

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Theatre**  
 Play: Ekattorer Khudiram  
 Troupe: Shomoy Natyadal  
 Venue: Mahila Samity Auditorium, Natok Swarani  
 Date: February 13  
 Time: 6:30pm



**Theatre**  
 Play: Kinu Kaharer Thetar  
 Troupe: Prachyanat  
 Venue: Zia Hall, Chashara, Narayanganj  
 Date: February 14  
 Time: 6:30pm



**Book Launch**  
 On 200th birth anniversary of Louis Braille  
 Books: 'Chharar Taley Monta Doley' and 'Chharar Mala'  
 Organiser: Prorana and Child Sight Foundation  
 Venue: National Music and Dance Centre, BSA, February 15 at 4:25pm



**Musical Soiree**  
 Title: Bhalobashar Gaan  
 Organiser: Rabi Raag  
 Venue: Natmanadal, Dhaka University  
 Date: February 14  
 Time: 6:30 pm



## Pushpa Rath: Bidding farewell to the departed with flowers



PHOTO: STAR

Pushpa Rath, held before Mong Raja's cremation ceremony.

JASIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari

'Pushpa Rath' (literally meaning 'chariot of flowers') a tradition that originated in neighboring Myanmar, has become a part of cultural practices in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT).

According to sources, the tradition of Pushpa Rath, was introduced in this region some 20/30 years back. The practice was initiated as homage to the departed souls of "Bana Vante" (highest spiritual leader of the Buddhist community in CHT), local kings and their family members. The custom 'Pushpa Rath' is performed prior to the cremation.

The Rath, usually made with bamboo, coloured paper and other decorative items, follows the form of Buddhist pagodas. It is pulled by some 15/20 young men, who also dance on the occasion, sources confirmed.

"This custom is meant to celebrate the illustrious life of the departed, hence the flowers, dance and jovial ambience," he said.

Khagrachhari Hill District Council Chairman, Ruhity Karbari, said that the Pushpa Rath tradition has become a festive occasion in this locale.

## WATSAN Mela a cultural fiesta

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A recent three-day fair, titled 'WATSAN Mela', attracted much attention through its interesting cultural events to build public awareness about water and sanitation. The fair was held at the premises of Shambhuganj UC High School in Sadar Upazila. Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh, Ziaur Rahman Khan was present on the occasion.

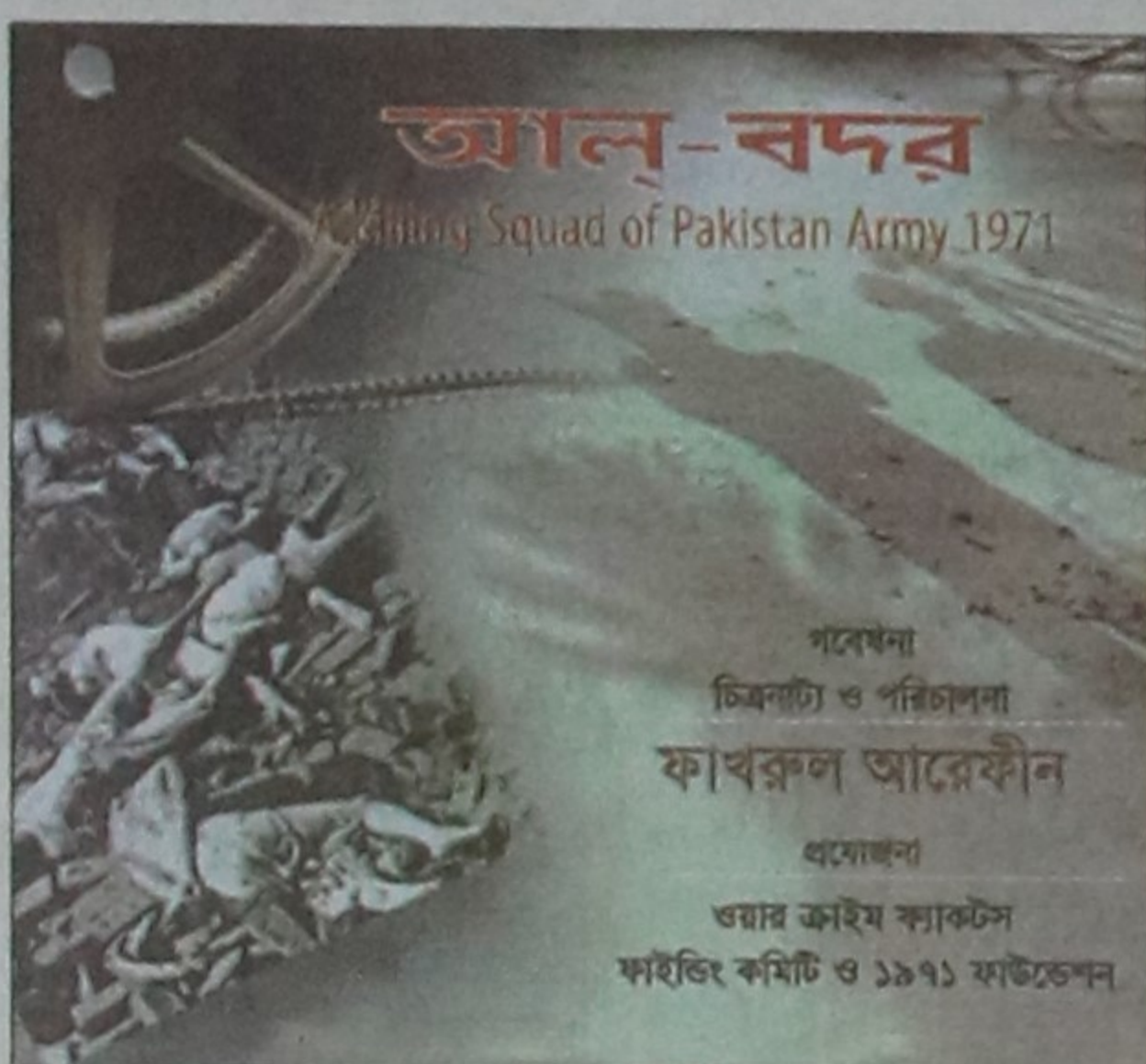
The cultural events included discussions, songs, dance sequences and plays relating to water and sanitation. The Baul songs and Ghambhira on the concluding day, in particular, went down well with the audience.



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Second show of "Half Akhrai", the latest Udichi production was staged on Experimental Theatre Hall, BSA on February 11. Based on the historic conflict between Rammidhi Gupta -- popularly known as 'Nidhu Gupta', the originator of Bengali 'tappa' songs -- and his once-favourite disciple Mohan Chand, the play is written by Ratan Siddiqui and directed by Azad Abul Kalam.

## NEW RELEASES



**Al Badar**  
Documentary directed by Fakhru Arefin Khan  
Source: War Crime Facts Finding Committee and 1971 Foundation



**Keno Phire Geley**  
Solo album of 'adhunik' songs featuring Nasima Shaheen  
Source: Laser Vision



**Baro Bhuter Kichchha**  
Video film directed by Nurul Alam Atique  
Cast: Anisur Rahman Milon, Bonyra Mirza, Imi  
Source: Laser Vision



**Van Gari**  
Video film directed by Mohammad Mostafa Kamal Raj  
Cast: Hasan Masud, Faruk Ahmed, Putul  
Source: Fahim Music

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

## On Air



### BTV

09:05 Sisimpur  
 09:30 Smitimoy Geeti Moy  
 10:05 Esho Gaan Shikhi  
 10:30 Dhruvadi  
 10:55 Jantey Chai Janatey Chai  
 11:20 Amader Aangina  
 11:45 Anushilon  
 12:10 Mati O Manush  
 12:35 Islamic Programme  
 01:40 Drama  
 03:15 Bangla Feature Film  
 07:30 Ekush Amar Ohonkaar  
 08:30 Desher Gaan  
 09:00 Drama Serial: Shornaali Din  
 10:30 Entertainment Show: Ebong Otopor

### ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aiker Shanbaadpotro  
 08:30 Shushtho Thakun  
 09:20 BSB Cambrian Education Zone  
 10:30 Cookery Show: ATN Rannagar  
 11:05 Selected Programme  
 12:30 Bangla Feature Film  
 06:20 Amra Korbo Joy  
 06:45 Projonmo Katha  
 08:00 Drama: Bilombita Ticket  
 09:20 Drama: Tomar Doaey Bhalo Achhi Ma  
 10:40 Bibeker Kachhey Proshno  
 11:00 Dally Soap: Doll's House  
 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

### CHANNEL-1

09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh Public Reaction  
 09:45 Grameenphone Trita Matra  
 10:30 Grameenphone Teleshomoy  
 11:30 Islamic Programme  
 12:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
 01:30 Grameenphone Tritomatray Apri  
 02:30 Drama: Lokatta  
 05:30 Bashuda Chhobi Aki  
 06:00 Talk Show: Aloye Bhuban

07:50 Bhora  
 Musical Programme: Meridian Channel I Khudey Gaan Raaj'08  
 11:30 First Minister  
 12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro



**Tomar Doaey Bhalo Achhi Ma**  
On ATN Bangla at 9:20 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Shams Shumon, Humaira Himu

02:30 Avenue  
 02:40 Bikelbelaar Boimela  
 02:40 Family Show: Gharey Bairay  
 03:20 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura  
 04:10 Protidiner Boimela  
 04:20 Dhormo O Jibon  
 05:20 Choturango  
 06:00 Citycell Din-er Sheshey  
 06:20 Shamol Bangla  
 08:15 Drama Serial: Ontorikhyo  
 09:05 Drama Serial: Bijli Moholla  
 09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue  
 11:15 Talk Show: Onyo Nayan

12:00 Shangbaad Protidin  
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 09:30 Bhalobesho Mor Gaan  
 10:30 Apnaar Jigyasha  
 11:30 Amaro Gaitey Ichhey Holo  
 01:05 Mohilaangaan  
 01:25 Daarshey Hadish  
 02:30 Falgun-en Padaboli  
 03:00 Bashonto Utshob 1415  
 04:10 Cookery Show: Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe  
 05:25 Ithasher Ei Diney  
 05:35 Pran Junior Tiffin Phakey  
 06:15 Shubho Shondha  
 06:45 Musical Programme: Mon-er Janala  
 08:15 Drama Serial: House Full  
 09:00 Super Hero Super Heroine



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Drama Serial  
Cast: Shams Shumon, Humaira Himu

11:25 Ei Boshontey  
 Rtv  
 11:03 Taroka Alaap  
 11:30 Drama Serial: FDC  
 01:03 Stock Exchange  
 02:03 Bangla Feature Film  
 03:00 Selected Programme  
 05:30 Amader Pathshala  
 06:03 Protidin  
 07:00 Dhruvadi Kahini  
 07:30 Road To Democracy  
 09:00 Drama Serial: Alta Shundori  
 09:50 Drama Serial: FDC  
 11:30 South Asian Super Star

**DIGANTA TELEVISION**  
 08:05 Gaaner Shera Gaan  
 08:30 Ikra  
 11:30 Sharal Path  
 12:30 Islam O Nari  
 03:05 Drama Serial: Shobuj  
 04:30 Kanon Boys Hostel  
 05:30 Bob the Builder  
 06:30 Dik Diganto  
 07:00 Jibon Onnesha  
 07:00 News Hour  
 08:05 Drama Serial: Lok Lokalay  
 08:30 Ain O Jibon  
 09:30 Bigyanmoy Quran  
 11:05 Ekantyo Shonglaap  
**HBO**  
 10:45 Live Once, Die Twice



**abc radio 89.2 FM**  
06:30am Boshontey Protidin Shikhaal  
09:00am Mukhorho Joomrey  
12:00pm Darun Dupayney  
03:00pm Duronto Bhalayey  
05:00pm Shondho Tara  
07:00pm Saq'er Mayis  
09:00pm Rasther Akashay  
11:05pm Cafe 88.2  
Radio Foorti 88.0 FM  
08:00am Addabaz  
12:00pm Jurno Break  
02:00pm Foot 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 Ripal Gan  
07:00pm Today's World Music  
12:00am Today's Happy Moments  
12:10am Today's Drum Tracks

12:30 The Chamber  
 02:45 Red Planet  
 05:00 Wild Wild West  
 07:15 Mission Impossible  
 09:30 I Now Pronounce You  
 Chuck And Larry  
 Blood Diamond  
**ZEE STUDIO**  
 08:30 The Piano Player  
 10:30 Asterix and Obelix vs Caesar  
 12:45 Rhapsody in August  
 02:45 Beaches  
 05:30 Hollywood's 10 Best  
 06:00 Troy

09:00 Screen Actors Guild Awards  
**BBC WORLD NEWS**  
 08:30 World Business Report  
 08:45 Sport Today  
 09:00 BBC World News  
 09:30 The Oracle with Max Keiser  
 10:00 BBC World News  
 11:00 BBC World News  
 11:30 World Business Report  
 11:45 Sport Today  
 12:00 World News Today  
 01:00 World News Today  
 02:00 BBC World News  
 02:30 The Oracle with Max Keiser (r)  
 03:00 BBC World News  
 03:30 HARDtalk (r)  
 04:00 World News Today



**LIONS LAMBS**  
Genre: Action/ Thriller

05:00 BBC World News  
 05:30 World Business Report  
 05:45 Sport Today  
 06:00 BBC World News  
 06:30 World Business Report  
 06:45 Sport Today  
 07:00 World News Today  
 08:00 BBC World News  
 08:30 HARDtalk (r)  
 09:00 BBC World News  
 09:30 The Oracle with Max Keiser (r)  
 10:00 World News Today  
 Business Edition

11:45 Sport Today  
 11:00 BBC World News  
 11:30 HARDtalk (r)  
**STAR MOVIES**  
 08:15 Breaking And Entering  
 10:10 D-Tox  
 11:50 Rising Sun  
 01:50 Return To Me  
 03:45 Copying Beethoven  
 05:30 The Forgotten  
 07:00 Lions For Lambs  
 08:30 The Count Of Monte Cristo  
 10:40 Back To The Future II  
 12:35 Wargames  
**STAR WORLD**  
 08:30 Friends  
 09:30 According To Jim  
 10:00 Scrubs  
 10:30 La Femme Nikita  
 11:30 Eureka  
 12:30 American Idol  
 1:30 Brother & Sisters  
 2:30 The Ellen Degeneres  
 3:30 Murder She Wrote  
 4:30 Ghost Whisperer  
 5:30 La Femme Nikita  
 6:30 American Idol  
 7:30 Friends  
 8:30 Carpoolers  
 9:00 The Knights Of Prosperity  
 9:30 American Idol  
 11:30 Cops  
 12:30 Friends

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL**  
 08:30 Capturing the Killer Croc  
 09:30 Rivers And Life  
 10:30 Creative Vision  
 11:30 Fight Science  
 12:30 Most Extreme Moments  
 01:30 Naked Science  
 02:30 Mission Navy  
 03:00 Rough Trades  
 03:30 Street Monkeys  
 04:30 Lets Get Inventin  
 05:00 Big Bang  
 05:30 Shanghai  
 06:30 Martian Robots  
 07:30 Snake Wranglers  
 08:30 Triumph Of Life  
 09:30 Amazing Moments  
 10:30 World's Toughest Fixes  
 11:30 Rivers And Life