

CULTURAL FEAST

Ekushey Book Fair



Organiser: Bangla Academy
Venue: Bangla Academy premises
Date: February 1-28
Month-long book fair

Homage to Waheedul Haq

Organiser: Bengal Foundation
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, House no-275/F, Road no-27 (Old), Dhanmondi
Date: February 14
Time: 6:30pm

Spring time once more

Channel i to air Basanta Utsab live

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

SPRING is in the air. Once more Basanta Utsab (Spring Festival) will be celebrated with great enthusiasm and fanfare. Women will don *bashanti* (a shade of mustard) attire and flowers in their hair; flowers such as marigolds, dahlias, *polash* and *shimul* will be ubiquitous while the city will be dotted with fairs. Likewise cultural functions will be the order of the day and the ecstasy of spring will be celebrated through music, dance and recitation.

To welcome Basanta, National Basanta Utsab Udjapon Committee have chalked out elaborate programmes to be held today at the Bokultola premises of the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University. Channel i will air the programme live from 7:20am.



Girls bedecked in flowers perform a group dance

FILE PHOTO

Cultural programme by Sammilito Sangskiritik Jote in full swing

Ongoing function at Central Shaheed Minar

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Ekush Amader Ohongkar, Ekush Ghuchabe Ondhokar is the slogan at a 10-day cultural programme to observe the International Mother Language Day (Ekushey February). The programme is organised by Sammilito Sangskiritik Jote, an alliance of Bangladeshi cultural groups. The function, which began on February 9 at the Central Shaheed Minar, attracts a sizeable crowd everyday.

The programme began with the choral rendition of a patriotic number by Shorolipi Sangeet Academy. Altaf Hosain from Udichi Shilpi Ghoshti sang two popular songs *Shorbonasha Padma nodi* and *Edesher durdin, jomechhey onek rin*. Mohammed Ali Munna sang a patriotic number *Okatorey diley pran*. Chhaya Karmokar, Arpita, Nabin Kishor Gautam and others also performed at the event.

Mahfuz Rizvi, Siddiqur Rahman Parvez, Ashrafur Hasan Babu and GM Morshed entertained the audience with their recitations.

The evening rounded up with two street plays (*Potho natak*), *Chor* by Padatik Nattya Sangsad TSC (written and directed by Kazi Rafique) and *Noromedh* by



Actors of Padatik Nattya Sangsad TSC perform in street play Chor

PHOTO: STAR

Shubochon Nattya Sangsad (written by Asadul Islam Asad and directed by Chandan Paul).

The main theme of the play *Chor* is to create awareness among people of all classes of

society about corruption. The witty presentation by the group gave a message to take stern action against all kinds of corruption at different levels.

The play *Noromedh* deals

with a hard-hitting fact: the inroads of western culture into the country.

The programme will continue till February 19.



Highlighting Bengali culture, Bangla Academy arranges an array of cultural programmes every evening at the academy premises during Amar Ekushey Granthamela (month long book fair). Zahir Alim and Ruksana Akhter Liza perform in such a programme on February 11

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Grammys whistle Dixie

Band beats backlash, picks up five awards



The 49th Annual Grammys took a stand by championing a band that took a stand.

The Dixie Chicks won five Grammy Awards Sunday night (yesterday morning, local time), including three of the top prizes for their first work after ruffling the feathers of politicians, right-wing

pundits and some country fans with an off-the-cuff comment about President Bush.

The Dixie Chicks' *Not Ready to Make Nice* snared the song and record of the year trophies, a bit of redemption bestowed on the country trio that had been shunned by country radio for their politics. *Not*

Ready was the band's first single from *Taking the Long Way*, their first album after the lead singer Natalie Maines' famous anti-Bush comment made at a London concert in 2003. Country radio mostly rejected the track as the band opted to attempt to nurture a new audience in the adult contemporary marketplace.

Taking the Long Way was named album of the year. The Chicks are the first act to sweep the top three trophies since Eric Clapton did it 14 years ago.

The Dixie Chicks – Maines, Martie Maguire and Emily Robison – are the first all-female band to win the record prize, which has never gone to a country title.

Robison thanked the core fans, noting the band is "without a genre" and "no regrets" for anything that has occurred in the last several years.

Maines went for the jugular. "To quote the great Simpsons – 'heh, heh.' A lot of people have turned off their TV sets now."

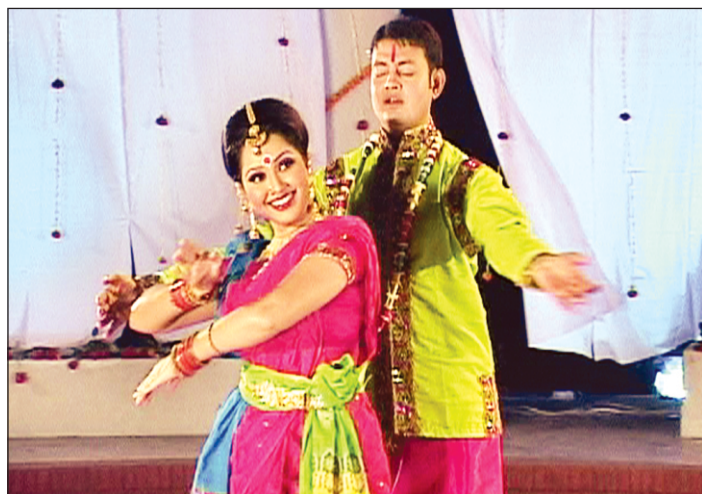
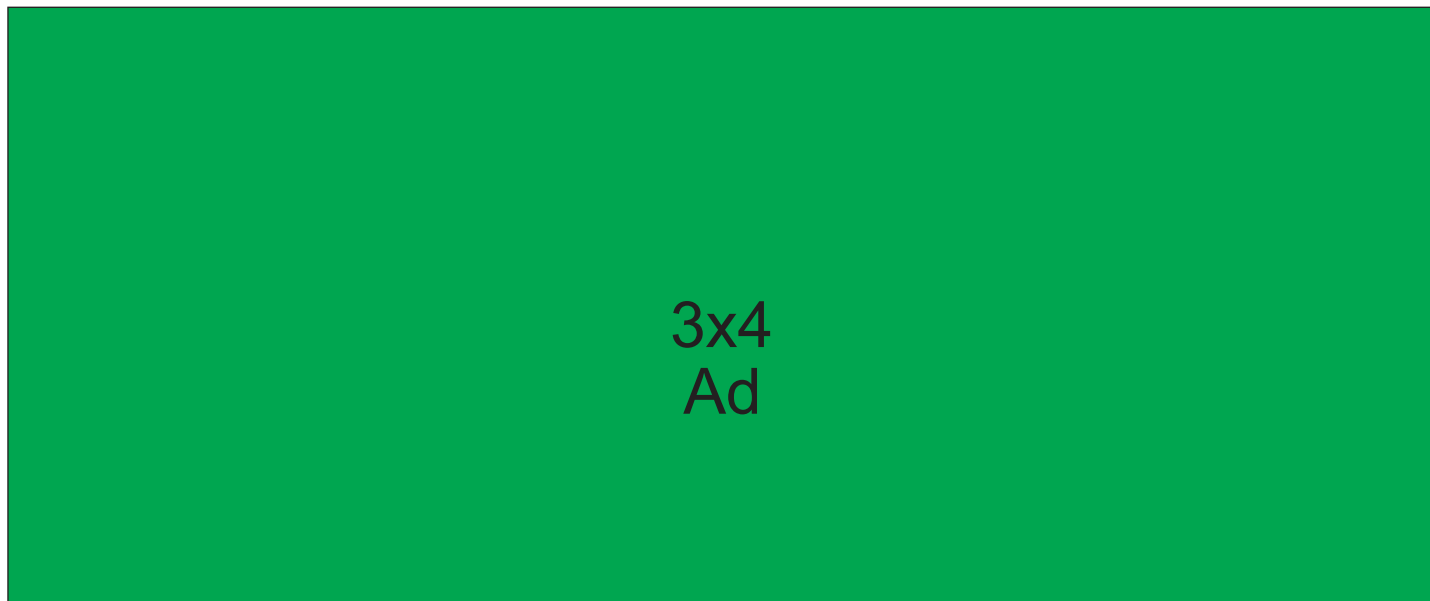
The Red Hot Chili Peppers took home four trophies including rock album while Mary J. Blige nabbed three. Her wins – R&B album, R&B song and female R&B vocal performance – nearly mirrored the results of

Mariah Carey last year; Blige, like Carey in 2006, had led the field in nominations with eight. The Peppers, formed 24 years ago, won rock song, rock performance by a duo or group and limited edition package.

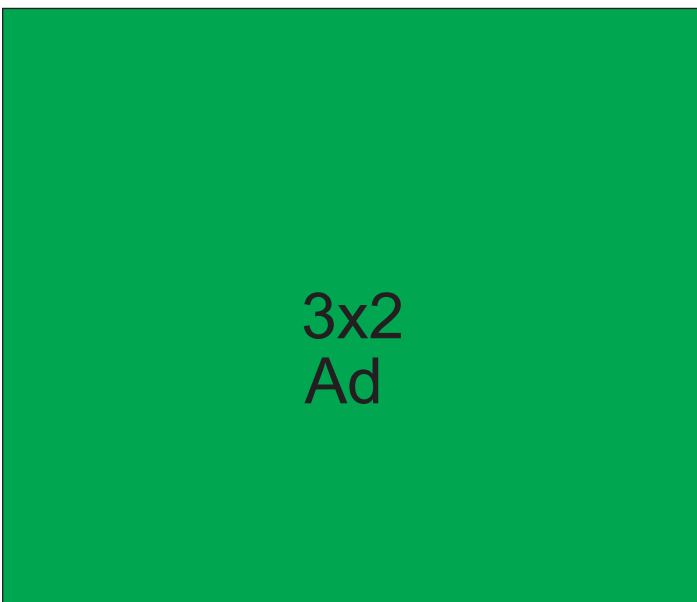
American Idol 4 champ Carrie Underwood became only fourth country act to win the new artist gramophone. She also nabbed the female country vocal performance nod.

The ceremony opened with Sting yelling "We are the Police and we're back," before heading into a performance of *Roxanne*. Academy's attempt to present unique pairings included a trio performance of Corinne Bailey Rae, John Legend and John Meyer and tributes to the Eagles (with Rascal Flatts and Underwood) and vintage soul (with Smokey Robinson, Lionel Richie, Chris Brown and Christina Aguilera). Gnarls Barkley turned their bouncy *Crazy* into a funeral dirge set to a militaristic beat. Blige continued from her *Be Without You* into the Lorraine Ellison hit from 1966, *Stay With Me*

Source: Internet.



A special magazine programme on ATN Bangla, titled *Bhalobashar Ronge*, is to be aired on February 14 at 7.50 pm. The programme is jointly directed by Khaleida Ahmed and Nahid Rahman



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) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-i
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm.
News (English) 6:20am, 7:00pm
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 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.

CHANNEL 1
News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am

BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 2:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00pm

RTV
News (Bangla) at 7:00am, 3:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 2:00am

BTV
08:40 Bishwa Protidin
09:05 Shomapti
11:15 Shukhi Poribar
11:40 Desher Gaan
12:05 Maa O Shishur Kotha
12:30 Swapno Shonar Gaon
01:00 Shobar Jonno Shikha
01:30 Mati O Manush
02:15 Laukik Bangla
03:05 Cartoon
12:15 Amar Computer
03:30 Shur O Chhobi
04:00 Amader Angina
04:30 Band Show
05:05 Moner Kotha
05:30 Onushilon
06:40 Tagore Quiz
07:00 Quiz Quiz
07:30 Drama Serial: Uzan
08:30 Protidin Bangladesh
08:35 Ekush Amar Ohonkar
09:35 Rang Be Rang

ATN BANGLA
10:30 Aktel Anyodrishti
12:15 Amar Computer
01:30 Shur O Chhobi
02:30 Talk Show
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhhu Nai
04:20 Aji Boshonto Jagroto Darye
05:45 Bangla Namer Desh
06:20 Kothamala
08:00 Drama Serial: Shokal Shondha
08:45 Drama: Shomjhoti

CHANNEL-i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Gramophonephone Tritiyo matra

11:05 Cricket Online (Live)
11:30 Amar Chhobi

12:30 Citycell Tarokakothon
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shanghbad Potrey
01:45 Bangladesh
02:40 Public Reaction
04:05 Selected Drama
04:05 Amader Gaan
04:25 Nirbachoni Olympiad
04:35 Sharif Melamine
04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 Boi Mela Protidin
06:00 Robindro Naather
06:20 Be My Valentine
07:50 RC Travel on
09:35 Pichhon Praner Gaan Taan
12:00 Gramophonephone Aikter Shangbadpotro

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08:35 Aikter Shokal
09:30 Khoboror Shondhaney
10:05 Bhinnor Swader
10:30 Music Express
11:00 Cine Gaan
12:02 Ei Shomoy
01:00 Japan Video Topic
03:15 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan
03:50 Drama Serial: Bhalo Basha Mondo Basha Gallery
04:25 Apnar Jigyasha
05:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:20 K Tahare Chinitay
06:50 Drama: Shomjhoti

08:25 Drama Serial: Mon-e Mon-e
09:00 Falgunir Podaboli
09:50 Drama Serial: Neer
11:25 Din Dorpon

Rtv
09:10 Talk Show: Khola Chokhey

Pick of the Day
Pichhon Praner Gaan Taan
On Channel i at 9:35pm
Special programme featuring prominent cultural personalities, hosted by Mahfuz

10:00 Purush
10:40 Praner Manush
12:00 Achhey Praney
01:00 Cinema Ar Cinema
01:35 Aj Potrikay
03:45 Islamic Programme
04:20 Path Chaoatei Anondo
05:10 Talk Show: Ei Mon
06:00 Aikter Bangladesh
06:35 Amar Desh
08:00 Magazine Programme: Char Deyal
08:50 Drama Serial: Nirontr
10:45 Rtv Exclusive

02:00 Shuktara
03:30 Drama Serial: Shomrajjo
04:00 Gaaner Khata
04:30 Bioscope
05:15 Stop n Rock
06:00 Saaj Bela
06:30 Top News
06:45 Itihasheer Path Dhorey
07:00 Nongor
08:15 Drama Serial: Shomrajjo
09:00 Rupanatorer Golpo
09:30 Fusion Biz
10:50 Expression

BANGLAVISION
08:35 Shubho Shokal
09:05 Ebong Bangla Gaaney
09:30 Shamol Bangla

Commander in Chief
On Star World at 10:30pm
TV Series
Cast: Geena Davis, Donald Sutherland

10:10 Drama Serial: Krishno Pokho
10:40 Amar Ami
11:10 Public Forum
12:30 Amader Ranna Ghar
03:05 Drama: Biborton
04:20 Desher Pathay
05:00 Pradhinor Boimela
05:30 Diner Sheshey
06:30 Talk Show
08:10 Drama Serial: Shonar Phool
09:15 Agamir Kontho

11:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
12:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
01:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Bhabhi
02:30 Kesar
03:00 Saarrthi
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:00 Kahiin To Hoga
04:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
05:00 Thodi Si Zameen
05:30 Thoda Sa Aasma
06:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
06:30 Mickey Mouse And Friends
07:00 The Suite Life Of Zack And Cod
07:30 Prithviraj Chauhan

07:55 Bolly V - Star Plus
08:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
08:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
09:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
09:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati- Srk
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kahiin To Hoga Paraya Dhan
12:00 Paraya Dhan

STAR MOVIES
07:15 D3: The Mighty Ducks
09:00 Meteor Man
10:45 Bee Season
12:30 Sideways
02:30 The Triangle - Ep. 02
04:00 My Favorite Martian
05:35 Harold & Kumar Go To White Castl
07:00 Guess Who?
08:50 Death To The Supermodels
10:15 Swarmed
11:45 Phantom Below

STAR WORLD
09:00 The Simpsons
09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 My Wife And Kids
11:00 The King Of Queen
11:30 Grey's Anatomy
12:30 Everybody Loves Raymond
01:00 Frasier
01:30 Commander In Chief
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Fashion House
06:00 Arrested Development
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 Cheers
07:30 Friends

08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 Falcon Beach
09:30 The O.C.
10:30 Commander In Chief
11:30 Fashion House

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
09:30 Massive Engines with Chris Barrie
10:00 Everything You Need to know
10:30 The X Revolution
11:30 Extreme Machines
12:30 Honey We're Killing The Kids
01:30 Snake Week
02:30 Detective Stories
03:30 The X Revolution
04:30 Wild Discovery
05:30 Extreme Engineering
06:30 Life on the Edge
07:30 Snake Week
08:30 Honey We're Killing the Kids
09:30 Bringing Home Baby
10:00 Amazing Baby Videos
10:30 Man Made Marvels Asia
11:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
09:30 Fight Science
10:45 Teleall
11:00 Bhagyashali Ratna
11:15 Global Sky Shop
11:30 Deadly Dealy
12:30 Russia's Nuclear Sub
01:30 Al Qaeda Calling
02:30 Wild Safari
03:30 Fight Science
04:30 Jaw Breakers
05:00 Nat Geo Genius
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Jungle Geoff
06:30 Fight Science

07:30 Triumph of Life
08:30 Naked Science
09:30 Is It Real?
10:30 Fight Science
11:30 Invaders

STAR SPORTS
09:30 Engine Block
10:00 2007 Euromilhoes
10:30 Spanish Football League
12:30 Royal Bank Of Scotland Six Nation
02:30 English Premier Football League
04:30 Tna Archive
05:30 Philippine Open
06:30 Tna Archive
08:30 Sports Yatra
08:30 Ashes Heroes
09:00 Remember The Titans
09:30 Cricket Crazy
10:30 Tna Archive
11:25 Scoop - Phl Special
12:25 Asian Tour Weekly 2007

EPSN
09:13 Commonwealth Bank Series 2006-07
01:00 Champions Of The World
01:30 Commonwealth Bank Series 2006-07
05:00 Ashes Legends (Cricket)
06:00 Football Focus With John Dykes
07:00 Indian Premier Hockey League
09:30 Sportscenter India
10:00 India?S Best With Sunil Gavaskar
10:30 Sportscenter India
11:00 Sportscenter Asia
11:30 Commonwealth Bank Series 2006-07