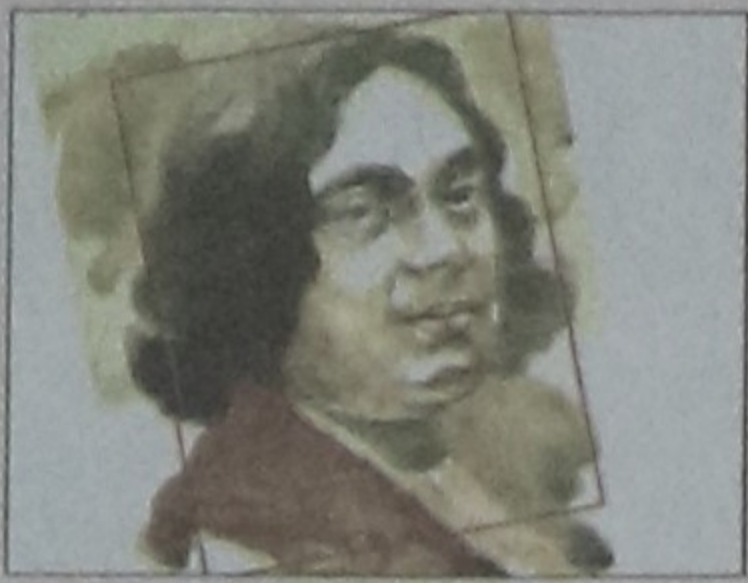


## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Nazrul Birth Anniversary

Celebrations at Dhaka, Trishal, Comilla, Daulatpur and Chittagong  
Organiser: Ministry of Cultural Affairs  
Date: May 25, Time: 9:30am onwards. In Dhaka the programme will be held at the Osmani Memorial Hall



### Nazrul Birth Anniversary Celebration

Organiser: Chayanat  
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbag  
Date: May 28  
Time: 7pm



### 16th Young Artists' Art Exhibition 2008

Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: May 18-June 6  
Time: 11am-7pm (3pm-7pm Fridays)



### Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: The Dance of Life on the Horizon  
Artist: Mahmudul Haque  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 285/F, R 27 (old), Dhanmondi  
Date: May 16-30  
Time: 12pm-8pm



## The "not so profitable" market of Nazrul Sangeet

JAMIL MAHMUD

As the nation celebrates the 109th birth anniversary of our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, the market of Nazrul Sangeet is going through a gradual decline. Over the last few years, the number of albums featuring Nazrul Sangeet was few and far between. However, production houses are trying to find a way to deal with this issue.

"Starting in 2006, so far we have released three audio CDs and a video CD on Nazrul Sangeet -- all featuring Ferdous Ara," says Asad Islam, marketing executive, ImpressAudioVision Ltd.

Asad focuses on the commercial aspect of Nazrul Sangeet. According to him, "I think in our country, Nazrul Sangeet is quite popular but many Nazrul artists do not get the much needed exposure. To put it bluntly, they don't sell. In the current situation, we have to think about our business. It is not financially feasible for us to launch albums featuring the virtually unknown singers."

Among the organisations that are working to uphold traditional Bangla songs, Bengal Foundation is a notable name. Every year Bengal Foundation launches CDs on Nazrul Sangeet as well as Rabindra Sangeet and other genres. *Neel Jamunai Jol* by Jannat-e-Ferdousi, *Sandhya Godhuli* by Sharmin Shathi Islam and *Nishi Bhorer Bela* by Yakub Ali Khan are some of the recent CDs featuring Nazrul Sangeet, released by Bengal Foundation in 2007.

On their initiative, Luva Nahid Chowdhury, director general of Bengal Foundation said, "The appeal of Nazrul Sangeet is timeless. We release CDs of Nazrul Sangeet and other traditional songs, not from a commercial point



Lina Taposhi's album, *Chaiti Chander Alo*, released by Agniveena, a sister concern of Geetanjoly and Nasima Shaheen's solo album, *Akash Bhorer Tara*, produced by Bengal Foundation

of view, but because we consider it a social commitment. Profitability is not the major concern here."

"Though print and electronic media are doing well to emphasise on Nazrul Sangeet, I think everyone should work together to reach a wider audience," she added.

Agniveena, a sister concern of Geetanjoly, released a solo album of singer Lina Taposhi titled *Chaiti Chander Alo* recently. It is the only CD on Nazrul Sangeet, Agniveena has produced in the last few years.

Kamruzzaman Hasan, general manager of Agniveena said, "I think, Nazrul Sangeet is not that

popular among our target audience."

He added, "At present people are more interested in *Adhunik* Bangla songs than Hindi songs. It is a positive sign to come forward with albums on Nazrul Sangeet or Rabindra Sangeet."

LaserVision is another bigwig in the audio market. Every year they launch albums featuring *Adhunik*, Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Sangeet and more. Some of their Nazrul Sangeet albums are *Shey Ashy Rudra Binaye* featuring Fatema-Tuz-Zohra, *Bhorer Hawa* featuring Salahuddin Ahmed and *Biroher*



*Gulbagey* by Dr. Nashid Kamal. This year, on the occasion of Nazrul's birth anniversary, Laser Vision has launched an album of Nazrul Sangeet titled *Prothom Moner Mukul* featuring Chhanda Chakrabarty.

Mazharul Islam, managing director of Laser Vision said, "We want to release more albums on Nazrul and Rabindra Sangeet. But we have to face issues like piracy. The retail market is well occupied by the Indian pirated CDs of Nazrul and Rabindra Sangeet, which are cheaper than our CDs."

Proprietor of Fahim Music, Md.

Monir said, "We have taken several initiatives to uphold our traditional songs. Few weeks back we have released an album of Rabindra Sangeet titled *Ektuku Kothe Shuni* by Ismat Noor. At present we are working, with Fatema-Tuz-Zohra for an album of *Adhunik* songs. An album of Nazrul Sangeet by the artiste is also in the pipeline."

Though production houses, cultural organisations and the media seem eager, it is the audience who can take the most important step in widening the horizon of Nazrul Sangeet.

## "Shiulimala" on Banglavisision

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, Banglavisision will air a single episode TV play, *Shiulimala* on May 25, at 9:05 pm. The play is based on a short story by Nazrul.

*Shiulimala* features a love story between Azhar and Shiuli. Azhar, a barrister, goes to Shilong on vacation. Apart from being a renowned lawyer, Azhar is a skilled chess player. Soon, he starts to challenge the local chess players. At one point he meets Professor Chowdhury, the local chess master. After losing to Azhar, Chowdhury invites him to stay at his house as a guest. There, Azhar meets Shiuli, daughter of Professor Chowdhury. As days go by, a relationship develops between



Jyotika Jyoti and Azizul Hakim in the play

the two. The play is directed by Kamal Chakma and has been adapted by Kazi Abu Zafar Siddiqui. The cast includes Azizul Hakim, Jyotika Jyoti, Sirajul Islam, Tushar Khan, Bhushwar Bandyopadhyay and others.

## "Djinn-er Badshah" on RTV



A scene from the play

As part of the special programmes on Nazrul birth anniversary, RTV will air the play *Djinn-er Badshah*, an adaptation of a short story by

Nazrul, at 8:00 pm.

The play revolves around Allah Rakkha and his adventures. His father named him "Allah Rakkha"

so that he may always be protected by Allah. Allah Rakkha is always busy stealing from his neighbours and creating ruckus. One day Allah Rakkha comes across Chaand Banu. He develops an infatuation for her and decides to marry her. Things go well until Chaand Banu's parents arrange her marriage to someone else. To foil this, the mischievous Allah Rakkha comes up with a plan to use the local superstition regarding *Djinn*s. He disguises himself and pretends to be the "Badshah of Djinn"s, scaring Chaand Banu's parents. However, what ensues, changes Allah Rakkha forever.

*Djinn-er Badshah* has been adapted and directed by M. Sakawat Hossain. The cast includes Anisul Haq Milon, S.M. Mohsin, Mohammad Bari and others.



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

## On Air

05:30 Mukhti Judho Protidin  
06:00 Cookery Show: Desh Bideshey Ranna  
06:20 TV Series: Super Man  
07:50 Drama: Pichhu Daak  
09:35 Musical Programme: Mora Ar Jonomey  
12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shangbadpotro

### ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokal  
09:15 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000  
10:30 Ekush-er Business  
12:00 Special Ekush-er Dupur  
12:30 Ekush-er Business: Special Focus  
01:30 Ekush-er Business: Shaphol Jara  
02:10 Drama Serial: Pori Bibi  
03:30 Shangkriti Shath Din  
04:00 Explosive  
05:30 Jago Nari Bonhi Shikha  
05:45 Ekush-er Shondha  
06:15 SMS Mania  
06:30 Desh Jurey  
07:45 Amarey Dibona Bhulitey  
08:15 Shorotrupey Sholobaar  
09:30 Drama Serial: Dur-er Manush  
10:10 Drama: House Wife Two  
11:40 Proshongo Nazrul  
12:00 Ekush-er Raat

### Rtv

08:40 Musical Programme: Saangeet Angon  
09:00 Rtv Exclusive  
09:05 Protidin  
09:35 Chhotoder Nazrul  
10:03 Momo Ek Haftey Banka Banisher Bansthi  
10:55 News Update  
11:00 Kingfisher Taraoka Alap  
12:15 Drama  
01:30 Dhallywood Beats  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film Protidin  
06:30 Special Programme: Jugantor-er Shobdoshona  
08:00 Drama: Jin-er Badsha  
08:35 Wide Angle  
09:20 Drama Serial: Poroshpor  
11:00 Shey Choley Gochhey Boley  
11:30 Biz Event  
12:00 Editor's Comment

### ntv

09:00 Hridoy Gogan  
09:30 Rudro Bina  
10:00 Shilpi  
11:00 Special Programme  
02:30 Nazrul-er Chithi

03:20 Letor Gaaney Nazrul  
03:50 Ami Orpheus-er Bansthi  
04:25 Musical Programme: Shundor Oitthi Esho  
05:30 Premic Olhoba Biplobi  
06:45 Prio Ogo Prio

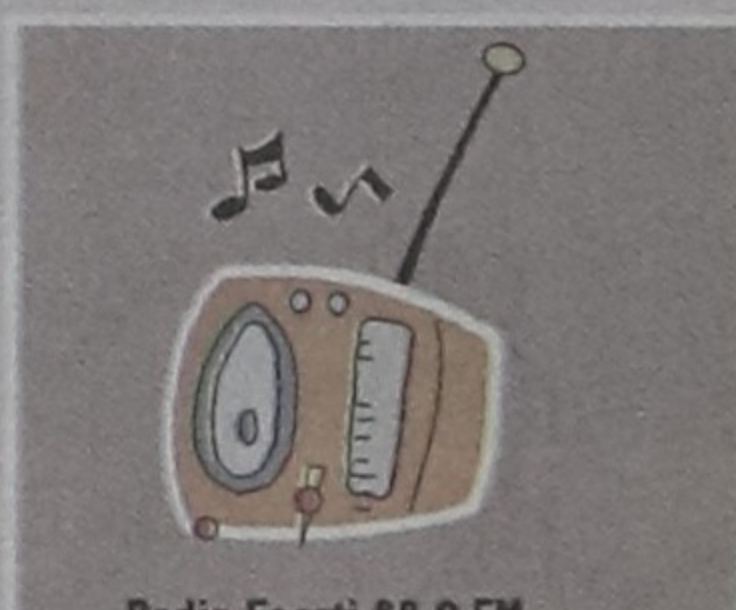


### Pichhu Daak

On Channel 1 at 07:50 pm  
Single Episode TV play  
Cast: Mim, Shahriar Shuvo



09:00 Drama: Modhumala  
BANGLAVISION  
08:30 Jodi Ar Bansthi Na Bajey  
09:00 Ognibina Bajao Tumi  
09:30 Bangla Feature Film



**Radio Foorti 88.0 FM**  
07:00am Hello Dhaka  
11:00am Amar 88  
03:00pm Dhaka Calling  
07:00pm Seven Eleven  
12:00am Back to Back music  
**Radio Today 89.6 FM**  
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka  
11:00am Masti Unlimited  
01:00pm Today's Adda  
04:00pm U-Turn  
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok  
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan  
02:00 am Back to Back

**Premik Othoba Biplobi**  
On ntv at 05:30 pm  
Special Programme on Nazrul Birth Anniversary

06:20 Nupur-er Chhondo  
06:50 Badhonhara Bish-er Bansthi  
08:25 Musical Programme: Benukaar Shur  
09:05 Drama: Sheulimala  
11:25 Shekol Chhorar Kobila  
12:00 Shangkriti Protidin  
**CHANNEL 1**  
08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh  
10:30 Smriti Shurobbhi  
11:00 Special Programme  
12:00 Drama: Ognigiri  
01:00 Drama: Otripto Kamona  
02:00 Bishwa Jurey Shath Din  
03:30 Drama: Nosto Manush  
04:00 Snshti Shukher Ullashey  
04:30 Cookery Show: Shomoyer Swad  
05:15 Lichu Chor

06:00 Saajbela  
07:00 Pashaner Bhangaley Ghum  
08:15 Drama: Ojola  
09:30 Achol Bhora Phool  
11:00 Amarey Dibona Bhulitey  
**BOISHAKHI**  
08:35 Recitation Programme: Bangla-desh Momo  
10:05 Musical Programme: Ghar Bhulona Shurey  
10:30 Talk Show: Mon-er Katha  
12:05 Musical Programme: Prio Shilpi Shera Gaan  
02:10 Islamic Programme  
04:00 Rumjhum Rumjhum  
05:00 Monjuri Mukhor Chhondey  
06:00 Recitation programme  
09:00 Drama  
11:20 Tumi Shundor Tai Cheye Thakhi

**DISCOVERY CHANNEL**  
09:30 Ladakh - The Forbidden Wilderness  
10:30 Story Of India, The: Meeting Of Two Oceans, The  
11:30 Fight Quest: Mexico  
12:30 Smash Lab: Crash Absorbing Concrete  
01:30 Hunters: Track Of The Cat  
02:30 Human Body: Pushing The Limits: Strength  
03:30 Story Of India, The: Freedom  
04:30 Raw Nature: Raw Family  
05:30 Deadliest Catch (Season 3): New Beginnings  
06:30 All New Planet's Funniest Animals: Episode 3  
07:00 Animal Camera - Surveillance On Survival: Episode 2  
07:30 Raw Nature: Raw Lessons  
08:30 Race To Mars: Episode 1

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
10:30 Telemali - Sauna Belt  
11:30 Luthansa Nat Geo Genius  
12:00 To The Edge Of Argentina  
12:30 The Biggest Cruise Ship  
04:30 Inside The Super Camer  
02:30 Hunter Hunted  
03:30 Inside  
04:30 Chimp Diaries  
05:00 Washington D C  
05:30 Big Bang  
06:00 Pilot Whales  
06:30 Moga Thursday  
07:30 The Silent Stalker  
08:30 China's Great Wall  
10:30 Inside  
11:30 China's Great Wall  
**STAR MOVIES**  
08:00 Baby's Day Out

09:45 Herbie: Fully Loaded  
11:30 Epic Movie  
01:00 Predator  
02:45 Behind Enemy Lines  
04:30 Seraphim Falls  
06:30 Vip Access  
07:00 Sunshine  
11:50 Messengers, The  
10:30 Terminator, The  
12:15 Striking Range  
**STAR PLUS**  
09:30 Krishna Kathaiyen  
10:30 Jo Jeeta Wohi Superstar  
01:30 Kya Aap Paanchwi Pass Selezhai  
04:30 Dulhan Hum Le Jayenge  
07:30 Saibaba  
08:30 Kya Aap Paanchwi Pass Selezhai  
09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan  
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby  
10:30 Reli Mob Star Parivar Awards 08  
12:00 Sharrat-Thoda Jaadu Thodi Naz  
12:30 Prithviraj Chauhan  
**STAR WORLD**  
10:00 Smallville  
11:00 Friends  
01:30 The Bold And The Beautiful  
03:30 Last Comic Standing  
04:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show  
05:30 Beauty And The Geek  
06:30 Ugly Betty  
07:30 For Better Or For Worse  
08:30 Life  
09:30 Grey's Anatomy  
10:30 Criminal Minds  
11:30 Ncis  
12:30 Vanity Insanity  
**THE HISTORY CHANNEL**  
09:30 Chinese Warfare  
10:30 Egyptian Warfare  
11:30 Oliver Twist  
01:30 Angkor Wat  
02:30 Midseason Mayhem  
03:30 Freemasons Underground  
04:30 Story Of Black Hawk Down  
06:30 Jumbo Movie  
11:30 True Story Of Pearl Harbor  
12:30 Story Of Pearl Harbor  
**ZEE STUDIO**  
10:00 The Ultimate Hollywood Blonde - Org  
11:00 Baby Genies  
01:10 101 Dalmations  
03:30 The Silence  
06:00 Turner & Hoock  
08:30 Behind Enemy Lines  
11:00 When A Man Loves A Woman

**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 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am, 10:30pm.  
**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 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.  
News (English) at 6:00pm  
**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