

# Banchar Aasha

## Yet another ATN Bangla production nominated for Emmy Awards

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ATN Bangla's docu-drama *Banchar Aasha* has been nominated for the 35th Emmy Awards, hosted by the US Academy of Television Arts and

Science, and considered equivalent to the Oscars. *Banchar Aasha* will compete in the 'International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences' category, which honours programmes originating



A scene from Banchar Aasha

outside the United States. The ATN Bangla production will compete with programmes of the Russian channel TV Kultura, Syrian channel TV Satellite, Gambia Radio and Television Service, NBT Thailand and ZDF Germany at the Emmys. The award-giving programme will be held on November 19 in New York.

This is for the forth-consecutive time that an ATN Bangla production has been nominated for the Emmys. Earlier *Amrao Pari* won an Emmy in 2004. *Amrao Banchte Chai* and *Dipur Jonjo Elegy* -- two other docu-dramas produced by ATN Bangla -- competed at the Emmys in 2005 and 2006 respectively. All these docu-dramas are especial episodes of ATN Bangla's regular programme for children, *Amra Karbo Joi*.

Chairman of ATN Bangla, Mahfuzur Rahman, said, "I'm really glad at the consecutive success of *Amra Karbo Joi*. The young crew and actors have proven their talents. *Banchar Aasha* should win at this year's Emmy."

*Banchar Aasha* was first aired on December 10, 2006 in conjunction with the 2006 International Children's Day of Broadcasting (ICDB) and won an ICDB Award in the regional category. The ICDB Award is jointly presented by UNICEF and International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

*Banchar Aasha* features social prejudice towards a boy who inherited HIV from his mother. Like everyone else, he too has the urge to experience and enjoy everything beautiful in this world. On the reason behind going with this subject, Pavel Rahman, senior press executive of ATN Bangla, informed, "International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences selected 'Unite for Children, Unite Against AIDS' as the theme of this year's competition."

*Banchar Aasha* is written by Abu Sufian, directed by Faysal Mahmud and produced by Tashiq Ahmed. The cast includes young actors Sayem Samad, Kona, Duo, Razib and others.

## In conversation

# Durba Chowdhury: An artiste-teacher of Rabindra sangeet and classical music

**JAMIL MAHMUD**

Though at present classical music may not have a sizeable audience, few artistes continue to devote their skills to this genre. Durba Chowdhury is one of them, who has spent years training in classical music and currently she is a music teacher.

Born and raised in a culturally oriented family of Chhabishpargana, West Bengal, Durba's passion for music began at an early age. Durba's mother and elder sister are both classical singers. At the age of six, she started getting *taalim* under their guidance.

Durba's first music teacher was Santosh Sarkar. She completed *Sangeet Prabhakar*, a five-year diploma course -- on both *Rabindra Sangeet* and *Uchchango Sangeet* -- from Nayaki Music College, Kolkata. After completing the diploma course, she enrolled in Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan in 1976 and successfully completed Bachelors and Masters degree in music.

At Visva-Bharati, Durba received tutelage in *Rabindra Sangeet* from legendary singer Kanika Bandyopadhyay, Nilima Sen, Ashesh Bandyopadhyay, Arup Ratan Bandyopadhyay. In *Uchchanga Sangeet*, she trained under V.V. Wazlawar.

Durba has fond memories of her student life at Visva-Bharati and says, "Learning the intricate details of music from iconic musicians at Visva-Bharati was a dream come true."

In 1987, Durba started working on her PhD

but due to unavoidable reasons, she had to discontinue. According to the artiste, "I do intend to complete my PhD some day."

Durba visited Bangladesh for the first time in 1985. She got married here and became a



Durba Chowdhury

Bangladeshi citizenship in 1993.

In 1991, Durba set up a music academy named 'Gayoki' in Dhaka and is the founder principal of the academy. At present the academy offers five-year courses in *Rabindra Sangeet*, classical music, songs of Atul Prasad, D.L. Roy, Rajanikant and other genres. On Gayoki, the devoted artiste says, our main goal is to properly train and groom talented vocalists. Extensive training is very essential for young music enthusiasts, who aspire to be singers. To be a proficient vocalist, one must have comprehensive knowledge of grammar of music. Anyone who has a good understanding of classical music should be able to perform any kind of song effortlessly.

Durba's only album of *Rabindra Sangeet*, titled *Dujoney Dekha Holo*, was released in 1989. The album was released by Boishakhi Production.

On the current scenario of *Rabindra Sangeet*, Durba says, "If adding a few extra instruments and making subtle improvisations make Tagore songs more appealing to a new generation of listeners, then that endeavour should be welcomed." She also added that there are some basic differences between renditions in Bangladesh and Kolkata due to somewhat different grammatical practices.

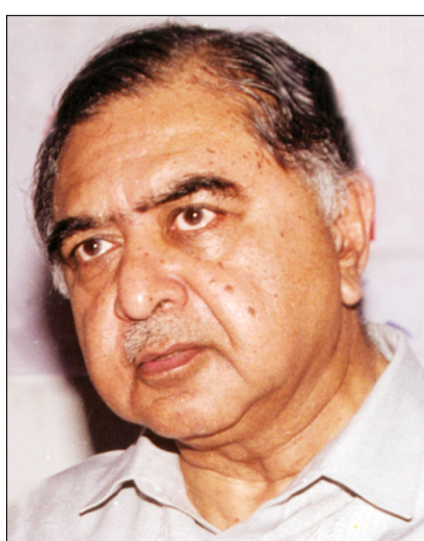
Rezwana Chowdhury Bonya and Mita Haque are Durba's favourite singers in Bangladesh while Kanika Bandyopadhyay is her ultimate idol.

## “Tini” on Ekushey TV tonight

**CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT**

The first episode of the talk show *Tini* will be aired tonight on Ekushey TV at 7:30pm. The show focuses on the ideals as well as personal and professional lives of eminent personalities. The show will be aired every Wednesday.

Rather than being only descriptive, the show provides the guest with an opportunity for self-criticism. Hosted by Kazi Jesin, tonight's episode will feature renowned personality Dr. Kamal Hossain.



Dr. Kamal Hossain

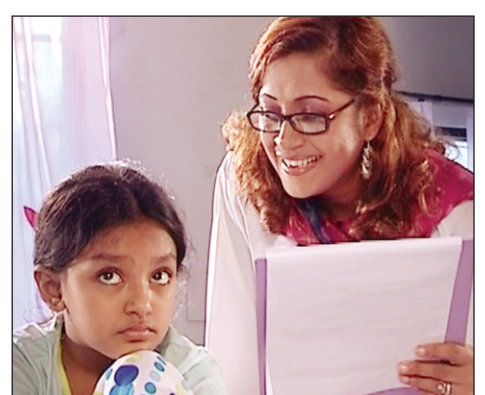
## Drama serial “Lukochuri” on Rtv tonight

**CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT**

*Lukochuri*, a psychological thriller directed by Dipankar Dipon will be aired tonight on Rtv at 9:20pm.

The series follows an affluent, acclaimed doctor, Sadman Kabir. Kabir's daughter Mouri shares a very special bond with her mother, Shusmita. Shusmita commits suicide out of the blue and the incident comes as a blow to Mouri, shaking her sanity. Sadman takes Mouri to a Bungalow, following the doctor's advice but Mouri does not respond to treatments. The situation gets complicated when Sadman finds out that Mouri has an imaginary friend named Sadi.

Tariq Anam Khan, Elora Gauhar, Tania Ahmed and Tony Dias play the leading roles in the serial.



Tania Ahmed (R) and co-artist in *Lukochuri*

# Shurolok's tribute to Abdul Ahad

## Musical soiree in Melbourne

**SHAGOR SHOIKOT RAHMAN, Melbourne**

Shurolok Music Appreciation and Performance Group of Melbourne recently organised an evening of Rabindra Sangeet. Although the Bangla months of rainy season -- *Ashar, Srabon* -- had long gone in Bangladesh, the emotions evoked by rain were resonated through songs at the programme, titled "Ashar Sraboner Gaan".

At the programme directed by Chanchal Khan, members of Shurolok rendered songs of Tagore that reflect an outpour of emotions -- love, separation, spiritual union with divinity and the universe, appreciation of nature, simple joys and more.

Farzana Haroon Shati's renditions of *Bondhu raho* and *Nibiro ghano andharey* were well appreciated. Nirupama Rahman's *Aaj jemon korey*, Baby Karmakar's *Krishnokoli*, Zakir Morshed Jami's *Chhaya ghonaichhe bon-e bon-e* and Priyanka Khan's *Shaoano gaganey* were thoroughly enjoyable.

Shurolok also remembered noted music director, composer and singer late Abdul Ahad.

The organisation honours a renowned cultural personality at each of their programmes. As

homage to Ahad, Chanchal Khan sang *Tumi ki kebolichhobi*.



Singers of Shurolok perform at the musical programme

# "CMC Vatavaran": Film festival on environmental issues creates a buzz

**PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi**

It is far removed from the glitz and glamour of film stars but closer to the survival of human race: the environment and wildlife film festival, "CMS Vatavaran" began here recently.

Climate change and its disastrous impact like melting glaciers, shrinking forests, rising temperature, increasing sea level, scarcity of fresh water, frequent floods and droughts -- all issues will be covered by films being screened at the film festival.

The event is a competitive film festival in India on environment and wild life but has already been hailed as the Green Oscar.

The festival will showcase critically acclaimed national and international documentaries on environment and wild life.

The inaugural film of the fourth edition of the festival, which has already received 72

nominations (48 in Indian section and 24 in the international section) was a documentary on poaching of tigers directed by Krishnendu Bose. The event was inaugurated by Indian Water Resources

Minister Saifuddin Soz.

Soz said there was an urgent need to evolve a system of continuous interaction among government agencies, civil society, local bodies, voluntary organisations and communi-

ties for optimal development and management of ground water resources.

The festival providing 25 awards involving Rs 12.50 lakh this year, has "climate change" as its theme this year.

ON AIR

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, 12:15 am.

**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) 8:20am, 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.

**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 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.

News Headlines (English) at 8:05pm

**Rtv**

News (Bangla) at 10:15pm. and 12:15am

**ntv**

News (Bangla) 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am

**ETV**

News (Bangla): 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

**BTv**

11:15 Drama Serial: *Shangshoptak*

12:05 *Maa O Shishur Kotha*

12:30 *Ma O Shishur Kotha*

01:30 *Hijol Tomal*

02:15 *Golpo Theke Natak*

03:05 Cartoon

03:30 *Shukhi Poribar*

04:00 Computer

04:30 Cookery Show

05:05 *Sisimpur*

05:30 Documentary Programme

05:35 Islamic Programme

06:10 ICC World Twenty 20

09:15 Drama Serial: *Alo Amar Alo*

09:35 Drama Serial: *Godhuli Alo*

10:30 ICC World Twenty 20

**ATN Bangla**

09:15 Drama Serial: *Kath Koylar Chhobi*

10:30 ATN Commentary Box

11:05 Talk Show: *Kothamala*

12:15 *Amar Computer*

01:30 Islamic Programme

02:30 Drama Serial: *Doll's House*

03:10 Drama Serial: *Rupali Manush*

03:45 Children's Programme

04:20 Islamic Programme

05:00 *Gram Gonjer Khobor*

05:10 Islamic Programme

06:20 *Hamd Nath*

06:25 *Ainar Shamney*

08:00 Drama Serial: *Jeye Theko*

08:35 Drama Serial: *Bohemian*

09:00 Drama Serial: *Chhayamukh*

11:30 Musical Programme

**CHANNEL-i**

09:30 Selected Programme

11:05 Sports Time

12:30 *Citycell Tarokathan*

01:05 Tax Helpline

01:15 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*

01:30 Selected Programme

02:40 Mega Serial: *Prio Bash*

03:05 Talk show: *Microcredit*

03:05 *Agrogotitley Bangladesh*

03:30 *Sa Re Ga Ma*

04:05 Selected Programme

04:30 *Mukhtijudho Protidin*

05:20 *Sroshtar Shakhkhori*

05:30 islamic Programme

06:15 Cookery Show

06:30 Drama Serial: *Shath Goenda*

07:50 Selected Programme

09:35 *Aloye Bhuban Bhora Drama*

10:00 *Ekanyo barti*

**Rtv**

08:00 *Ei Din*

09:00 Rtv Exclusive

09:05 *Witch blade*

09:35 *Kothay Kothay Gaan ar Gaan Protidin*

10:30 Drama Serial: *Dohor*

11:30 Cookery Show

12:35 Drama Serial: *Bhorer Swapno*

01:00 *Drishwa Kalpo*

01:30 *Ei Din*

02:30 Drama Serial: *Agurtuk*

03:45 *Ei Desh*

04:20 *Prachir Ghera Chin*

05:20 Islamic Programme

06:00 *Protidin*

06:35 *Witch Blade*

08:00 Drama Serial: *Dohor*

08:40 Akbar the Great

09:20 Drama Serial: *Lukochuri*

11:00 *Prithibir Pathay Pathay*

11:30 Documentary Programme

12:00 Rtv Exclusive

**Channel 1**

08:40 *Shuprobhat Bangladesh*

09:30 *Chokh Mele Dekhi*

10:30 Bangla Feature Film

02:00 Cookery Show

03:30 Drama Serial: *Godhuli Belay*

04:00 Drama Serial: *Gujob*

04:30 Style

05:15 Islamic Programme

06:30 Top News

06:45 *Ilthasher Path Dhokey*

07:00 Cookery Show

08:15 Drama Serial: *Godhuli Belay*

09:00 Drama Serial: *Gujob*

09:30 Show Case

11:00 *Akar Ekar*

**Banglavisoin**

09:05 *Amader Ranna Ghar*

09:30 Bangla Feature Film

01:00 Drama Serial: *Mohanogor*

02:30 Vocab

02:40 *Praner Gaan*

04:15 *Citycell Din-er Sheshy*

05:30 *Khosh Amded Mahe Ramjan*

06:25 *Amader Rannaghor*

08:25 Drama Serial: *Mohanogor*

09:05 Media Bhubon

09:45 Drama Serial: *Ei Shob Ondhokar*

11:25 *Shei Gaan Shei Sur*

12:00 *Shongbad Protidin*

**STAR MOVIES**

12:30 On Her Majesty's Secret Service

03:00 Russia House, The Panic Room

07:00 Xxx

09:05 Braveheart

12:00 Day Of Wrath

02:00 Cube Zero

**STAR PLUS**

10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus

10:30 Ducktales

11:00 Timon And Pumbaa

11:30 V Trailers - Star Plus

12:00 Sangam

12:30 Kasturi

13:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay

13:30 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni

10:00 Kasturi

10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii

11:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi

11:30 Kayamath

12:00 Karam Apnaa Apnaa

**STAR WORLD**

10:30 Beyond The Break

11:30 Brothers & Sisters

12:30 Koffee With Karan

02:00 Scrubs

02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show

03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful

04:00 General Hospital

05:00 Brothers & Sisters

06:00 Scrubs

06:30 The Simpsons

07:00 My Wife And Kids

07:30 Friends

08:00 Seinfeld

08:30 Beauty And The Geek

09:30 Ugly Betty

10:30 Boston Legal

11:30 Seinfeld

12:30 Friends

12:30 Scrubs

**DISCOVERY CHANNEL**

10:30 Truth About Food

11:30 Extreme Engineering

12:30 Bringing Home Baby

01:00 Baby Story

01:30 Shark Week

02:30 Discovery Showcase

03:30 Beyond Tomorrow

04:30 Nigel Marvin Week

05:30 Extreme Engineering

06:30 Life on the Edge

07:30 Shark Week

08:30 India Unleashed

09:30 Looking For India

10:30 Mean Machines

11:00 Extreme Evidence

11:30 A Huaning

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**

10:00 Chasing Che: Latin America On

10:30 Standard Snowboard Show

11:00 Prague

11:30 Mantracker

12:00 The Ride: Alaska to Patagonia

12:30 Amazing Adv Of A Nobody USA

01:00 Chasing Che: Latin America On a Motorcycle

01:30 Focused

02:00 Shanghai

02:30 Mantracker

03:00 On Safari

03:30 How to Drift

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**Radio Foorti**

07:00am Hello Dhaka (Apu)

11:00am Amar 98.4 (Nusrat)

03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib)

07:00pm Seven Eleven (Sadia)

11:00pm Late Night Show (Shuvo)

03:00am Back to Back music

07:30	Motorcycle
08:00	Focused
08:30	Shanghai
09:00	Mantracker
09:30	On Safari
10:00	How to Drift
10:30	Chasing Che: Latin America On
11:00	Standard Snowboard Show
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12:00	The Ride: Alaska to Patagonia
<b>HISTORY</b>	
10:30	Tactical to Practical
11:30	Wonder Brand
12:00	Brahmagyan
12:30	Nero
01:30	Night of the Fox
02:30	UFO Files
03:30	Casanova
04:30	Modern Marvels
05:30	Alpha Romeo
06:30	Nero
07:30	Abominable Snowman
08:30	Story of Black Hawk
09:30	Jewel in the Crown
10:30	Cities of the Underworld