

## CULTURAL FEAST

## Ekushey Book Fair

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

## Bangla Calligraphy

## Exhibition

Artist: Arham-ul-Huq Choudhury  
Venue: British Council, 5 Fuller Road, Dhaka  
Date: February 17-28  
Time: 10:00am-8:00pm

## Children's Art

## Exhibition

Title: Mitsubishi Asian Children's Enikki Festa  
Organisers: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: February 23-March 4  
Time: 11:00am-7:00pm (On Friday 3:00pm-8:00pm)

## Bead Jewellery

## Exhibition

Organisers: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts  
Venue: Bengal Café, House no-275/F, Road no-27 (Old), Dhammoli  
Date: February 24-March 2  
Time: 12:00pm-8:00pm

## Solo Painting

## Exhibition



Title: Alluvial Dream & Reality  
Artist: Kalidas Karmakar  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, House no-275/F, Road no-27 (Old), Dhammoli  
Date: February 16-March 2  
Time: 12:00pm-8:00pm

## Indigenous Performing Art Festival

Organiser: Department of Theatre and Film, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall February 27 Royani  
February 28 Kushan Gaan  
Time: 6:00pm

## Book Exhibition

Organiser: Bangladesh National Unesco Club Association  
Venue: Central Public Library, Shahbagh  
Date: February 27-28  
Time: 11:30am

## Indigenous Performing Art Festival

# 'Manik Pirer Gaan' staged by Zahirul Islam and his troupe



Zahirul Islam and his troupe perform *Manik Pirer Gaan*

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## ERSHAD KAMOL

**T**he world's earliest report of a dramatic production comes from the banks of the Nile, which is known as *Egyptian Passion Play*. The art form was

performed annually in memory of legendary king-divinity Osiris – who was worshipped both as a fertility god and as the Lord of the underworld, through whom rebirth occurred – at Abydos, Busiris, Heliopolis, and elsewhere around

the year 2000 BC.

"The principal objective of the *Egyptian Passion Play* was to keep the sufferings and triumph of Osiris vivid in the minds of the faithful. During the presentation of the dramatic performance the choir

used to travel from the palace to the river Nile, which according to the myth symbolically represented Osiris.

"Similar type of dramatic performances is evident in many world heritages, even amongst the Hajong community in Bangladesh where a choir seeks birth of a child or fruitfulness, through song and dance. To me the presentation of *Manik Pirer Gaan* is the similar kind of dramatic presentation", said Dr Afzal Ahmed, a professor of the Department of Drama and Dramatics of Jahangirnagar University, who was in the audience during staging of *Manik Pirer Gaan* on February 25.

As part of the ongoing seven-day indigenous performing art form festival arranged by the Department of Theatre and Film of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Zahirul Islam and his troupe from Kushtia presented *Manik Pirer Gaan*, a traditional art form of the region, at the Experimental Theatre Stage.

With music, dance and instruments Zahirul's troupe narrated the story of legendary Manik Pir, presented in the form, which they usually perform going from one house to another seeking birth to a child in Kushtia region. As the narrative is totally based on travelling from one place to another, song and dance were dominating elements compared to acting in the art form.

## 79th Annual Academy Awards

## Martin Scorsese finally gets his Oscar

AP, Los Angeles

Martin Scorsese's mob epic *The Departed* won best picture at the Academy Awards on Sunday and earned the filmmaker the directing prize that had eluded him throughout his illustrious career.

"Could you double-check the envelope?" said Scorsese, who had been the greatest living American filmmaker without an Oscar. He also had never delivered a best-picture winner before, despite crafting such modern masterpieces as *Raging Bull* and *Goodfellas*.

In an evening when no one film dominated as the Oscars shared the love among a wide range of movies from around the world, three of the four acting front-runners won: best actress Helen Mirren as British monarch Elizabeth II in *The Queen*; best actor Forest Whitaker as Ugandan dictator Idi Amin in *The Last King of Scotland*; and best supporting actress Jennifer Hudson as a feisty soul singer in *Dreamgirls*.

The other front-runner, Eddie Murphy of *Dreamgirls*, lost the Oscar for best supporting actor to Alan Arkin for *Little Miss Sunshine*.

"For 50 years and more, Elizabeth Windsor has maintained her dignity, her sense of duty and her hairstyle," said Mirren, who has been on a remarkable roll since last fall as she won all major film and television prizes for playing both of Britain's Queen Elizabeths.

*The Departed* led the evening with four Oscars, also winning for adapted screenplay and editing.

The soft-spoken Whitaker won for an uncharacteristically flamboyant role as the barbarous yet mesmerising Amin. "When I was a kid the only way I saw movies was from



An ecstatic Scorsese after winning his Oscar

the back seat of my family's car at the drive-in movie," Whitaker said. "It wasn't my reality to think I would be acting in movies, so receiving

this honour tonight tells me it's possible."

Hudson won an Oscar for her first movie, playing a powerhouse vocalist who falls on hard times after she is booted from a 1960s girl group. The role came barely two years after she shot to celebrity as an *American Idol* finalist.

The nonfiction hit *An Inconvenient Truth*, a chronicle of Al Gore's campaign to warn the world about global warming, was picked as best documentary.

The fairy tale for adults *Pan's Labyrinth* took three Oscars. The Spanish-language film won for art direction, makeup and cinematography. Directed by Mexican filmmaker Guillermo del Toro, *Pan's Labyrinth* narrates the story of a girl who concocts an elaborate fantasy world to escape her harsh reality in 1940s fascist Spain.

The foreign-language Oscar, however, went to Germany's *The Lives of Others*, about a playwright and his actress-girlfriend who come under police surveillance in 1980s East Berlin.

The 79th Annual Academy Awards featured their most ethnically varied lineup ever, with stars and stories that reflect the growing multiculturalism taking root around the globe.

"What a wonderful night. Such diversity in the room," said Ellen DeGeneres, serving as Oscar host for the first time, "in a year when there's been so many negative things said about people's race, religion and sexual orientation."

"And I want to put this out there: If there weren't blacks, Jews and gays, there would be no Oscars," she said, adding: "Or anyone named Oscar, when you think about that."

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## TV GUIDE

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

## News Bulletin

**BTW**  
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, 2:00 pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am.

**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.

Lates News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m, 10:00 am, 11:00 pm, 1:00 a.m, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm 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, 10:30pm.

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

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

News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00pm.

News Headlines (English) at 9:05pm.

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

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:30am.

## 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 Shobor Jonno Shikha  
01:30 Mati O Manush  
02:15 Musical Programme  
03:05 Cartoon  
03:30 Educational  
Programme  
04:00 Amader Angina  
04:30 Band Show  
05:05 Moner Kotha  
05:30 Onrushilon  
06:10 Shilpangon  
07:00 Quiz Quiz  
07:30 Drama Serial: Uzam  
08:30 Protidin Bangladesh  
08:35 Drama  
09:25 Rang Berong  
10:30 Probash Mela

## ATN BANGLA

07:30 Aktel Anyodishiti  
12:15 Amar Computer  
01:30 Shur O Chhobi  
02:30 Talk Show  
03:15 Drama Serial: O  
Amar Chhokh Nai  
03:45 Children's  
Programme  
04:20 Musical Programme  
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor  
05:45 Bangla Namer Desh  
06:20 Kothamala  
08:00 Drama Serial:

## BANGLAVISION

08:35 Shubho Shokal  
09:05 Ebong Classer  
Bairey  
09:30 Music Moment  
10:00 Drama Serial:

## CHANNEL-I

08:45 Aj Kaal Porshu  
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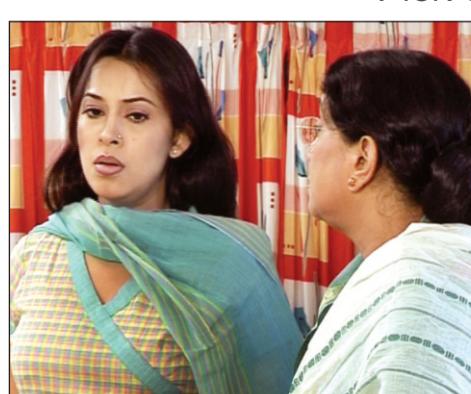
## STAR MOVIES

08:45 Shokal Shonha  
09:30 Shongbad Potrey  
Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Gramene-  
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11:05 Cricket Online (Live)  
11:30 Amar Chhobi  
12:30 Citycell  
01:05 Ebong Cinemar  
Gaon  
01:30 Shangbad Potrey  
Bangladesh  
01:45 Public Reaction  
02:40 Selected Drama  
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04:35 Amader Gaan  
04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma  
05:30 Boi Mela Protidin  
06:00 Drama Serial: Klanto  
Shomoy  
06:20 Drama Serial:  
Ochena Adhar  
10:40 Amar Ami  
11:10 Public Forum  
02:30 Drama: Shunyo  
03:45 Harold & Kumar Go  
To White Castle  
05:00 Protidin Boimela  
07:00 In Her Shoes  
05:30 Diner Sheshe  
06:30 Talk Show  
08:10 Drama Serial:  
Shonar Phool  
09:15 Agamir Kontho

## STAR PLUS

09:00 Bolly V - Star Plus  
09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa  
Bandhan  
12:40 Arrangement, The  
02:15 Life Is Not A  
Fairytale  
03:45 Harold & Kumar Go  
To White Castle  
05:15 Matador, The  
07:00 In Her Shoes  
09:00 Bhabhi  
02:00 Bhabhi  
02:30 Saartrhi  
03:00 Kyaunki Saas Bhi Kabhi  
11:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi  
07:00 V Trailers - Star Plus  
09:00 Solo  
10:30 Shaka Laka Boom  
11:05 Baby Geniuses

## PICK OF THE DAY



**Shonar Phool**  
On Banglavision at 8:10pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Tania, Tonima



**In Her Shoes**  
On Star Movies at 7:00pm  
Genre: Drama  
Cast: Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette

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07:00 The Suite Life Of Zack  
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