

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Baishakhi Utsab

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



Inter University Drama Festival '08

Organiser: IUB Theatre and BSA
Venue: National Theatre Stage, BSA
April 20, Time: 6:30pm
Play: All This Madness-Troupe: Independent University, Bangladesh



Theatre

Play: Rashadhar Sudhadharer Rajya
Troupe: Bangaranga Natyadal
Venue: Mahila Samiti Auditorium, Bailey Road
Date: April 25
Time: 7pm



Taste of Dhaka

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



Celebrating 400 years of Dhaka

Delectable dishes at Kalabagan food fest



A horse and carriage at the festival

NADIA SARWAT

On the occasion of Dhaka's 400th anniversary, a three-day food festival has been arranged by the Dhaka Mahanagar Samiti (Dhaka Samiti) at the Kalabagan Ground. Starting from April 17, the festival is a treat for the foodies, offering traditional Old Dhaka food.

The festival, *Taste of Dhaka*,

intends to reintroduce the heritage of Dhaka cuisines, which has evolved throughout centuries, becoming a melting pot of different cultures.

The festival includes 50 stalls, featuring several renowned restaurants of Dhaka offering both familiar and rather eccentric sounding mouth-watering dishes like *Hajir Biryani*, *Shamsher-er Bhuna Khichuri*, *Haji Makhon-er Tehari*, *Boro Baap-er Polaye Khay*, *Nanna Biryani*, *Mostakim Kebab*,

Purnimar Jilapi and obviously, *Bakerkhani*. Star, Mrigoya, Fakhruddin Catering, Bamboo Castle, Alauddin, Rosh, Bhoj, Chakbazaar special and other outlets were also there to welcome the food-lovers with delicious *Dhakaitte* recipes. Even *piha* and *paan-supari* were not excluded from the list.

The President Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed and the Chief Adviser Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed have sent messages congratulating Dhaka

Mahanagar Samiti for organising the festival.

The festival was inaugurated with a colourful procession that included 26 horse carriages brought out from the office of Dhaka Mahanagar Samiti at Naya Bazar, Old Dhaka. The procession ended at the Kalabagan ground where the festival was formally opened. Noted cultural personality Syed Ahmed was the chief guest while M Sirajul Islam, president of Dhaka Mahanagar Samiti was the special guest at the event.

The venue was crowded in the afternoon despite the scorching heat. Besides food, other traditional entertainment was available at the festival. *Nagordola* and *merry go round* attracted the little ones while their parents listened

to *haul* songs. *Pala gaan*, *Puthi paath*, *Qawwali* and performances by the *dholis* pulled in many. Snake charmers, *lathiaals*, circus and more added to the attraction.

The festival will end today with an award giving ceremony. Educationist and the Vice-Chancellor of North South University, Professor Hafiz G.A. Siddiqui will be present as the chief guest. Fireworks and *fanush* are other attractions at today's programme.

Sponsored by City Group and RC Cola, the event is managed by Spellbound. *The Daily Star*, *Dainik Jugantor* and ATN Bangla are the media partners and Radio Foorti is the radio partner of the festival.



Chicken on the grill lure foodies

On the radio

In conversation with RJ Nusrat

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Nusrat, the peppy radio jockey of *Amar 88* and *Nokia Express Music Hour* on Radio Foorti 88.0 FM, is an effective example of the rise of the 'RJ generation' -- a very recent phenomenon. Nusrat opted for this "unconventional" career as a part timer initially, and now is one of the most popular among the RJs. Recently she spoke to *The Daily Star* and shared her opinion on the current FM radio trends. Excerpts:

The Daily Star (TDS): Radio jockeying is a relatively new profession in our country. How did you start?

Nusrat: It was purely out of fun. I was studying at BRAC University then, and was looking for a job. FM radio has gone through a revolution in the country. RJs have a better market prospect today and the radio stations are doing an excellent job in promoting our music.

TDS: The common belief is that the target audience of FM radio stations are youngsters. Is that the case?

Nusrat: I believe music is for everyone. But, there are morning and evening shows that are catered to the 'more mature' audience.

TDS: What qualities, according to you, should an RJ have?

Nusrat: Firstly and most importantly, you have to be articulate. It is also important to have a unique personality that connects easily with the listeners. The key factor is



RJ Nusrat at work

to develop an intimate relationship with your audience.

TDS: On radio, your voice is your only medium of interaction with people. How difficult is that?

Nusrat: There is a huge difference between chatting with friends and conducting a programme on radio. It is a tough act to imagine an audience in front of you, respond accordingly and keep a check on the variations of your tones, all at the same time.

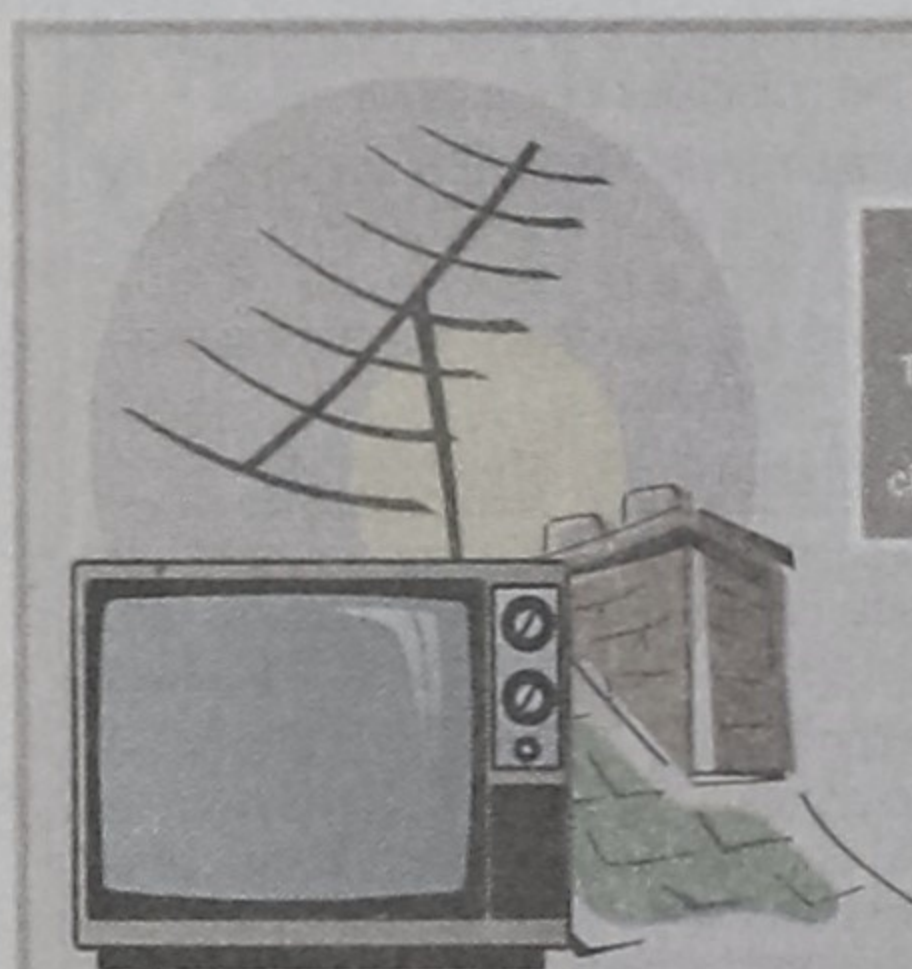
TDS: How far do you see yourself

from where you started?

Nusrat: I feel I have definitely come a long way. Previously I used to get really nervous when I was on air, but now I am more confident.

TDS: Radio stations have become very popular again. What is your take on that?

Nusrat: It is a commendable achievement for the radio industry. Now people listen to the radio, more than ever. What is worth mentioning is the healthy competition between the radio stations to air the best programmes.



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

On Air

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-1

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

ATN BANGLA

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

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CHANNEL 1

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

BANGLAVISION

News (Bangla) at 7:30 am, 1:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:15 pm, 10:30 pm.

CHANNEL 1

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 4:00 pm.

ETV

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

BTV

09:05 Esho Gaan Shikhi
09:30 Musical Programme
10:05 Shashtho Sheba
10:30 Selected Programme
11:15 Selected Programme
11:30 Shukhi Poribar
12:00 Musical Programme
01:30 Maa O Shishur Katha
02:15 Sisimur
03:50 Cricket

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aker Shanbadpoto
08:30 Dance Show: Nupur-er Chhondey
09:15 Talk Show: Top Speen
10:30 Talk Show: Onyodishti Shath Din
11:05 Musical Programme: Shesh Okhkhori
12:15 Documentary Programme: Prapok
01:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:40 Gram Ganjer Khobor
05:00 Talk Show: Ainar Shamney
08:00 Drama Serial: Alok Nogar
08:40 Drama Serial: Chor Kuthuri
09:20 Drama Serial: Ek Jonomey
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL i

08:30 Shokael Gaan
09:30 Shangbadpotoy Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Trilomatra
11:05 Talk Show: Amader Aaina
12:05 Mukto Bajar Orthonti
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Katha
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Africa Theke Gyani Manush

02:35 Selected Programme
03:05 Money Talk
04:05 Educational Programme: F M Method
04:50 Shoyer Shondhaney Mukhtijudho Protidin
06:00 Talk Show: Shamoeki Rupantor
07:50 Mega Serial: Ghar Kutum
08:20 Drama Serial: Nouka Dubi
09:35 Agricultural Programme: Hridoye Matia O Manush
10:00 Selected Programme
11:30 Live Drama Serial: Astey Astey Astey
12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shangbadpoto

Rtv

08:40 Saangeet Ongon
09:00 Rtv Exclusive
09:05 Protidin
09:35 Drama Serial: Neel Mukhus
10:03 Hello Love
11:00 Taroka Alap
11:30 Children's Programme
12:15 Indian Idol Concert
01:03 Musical Programme: Gaanchil Ei Din
01:30 Dhallywood Beats
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
06:00 Protidin
06:30 Musical Programme: Shur-e Shur-e Path Chola
08:00 Drama: Portrait
09:20 Talk Show: Shomoyer Dorpon
11:00 Drama Serial: Nironor
11:30 Biz Event
12:00 Editor's Comment

CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh
10:30 Akaar Ekaar
11:00 Drama
12:00 Shopfah Sheshey
03:30 Tele-film: Aaina
04:30 Talk Show
05:15 Shukh Tara
07:00 Shomoyer Swad
08:15 Drama: Ochen Apon
09:00 Musical Programme: Gaan-er Khata
09:30 Drama: Shunyo Mahal
11:00 Bishwa Jurey Shath Din

ETV

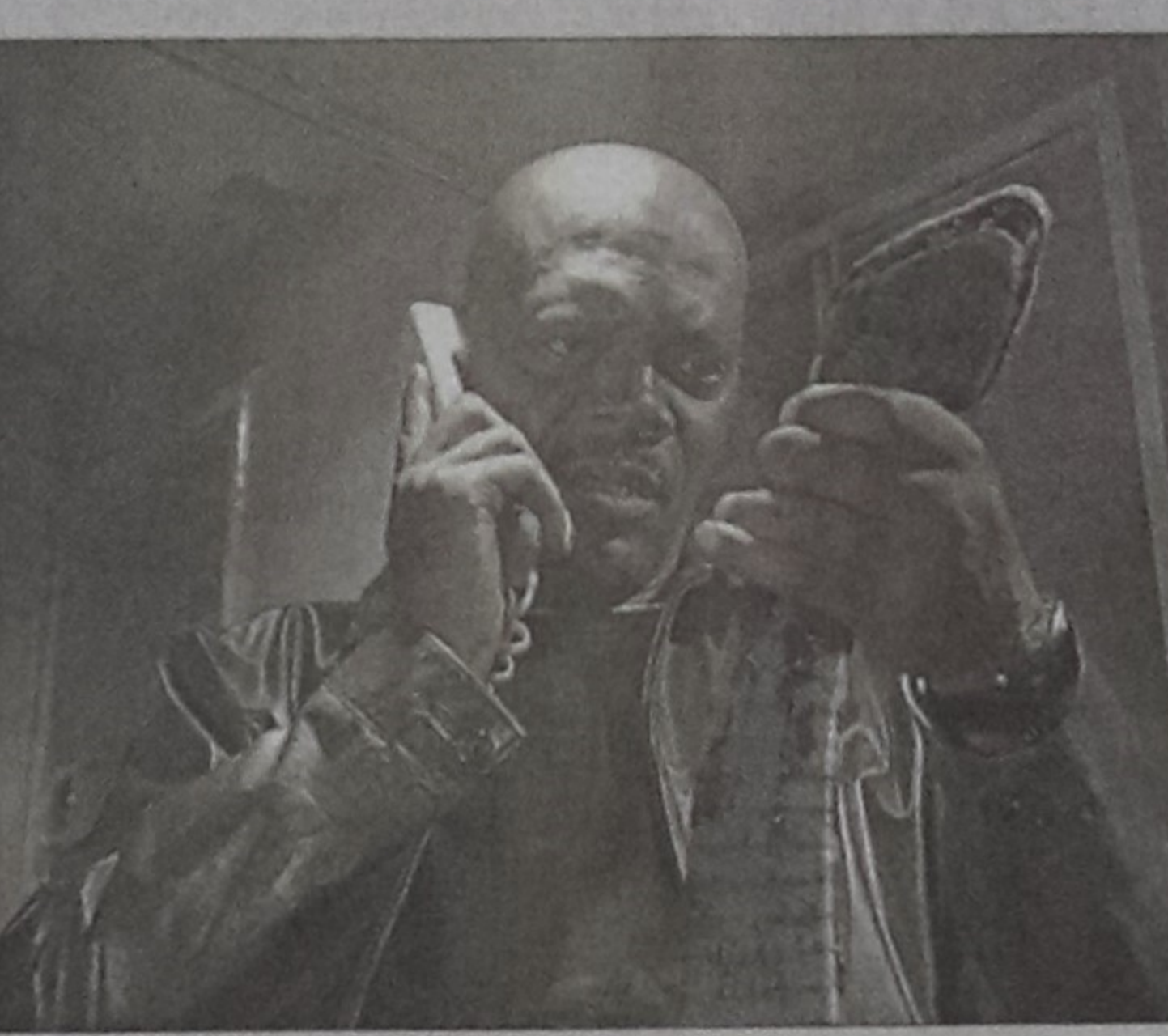
08:00 Aker Potrikay
08:30 Ekush-er Shokaal
09:15 Drama Serial: Aziz Market,

Shahbag, Dhaka 1000
11:30 Magic Show
12:00 Ekush-er Dupur
12:30 Total Music
02:10 Drama: Habib-er Shongshar
05:15 Sports Plus

05:45 Ekush-er Shondha
06:15 Sms Mania
06:30 Shopah Ghurey Desh Jurey
07:50 Explosive
09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000



Amar Ami
On Banglavisian at 09:05 pm
Talk Show
Tonight's Guest: Abul Hayat



10:00 Ekush-er Shomoy
11:40 Shangkriti Shathdin
BANGLAVISION
09:00 Children's Programme: Ichchhey Ghuri



Radio Foorti 88.0 FM

07:00am Hello Dhaka
11:00am Amar 88
03:00pm Dhaka Calling
07:00pm Celebrity on the hot seat

Radio Today 89.6 FM

07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Masti Unlimited
01:00pm Saturday World Music
04:00pm U-Jam
08:00pm Top of The Week
11:00pm Raat Vor Can
2:00 am Back to Back

09:30 Drama Serial: Byasto Doctor
10:10 Banglavisian Cafe
11:35 Media Bhubon
02:00 Nokia Music
02:40 Drama Serial: Shunyo Pala
03:05 Drama Serial: Tank Ali Hadari
04:20 Cinebit Shadakalo

Snakes on a Plane

On HBO at 11:15 pm
Genre: Action/Thriller
Cast: Samuel L. Jackson, Julianna Margulies

05:30 Sports Vision
06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
06:20 Musical Programme: Amader Oithi
06:50 Agricultural Programme: Shamol Bangla

08:25 Mega Serial: Nogorey Nagorik
09:05 Talk Show: Amar Ami
09:45 Drama Serial: Shomokutir
11:25 Street Show: Raat Beraatey
12:00 Shangkriti Protidin

BOISHAKHI

08:30 Kobir Lorai
10:05 Debate
10:35 Dance Programme
12:05 Baishakhi Utshobey Dhaka Bishwabidyalay
06:00 Kobir Lorai
07:30 Musical Programme: Prio Shipi Shera Gaan

STAR MOVIES

08:00 Sneakers
10:15 Home Alone
12:00 Idiocracy
01:30 I Spy
03:15 Lucky Number Sleev
05:00 Eight Below
07:00 Primeval
08:35 Van Wilder 2: The Rise Of Taj
10:15 Hollywoodland
12:20 Jaws

STAR PLUS

09:30 Shararat-Thoda Jaadu Thodi Naz
10:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
11:00 Prithviraj Chauhan
11:30 Prahlad
01:30 Kyaa Kool Hai Hum
04:30 Awarapan
08:00 Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss Mein
08:30 Jai Maa Durga
09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
10:00 Bala Bahoo Aur Baby
10:30 Jo Jeeta Wohi Superstar
11:00 Kasturi - Ab Tak Ka Safar
12:30 Kasturi

STAR WORLD

09:30 Day Break
10:30 J.A.G.

11:30 Invasion
12:30 Cops
01:30 Most Daring
02:30 The Apprentice
03:30 Criminal Minds
04:30 Bones
05:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak
06:30 Most Shocking
07:30 Criminal Minds
08:30 Smallville
09:30 Bones
10:30 Tna Xplosion
11:30 The Unit

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

09:30 Anamalai
10:30 Telemail- Sauna Belt
11:30 I Am In Columbia
12:30 NG's Amazing Moments
01:30 Brazil Rhythms
02:00 Hot Salsa: Cuba
02:30 Living with Lions
03:30 Head On!
04:30 Going To School In India
05:00 Athens
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Lions
06:30 Megastructures
07:30 The Wolfman
08:30 ShowReal Asia
09:30 Lufthansa Nat Geo Genius
10:00 Land of the Incas
10:30 Human Ape
11:30 Tango: Argentina

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

08:30 Secrets of the Sun
10:30 Inner Planets
11:30 Friday Film
01:30 Commercial Jets
02:30 Dogfights of Desert Storm
03:30 The Knight's Templar
04:30 Leopold & Leob/D B Cooper
05:30 Ram Gopal Varma
06:30 Frenchman's Creek
08:30 Shackleton
11:00 Ram Gopal Varma
11:30 Marco Polo
12:30 Friday Film

ZEE STUDIO

08:30 To Be Or Not To Be
10:50 Hanging Up
12:50 Bram Stoker's Dracula
03:30 Wish Master
05:30 E!news
06:15 Heaven & Hell
08:15 The 6th Day
11:00 Kiss Of The Dragon