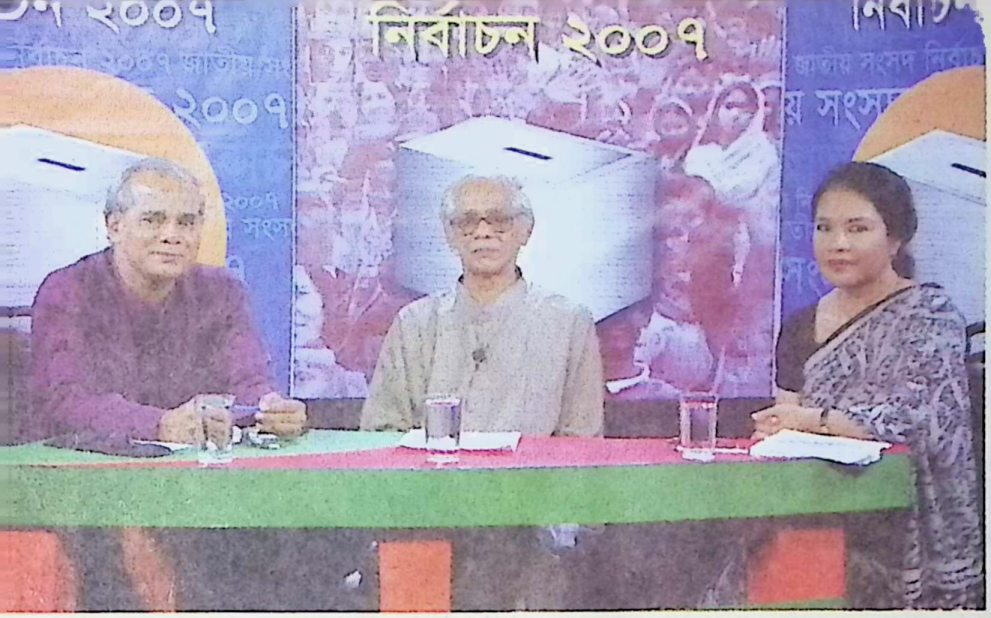


"Nirbachon 2007" on Channel i has been especially designed with the upcoming elections in mind.

Talk shows have brought a new dimension to television, says Kha Ma Harun. But they are not easy to produce. "Just like news, all the technical things like lights, sets, are required. In addition, both the hosts and the discussants must be not only well-informed but also good speakers and presenters."

Besides talk shows, there are a whole range of other programmes on our private television channels today. These include morning shows, reviews of the day's newspapers and the week's news, musical programmes, shows on home living and cooking shows, such as the ever popular "Siddiqa Kabir's Recipe" on ntv. Ntv has also broadcast quiz shows and debate programmes in the past. One of the channel's new additions is "Fame and Fortune", in which viewers text message their answers to quiz questions to win prizes. Another recently launched programme is "Shomo Shomoy" on art, literature and culture.

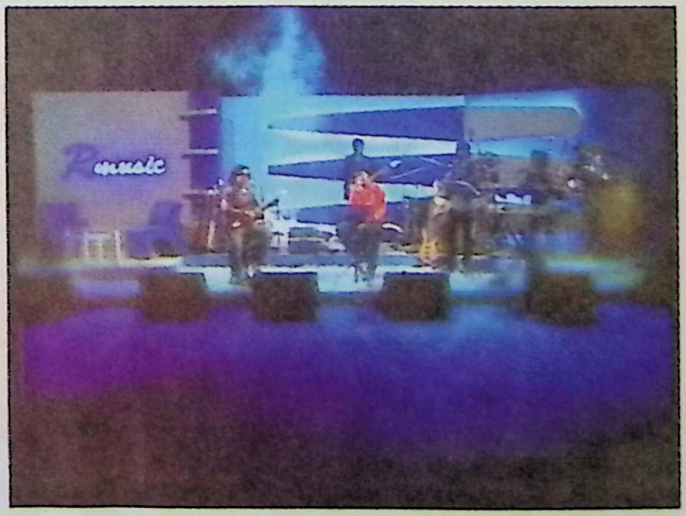
Yet another new programme on ntv is called "Shomporko". "Usually when we talk about relationships we're talking about husband-wife relationships," says Mustafa Kamal Sayed, Chief of Programmes at ntv. "'Shomporko' focuses on sibling relationships, with prominent personalities coming in who the audience perhaps didn't even know were siblings! The show started this past Eid with Sharmili and Jolly."

Many shows bring in celebrities. Some popular ones include writer Emdadul Haque Milon's "Ki Kotha Tahar Shathe" on ntv and "Amar Ami" with actress Api Karim on Banglavision. "Jugolbondi", hosted by actress Shanta Islam on Rtv, features celebrity couples. Still others have the audience phone in with questions as on "Taroka Kathon" on Channel i. Actress Shoumi Kaiser talks to women from different professions in each episode of "Joyitar Joyjatra" on ntv. There are of course also the Islamic programmes on all the channels, in which Muslim clerics discuss as well as take questions on Islam from the audience through letters and emails.

Many programmes are occasion-based. The recent Eid saw a wide range of not only dramas and tele-films on all the different channels, but also magazine programmes, celebrity talk shows, etc. Similarly, the upcoming general elections are cause for heated debate and discussion. Programmes like "Nirbachon 2007" with Muhammad Jahangir on Channel i, "Gonotontro o Nirbachon" and "Prothom Voter" on ntv (on first-time voters), have been especially designed with them in mind.



"Siddiqa Kabir's Recipe" on ntv.



Rmusic with Ayub Bachchu on Rtv has been quite a hit.