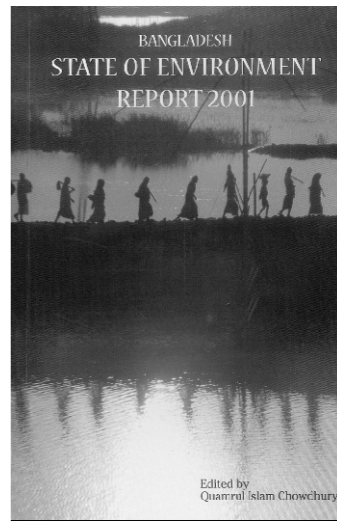


**Growth with Equity**  
The New Technology and Agrarian Change in Bengal  
Abhijit Dasgupta, Price Tk. 300.00  
During the last two decades some parts of West Bengal and Bangladesh have had an unprecedented growth in agriculture due to the expansion of irrigation facilities and an extensive use of high yielding variety seeds, fertilisers and pesticides. These areas are known as the 'green revolution' belts of Bengal. The introduction of new technology and enterprising skills of farmers have helped agricultural growth in Bengal but the fruits of this development have not reached the poor in Bangladesh as they have in West Bengal. This then raises an important question how did West Bengal achieve growth with equity?

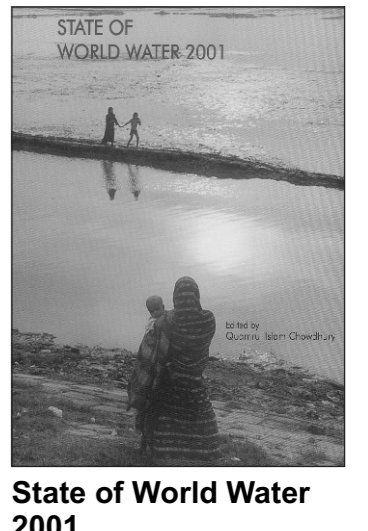


**From Patriarchy to Gender Equity**  
Family Law and Its Impact on Women in Bangladesh  
Taslima Monsoor, Price Tk. 550.00  
Based on a detailed exposition of family law under the British colonial regime and Pakistani state law, the present study focuses on the more recent Bangladeshi legal developments. These were officially brought about to meet certain social needs and to improve the overall situation of women. However, apart from the reforms concerning the Family Courts Ordinance of 1985, and some glimpses of judicial activism, in reported as well as unreported cases, the existing family law reforms are shown to be mainly procedural. In particular, they appear unable to protect women effectively from violence and economic deprivation.

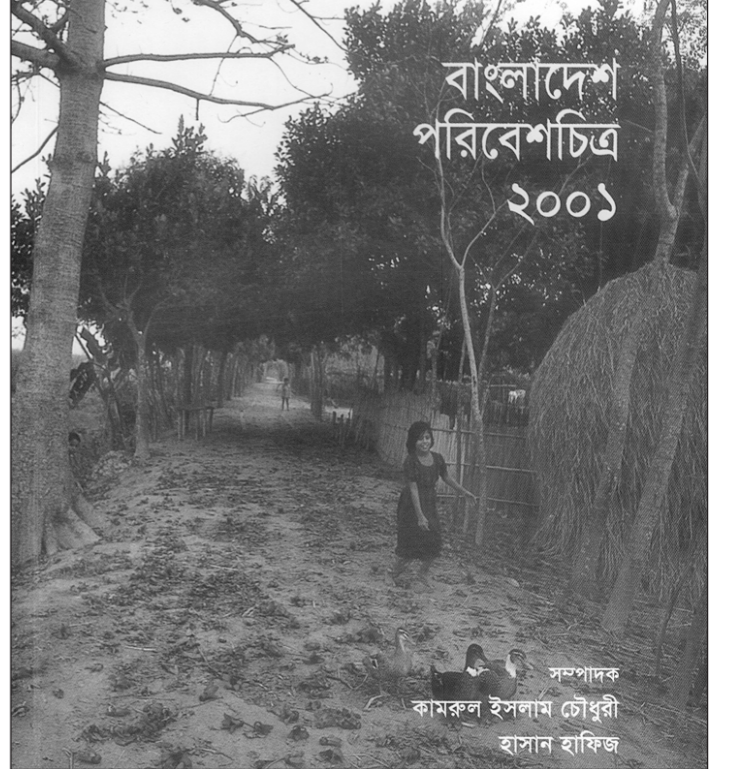
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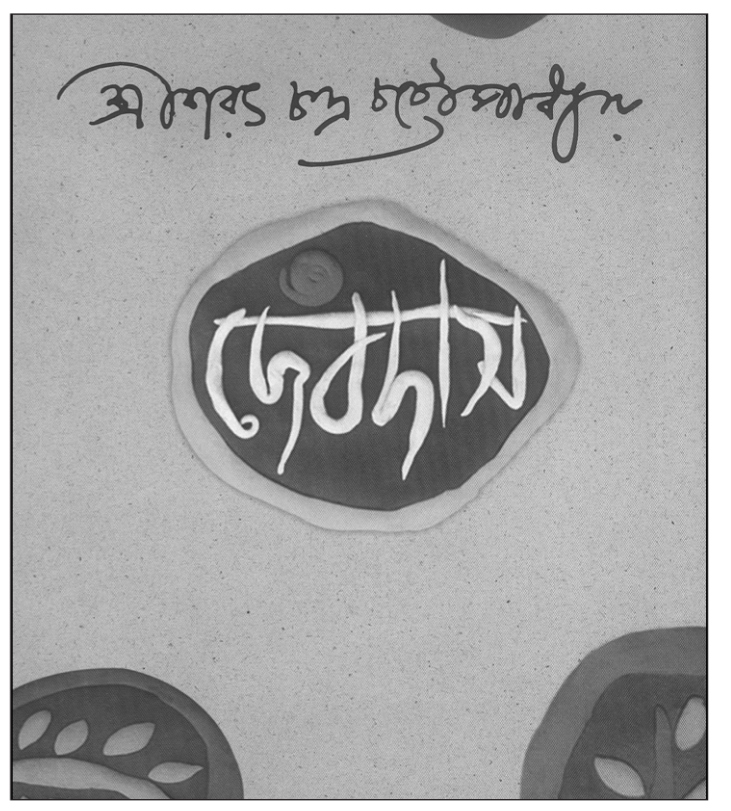
**Bangladesh: State of Environment Report 2001**  
Edited by Quamrul Islam Chowdhury Price: Tk. 500  
The State of Environment (SoE) Report 2001 is the fourth in a series of annual publications focusing on Bangladesh's Environmental trends. It is published by the Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) under the Sustainable Environment Management Programme (SEMP) with support from the UNDP and the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF).



**State of World Water 2001**  
(An annual report on the world's state of water)  
Edited by Quamrul Islam Chowdhury Price: Tk. 500.00  
In today's world, water remains the key to sustainable development. This publication is a maiden attempt on the part of the World Water Forum of Journalists (WWFJ), since it was launched in March 2000, to take a cursory look at the state of world water. The publication is not based on any serious research work on the part of the newly born WWFJ. Rather, it has been a compilation of articles, write-ups and reports mainly prepared by WWFJ member journalists and experts on the natural resource.



**Bangladesh Poribesh Chitra 2001**  
Edited by Quamrul Islam Chowdhury Price: Tk. 500  
The book is written in Bangla with compiled works from renowned wildlife activists, journalists and experts of the country. Bangladesh Poribesh Chitra 2001 is the second in a series of annual publications in Bangla by FEJB focusing on Bangladesh's Environmental trends.



**Devdas**  
Sharat Chandra Chatterjee Price: Tk. 60.00  
Devdas, an epic creation of Bengali author Sharat Chandra Chatterjee comes in a new printed edition by Abashar Prokashoni of Dhaka. Devdas, son of a wealthy zamindar of Taal Sonapur near Kolkata, returns home from Kolkata after completion of his formal education. He meets Parvati, his childhood playmate. Beautiful Paro has been dreaming of Devdas as her life partner. But certain fateful development in lives of Devdas, Paro and others creates a permanent wall of separation between the two lovesick birds. On one side of the wall remains a heartbroken Paro who ultimately has to become the wife of a middle-aged zamindar while on the other side, stands a completely shattered and frustrated Devdas. Unable to bear the agony of life without Paro, Devdas makes alcohol his constant companion. Chandramukhi comes in Devdas's life but things go worse. It is only when his eyes close forever and transports his soul to eternity, does the pain of losing Paro begin to subside a little, may be not.

Source: Abashar Prokashoni