

CULTURAL FEAST

**Exhibition**  
*Title:* Alluvial Pain And Salvation  
*Artist:* Kalidas Karmakar  
*Venue:* Alliance Franciase, Dhanmondi  
*Date:* November 17-30, from 9am to 12pm, 5pm to 9pm  
*Title:* Fragile  
*Artist:* Juneer Kibria  
*Venue:* Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanmondi  
*Date:* November 10-16, from 12pm to 8pm  
*Title:* Embroidery and lace exhibition of Italian designs and traditions  
*Organiser:* Italian Embassy  
*Venue:* House NW7, Road 54, Gulshan  
*Date:* November 16-18, from 10am to 4pm  
*Artist:* Anisur Rahman  
*Venue:* Art & Soul Gallery, Road 36 House 16, Gulshan  
*Date:* November 18-27, from 11am to 8pm

**Group Exhibition**  
*Title:* International Group Exhibition  
*Artist:* Artists from Bangladesh, Japan and Poland  
*Venue:* Art & Soul Gallery, Gulshan  
*Date:* November 11-16, from 11 am to 8 pm.

**Theatre**  
*Play:* Behular Bhashan  
*Organiser:* Theatre and Music Department, University of Dhaka  
*Venue:* Natmondal, University of Dhaka  
*Date:* November 15-17, at 7pm  
*Play:* Nattaytroee  
*Organiser:* Nagorik Natyia Samprodaya  
*Venue:* Mahila Samity Stage, Baily Road  
*Date:* November 17, at 7pm

**Film Screening**  
*Title:* Children Film Special  
*Organiser:* Indian Cultural Centre  
*Venue:* Auditorium, House # 25, Road No # 96, Gulshan-2  
*Schedule:*  
November 16: *Makdee*  
November 17: *Goopy Gyne Bagha Byrne*  
November 18: *Goopy Bagha Phire Elo*  
All of the movies will be screened at 6pm

**Korean Cultural Festival**  
*Programme:* 2005 Korean Taekwondo Tournament  
*Venue:* Mirpur Sports Stadium  
*Date:* November 18

**Classical Music**  
*Organiser:* Goethe-Institut with cooperation with Panchaswar  
*Venue:* National Museum Auditorium  
*Date:* November 20, at 6pm

**Photography Exhibition**  
*Occasion:* 100th anniversary of the capital of the Republic of Tatarstan the city of Kazan  
*Venue:* Library, Russian Cultural Centre House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi  
*Date:* November 17  
**Book Exhibition**  
*Occasion:* 90th birth anniversary of Russian writer Konstantin M Simonov  
*Venue:* Library, Russian Cultural Centre House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi  
*Date:* November 15-30

Jahanara Ahmed’s four decades on small screen

NOVERA DEEPITA

TO TV viewers Jahanara Ahmed is synonymous with a mother figure. Not only does she by and large play the roles of a mother, she has the attributes of gentleness, compassion and a maternal instinct towards her co-actors.

According to Jahanara, “I really enjoy this persona. To be frank, I established the image intentionally. When I received numerous offers to play the role of a heroine, my children were growing up. I didn't want them to see me as a heroine engaged in romantic conversations with my heroes or dancing and singing with them. So, I chose to act as a mother.”

Jahanara joined Bangladesh Betar in 1962 through a live programme *Jibontika*. After a few days she acted in her first radio play directed by Kazi Khaleq. After the launching of BTV in 1964, she was selected as a TV announcer. However, she refused the offer, because of poor technical support. Later, she acted in a TV play directed by Mominul Haque as the central character of that play. And that was the beginning. After that play she has acted in many popular serials and plays on TV, including *Shokal Shondhya*, *Shangshaptak*, *Shuktara*, *Ramer Shumoti*, *Purono Baksho*, *Ashamapto Kahini*, *Amader Shontanera*, *Kuhelika*, *Chokher Bali* and *Bela Abela*.

Reminiscing on her career, Jahanara recalls acting in the TV play, *Interview*



(R-L) Jahanara Ahmed with a co-artiste and Bulbul Ahmed in the TV play *Shupatrer Shondhaney*

thrice over: once when the BTV programmes used to be telecast live from DIT Bhaban, the second time a few days later. Finally, in the late 1990s she re-enacted the part for the third time because it had earned huge popularity.

Going back down memory lane, Jahanara still feels melancholy when she recalls the death of her co-artiste Altaf. “It was in the late 1980s. In the play *Kuhelika*, I played the zamindar's wife while

We had finished our shooting for the day at midnight. We were supposed to return early in the morning and begin shooting. The next morning when I came to the studio I learnt that Altaf had died the previous night.” Another poignant memory is Altaf's request for a sandwich that night because he was hungry. He died at 3 am. “He could not complete the last play of his life,” says a visibly moved Jahanara.

Jahanara Ahmed is also popular for her role in the comic drama series

*Jabbar Ali* directed by Amjad Hossain. She vividly recalls the day when she first acted in this play. A feather in her cap is a compliment by director Mustafizur Rahman on her ability to speak in a local dialect fluently and clearly. Jahanara has been acting in the series for last 32 years on the occasion of the Eid-ul-Fitr.

About the recent trend of TV plays, Jahanara says, “The technical support has been strengthened and so has the quality. However, I feel that he artistes don't work with complete dedication. Sometimes they go through their roles in a hurry. This is understandable because they receive so many offers and have a packed schedule. In my view, they should take on less work to assure quality performances.”

Jahanara has acted in a feature film, *Dui Digantey* directed by Obaydul Haque. Unfortunately she could not continue acting in films because of familial objections. Nevertheless she is a popular playwright on radio. She has written many popular plays for radio on social issues including *Bashona*, *Badhon*, *Moho*, *Drishiti*, *Ma*, *Naydanda*, *Chhobol*, *Mrittikar Alingan*, *Atithi* and *Anandadhara*.

Jahanara's dream is to play the roles of a visually impaired person and a mentally challenged character. Her claim to fame, in the meanwhile, is her enactment of immortal characters on the small screen.

Update

Runa wings her way to Delhi

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Internationally acclaimed artiste Runa Laila is set to attend a special programme of business personalities of Saarc countries in New Delhi. The Federation of the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has organised this programme titled 'South Asia Regional Integration and Growth' in the honour of business persons of seven countries of Saarc. The two-day programme will be inaugurated tomorrow by the Prime Minister of India, Manmohan Singh.

Runa Laila will give her speech as a special guest on the second day of the programme to be held at the Hotel Taj Palace. She leaves for Delhi today. Runa says, “It is prestigious to be invited as a special guest from the host country of Saarc summit. I am honoured to represent Bangladesh.”



Runa Laila

Mini screen

Shukher Lagia goes on air



Moushumi and Apon Ahsan in the serial

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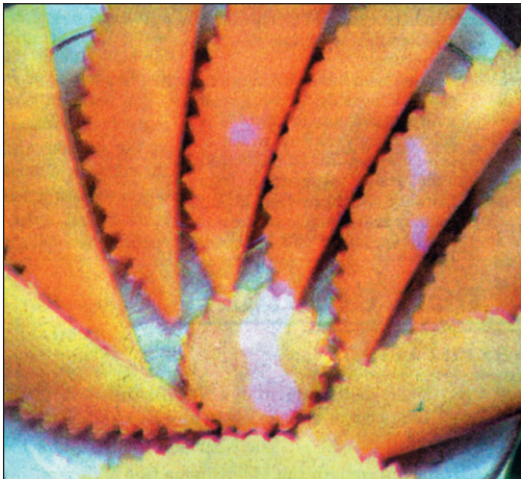
ATN Bangla will telecast the 35th episode of drama serial *Shukher Lagia* today at 8:30pm, says a press release. Written by Nasir Ahmed and directed by Kamal Khan, the serial features Moushumi, Azizul Hakim, Fazlur Rahman Babu, Masud Ali Khan, Mukti, Apon Ahsan, Shams Shumon, Soheli Arman, Ilora Gowhar, Romana, Shanjib Chowdhury, Aly, Swagata, Sara and others.

Nabanna

The winter cakes are here



An array of Pithas



*patishapta*, *pakan*, *nakhsi* and *dudkikini*. *Chitpitha* with cooked duck is a delicious item.

*Chitoi* immersed in date juice and mixed with coconut is another delectable preparation.

In recent times the *pithas* have made inroads into the cities as well. Students are often seen streaming to the small stalls that sell steaming *dhuki pithas* for a meagre sum. The winter cakes, made from simple ingredients such as powdered rice, coconuts and mollasses, are sold in front of the universities, colleges and even offices.

Young and old can equally enjoy the delicious *pithas* from the nearest vendor.

Madonna to return to debut club

The self-styled Queen of Pop, Madonna, will play five songs at the Koko Club - formerly the Camden Palace - where she gave her first live UK performance in 1983.

The songs, taken from her new album *Confessions On A Dance Floor*, mark a return to the singer's disco roots.

She will appear before an invited audience of 1,500 fans, made up mainly of competition winners.

When Madonna made her debut at the club she was an unknown singer who had just released the underground US club hit *Everybody*.



Madonna

Source: Internet

Deepa to settle plagiarism case with Sunil



Sunil Gangopadhyay

It isn't easy being a novelist in an age where plagiarism runs rampant.

Famed Bengali litterateur and former Mayor of Kolkata, Sunil Gangopadhyay, was irked a few years ago when a journalist, Anuradha Dutta, pointed out the almost word-for-word resemblance between his classic novel, *Shei Somoy*, and an upcoming film.

Crossover filmmaker Deepa Mehta, predictably with much fanfare, had announced a film called *Water* in the year 2000, and Datta was aghast at the script's resemblance to Gangopadhyay's book and its English version, *Those Days*.

In March 2000, the incensed journalist filed a case against Mehta, the self-alleged writer of the film, on behalf of Gangopadhyay, publisher Badal Basu and translator Aruna Chakravarthi. The claim was a simple case of utter and blatant plagiarism.

Mehta's production process continued without a hiccup though, and the film -- starring Lisa Ray, John Abraham, Kulbhushan Kharbanda and Waheeda Rehman -- is now complete. It was shown at the Toronto International Film Festival this August, where it was searching



Deepa Mehta

for international distribution. This was despite Datta filing a suit in the Delhi High Court against the screening and release.

Finally, things seem to be coming to a close now as Mehta informed the Delhi High Court on November 8 that she is “willing to settle” the case.

The writer, who has not been directly involved in legal proceedings, is merely relieved. In a statement, Gangopadhyay said, “Though I was not too involved in the legal wrangle, and did not keep a tab on the case's progress, I am relieved to know that Mehta wants to settle it amicably.”

There is no sense of bitterness as he extends a friendly hand towards Mehta. The veteran novelist suggested that all could be solved with a peaceful, casual conversation. “After all,” he says, “writers and filmmakers are but painters using different canvases.”

*Shei Somoy*, a fictionalised account of the 19th century renaissance in Bengal, is a highly esteemed novel that also acts as a guide to the times.

Source: Internet

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

**BTV**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am. 12:10 pm. 2:00 pm. 3:00 pm. 4:00 pm. 7:00 pm.  
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm. 5:00 pm. 8:00 pm.  
News (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00 pm.  
Late Night News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
**CHANNEL-i**  
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am. 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.  
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
**ATN BANGLA**  
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am. 10:00am. 2:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11pm.  
News (English) 8:20am. 7:00pm  
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. 1:00pm. 3:00 pm. 4:00pm. 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.  
**ntv**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am. 12:00 am. 6:15 pm. 9:30 pm.  
News (Bangla) 7:30 am. 2:00 pm. 5:00 pm. 7:30 pm. 10:30 pm.  
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
**TARA BANGLA**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm. Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm. Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.  
**BBC WORLD**  
Every hour on the hour

**BTV**  
09:05 *Smritimoy Archives*  
09:25 *Shashwato Jibon*  
10:00 Satellite broadcast  
10:30 *Shastho Tathya*  
01:00 *Kothamala*  
02:15 *Sisimpur*  
02:40 *Selected Programme*  
03:05 *Hijol Tomal*  
03:35 *Geeto Bitan*  
04:00 *Protyashar Alo*  
06:10 *Malancha*  
06:55 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast  
07:00 *Shastho Kotha*  
08:25 Talk show: *Protidin Bangladesh*  
08:35 Drama Serial: *Jibon Ek Asha*  
09:25 Drama Serial: *Talk show: Protidin Bangladesh*  
10:25 *Teknaf Theke Tetulia*  
10:35 *Kemon Achen?*  
11:00 *Anandadhara*

**CHANNEL i**  
09:45 Talk Show: *Tritiyo Matra*  
10:45 Sports Time (Live)  
12:00 TVC Sky Shop  
12:30 *Aaj Dupurey O Citicell Tarokakothon* (live)  
01:00 *Ek Asha*  
01:25 *Public Reaction*  
02:40 *Special Programme*  
03:20 *Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma*  
04:00 *Musical Programme: Bansundhara Amader Gaan*  
04:15 *Alkito Bangladesh*  
06:00 *Musical Programme: Music Plus*  
06:30 *Campus*  
07:50 *Travel Show: RC*  
08:25 *Drama Serial: Ek Akasher Tara*  
09:35 *Drama Serial: Din*

10:00 *Choley Jay*  
*Drama Serial: Rangla Manush*  
**ATN BANGLA**  
10:30 *Onnodrishti*  
11:05 Talent Hunt: *ATN Taroka* (music): Feni Zone  
12:15 *Cinema Cinema*  
12:50 Band Programme: *Ganey Shurey Tarunnye Motamot*  
01:25 *Cookery Show: Vim Chatpat Ranna*  
02:30 *Jhatpat Porishkar*  
03:15 Drama Serial: *Nana Ronger Din*  
04:05 *Ispahani Pure Snax Quiz Time*  
04:20 *Islami Programme: Islami Sawal O Jawab* (live)  
06:20 *Drama Serial: The Sword of Tipu Sultan*  
08:00 *Drama Serial: Hortoner Bibi*  
08:30 *Drama Serial: Shukher Lagia*  
09:30 *Drama Serial: Shadakalo*  
10:35 Talk Show: *City cell Face To Face* (live)  
**ntv**  
08:35 *Aajker Shokal*  
09:30 Talk Show: *Frankly Speaking*  
10:05 *Documentary: Colours*  
10:30 *Documentary: Gallery*  
11:00 *Circus Lights*  
12:05 *Musical Programme: Shurer Jolsa Mukdangan*  
01:00 *TVC*  
01:25 *TVC*  
02:35 *Drama Serial: Belabhum*  
03:15 *Dance Programme: Nupur*



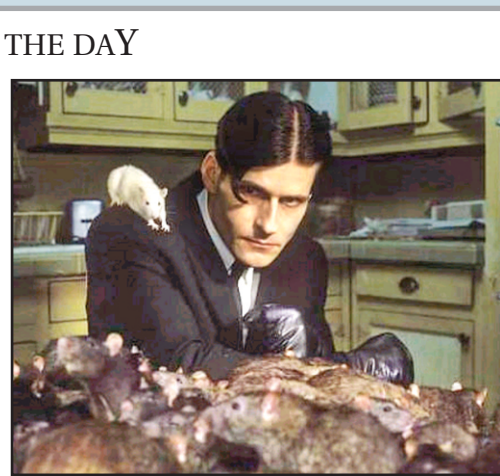
Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan

On ntv at 9:20pm

Musical Programme

Hosted by Abdul Hadi

03:50 *Drama Serial: Rangchhut*  
04:25 *Programme on Film: Chalachitra Katha*  
05:20 *Islami Programme: Apnar Jigyasha*  
06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*  
06:50 *Programme on Law: Ain O Jibon*  
08:25 *Drama Serial: Titumirer Bansher Kella*  
09:20 *Musical Programme: Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan*  
10:00 *Drama Serial: Rangchhut*  
**HBO**  
10:15 *Twice Upon a Christmas*  
12:00 *The Core*  
12:45 *Wayne's World 2*  
04:45 *Friday The 13th Part III*  
06:45 *Last Action Hero*  
09:45 *Willard*  
11:30 *Spy Kids 3: Game Over*  
01:15 *Waynes World 2*  
03:45 *The Portrait of Alady*  
06:15 *Tales From The Crypt*  
26: Food For Thought  
**STAR MOVIES**  
09:30 *Full Monty*  
11:20 *Nutty Professor II: The Klumps*  
01:25 *Cold Creek Manor*  
03:45 *Biker Boyz*  
07:00 *Gladiator*  
08:55 *One Fine Day*  
11:05 *Jersey Girl*



Willard

On HBO at 9:45pm

Genre: Comedy / Drama / Horror / Thriller

Cast: Crispin Glover, R. Lee Erney, Laura Harring

12:55 *Life Or Something Like It*  
02:40 *The Ticket*  
03:10 *Johnny English*  
04:40 *Chamber*  
**STAR WORLD**  
10:30 *Ed*  
11:30 *Ghost Hunters*  
12:30 *Tru Calling*  
02:30 *Oprah Winfrey Show*  
04:30 *Hollywood Squares*  
05:00 *Whose Line Is It Anyway*  
05:30 *Buffy The Vampire Slayer*  
06:30 *The Simpsons*  
07:00 *The King Of Queens*  
07:30 *Friends*  
08:00 *Seinfeld*  
08:30 *Smallville*  
09:30 *Medical Investigations*  
10:30 *Desperate Housewives*  
**STAR PLUS**  
02:00 *Bhabhi*  
02:30 *Kesar*  
05:00 *Piya Bina*  
06:00 *Zindagi Milke Bitayenge*  
06:30 *Talespin*  
07:00 *Kim Possible*  
08:00 *Akkad Bakkad Bambey Bo*  
08:30 *Mum Tum Aur Hum*  
09:00 *Kasauti Zindagi Kay Millee*  
09:30 *Kavyanjali*  
10:00 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii*  
10:30 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*  
11:00 *Kahiin To Hoga K.Street Pali Hill*

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
02:30 *Interpol Investigates*  
03:30 *Wild Dogs: Biting Back*  
04:30 *Backyard Science*  
04:45 *Doc Eureka*  
05:00 *Serious: Arctic*  
05:30 *Croc Chronicles*  
06:00 *Crittercam*  
06:30 *Ng Explorer*  
07:30 *Wonders Of The Sea*  
08:30 *Cheating Death*  
09:30 *Expeditions To The Edge*  
10:30 *Air Crash Investigation*  
11:30 *Born Wild*  
**ANIMAL PLANET**  
11:30 *One Planet*  
12:30 *Most Extreme*  
01:30 *Fun Zone*  
02:30 *Austin Stevens : Most Dangerous*  
03:30 *Miami Animal Police*  
04:30 *Predator's Prey*  
05:00 *Young and Wild*  
05:30 *Fun Zone*  
06:30 *Jeff Corwin Experience*  
07:30 *Lyndal's Lifeline*  
08:30 *In the Wild*  
09:30 *Fun Zone*  
10:30 *O'Shea's Big Adventure*  
11:30 *Wild Rescues*  
**DISCOVERY**  
12:30 *Battleground-The Art Of War*  
01:30 *Extreme Machines*  
02:30 *Truth or Scare*  
03:00 *Living Pulse*  
03:30 *Amazing Baby Videos*  
04:00 *Baby Whisperer*  
04:30 *Wild Discovery*  
05:30 *New Detectives*  
06:30 *Dangerman Adventures of Geoff*

07:30 *Wild Discovery Wildest Arctic*  
08:30 *Ultimate Cars*  
09:00 *Building the Ultimate*  
09:30 *Battleground-The Art Of war*  
10:30 *Science frontiers*  
11:30 *Spy Stories*  
**STAR SPORTS**  
08:00 *Tna Wrestling (R)*  
09:00 *Icc Cricket World (R)*  
09:30 *MRF National Motocross Championship 2005 Episode Four(R)*  
10:00 *Bull Riders Association Built Ford Tough Series 2005 St Louis Mo USA (R)*  
11:00 *Auto Racing Le Mans Endurance Series 2005 Turkey Event Highlights(T)*  
12:00 *Asian Tour Double A International Open Highlights(R)*  
01:00 *Max Power 2005 (T)*  
02:00 *A1 Grand Prix Highlights Australia (R)*  
03:00 *Watersports Programming Hot Water (T)*  
04:00 *Tna Impact (T)*  
05:00 *Atp Masters Series Tennis Masters Cup Shanghai 2005*  
07:00 *Atp Masters Series Tennis Masters Cup Shanghai 2005*  
09:00 *Sportscenter India Update (L)*  
09:02 *Tna Impact (R)*  
10:00 *Golf Focus (S)*  
10:28 *Sportscenter India Update (L)*

10:30 *Asian World Cup Qualifiers 2006 Fifa World Cup : Asian Qualifiers Afc / Concacaf Playoff 2nd Leg(L)*  
**ESPN**  
08:00 *Icc Cricket World (R)*  
08:30 *Pga Tour Golf Franklin Templeton Shootout Naples Fl USA First Round(R)*  
10:30 *Grand Prix Diving 2005 Montreal Canada(T)*  
01:30 *Track & Field/ Athletics laaf Grand Prix II - Night Of Athletics Belgium (R)*  
04:30 *Team India Programming India Glorious (R)*  
06:00 *X Games 11 - Day 3 Part 1(R)*  
08:00 *Hitz (T)*  
08:30 *Sportscenter India (L)*  
09:00 *Goals! (T)*  
09:30 *Australia Tour Of England 1st ODI Highlights(R)*  
11:00 *Sportscenter (S)*  
12:00 *Goals (R)*  
**TEN SPORTS**  
08:00 *WWE Smackdown*  
10:20 *Pakistan v England:1st Test Day 4 H/Ls*  
01:00 *Pakistan v England:1st Test Day 5 1st Session*  
01:40 *Pakistan v England:1st Test Day 5 (Interval)*  
03:40 *Pakistan v England:1st Test Day 5 2nd Session*  
05:30 *Pakistan v England:1st Test Day 5 3rd Session*  
07:00 *WWE After Burn*  
07:30 *World Hockey Magazine*  
08:00 *World Rally*  
09:00 *Legends*  
11:00 *Pakistan v England:1st Test Day 5 H/Ls*  
12:00 *WWE After Burn*  
12:30 *Speed : Ep 3*