

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### African Film Festival

Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society  
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mipur Rd, Dharmadhi  
Date: August 15  
"Gorillas in the Mist" at 10am,  
"The Sheltering Sky" at 5pm  
and "Besieged" at 7:30pm



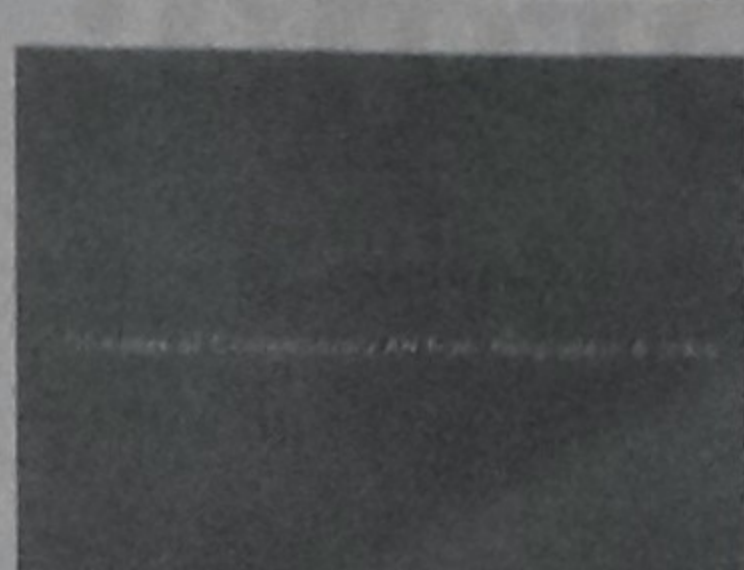
### Lecture

Topic: Shikorer Shondhan War-Balshwar  
Lecturer: Prof. Suli Mostafizur Rahman, Dept. of Archaeology, JU  
Organiser: Chhayana  
Venue: Chhayana Sangskriti Bhaban  
Date: August 15  
Time: 7pm



### Group Exhibition

Title: Rhapsody: Glimpses of Contemporary Art from Bangladesh and India  
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H 20, Rd 16, Sec 4, Uttara  
Date: August 17-28  
Time: 11am-8pm



### Painting Exhibition

Title: Traditional Chinese Painting  
Organiser: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts and Embassy of the People's Republic of China  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 27/5F, Rd 27 (old), Dharmadhi  
Date: August 12-19  
Time: 12pm-6pm



## Theatre festival at Dhaka University

### "Chakkhudan", "Shabal Meye" staged

NADIA SARWAT

Chakkhudan and Shabal Meye were staged on the second day (August 13) of the nine-day theatre festival organised by the Department of Theatre and Music, DU, at Natmanadal. The plays are staged as part of the Honours final examination of the department.



Sumaiya Binte Raihan as Miss Y in the play Shabal Meye.

Chakkhudan, a 30-minute play written by Ram Narayan Tarkaratna (1822-86) -- a contemporary of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar -- was the first performance of the evening. Subarna Huda, a fourth year student directed the play that deals with the dilemma between a couple caused by the husband's infidelity. Ishrat Kabir, in her traditional Hindu housewife attire was satisfactory in her role of Basumati. In her brief but significant role as the Naptey Bou, Nadia Afrin managed to entertain the audience. She was quite spontaneous when disguised as a man as per the plan Basumati adopts to make her husband jealous.

ous. Mosharraf Hossain played the husband. Farzana Choudhury designed the set.

Shabal Meye, a translation of the play The Stronger (1890) by Swedish playwright August Strindberg, treats a similar theme with a more psychological and complex focal point. Here the wife confronts her rival at a restaurant. Sharmin Akhter Lima's direction was quite successful in sustaining tension through a monologue by the character, Mrs. X.

Sonia Rahman performed the character with her brilliant expressions, which needed to shift quickly from sarcastic to frustrated, jealous to compassionate and complacent to desperate. Sumaiya Binte Raihan played the character of Miss Y, the target of all the accusation by Mrs. X. Silence except an occasional word or two, Sumaiya also maintained her consistency in the portrayal of Miss Y, who at the end of the play seems to bag the triumph of the bitter confrontation. Taslima Jahan's set design was also effective in the play.

Tonight, Bhulok and Biparjay will be staged. Translated by Sirajur Rahman, Bhulok is adapted from Anton Chekov's play The Bear. Biparjay is also a translation of a play by Samuel Beckett. National Professor Kabir Choudhury translated the play. Proceeds from the festival will go to the treatment of the ailing Professor Zia Haider of Dramatics, Chittagong University.

## "Close-up 1": In full swing

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Fourth episode of the track round of the talent hunt Close up 1: Tomakei Khujchhe Bangladesh will be aired tonight at 9:30pm. Today's competitors are Arman, Atik, Eva Gupta, Lizauk, Parul, Putul, Sharif and Shoshi. Audiences can vote for their favourite contestant till 2pm, Saturday. The result of this round will be aired on Sunday at 9:30pm.

As equal points (50-50) have been allocated to both the panel of judges and the audience, an interesting tug of war has been created between both. "We have full respect for the audience's decision as they are more conscious now. But we are looking

for a versatile singer who is comfortable with all kinds of songs. Some of my favourite contestants have been voted out in the SMS round for their performances in particular episodes. But they were talented and had that variety and modulation we are looking for. I wish the audience had thought more wisely," said Fahmida Nabi, one of the judges, while talking to The Daily Star.

"This year's contestants seem more consistent than the previous years. They are treating the competition as a platform to showcase their talent. Even if they do not succeed this year, they have the attitude to make a comeback next year," she added.

## "Kung Fu Panda" sequel in pipeline

Dreamworks is in talks to make a sequel to animated film Kung Fu Panda, the movie studio has confirmed.

Chief executive Jeffrey Katzenberg told Reuters an announcement could be made within two months.

"We've started conversations about it, and I think in the next 30 or 60 days, we'll be able to talk completely about that," he said.

Set in China, Kung Fu Panda follows the journey of a clumsy panda in his efforts to become a kung fu warrior.

Voiced by Jack Black, Dustin Hoffman, Angelina Jolie and Lucy Liu, the film took \$560m

(£299m) in global ticket sales and became Dreamworks' most successful movie, surpassing the Shrek franchise.

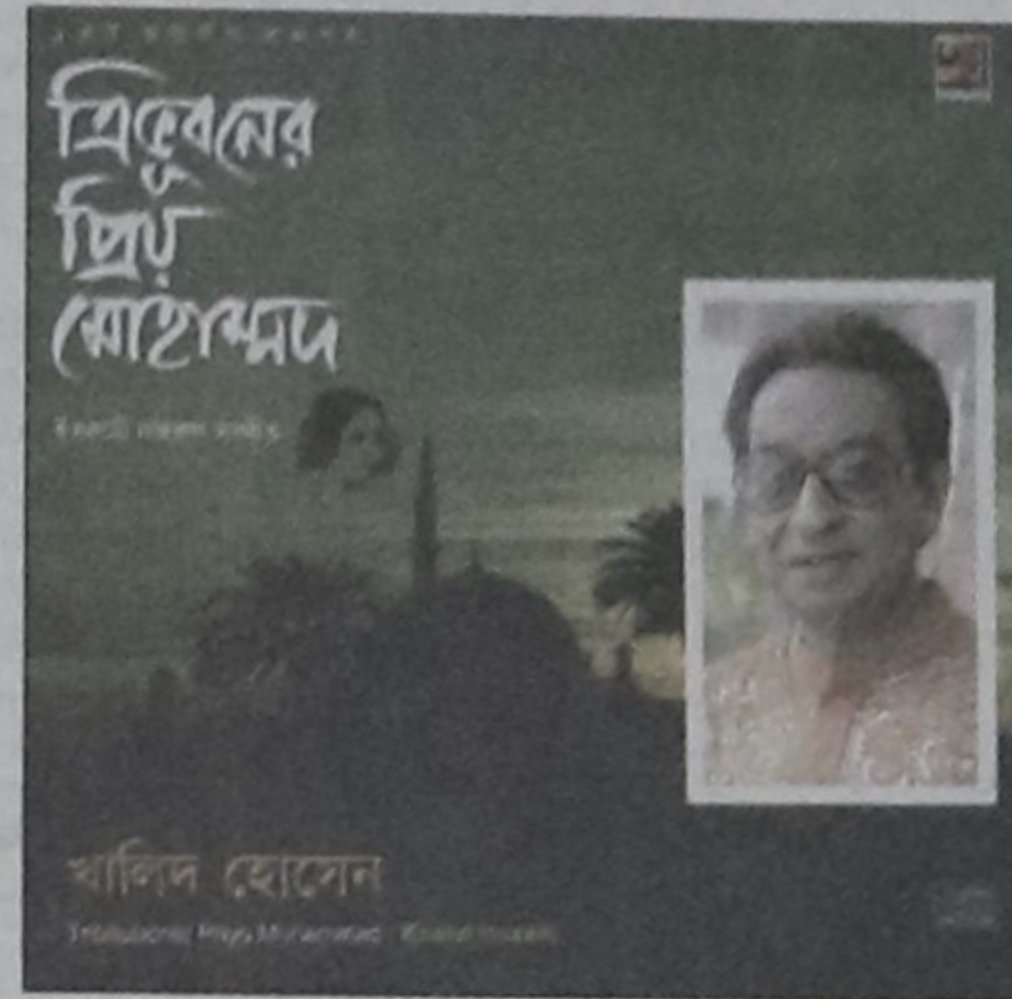
Katzenberg was speaking at a screening of clips from Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, a sequel to the original 2005 movie featuring the voices of Ben Stiller and Chris Rock.

He added the company would also produce and release at least one, and possibly two, more Madagascar movies after the sequel, which is due out in November in the US and December in the UK.

Source: BBC

## NEW RELEASES

AUDIO/VIDEO

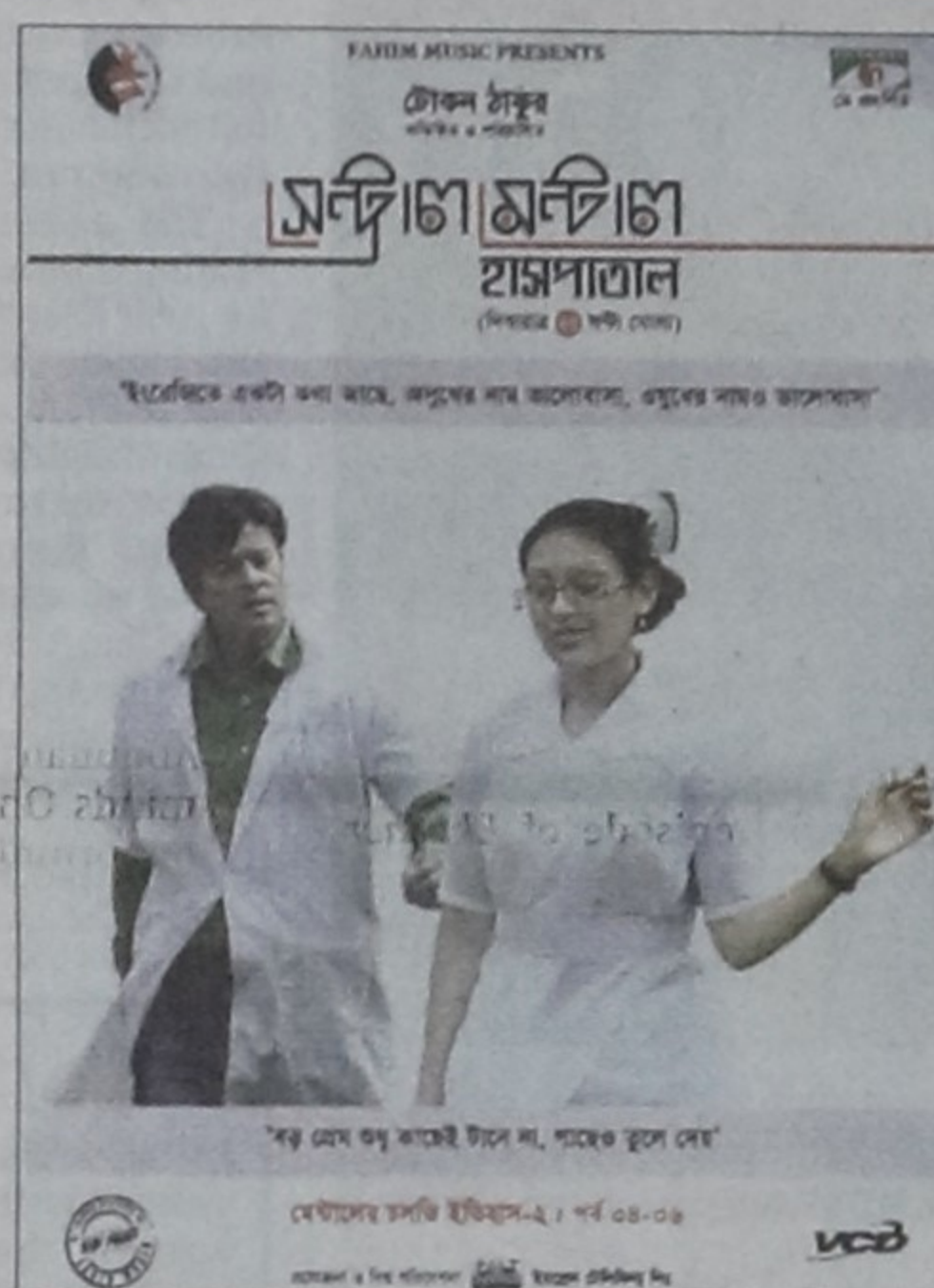


**Tribhuboner Priyo Mohammad**  
An album of Islami Nazrul Sangeet featuring artist Khalid Hossain  
Source: Agniweena

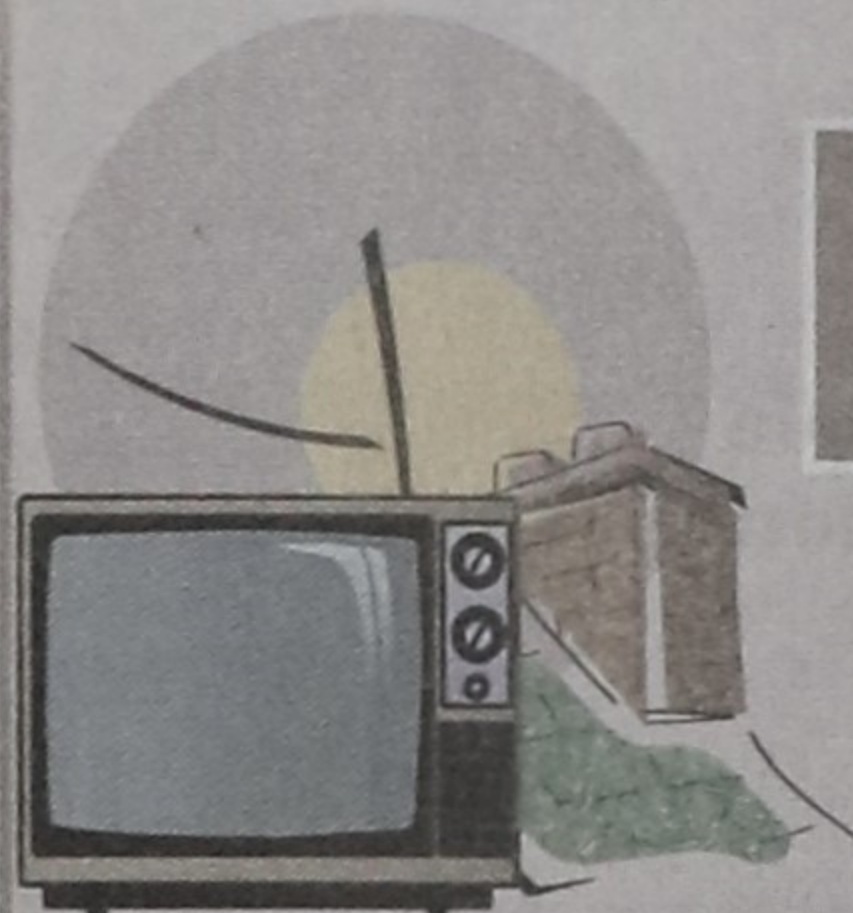


**The Hit Album**  
Mixed album featuring Bappa Majumder, Arnob, Tipu, S.I. Tutul, Tahsan, Mithila, Topu and Mila, Source: Agniweena

**Central Mental Hospital**  
TV play  
Directed by Tokon Thakur  
Cast: Kusum Shikder, Arman Parvez, Murad, Sajju Khadem, Rahul Anand  
Source: Fahim Music



**Bibaho**  
TV play  
Written by Brindaban Das and directed by Kamal Chakma  
Cast: Chanchal Chowdhury, Sohana Saba and A.K.M. Hasan  
Source: G-Series



On Air

### ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aker Shanbadpotro  
08:30 Onyodishti  
09:20 Education Programme: BSB  
Cambrian Education Zone  
10:30 Cookery Show: Dekko Gura  
Moshia ATN Ranna Ghar  
11:05 Islamic Programme  
02:30 Islamic Programme: Jibon  
Jigyasha  
03:15 Bangla Feature Film  
06:20 Amra Korbo Joy  
08:00 Special Programme: Hazar  
Bochor-er Sreshtho Bangali  
09:40 Special Programme on Sheikh  
Mujibur Rahman  
11:30 Jonoker Mrityu Nai

### CHANNEL 1

08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan  
09:30 Shargbadpotrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Grameenphone Trilomatray  
10:30 Grameenphone Tele Shomoy  
11:30 Islamic Programme: Islam Ki  
Boley  
12:05 Talk Show: Kora Alap  
12:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga  
Ma  
01:30 Grameenphone Trilomatray  
Apni  
02:35 Special Programme  
03:05 Special Programme  
04:05 Musical Programme: Hridoyer  
Gaan  
05:30 Mukjijudho Protidin  
06:20 Shokhi-er Kaboy Gatha  
07:50 Musical Programme: Channel-1  
Shera Kontho'08  
11:30 Talk Show: Chindin-er  
Bangobondhu  
12:00 Grameenphone Aajker  
Shanbadpotro  
ntv  
08:30 Aker Shokaal



### Jonoker Mrityu Nai

On ATN Bangla at 11:30 pm

Special Talk Show on Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

Guests: Abed Khan, Nirmalendu Goon, Kabir Chowdhury, Motia Chowdhury

### BANGLAVISION

09:30 Musical Programme: Closeup 1  
Tomakei Khujchhe Bangladesh 2008  
11:30 Washington Barta  
11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
08:30 Agricultural Programme: Shamol Bangla  
09:00 Nodi O Jibon  
10:10 Bhala Thakun  
11:35 Career Show: Visa Apnar Agami  
12:30 Islamic Programme: Moholshi  
Nari  
02:30 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura  
03:05 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue  
04:20 Dhormo O Jibon  
05:30 Cookery Show: Confidence Salt  
Amader Rannaghar

### BOISHAKHI

01:00 Drama: Shey Achhey Ontorey  
02:00 Gollachhut  
03:30 Char Bioscope  
04:00 Unnoyney Bangladesh  
04:30 Music One  
05:15 Talk Show: Hello Apnakey  
Bolchhi  
06:00 Saaj Bela  
06:30 Top News  
07:00 Shoptah Sheshey  
08:15 Drama: Dayal Almar  
09:30 Show Case  
11:00 Amar Ghar  
08:35 Drama: Baanshi Kaar Haatey  
09:35 China Documentary  
10:30 Atyorokhaye Marshal Arts

11:00 Health Show: Shorashon Apnar  
Doctor  
12:05 Cookery Show  
03:05 Islamic Programme  
04:05 Cartoon  
05:00 Salute Bangladesh  
07:30 Cine Expose  
09:05 Drama Serial: Aral Thekey  
10:05 Musical Programme: Shei Shur  
Ajo Achhey, Shomoy Haar  
Maney Jaar Kachhey

### HBO

09:00 The Ant Bully

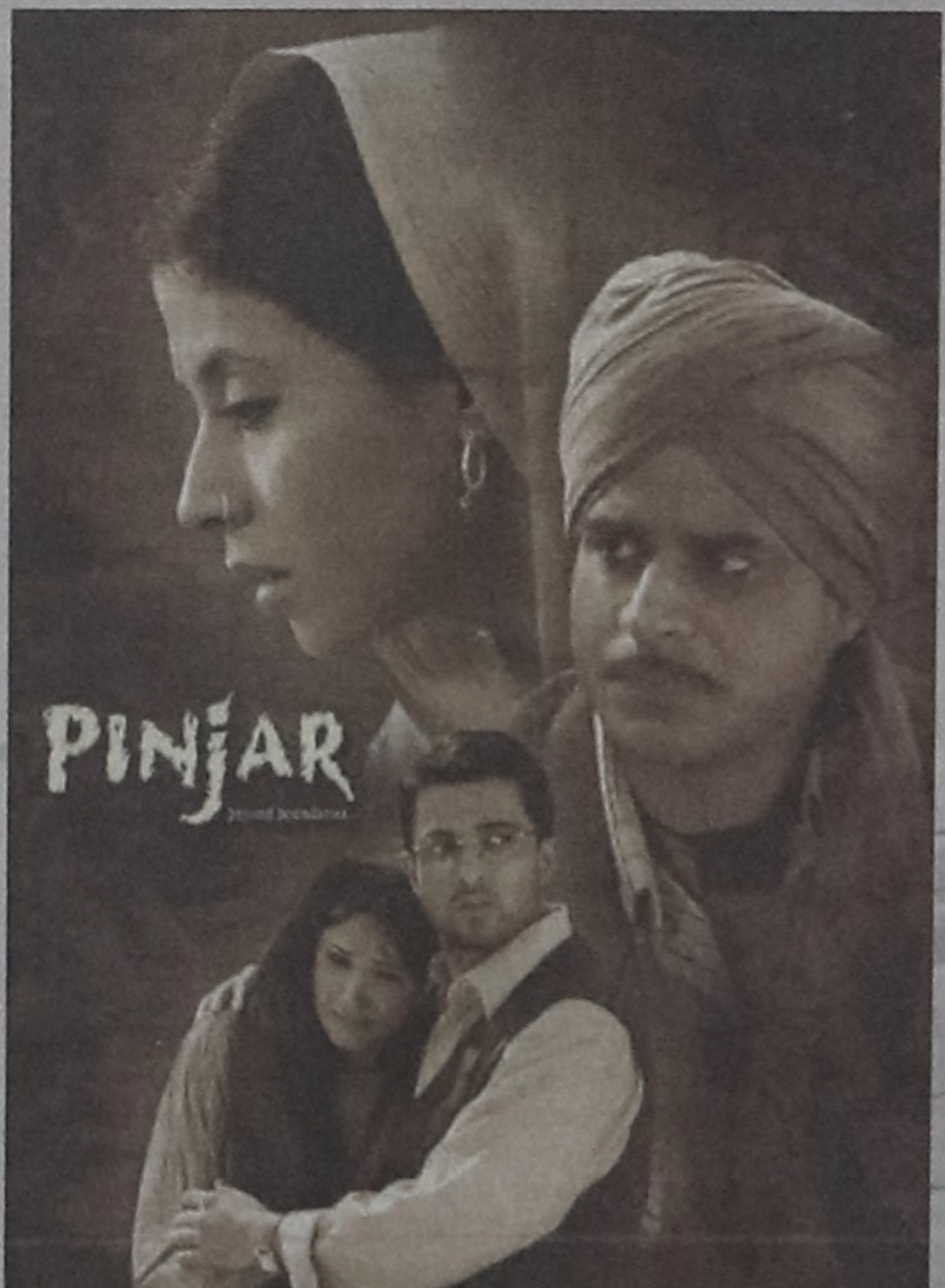
### TRAVEL & LIVING

09:30 Planet Food  
10:30 Globe Trekker 10  
11:30 Globe Trekker 12  
12:30 Sexiest Lifeguards  
01:30 Lonely Planet Six Degrees 2  
02:30 Floyd's India  
03:00 Madhur Jaffrey's Flavors Of  
India  
03:30 Bridezillas - Season 3  
04:30 Anthony Bourdain No Reservations  
Season 2  
05:30 Floyd's India

### STAR MOVIES

10:05 Firehouse Dog  
12:00 Pitch Black  
01:45 Haven  
03:15 Lonely Hearts  
05:00 Tears Of The Sun  
07:00 Messengers, The  
08:35 28 Weeks Later  
10:15 Three Burials Of Melquiades  
Estr  
12:25 Punch-Drunk Love  
STAR WORLD  
09:30 The It Crowd

07:00 The Simpsons  
07:30 Friends  
08:00 Seinfeld  
08:30 How I Met Your Mother  
09:00 It Always Sunny In Philadelphia  
09:30 Are U Smarter Than 5th Grader  
10:30 Blood Ties  
11:30 The Unit  
THE HISTORY CHANNEL  
09:30 Balls  
10:30 The Aircraft Carriers  
11:30 Eye Max  
12:15 Dent King



**Pinjar**  
On Zee Studio at 8:45 pm  
Genre: Drama  
Cast: Urmila Matondkar, Manoj Bajpai

### 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 tele-  
cast on all Bangla channels).  
**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 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 7:00pm, and  
10:00pm.  
**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

**Radio Foorti 88.0 FM**  
08:00am Hello Dhaka  
12:00pm Hamd-Nath and Quran  
recital  
11:45pm Foorti Unlimited  
06:00pm Bumper to Bumper  
10:00pm Back to Back music  
**Radio Today 89.6 FM**  
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka  
11:00am Post Box 9032  
01:00pm Islami Gan  
02:00pm Rupali Gan  
07:00pm Today's World Music  
12:00am Today's Happy  
Moments  
12:10am Today's Dhun Tracks  
02:00am Back to Back

### DISCOVERY CHANNEL

10:45 Swordfish  
12:45 When A Stranger Calls  
02:30 Screamer  
04:30 Superman Returns  
07:30 Superman Returns: The  
Journey Continues  
08:00 Stuart Little 2  
09:30 Mr. Bean's Holiday  
11:15 True Lies  
**DISCOVERY CHANNEL**  
10:30 Wild China  
11:30 Secrets To Survival  
12:30 India With Sanjeev Bhaskar  
04:30 Great Indian Rhino  
05:30 Ganesh - The Elephant God  
06:30 The Story Of India  
12:30 Africa's Big Five

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

09:30 BMW  
11:15 Telemail- Sauna Belt  
11:30 Taboo  
12:30 Living with Lions  
01:30 A Life With Bears  
02:30 Hyenas Queen  
03:30 A Life Among Whales  
04:30 The Wolfman  
05:30 Gabon Triumph  
Of The Wild  
06:30 Wildlife Photographers  
07:30 Living With Big Cats  
08:30 Come To Save The Planet  
09:00 Operation Hot Pursuit  
09:30 Temple Of The Tigers  
10:30 The Living Edens  
11:30 Strange Days  
**ZEE STUDIO**  
11:00 The Last Shot  
01:00 Hollywood's 10 Best  
01:15 Just Married  
03:15 Turner And Hooch  
05:30 Charlie Chaplin  
06:00 The Three Musketeers  
08:45 Pinjar - I Day Special