

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

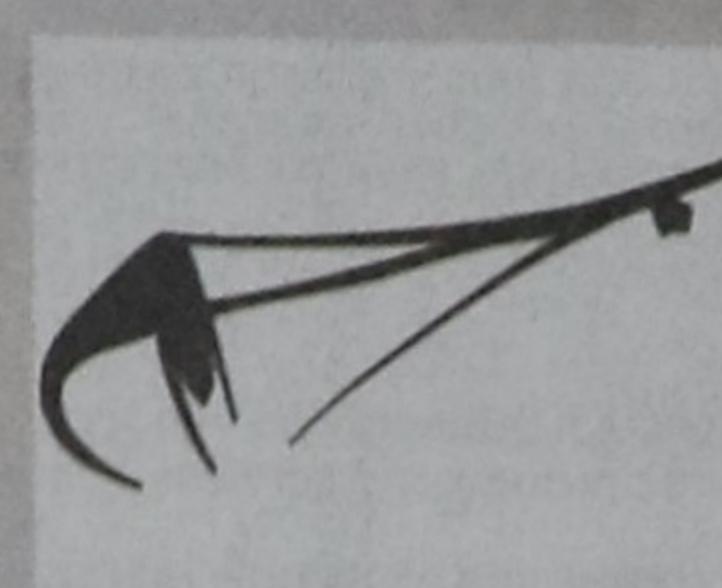
**Baishakhi Utsab**  
Organiser: Bangla Academy  
Venue: Bangla Academy premises  
Date: April 14-20  
Time: 4:30 pm onwards



**Film Screening**  
Title: 1st Jatiyo Rongmisti Chalachitra Utsab  
Venue: Krishnachandra premises, Institute of Fine Arts  
April 18  
7pm Khan, 8pm Amader Bondhu Tithi, 9:25pm Auti, 10pm Garam Bhat Othoba Nichhak Bhuter Golpo



**Barshoboron Utsab**  
Organiser: Bangladesh Loko Sangeet Parishad  
Venue: Seminar Hall, Central Public Library, Shahbag  
Date: April 18  
Time: 4pm



**Taste of Dhaka**  
Festival featuring famous Old Dhaka Food  
Organiser: Dhaka Mahanagar Samit, Dhaka Kendra  
Venue: Kalabagan Sports Ground, Kalabagan  
Date: April 17-19



## Baishakhi Folk Festival

Baul songs at Bangla Academy



PHOTO: MUMIT M.

A baul artiste performs at the festival

NADIA SARWAT

Born in a Baishakhi family in Gopalganj, Mamata Dasi was fascinated by *kirtan* and *baul* songs. "But I loved to sing more than I enjoyed listening to music," says Mamata, now a middle-aged *baul* artiste. Mamata Dasi and her husband Ranjit Das Baul are among the folk singers invited by Bangla Academy to perform at the ongoing folk festival on the occasion of the Bengali New Year.

On April 16, third day of the Baishakhi folk festival at the Bangla Academy premises, folk artistes from different corners of the country presented *baul* songs.

Prior to the event, a discussion was held where Professor Biswajit Das presented his essay titled *Nabobarso Utsab: Roop Roopantor* (Evolution in the New Year celebration). Mofidul Haque was present as a discussant while litterateur Selina Hossain presided over the session.

"If we take a glance at our cultural arena, we can easily recognise the vibrant changes in the Bengali New Year celebration. Poets during the Middle Ages interpreted the New Year as a natural phenomena. Later, through the writings of Rabindranath and Nazrul, it comes across as a call to celebrate the new replacing the old. Secularism is the core of this festival," said Biswajit Das in his essay.

Mofidul Haque said, "Through the enormity of this festival, an elementary ethical value is being developed in our country. We are trying to participate with all our uniqueness even in different festivals outside the country.

All these will contribute to make our nation more unified."

In her speech Selina Hossain said, "At present, we are going through a economic depression. Even then, if we can nurture the cultural spirit within us, poverty will never be able to dishearten us. The New Year celebration is an inspiration for us."

The cultural programme started with folk artiste Anwar Hossain singing the Lalon song *Dash-er jogya noi choroney*. The artiste rendered another Lalon song *Karo kotha keu bolena*, delineating the love for Krishna among the womenfolk of Gokul. However, it is only Radha who is the victim of scandal.

Delwar Hossain Boyati rendered *Diner din gonar din tor shesh* and *Khumeyghumiyachhey*.

The husband and wife duo Mamata Dasi and Ranjit Das Baul performed Kanai Lal Sheel's *Amaye korli dewana* and the popular Lalon song *Korimana kaam chharena*.

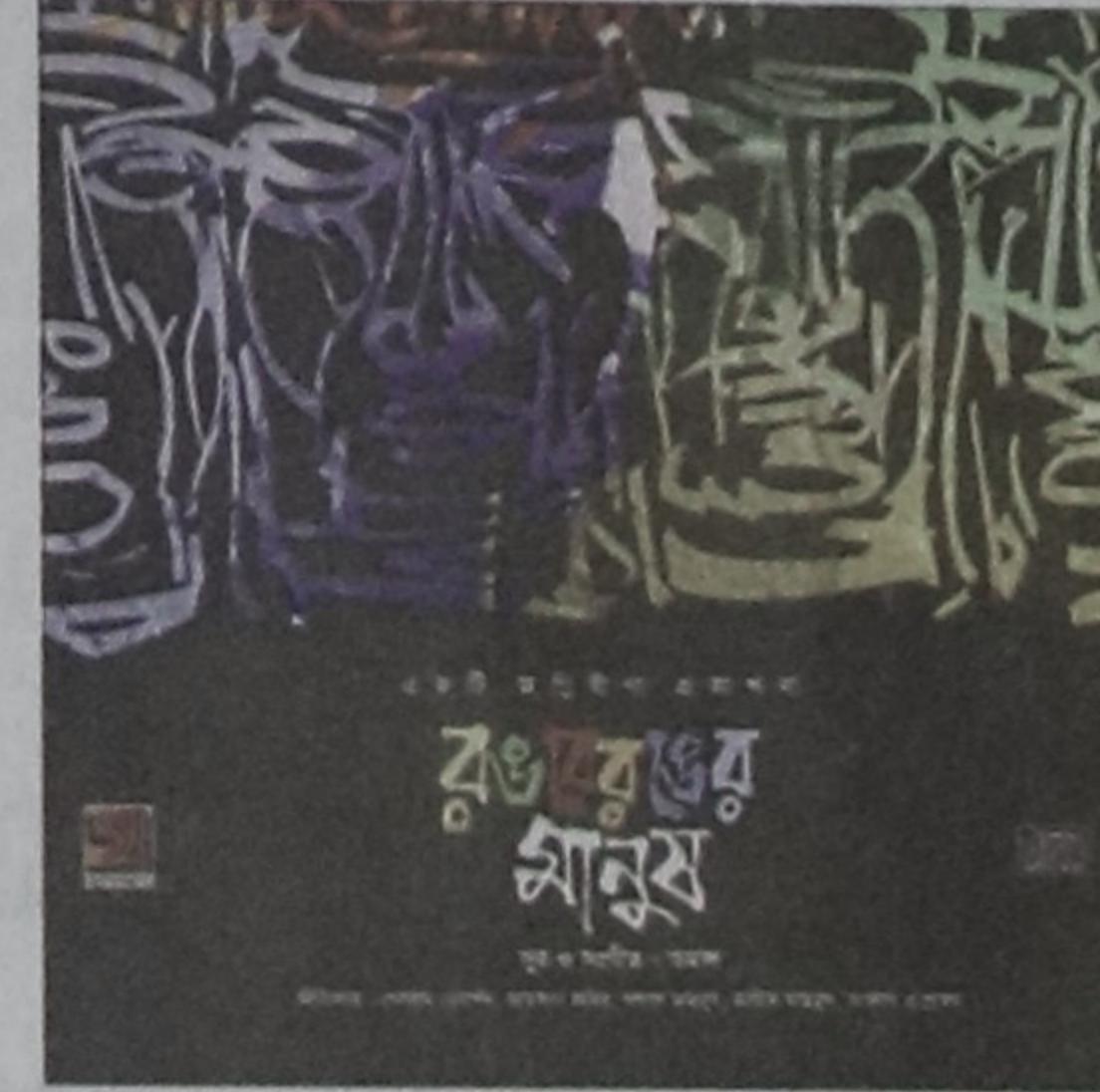
Other performers of the evening included Bakul Boyati, Alam Dewan, Asgar Dewan and Alam Sarker. Gautam Majumdar, Mohammad Faruque, Almas Ali, Gazi Abdul Hakim, Abu Kamal and Ashtosh Sheel were on the instruments.

Yesterday, Zahid Mustafa presented his essay titled *Bangladesh Adhunik Chitrakolay Lokochitro Prophab* (The influence of folk art in the contemporary Bangladeshi art). Mainuddin Khaled was the discussant and eminent artist Qayum Chowdhury presided over the event.

Today, Adivasi leader Sanjib Drong will present his essay titled *Adivasader Nabobarso Utsab* (New Year celebrations among the indigenous people).

Professor Afas Ahmed and Ajay Roy will be present at the event. A cultural programme will follow each discussion.

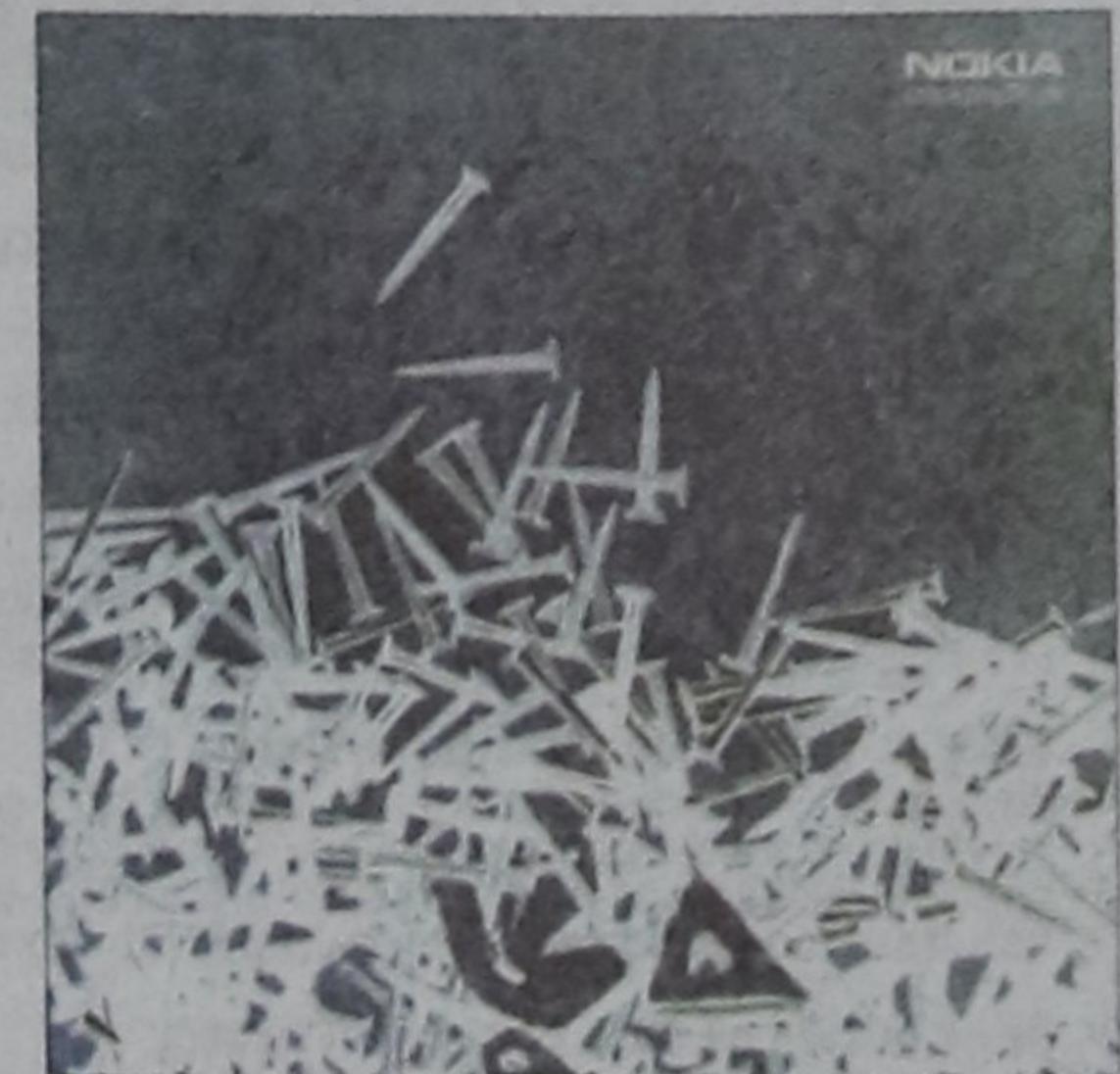
## NEW RELEASES



**Rong Berong-er Manush**  
A mixed album featuring *Adhunik* songs by the late Sanjib Chowdhury, Samina Chowdhury, Fahmida Nabi, Partha Barua. Source: Agniveena (a sister concern of Geetanjali)



**Megh Riddur**  
An album of *Adhunik* songs by Shabnur and Rakmatul. And Samina Chowdhury. Source: Laser Vision



**Esha Hey Baishakhi**  
A mixed album featuring *Rabindra Sangeet* by Sadi Mohammad, Rezwana Chowdhury Banya, Papia Sarwar, Milia Ali, Golam Morshed Khan, Shama Ali and Shimul Zaman. Source: G-Series

### CHANNEL 1

10:03 Drama Serial: Anondo Jatra	12:10 Islamic Programme: Mohioshi Nari	05:30 Visa Apni Agami	02:00 Gollachut
11:00 Taraka Alap	12:30 Musical Programme: Pran-er Gaan Eboni Classer Bairey	06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshey	03:30 Drama: Utshob
11:30 Drama Serial: Kala Koltor	02:00 Drama Serial: Byasto Doctor	06:25 Banglavision Cafe	04:30 Proshno Utto
12:15 Musical Programme: Swapno Din-er Gaan	02:40 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura	08:25 Drama Serial: Alor Kaphela	05:15 Community radio
12:30 Musical Programme: Sa Sa Dhin	03:05 Media Bhutan	09:45 Shongbad Protidin	06:00 Saaj Bela
01:03 Islamic Programme	04:20 Islamic Programme	12:00 Shongbad Protidin	07:00 Shotpato Sheshey
02:30 Bangla Feature Film			08:15 Drama: Aaina
03:00 Protidin			09:30 Shuk Tara
08:00 Musical Programme: Indian Idol Concert			11:00 Desh
09:20 Hello Love			
11:00 Drama Serial: Mukush Neel			
11:30 Biz Event			
12:00 Editor's Comment			



**Channel i Shera Kontho '08**  
On Channel i at 7:50 pm  
Talent hunt  
Audition rounds in Chittagong

### CHANNEL 2

08:40 Shuropahat Bangladesh	08:40 Shuropahat Bangladesh
09:30 Drama: Phul Dani	09:30 Drama: Phul Dani
10:15 Islamic Programme: Alor Kaphela	10:15 Islamic Programme: Alor Kaphela
11:30 Shotpato Sheshey	11:30 Shotpato Sheshey
01:00 Drama: Neel Rokto	01:00 Drama: Neel Rokto



**Radio Foorti 88.0 FM**

08:00am Hello Dhaka	12:00pm Hand-Nath and Quran recital
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06:00pm Bumper to Bumper	10:00pm Back to Back
10:00pm Back to Back	Back music

**Radio Today 89.6 FM**

07:15am Good Morning Dhaka	01:00pm Islami Gan
11:00am Post Box 9032	02:00pm Rupali Gan
01:00pm Islami Gan	07:00pm Today's World Music
	12:00am Today's Happy Moments
	12:10am Today's Dhun Tracks
	02:00am Back to Back

### BOISHAKHI

08:05 Deen Protidin	02:00 Gollachut
08:30 Kobi Loral	03:30 Drama: Utshob
10:05 Debate	04:30 Proshno Utto
10:35 Drama Serial: Gyara Kol	05:15 Community radio
12:05 Live telecast of Baishakhi Utsab from DU	06:00 Saaj Bela
05:00 Kobi Loral	07:00 Shotpato Sheshey
07:30 Dance Programme	08:15 Drama: Aaina
08:10 Tele-film: Projapoti Mon	09:30 Shuk Tara
10:30 Muchhey Jaak Glani	11:00 Desh

### HBO

12:15 Solo	01:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
02:15 Harry Potter And The Chamber Of Secrets	01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
05:30 The Making Of Monster-In-Law	02:30 Karam Apna Apna
05:45 Painkiller Jane	03:00 Ghati
07:30 Monster-In-Law	07:30 Sharat-Thoda Jaadu Thodi Naz
09:30 The Mask	07:45 Ghati
11:30 The Hunt For Eagle One: Crash Point	08:00 Aek Chabi Hai Padoss Mein

### STAR PLUS

01:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby	08:00 Seinfeld
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan	08:30 Live From Abbey Road
02:30 Karam Apna Apna	09:30 Invasion
03:00 Ghati	10:30 Tna Wrestling
06:30 Sharat-Thoda Jaadu Thodi Naz	11:30 Most Daring

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### ZEE STUDIO

12:50 Bram Stoker's Dracula	01:00 Jo Jeeta Wohi Superstar
03:30 Wish Master	01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
05:30 Enews	02:30 Karam Apna Apna
06:15 Heaven & Hell	03:00 Ghati
08:15 The 6th Day	07:30 Sharat-Thoda Jaadu Thodi Naz

### DISCOVERY CHANNEL

01:30 Bull Shark	01:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
02:30 I Am Not A Beast	03:30 How Do They Do It?
03:30 The Mask	04:00 Planet's Funniest Animals
04:00 Painkiller Jane	04:30 Swimming Lions
05:30 The Making Of Monster-In-Law	05:30 Future Weapons
06:15 The Mask	06:30 Weapon Masters
08:15 The Hunt For Eagle One: Crash Point	07:30 Last Lions Of India
10:30 Maneater	08:00 Million One
12:15 Vip Access: Horton	09:30 Dirty Jobs

### STAR MOVIES

12:05 Sound Of Music, The	01:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
03:00 Desperate Measures	03:30 How Do They Do It?
04:45 Backdraft	04:00 Planet's Funniest Animals
07:00 Just My Luck	04:30 Swimming Lions
08:45 Sky High	05:30 Future Weapons
10:30 They Are Among Us	06:30 Weapon Masters
12:15 Maneater	07:30 Last Lions Of India
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### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

12:30 Ancient Megastuctures	01:30 Lufthansa Nat Geo Genius
02:00 Magical Andes	02:30 A Life With Bears
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03:30 I Am In Afghanistan	04:30 I Didn't Know That
04:30 Flying Snakes	05:00 Lost
05:30 Big Bang	05:30 Java Breakers
06:30 Human Ape	06:30 Jumanji
07:30 Living With Lions	07:30 I Am In Columbia
08:30 I Am In Columbia	08:30 NG's Amazing Moments
09:30 Dubai's Dream Palace	09:30 Dubai's Dream Palace

### THE HISTORY CHANNEL

12:15 Creative Vision	01:30 1968 Mustang
02:30 1975 Firebird	02:30 Lost Worlds
03:30 Lost Worlds	03:30 Ocean Liners
04:30 Presidential Trains	04:30 Friends
05:30 Helen of Troy	05:30 Carthage
06:30 The Simpsons	06:30 Friday Film

### CHANNEL 1

**News Bulletin**  
08:20 Shuprobhat  
08:45 El Shotpah Bangladesh  
09:05 Sisipur  
09:30 Esho Gaan Shikhi  
10:05 Musical Programme  
11:00 Debate  
11:45 Musical Programme  
12:00 Selected Programme  
12:40 Mat O Manush  
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