

PICK OF THE WEEK



The Movie

Blue Brothers 2000
on HBO 14th August at 10:00 p.m.
18 years after their original 'mission from God', one half of the legendary Blues brothers, Elwood Blues, is putting the band back together again! Just out of prison, Elwood teams up with a 10-year old orphan and a bartender to reprise the original Blues Brothers movie.



The Sport

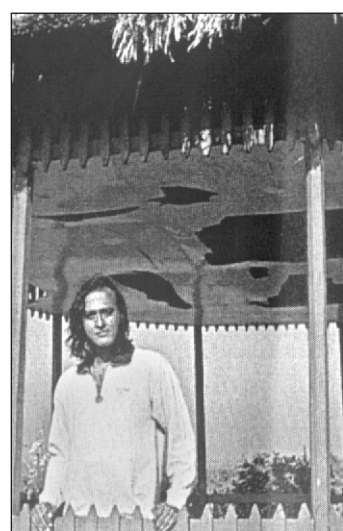
2nd Test Cricket Match
Live on Star Sports from Nottingham, England on August 9-12 from 4:00 p.m. (BST): Day 1
England Vs India



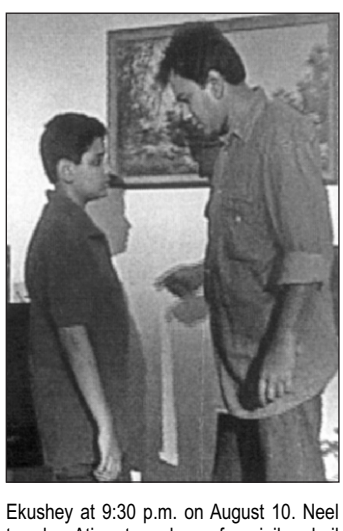
Our Choice

U-571
Star Movies on August 11 at 5:00 p.m.
World War II submarine thriller about a crew of inexperienced American mariners forced to pilot a disabled German U-boat through hostile waters delivers plenty of action while paying homage to such war genre greats as DAS BOOT and DESTINATION TOKYO.

Satellite TV



Ekushey at 8:05 p.m. on August 9. Adventure Bangladesh. This is a program that provides a fine taste of tourism to the viewers as the camera travels round the country to visit various heritage sites and important historical places. This episode shows Paharpur Buddhist Temple, Sandhyabati ghat, Satya Pir-er vita, Dubol hati palace and a mosque at Naogano. Also goes to Mahasthan gahr and to Govinda vita.



Ekushey at 9:30 p.m. on August 10. Neel towaley. Atiq returns home from jail on bail carrying on his shoulder a murder charge. Showkat sahib, father of Atiq does not believe his son who says that he never committed any murder and was falsely accused of the crime. Showkat sahib becomes too much angry and suddenly falls seriously ill. He goes in a deep coma. Watch the exciting episode which possibly reveals a secret, something which nobody could think of.



Ekushey at 9:00 p.m. on August 9. Jalchhap. The synopsis of the drama unfolds with the introduction of a family that of Moniruddin Khandaker and Nasreen who are childless since the beginning of their conjugal life. Everyone of the house is afraid to talk or work before the hot temperament of the family head. At this time, arrives Sheuli, a girl, with a letter in her hand. The letter reveals something that creates turmoil in the entire family. Who is this Sheuli?



Star Movies on August 11 at 7:00 p.m. Return To Me. The film is an endearing romantic comedy infused with real life humor, starring Golden Globe-winner David Duchovny and Academy Award-nominee Minnie Driver. Life can change in an instant and it does for our two lead characters. A lonely Bob Rueland (David Duchovny) is embraced by Grace Briggs (Minnie Driver), who is surrounded by a coterie of substitute mothers including her Irish grandfather, who with his Italian brother-in-law run a Chicago restaurant.



Casper on HBO 11th August at 3:00 p.m. The world's friendliest ghost comes to HBO with outstanding visual trickery. It all happens one day when Kat and her eccentric dad, Dr. James Harvey (Pullman, 29 Palms) a self-styled 'ghost therapist' shows up on the doorstep of the desolate Whipstaff Manor. Hired by Whipstaff's scheming owner, Carrigan (Mariarty), Dr. Harvey has to exorcise the ghost-infested manor from a friendly but lonely young ghost named Casper and his three incorrigibly odious uncles, Stretch, Stinkie and Fats -- so that she can get her hands on the macabre manor's fabled treasure.



Dragon Heart on HBO 13th August at 10:00 p.m. A magical fable with knights and dragons set in medieval times. Virtuous knight Bowen teams up with a dragon with a heart of gold to vanquish an evil king. And when the dragon is voiced by the impressive Sean Connery, we are set for a rip-roaring time. Adding lustre to this fable is the state of the art digital animation in the film. Truly a must-see for all ages.



Hard Target on HBO 12th August at 10:00 p.m. Our favorite action star teams with one of cinema's most dynamic directors John Woo -- in this testosterone-fest. Van Damme is a down-on-his luck sailor who uses his high-powered martial arts skills to battle a sadistic band of hunters who pray on homeless veterans in a deadly safari game. Who better to direct this charged tale than Woo, who made his Hollywood-directing debut with this movie. His driving yet poetic visual style is married perfectly to Van Damme's hyper-physical heroics.

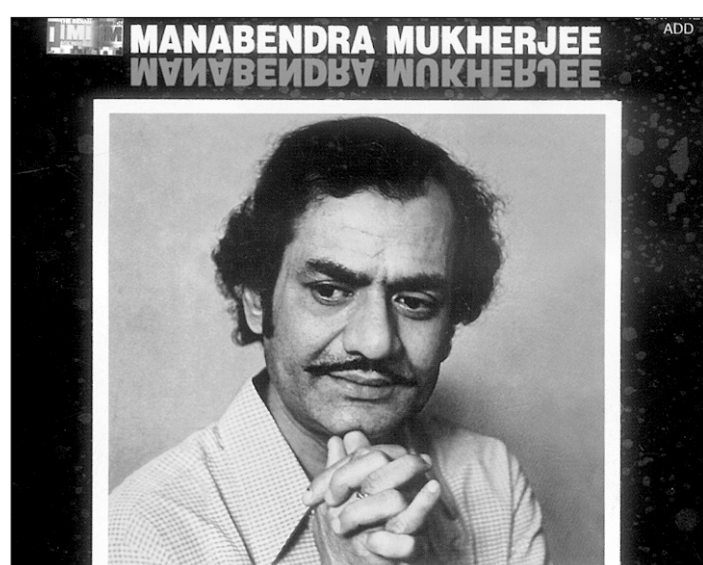
Cassettes & CDs



Ki pai ni Tagore songs
Suchitra Mitra renders some of her best Bangla numbers in this album of tagore songs released by TIPS music. Price: Tk. 200



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 mesmerising voice and control created an ambience of sheer bliss.



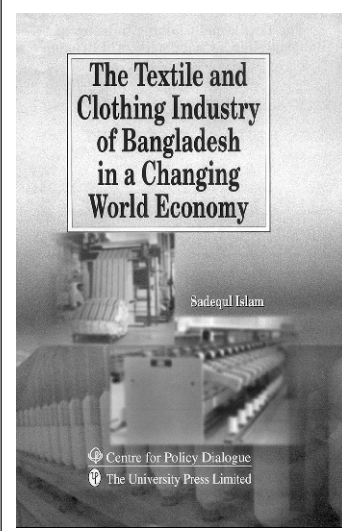
Best of Manabendra Mukherjee
The album features some of all-time best numbers sung by famous Bengali artist of the golden era, Manabendra Mukherjee. Price: Tk. 200



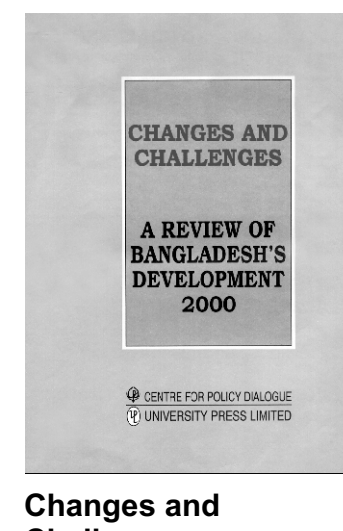
Sur - The Melody of Life
Lucky Ali, Price: Tk. 200
A movie with a name like "Sur" and a subtitle "The Melody of Life" better have some pretty great music. Fortunately, it does. M. M. Kreem, after "Zakham", proves once again that he is one of the most underrated composers of the generation of Southern invaders to the North. And it is now more than evident that if you give Lucky Ali an above average tune, he makes it sound like sheer magic. The opening number is "Aa Bhi Jaa", which is a real gem. Longing never sounded more painful as in this duet between Lucky Ali and a surprisingly mature-sounding Sunidhi Chauhan, supported by a haunting melody and an equally haunting violin. This is the Sunidhi that we had a glimpse of in the "Yaadein" theme music.

Source: Gaan-er dali, Dhaka (Ph: 9671520)

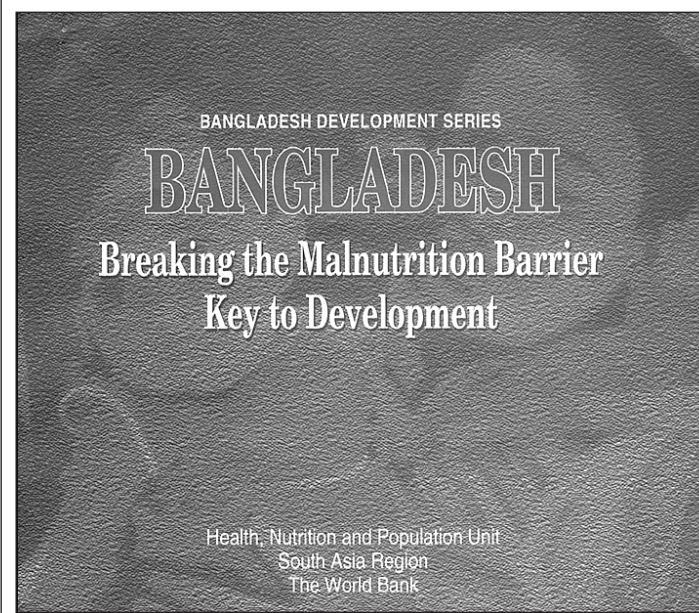
Books



The Textile and Clothing Industry of Bangladesh in a Changing World Economy
Sadequl Islam, Price Tk 250.00
Liberalisation of trade and investment in the post-Uruguay Round period presents opportunities as well as challenges for the textiles and clothing industry of Bangladesh. This study covers several aspects of the textiles and clothing industry of Bangladesh in the context of a changing world economy. The book discusses the implications of the international trade policy regimes governed by the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC) and trade policy instruments of the major trade blocs such as the European Union and the North American Free Trade Agreement for international trade in textiles and clothing. It explores the impact of reductions of tariffs and elimination of quotas concerning textiles and clothing on different regions of the world through a general equilibrium analysis, based on version 4 of the Global Trade Analysis Project model.

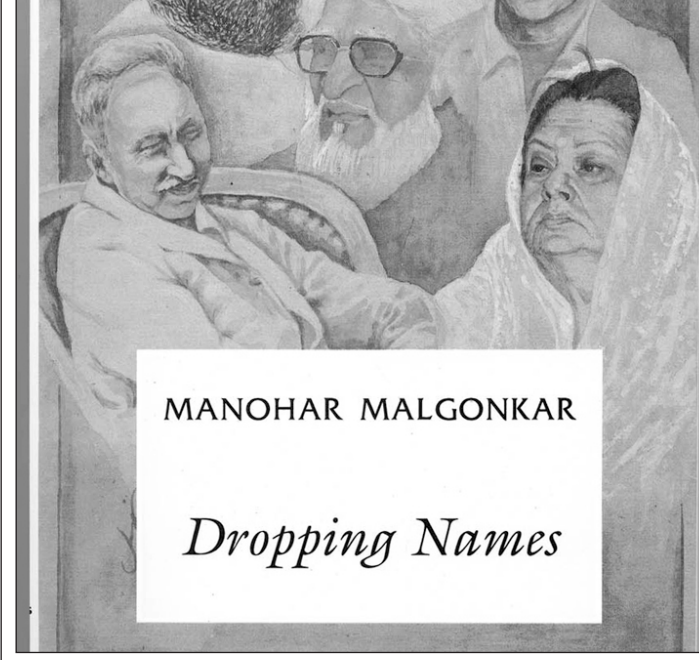


Changes and Challenges
A Review of Bangladesh Development 2000
Price Tk 450.00
The Independent Review of Bangladesh's Development (IRBD) 2000 is the fifth of the series which was launched in 1995 when the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) pioneered an annual review of the state of Bangladesh's development. The IRBD exercise has by now established itself as one of the principal sources of reliable data and quality analysis pertaining to critical developmental issues in Bangladesh. The IRBD volumes demonstrate a unique effort by independent professionals to establish the fact that the civil society in Bangladesh is capable of assuming the responsibility, on a continuing basis, for holding policy-makers accountable for their stewardship of the development process. The current volume Changes and Challenges undertakes a comprehensive review of the state of the economy during FY2000, and puts under scrutiny major policy initiatives, growth dynamics and recent trends in the Bangladesh economy. IRBD2000 analyses Macroeconomic Performance in its major dimensions and also deals with developments particularly in the External Sector and in Agriculture during the fiscal year 2000.



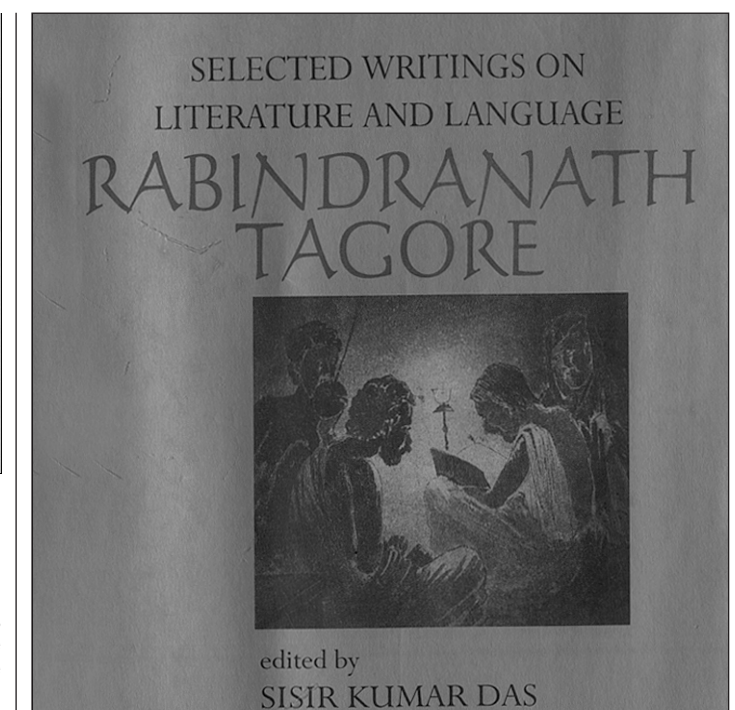
Bangladesh: Breaking the Malnutrition Barrier Key to development
AF M Iqbal Kabir and James Levinson, edited by Anthony Measham, Price: 250.00
This Nutrition Sector Review looks at past achievements and current programmes, and considers whether enough is being done to ensure that malnutrition will cease to be a major public health issue in Bangladesh, as envisaged in the National Plan of Action for Nutrition. There have been significant gains. Government support for nutrition is substantial, although the focus remains on direct service delivery, rather than on addressing the underlying causes of the problem. An effective programmatic approach (the Bangladesh Integrated Nutrition Project, BINP), has been developed, and eventually will be incorporated into the National Nutrition Program, the first phase of which is due to commence shortly. Major health sector reforms and rationalization of food politics, which support nutrition goals, have also been implemented.

Source: University Press Limited



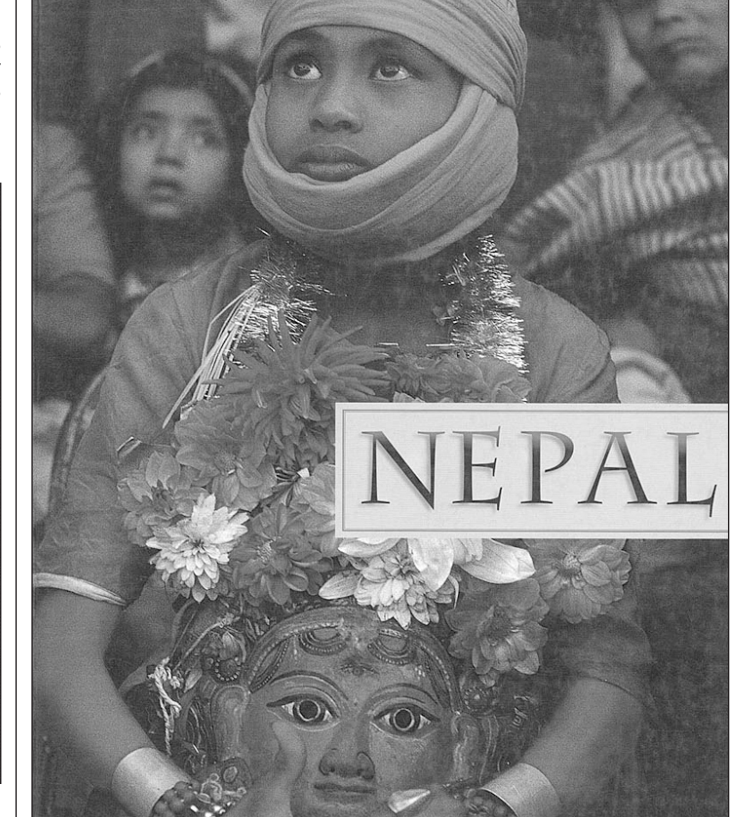
Dropping names
Manohar Malgonkar, Price Tk. 120.00
From the tripping pen of Malgonkar, here are some amusing vignettes about eminent personalities from the distinct worlds of the royalty, the army, business, writers and publishers. Put together, they present a flavour of an era past and the lingering charm of the Raj.

Source: Etcetera Bangladesh, Gulshan-1, Dhaka

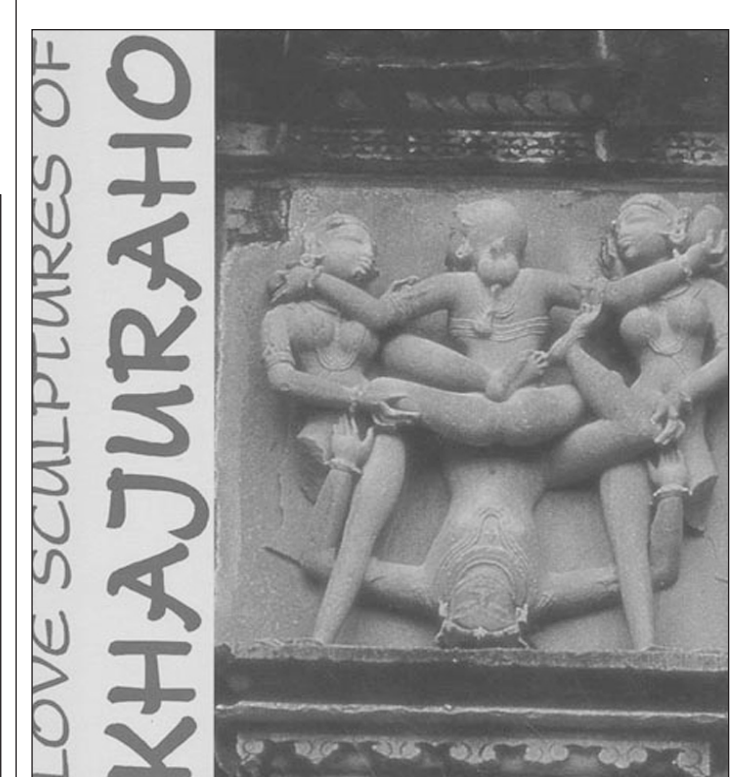


The Oxford Tagore Translations
Selected writings on Literature and Language Rabindranath Tagore
Edited by Sisir Kumar Das Sukanta Chaudhuri, Price: 950
Tagore's places as a critic has been partly eclipsed by his fame as a creative writer. He is one of the founders of modern Bengali critical thought, and among the most perceptive literary analysts in the language. His corpus of critical writings is considerable, comprising more than one hundred pieces of varying length. The essays featured in this selection reveal his engagement with the central issues of criticism, as well as with literary theory and aesthetics.

Source: Pathak Shamabesh



NEPAL
Mohit Satyanand. Published by: Lustre Press, Price Tk. 373.00
This is a Roll Book, a world wide well known series, published by Lustre Press in New Delhi. The book contains very exclusive natural photographs with brief narration of Nepal. It shows the life and culture, history and heritage, beauty and nature of Nepal.



Love sculptures of Khajuraho
A Little Maestro Book, Published by: Lustre Press, Price Tk. 158.00
The temples of Khajuraho represent the finest in the medieval Indian tradition of architecture and sculpture. Remarkable not only for the grace and beauty of their figures, but also for the erotica displayed on their inner and outer walls, these temples remain enigmatic in many ways: Why were they built? Why the erotics? Why such a large concentration of temples in such a small area? This little book attempts some answers, but most of all to prove that there is no questioning the beauty and artistry of the love sculptures of Khajuraho.

Source: Etcetera Bangladesh, Gulshan-1, Dhaka