

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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



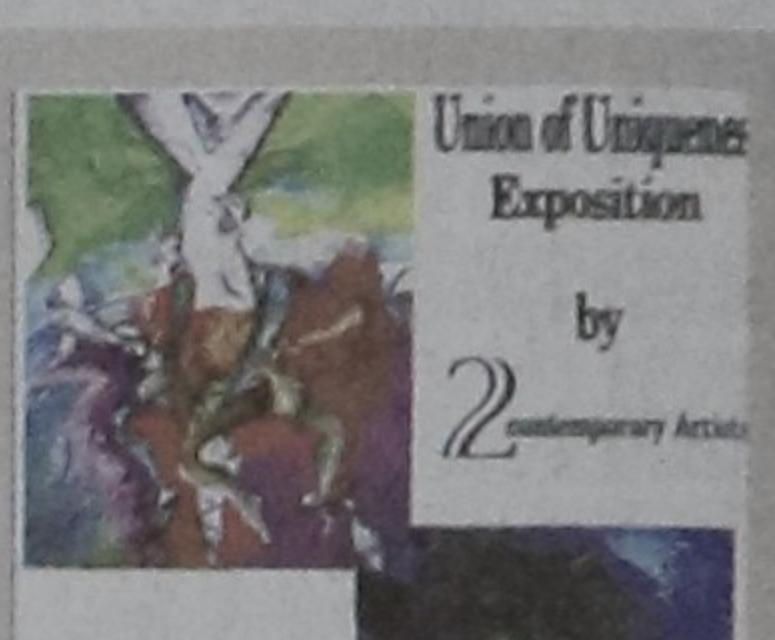
**Baishakhi Mela**  
Organiser: Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation  
Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre  
Date: April 14-24  
Time: 10 am to 8 pm



**Theatre**  
Play: Beder Meye  
Troupe: Padatik Natya  
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, BSA  
Date: April 21  
Time: 7 pm



**Art Exhibition**  
Title: Union of Uniqueness  
Exposition  
Artists: Javed Jallil and Avijit Mukherjee (India)  
Venue: Art Club Bangladesh, Sut-3/B, H-4, R-104, Gulshan  
Date: April 21-May 7  
Time: 11 am-7 pm



## Discussion and theatre festival held in Netrakona

A scene from the play *Bulbulir Bia*

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OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Netrakona

A discussion on "Culture to uproot terrorism" and a theatre festival were held at Mahua Auditorium in Mukterpara area of Netrakona town on April 17. The programme was jointly organised by Satsanga Theatre Group and Netrakona Community Police.

The programme was presided over by Mohammad Sakhawat Hossain, Police Super Netrakona. Among others Professor Alamgir Azad, principal of Netrakona Government Women College; Nazrul Islam Khan, chairman of Netrakona

Hundreds of people including teachers, students and NGO activists attended the programme.

## Kumudini College students stage anti corruption play

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Students of the Government Kumudini Women's College, Tangail staged an anti-corruption play in the college premises on April 17.

They also took part in essay writing and debate competition.

The college organised the programme on the occasion of an oath-taking ceremony against corruption and prize distribution among the winners of the competitions.

A second year student of the college, Amena Islam Nipa has scripted the play *Chakrir Interview*, while students Sonia and Jhuma Akter, Khaleda Akter and Amena Islam performed on stage.

Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) chairperson Lt General (retd) Hasan Mashud Chowdhury was present as chief guest.

Earlier, he administrated an oath to the students and teachers of the institution to stand up

against corruption.

With principal of Kumudini Women's College, Nazir Ahmed in the chair, the function was addressed by director general of ACC, Abu Taleb Miah, member secretary of ACC, Tangail, Khan Mohammad Khaled and a student of the college Fahima Akter.

Later, the chief guest distributed prizes among the winners of the essay writing competition. Intermediate students of the college Faomia Akter, Tias Kuri and Shawshata Kafisa Sneha received the first, second and third prize respectively.

The chief guest also distributed prizes among the participants of the debate on 'It is not the masses but politicians who are the main reason behind corruption'.

Intermediate first year students of the college Kaniz Fatema, Zakia Sultana Merry and Ifat Ara spoke in favour while second year students Mahfuza Akter (captain), Fatema-tuz-Zohra and Aporna took an opposite stand.



A scene from the anti corruption play

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Artistes of Anandolok perform at a cultural programme in Sylhet, on the occasion of Pahela Baishakh

## Banglavision's 2nd anniversary celebration in Dinajpur



Banglavision's procession at Dinajpur

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KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

TV channel Banglavision recently celebrated its second anniversary here in Dinajpur. The festive occasion was marked by a procession, discussion and cultural programmes.

Md. Nobul Islam Mollah, deputy commissioner (DC) of Dinajpur, inaugurated the daylong programme. Chitta Ghosh and Golam Nabi Dula (president and general secretary of Dinajpur Press Club respectively); Mirza Anwarul Islam Tanu (convener of Dinajpur Udichi Shilpi Gosthi) and Md. Rafiqul

Islam (president of Dinajpur Chamber of Commerce) were present as special guests.

The procession started from Dinajpur Press Club, led by the DC of Dinajpur. The Santals and Kirtaniyas of the district played indigenous musical instruments while others enacted the harvesting season, complete with sickles and straw hats.

In the afternoon, a discussion was held at the Dinajpur Press Club.

The programme wrapped up with a cultural programme. Artistes of Udichi Shilpi Gosthi, Dinajpur unit and Monimela performed at the programme.

## Leona album smashes into US chart

Leona Lewis has become the first UK female solo artist to go straight to number one in the US album chart.

Her debut album *Spirit* shot to the top spot three weeks after her power ballad *Bleeding love* went to number one in the US singles rundown.

*Spirit* sold 205,000 copies in its first week, according to Billboard magazine.

That was ahead of her nearest rival, George Strait, whose *Troubadour* sold 59,000 copies. Lewis has been billed as the heir to Whitney Houston in the US.

The last British woman to top the US album chart was Sade with *Promise* in 1986.

X Factor judge and Lewis' manager Simon Cowell said: "What Leona has achieved is simply incredible. This is the hardest market to crack and for her debut album to go to number one is unbelievable."

Lewis shot to fame after winning the UK's X Factor talent show at the end of 2006.

When *Spirit* was released in the UK last November, it broke the Arctic Monkeys' record to become the fastest-selling debut album in chart history, shifting 375,000 copies in its first week.

The singer was nominated for

four Brit Awards earlier this year, including best British female and best British album - but lost out on all of them.

That prompted Cowell to dismiss the awards as "too sarcastic" for "sneering" at an artist because they emerged on a TV show.

Lewis was signed in the US by Records boss Clive Davis, who launched the careers of Whitney Houston, Alicia Keys and Justin Timberlake.

He recently told the Los Angeles Times: "The TV aspect is irrelevant. I was impressed with (Leona) in the same way Whitney Houston or Alicia Keys auditioned for me."

Responding to the album's success on Wednesday, Davis said: "Leona Lewis will not be an overnight sensation. She is the real deal and this is just the beginning of a long and illustrious career."

Lewis has joined a growing list of British female singers who have enjoyed success in the US, including Amy Winehouse, Natasha Bedingfield, Lily Allen and Corinne Bailey Rae.

Duffy, Estelle and Adele are among the next hit British artists due to launch their albums across the Atlantic.

Source: Internet



Leona Lewis

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

## On Air

BTV

08:20 Shuprobhat  
08:45 Bishwa Bichitra  
09:05 Arma Notun  
09:30 Smritimoy Geelimoy  
10:30 Open University  
11:30 Gaan Guli Mor  
12:30 Maa O Shishir Katha  
01:00 Drama  
02:15 Educational Programme  
02:40 Shilpa Prangan  
03:05 Cartoon  
03:30 Ongona  
04:05 Amader Angina  
04:30 Shur Lohor  
05:05 Debate  
06:15 Musical Programme: Malonchyo  
06:55 Cricket  
10:30 Musical Programme: Matir Gaan  
11:00 Talk Show: Dateline Dhaka

ATN BANGLA

News

Headlines

at 7:15 am.

9:00 am.

10:00 pm.

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Latest News

at 9:00 am.

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