

Eid Bonanza: A feast of TV shows

With an end to Ramadan and the onset of Eid, it's time to unwind in front of the small screen. All the Bangla channels are offering a surfeit of entertainment ranging from special TV plays, telefilms, musical shows to variety programmes. Whatever the medium, there's likely to be something for everyone. A rundown of the Eid-special programmes on different channels:

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"Dhakar Hojja"

On the night before Eid, special TV play *Dhakar Hojja* will be aired at 8:50 pm. The play is a modern-day depiction of the popular Mollah Nasiruddin Hojja tales. Moin Khan Rupri has directed the play.

In the play, a TV reporter discovers the Hojja family and makes a sensational news of it. The beautiful, young daughter of Hojja falls for the reporter. This creates a conflict between the

father and daughter, neither intends to back off. Ahsan Habib Nasim, Tanima Ahmed, Chitralekha Guha and Zahiruddin Piar play the lead roles in *Dhakar Hojja*.

"Symphony"

Musical programme *Symphony* will be aired on 12:10 pm on Eid day. The instrumental show directed by Nazmus Sahadat Nazim will feature several eminent bands of the country including



LRB, Miles, Prometheus, Renaissance and others.

"Tothabrito Jothakaar"

Written and directed by Hanif Sanket, TV play *Tothabrito Jothakaar* will be aired on Eid day at 8:50 pm. The cast includes Humayun Faridee, Zahid Hassan, Mir Sabbir, Anisur Rahman Milon, Rosy Siddiqui, Challenger and others. The story centres on three young men who have come to the city from a village. They encounter



several humorous situations. A stranger in the city helps them during their predicaments. Kusum Sikder, Richi Solaiman and Monalisa have made special appearances in the play.

"House Husband"

TV play *House Husband* will be aired on 8:50 pm on the second day of Eid. Written by Masum Reza and Directed by Syed Awlad, the play has Tauquir Ahmed, Tarin, Abul Hayat, Sharmilee



Ahmed and others in the central roles.

Tarin plays the role of a celebrated actress; always busy shooting at different locations. Her husband is a writer, who prefers staying at home. He manages the home. On a talk show on television, he shares this aspect of his family life, creating a hullabaloo. His parents cannot seem to accept their son as a "house husband."

"Anandakhoney Bondhu Alaponey"

On the third day of Eid at 12:10 pm, variety show

Anandakhoney Bondhu Alaponey will be aired. Directed by Rumana Afroz, the show is jointly hosted by Nova, Nirob and RJ Nirob. The show features *adda*, special recipes by actress Tania Ahmed, performances by Bappa Majumdar, Chandni, Fahmida Nabi and Sohel-Riya duo. Aupi Karim, Balam, Julie, Tanveen Sweety and Mosharraf Karim will reminisce on their Eid memories.

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"Purabi Eid Ananda"

Variety show *Purabi Eid Ananda* will be aired on the first day of Eid at 10:40 am. The programme is hosted and directed by Keka Ferdousi.

The programme includes several games, music and songs. Singers Khalid, Biplob, Milon Mahmud, Cynthia, Sonia and Kona will appear as guests on the programme.

"Bhagfall"

On the first day of Eid, special telefilm *Bhagfall* will be aired at 12:15 pm. Written by Anisul Haque, the telefilm is directed by Md. Mostafa Kamal. Moushumi, Hasan Masud and Sohel Khan play the lead roles in the telefilm.

"Mohan Chainik Chikitshak Wang Pi"

Comedy play *Mohan Chainik Chikitshak Wang Pi* will be aired on the first day of Eid at 7:50 pm. Written and directed by Humayun Ahmed, the play features several humorous incidents involving the residents of a village. Two strangers, who are siblings, arrive in the village and one of them -- the elder brother --



claims to be the famous Chinese doctor Wang Pi, while the younger is his assistant.

The cast includes Dr. Ejazul Islam, Faruq Ahmed, Jayanta Chattapadhyay, Juthi and Maznun Mizan.



"Bhalobashar Holud Brishti"

TV play *Bhalobashar Holud Brishti* will be aired on the second day of Eid at 9:35 pm. Written by Zobera Rahman Linu, the play is

directed by Nazrul Islam.

The story revolves around a tomboyish girl Rodela. She prefers the company of boys and considers herself to be one of them. The story

rolls ahead with the joys and sorrows of Rodela.

Aupi Karim and Intekhab Dinar play the lead roles in *Bhalobashar Holud Brishti*.

"Ekti Non-fiction, Baki Koyekti Fiction"

TV play *Ekti Non-fiction, Baki Koyekti Fiction* will be aired on the third day of Eid at 9:35 pm. Amitav Reza has directed the play featuring Mim, Apurbo and Jenny.



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"Kopal"

Bangla feature film *Kopal* will be aired at 10 am on the Eid day. Popular actors of mainstream Bangla films, Shabnur and Sakib Khan play the central roles. Hasibul Islam Mizan has directed the film.

The film features a conventional mainstream plot, which depicts the tragedy of a zaminder's son. Mahfuz Ahmed, Afzal Sharif and child

artiste Dighee have performed the supporting characters in the movie.

"Konthe Nilem Gaan"

Musical programme *Konthe Nilem Gaan* will be aired at 5:20 pm on the Eid day. The programme features music videos of popular singers including Tausif, Anila, Mila and Topu. The singers will also discuss their first hit songs. *Konthe Nilem Gaan* is directed by Mamunur



Rshid Khan.

"Mahua"

Like the previous Eids, ntv will air traditional *palagaan* performed by renowned *palakar* Abdul Kuddus Bayati. Kuddus Bayati and his troupe will present *Mahua*, one of the most popular *pala* from the *Mymensingh Geetika*. However, Kuddus Bayati's *pala Mahua* is not



an authentic presentation of the story depicted in *Mymensingh Geetika*, as the seasoned artiste improvise on the theme. The improvisation by the *palakars* is the essence of traditional *pala* performed in the rural areas.

Three episodes of *Mahua* will be aired at 9:30 pm on the first, second and third day of Eid.

"Noishobhoj"

Written and directed by Muhammad Mostafa

Kamal Raj, TV play *Noishobhoj* features the mischief of a fictitious music composer who invites upcoming singers for dinner. *Noishobhoj* is based on the French movie *The Dinner Time*.

Noishobhoj will be aired at 11:15 pm on the second day of Eid.

"Prithok"

Written by Seilm Al Deen, telefilm *Prithok*



features the inner and external conflicts in the life of a middle-aged man whose ancestors were zamindars but currently he is not financially solvent.

Directed by Golam Sohrab, the telefilm features Aly Zaker, Wahida Mallick Jolly, Joyraj and Dr. Enamul Haq in central roles.

Prithok will be aired at 2:30 pm on the third day of Eid.

Ekushey Television



"Phone O Live Studio Concert"

Special episodes of Ekushey Television's popular weekend musical programme *Phone O Live Studio Concert* will be aired each day at

1:30 am through a five-day special programme.

Upcoming artiste Sayan will perform on the first day. The other participating bands and artistes are Souls, Miles, Renaissance and Maqsood on respective days.



Hosted by Alif Alauddin, the programme is produced by Tinku Azizur Rahman.

"Golden Moments"

Another series programme on this Eid is a musical programme *Golden*

Moments. The programme will be aired each day at 12:30 pm from the second day of Eid-ul-Fitr.

The programme will highlight four renowned singers Bashir Ahmed, Abdul Jabbar, Shammi Aktar and Abida Sultana on respec-



tive days.

Prashanta Das has produced the programme.

"Chhandey Anandey"

Eid special dance programme *Chhandey Anandey* will be aired on

Ekushey Television on the fifth day of Eid at 8:30 pm. Sudhir Sarkar is the producer of the programme.

The programme will highlight four duet and solo dance performances by Nisa-Shohag, Tazia-Mohon, Tina and Farah Ruma.



"Chiro Chena Suchitra Sen"

An exclusive documentary programme on legendary actress Suchitra Sen titled *Chiro Chena Suchitra Sen* will be aired on the fourth day at 8:30 pm. Pranab Saha

has produced and directed the programme.

The 38 minute programme will highlight some rare footages of Suchitra between the years 1947 and 2007.