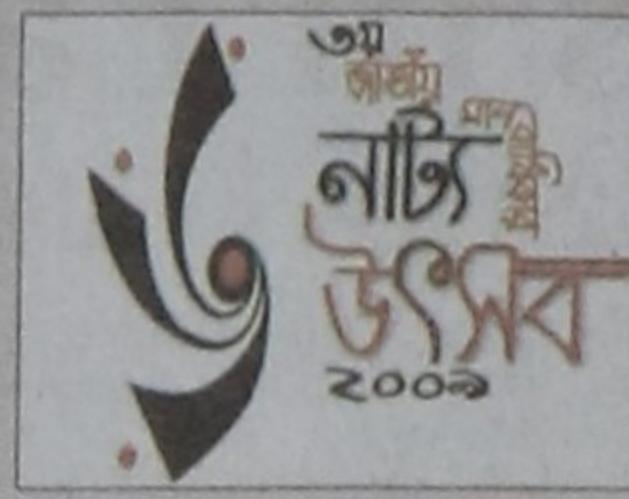
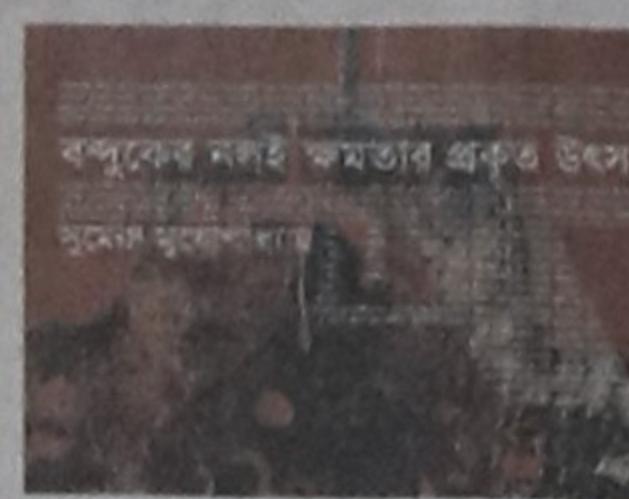


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

3rd Jatiyo Manabdhikar Natyo Utsab
Organiser: Bangladesh Manabdhikar Natyo Parishad
Venue: Rabindra Sharobar, Dhammandi
Date: March 13-15
Time: 4pm onwards



Book Launch
Book: Bonduler Nol-e Khamolar Prakrito Utso
Author: Sumera Mukhopadhyay (Kolkata)
Venue: Dr. K. G. Hall, H 58, Rd 15A (new), Dhammandi
Date: March 14
Time: 6pm



Sand Sculpture Festival
Organiser: Green World Communication
Venue: Cox's Bazaar Beach (in between Laboni and Kolatoli point)
Date: March 21



Art Exhibition
Title: Addition & Omission
Artists: Wakilur Rahman and Al Mamun
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H 20, Rd 16, Sec 4, Utara
Date: February 27-March 14
Time: 11am-8pm

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The myth that lives on

Festival at the shrine of Gazi, Kalu and Champaboti



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The congregation turns into a festival and also features devotional music (top). Devotees throng the 'dargah' of Gazi, Kalu and Champaboti.

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

A few miles off Jhenidah, at Barobazar, lies the 'dargah' (shrine) of legendary Gazi, Kalu and Champaboti, who according to popular myth, lived in the region about 700 years ago.

Each year in the Bengali month of Falgun, devotees gather at the dargah to pay homage to the legends and to receive their blessings. The venue takes on a festive look on the occasion.

Thousands of ardent devotees

thronged here last Thursday night. Some brought 'batasha' (a kind of sweet) and candles, while some had goats, sheep and cows with them as offerings. Food is provided to all -- dirt poor or rich. Throughout the night, in candlelight, devotees pray, keeping the three legends in mind.

Devotees believe that Gazi and Kalu had 'miraculous' powers. Gazi was the son of Sultan Shah Sikandar Ali and Azifa Shundari. Gazi's mother was the daughter of King Bali (a Hindu royalty). Kalu was Gazi's adopted brother.



Sultan Sikander Shah offered his throne to Gazi but the latter refused claiming that he has to lead the life of an ascetic. The Sultan was enraged.

Gazi's convictions were tested. An elephant tried to trample him; he was attacked with a sword, thrown in fire and more. But Gazi survived. He left the country accompanied by his brother Kalu. He reached Sundarbans and stayed there for seven years.

Here fairies and tigers became his disciples. From this belief locals of Sundarbans still recall Gazi when in fear of tigers.

Gazi fell in love with the beautiful Champaboti, daughter of King Mukut Roy of Brahmanagar. After learning about this, the king was furious and waged war against Gazi. Tigers and crocodiles fought on both sides and eventually Gazi won the fight. Mukut Roy surrendered and agreed to the marriage of Champaboti and Gazi.

Gazi remains a "Zinda Pir" (immortal spiritual leader) to his followers and thus the myth lives on.

Joaquin Phoenix attacks heckler at Miami "Performance"



The curious case of Joaquin Phoenix continues as the actor/rapper performed a short, tumultuous set at a nightclub in Miami early Thursday morning. According to the AP, the performance was cut short when Phoenix jumped off the stage and attacked a clubgoer who was heckling him. Security guards had to restrain Phoenix, who was then escorted out. Of course, cameras handled by actor Casey Affleck -- Phoenix's brother-in-law and the director of the documentary detailing Phoenix's plunge into hip-hop -- captured the entire incident.

If Phoenix has any aspect of hip-hop down pat, it's his mastering of the art of tardiness. Fliers for Phoenix's performance listed a 10:30 pm. start time, but nearly four hours later Joaquin finally took the stage. With his now-trademark beard, suit and cigarette in hand, Phoenix began rapping incomprehensibly to the beat. Then, as a video that was posted on YouTube but has since been taken down, showed, Phoenix began arguing with a heckler

near the stage, calling him a "double expletive" (to quote the AP) and bragging about how much money he had in his bank account. Then Phoenix dropped the mic and dove into the crowd to confront the "double expletive" who may or may not be in on what may or may not be an elaborate hoax. Security swarmed in and whisked Phoenix away, the DJ put on M.I.A.'s "Paper Planes" and the "performance" was over.

If anyone had any question whether Phoenix's pursuit of a rap career was real or not, the answer seems clear now. Following Phoenix's now-infamous interview with David Letterman, fans were convinced that the whole ordeal was a hoax. Of course, Phoenix could prove this isn't a stunt by actually releasing a song. Whether it's all real or not, notoriety of Affleck's documentary reached fever pitch after Ben Stiller mocked Phoenix while presenting at the Academy Awards.

Source: Rolling Stone

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

On Air

BTB

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-i

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.

ATN BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm.
News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

CHANNEL 1

News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:00 pm, 12:30 am.

BANGLAVISION

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

Rtv

News (Bangla) 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am.

ntv

News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 12:02 pm, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 1:00 am.

ETV

News (Bangla) 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 11:00 pm.

abc radio

News 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 12:00 am.

Kathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shobaar Jonyo Shobhesh
02:35 Bigyan Dharonna
03:30 Musical Programme: Hridoyer
04:05 Gaan
04:30 Aktel Money Talk
05:30 Educational Programme: F M
06:20 Method
07:50 Shobh Shondhaney
08:30 Muktijudhoy Protidin
09:30 Jibon Jekhaney Jemon
10:10 Drama Serial: Sakin Shari
11:05 Shuri
11:35 Agricultural Programme:
12:10 Hridoyer Mati O Manush
12:30 Geeti Matyo
01:25 Sisimpur
02:45 Bangla Feature Film
06:50 Swadhinola Mohan
07:00 Desher Gaan
11:30 Angona
12:10 Lok Lokalay
12:30 Geeti Matyo
10:00 Drama Serial: Shongshaar
11:30 Selected Programme
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker

Alokpaat
05:35 Shangskriti El Shoptalo
06:45 Drama Serial: Aim in Life
08:15 Nokia Live Music Lounge
09:20 Talk Show: El Shomoy
11:35 Shindu Hillol
09:05 Ekantyo Shanglaap
10:30 Ekantyo Shanglaap
12:30 News of the Day
08:00 Shubho Shokal
09:00 Drama Serial: Mama Bhagney
09:30 Boshobash
09:30 Choturongo
10:10 Musical Programme: Ki Jadu
11:05 Jontaa Mokhomukhi
11:35 Home Care
01:30 Drama Serial: Shada Megh
11:30 Kalo Megh
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DIGANTA TELEVISION

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05:30 Swastho Digata
06:05 Desh Digantha
06:30 Sholor Path
07:00 News Hour
08:05 Drama Serial: Mohor
08:30 Shoyer Shakhhki
09:25 Ekushe Gaan
10:00 Career Line
11:05 Shobaar Agey Desh

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10:10 Golpo Sholpo Gaan
12:02 Ekusher Raal

11:00 BBC World News
11:30 Middle East Business Report

12:00 BBC World News
12:30 Click (r)

08:00 Air Force One

10:45 My Favourite Martian
12:55 Inspector Gadget

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03:00 Newsnight

04:00 BBC World News
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07:00 BBC World News

07:15 Sport Today

07:30 Equestrian World

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08:30 The Real...Stockholm

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