

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

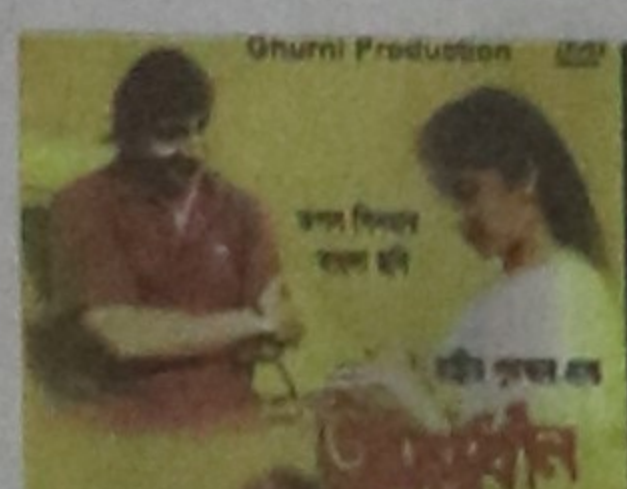
**Dhrupad Recital**  
 Artists: S. Nafesuddin Dagar and S. Aneesuddin Dagar  
 Organiser: High Commission of India and Indian Council for Cultural Relations  
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA  
 February 10 at 7pm



**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Palok Dirlipi  
 Artist: Kalidas Kamakar  
 Organiser: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts  
 Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, R 27 (old) Dhanmondi  
 Date: February 15-28  
 Time: 12pm-8pm



**Tapan Sinha Retrospective**  
 Organiser: High Commission of India Cultural Centre  
 Venue: Auditorium, HCL Cultural Centre, H 35, Rd 24, Gulshan 1  
 Date: February 5-9  
 Time: 6pm, 'Antardhan' on February 9



**Street Theatre Festival 2009**  
 Organiser: Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation  
 Venue: Central Shaheed Minar premises  
 Date: February 1-7  
 Time: 4 pm onwards



## Ekushey book fair in Pabna



Guests at the inaugural of the book fair last Thursday.

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

'Ekushey Book Fair,' at Pabna Town Hall premises, has become a source of recreation for the locals. The two weeklong book fair began on February 1. The formal inauguration programme was held last Thursday (February 5). Earlier, competitions in four categories for school students were held during the first four days of the fair.

Vice Chancellor of Pabna University of Science and Technology (PUST), Dr. Amin Uddin Mridha, inaugurated the fair last Thursday. A discussion was held on the occasion. President of Ekushey Book Fair Celebration Committee, Sultan Ahmed Buro, chaired the discussion. Cultural activist Shadhin Majumdar conducted the programme.

Among others, VC of PUST, Sohoni Hossain, managing director of the Universal Group; Advocate Azizul Haque, principal of Pabna Law College and Md. Zakir Hossain, secretary of Ekushey Book Fair Celebration Committee spoke at the programme.

Speakers urged all to uphold the spirit of Language movement through ensuring a

knowledge-based society. The historic Language Movement inspired Bengalis to fight for their rights, an aspiration that culminated into the Liberation War. The Language Movement made a huge impact on our culture as well, speakers said.

Later a cultural programme was held at the fair premises. Noted local artists Ashraf Hossain Robi and Nasima Ashraf led the programme. Highlights included renditions of patriotic songs.

According to the fair sources, over 400 school students of the district participated in the competitions held during the first four days.

Of them, at least 150 children participated in a painting competition held on February 1; 92 children participated in a recitation competition on February 2; 70 children participated in a music competition on February 3 and 67 children participated in a dance competition on February 4.

Pabna Drama Circle staged its production "Ojha" on February 4 at the fair. According to fair sources, 34 stalls have been set up, featuring books from publication houses of the district and beyond.

## Music as a tool for social change

JASIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari

Speakers at a discussion, held recently, urged students to work for the development of society. Music can enhance creativity among the young and help them reach out to others, speakers conveyed. Music is necessary for an enlightened society, they said.

The discussion was part of a programme, titled "Smrititey Chiro Shomujjal," organised by Khagrachhari Hill District Council, held at Khagrachhari Shilpakala Academy premises recently. The objective was to generate interest in music among youngsters.

Speakers also expressed that music encourages spirituality, patriotism and pride in one's traditions. Through



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music, many have achieved enlightenment.

Later, at the programme, awards were given to winners of contests on arts, Nazrul Sangeet, Rabindra Sangeet, patriotic songs and dance.

Deputy Commissioner A.K.M. Khairul Alam; Khagrachhari Hill District Council (KHDC) Chairman Ruhity Karbari and KHDC member Abu Bakar Siddique spoke on the occasion.



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A two-day drama programme was held at the 'Mukta Mancha' of Rajshahi University recently. RU Theatre organised the shows with an aim to encourage cultural activities on campus. "Shatti Bhuter Golpo," a play highlighting social injustice and corruption, was staged twice during the programme.

## A.R. Rahman has no regrets about "Slumdog"

AP, New York

Oscar nominee A.R. Rahman has a polite suggestion for those in Bollywood who are complaining that the hit film "Slumdog Millionaire" casts India in a negative light with its depiction of poverty in Mumbai's slums: don't just criticise it, make your own film.

"In my opinion if creative people want to comment on a film, and if I were a director and felt that way, I would make another film and prove my point and say this is what India is about," Rahman told The Associated Press in an interview from Los Angeles before returning home to work on film scores before participating in the February 22 Oscars awards show.

As for "Slumdog Millionaire," the noted Indian film music composer believes it is "a great statement of showing in a way the past reality and the growth of the economy in India, which all comes across beautifully."

The 43-year-old Rahman has been hailed in India for his three Oscar nominations for "Slumdog Millionaire" -- for best original score and the songs "O.Saya" and "Jai Ho." But the rags-to-riches saga of a Mumbai orphan who competes on India's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" quiz show received a controversial reception in India.

Rahman refused to comment on a defamation lawsuit filed against him and actor Anil Kapoor, who plays the quizmaster in the film, by a Mumbai slum-dwellers' rights group alleging its members found the term "Slumdog" insulting.

But he said he had no qualms about working on the film with British director Danny Boyle and his crew, whom he described as "very sensitive people."

"When you came out of the film... that felt so good and positive that nothing else mattered to me," said Rahman. "I loved working with Danny and I loved his whole vision of the screenplay and the artistic quality of the film."

"And for me it's not about India alone, it's about the human spirit which triumphs, and this could have happened in China or Brazil or anywhere else."

Rahman says the film is consistent with his humanitarian goals. An honorary U.N. ambassador, he set up the A.R. Rahman Foundation to support educational programmes for underprivileged children across India. He has also founded a conservatory in his home city of Chennai to prepare youngsters for careers in music.



A.R. Rahman arrives at the Academy Award luncheon in Beverly Hills, California on February 2, 2009.



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

## On Air

### BTV

09:05 Kobita O Chhobi  
 09:30 Smritimoy Geetimoy  
 10:05 Swasthro Sheba  
 10:30 Selected Programme  
 11:20 Desher Gaan  
 11:30 Apon Aloye  
 12:10 Selected Programme  
 01:30 Shukhi Porbaar  
 02:15 Sisimpur  
 02:45 Bangla Feature Film  
 05:35 Shomoyer Shangleap  
 07:00 Geeli Malyo  
 08:35 Drama Serial: Shomoy Oshomoy  
 09:00 Drama: Ghum  
 10:30 Apnaar Doctor

### ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aiker Shanbadpotro  
 08:30 Dance Programme: Nupur-er Chhordey  
 09:15 Vision 2020  
 10:30 Hello Bangladesh  
 12:15 Omor Skushey Boimela Protidin  
 01:30 Prapok  
 02:40 Bangla Feature Film  
 05:30 Teletalk Banijyo Mela Protidin  
 06:20 Square Hostipat Shushtho Thakun  
 06:45 Projonmo Katha  
 08:00 Drama Serial: Sagai  
 08:40 Drama Serial: Eka  
 09:20 Drama Serial: Noksha  
 10:40 Mukto Shonglaap  
 11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House  
 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

### CHANNEL i

09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh  
 09:45 Public Reaction  
 09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra  
 11:05 Talk Show: Amader Aaina  
 12:05 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
 12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Katha  
 01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
 01:30 Shobaar Jonyo Shorboshesh  
 02:30 Bigyan Dharona  
 02:30 Selected Programme

### CHANNEL 1

09:30 News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am  
 11:00 News (English): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am

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03:30 Aktel Money Talk  
 04:05 Educational Programme: FM Method  
 04:30 Boimela Protidin  
 05:30 Otabi Banijyo Mela  
 06:00 Selected Programme  
 06:20 Jibon Jekhaney Jemon  
 07:50 Mega Serial: Sakin Shanshuri  
 09:35 Agricultural Programme: Hridoye Mati O Manush  
 11:30 First Minister  
 12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro

### ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokal  
 09:35 Drama Serial: Aziz Market  
 10:02 Deho Ghor  
 11:30 Spondon

11:30 Drama: Taarpor Parulor Din  
 01:03 Drama Serial: FDC  
 03:00 Tele-film  
 05:30 Tagore Song  
 06:03 Protidin  
 07:30 Road To Democracy  
 09:00 Just Band  
 10:00 Drama Serial: Apon Ghorey Porobash  
 11:30 Jegey Achho Ki

### ntv

08:30 Aiker Shokaal  
 08:55 Bangla Feature Film  
 12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
 01:05 Cartoon  
 02:30 Drama Serial: Chena Chena Layey  
 03:15 Super Hero Super Heroine  
 04:10 Gallery



Shakin Shari Shuri On Channel i at 7:50 pm Drama Serial Cast: Mosharraf karim, Masum Aziz

02:02 Bangla Feature Film  
 05:30 Sports Plus  
 05:45 Ekusher Shondha  
 06:30 Bhuboghurey Dot Com  
 07:45 Dhun Ta Na  
 09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Marjet  
 10:10 Shabag, Dhaka 1000  
 11:45 Amader Boimela  
 12:02 Ekusher Raat  
 09:00 South Asian Super Star  
 10:03 Drama Serial: Alta Shundori  
 11:03 Taroka Alap

05:25 Iltahash Ei Din-ey  
 05:35 Alokaat  
 06:45 Shangkriti Ei Shoptah  
 08:15 Drama Serial: Aim in Life  
 09:20 Musical Programme: Nokia  
 11:35 Musical Lounge  
 11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
 08:00 Shubho Shokaal  
 09:00 Drama Serial: Shopney  
 09:30 Boshobash  
 09:30 Choturaango  
 10:10 Shamol Bangla  
 11:05 Jonotaar Mukhomukhi

11:35 Home Care  
 01:30 Drama Serial: Shada Megh  
 02:30 Kalo Megh  
 02:30 Bikeler Boimela  
 02:40 Drama Serial: Ontyorkhyo  
 03:20 Anyo Nayan  
 04:10 Protidin-er Boimela  
 05:20 Gulshan Avenue  
 06:20 Selected Programme  
 06:50 Nana Ranger Dinguli  
 08:15 Drama Serial: Joghpol  
 09:05 Talk Show: Lizan Mehedi Amar Ami  
 09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue  
 11:25 Law Chamber  
 12:10 Shangbad Protidin

### HBO

08:45 The In Crowd  
 10:45 Charlie's Angels

11:30 Middle East Business Report  
 12:00 BBC World News  
 12:30 Click (r)  
 01:00 BBC World News  
 01:10 The Intelligence Squared Debate  
 02:00 BBC World News  
 02:10 Taste Of Iran  
 03:00 BBC World News  
 03:30 Newsnight  
 04:00 BBC World News  
 04:30 Peschardt's People (r)  
 05:00 BBC World News  
 05:30 Middle East Business Report (r)  
 06:00 BBC World News  
 06:30 Dateline London  
 07:00 BBC World News  
 07:15 Sport Today

03:00 Never Say Never Again  
 05:15 Shortcut to Happiness  
 07:00 Alvin And The Chipmunks  
 08:35 Tmmt  
 10:05 Severance  
 12:40 The Wendell Baker Story

### STAR WORLD

09:00 The Simpsons  
 09:30 Carpoolers  
 10:00 The Knights Of Prosperity  
 10:30 Koffee With Karan  
 12:30 American Idol  
 01:30 Psych  
 02:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live  
 03:30 Last Comic Standing  
 04:30 American Inventor  
 05:30 Most Daring  
 06:30 American Idol  
 07:30 Kyle XY  
 08:30 90210  
 09:30 Shark  
 10:30 Boston Legal  
 11:30 Heroes  
 12:30 Most Daring

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

09:00 Snake Wranglers  
 09:30 Close Encounters  
 10:30 Rivers And Life  
 11:30 Inside Afghan Heroin  
 12:30 Super Factories  
 01:30 Evolutions  
 03:30 The Living Edens  
 04:30 Lets Get Inventin  
 05:00 Big Bang  
 05:30 Lucerne  
 06:30 Mission Navy  
 07:30 Monkey Thieves  
 08:30 Evolutions  
 09:30 Naked Science  
 10:30 Mission Navy  
 11:30 Against All Odds  
 12:30 Gabon Triumph of the Wild

### ZEE STUDIO

08:30 The Other Boleyn Girl  
 10:30 When A Man Loves A Woman  
 01:15 Blind Guy Dating  
 03:20 Bruce Almighty  
 05:30 Rushmore  
 07:30 The Hollywood Reporter  
 08:00 The Europeans  
 10:00 True Hollywood Story  
 11:00 While You Were Sleeping



abc radio 89.2 FM  
 06:00 Bhorer Janjati  
 06:30 Mukhorito Jiboney  
 12:00 Darun Dupurey  
 03:00 Dararito Boleley  
 05:00 Shoncholar  
 07:00 Shair-e-Miya  
 09:00 Raat-er Akash  
 11:00 Jay Golper Shash Nei  
 Radio Forth 88.9 FM  
 08:00am Addabazi  
 12:00pm Boler Poko  
 02:00pm Forth Unlimited  
 06:00pm Bumper to Bumper  
 10:00pm Club Forth  
 Radio Today 89.6 FM  
 07:15am Good Morning Dhaka  
 11:00am Mani Unlimited  
 01:00pm Saturday World Music  
 04:00pm Top of The Week  
 08:00pm Raat Vor Gan  
 11:00pm Back to Back  
 2:00 am



On HBO at 6:30 pm Genre: Thriller

12:45 Decoys 2: Alien Seduction  
 02:30 Three Kings  
 04:45 Second In Command  
 06:30 Single White Female  
 08:30 The Chamber  
 10:45 Perfect Stranger  
 08:00 BBC World News  
 08:30 Our World: Kabul Cops (r)  
 09:00 World News Today  
 10:00 BBC World News  
 10:30 The Oracle with Max Keiser (r)  
 11:00 BBC World News

07:30 Spirit Of Yachting  
 08:00 BBC World News  
 08:30 Develop Or Die  
 09:00 BBC World News  
 09:10 The Intelligence Squared Debate (r)  
 10:00 BBC World News  
 10:30 Peschardt's People (r)  
 11:00 BBC World News  
 11:30 Final Score  
 09:05 Scoop  
 10:40 Casino Royale  
 01:05 The Edge

### STAR MOVIES