

WHAT'S  
ON THIS  
WEEK

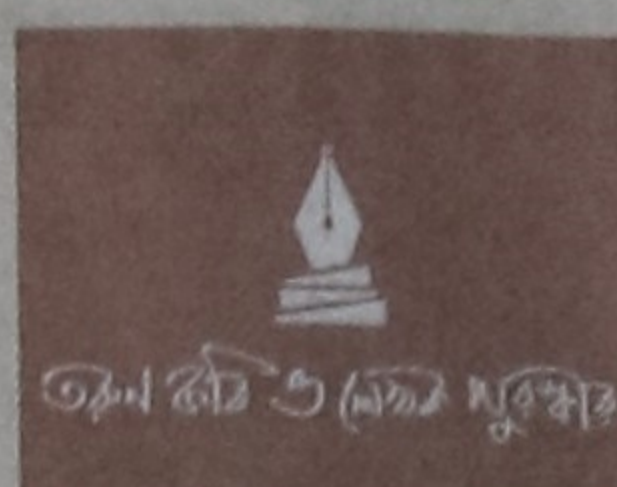
**Certificate Giving  
& Musical Soiree**  
Organiser: Bangladesh  
Shilpakala Academy  
Venue: National Music  
and Dance Centre, BSA  
Date: March 29  
Time: 5:30pm



**Group Art  
Exhibition**  
Organiser: Shako  
Venue: Gallery Chitrak,  
H 21, Rd 4, Dhanmondi  
Date: March 27-April 4  
Time: 10am-8pm



**Award Giving  
Ceremony**  
Title: Tarun Kobi O  
Lekhakar Purnashkar  
Organiser: Kati O Kalam  
and HSBC  
Venue: Shaheed Zia  
Auditorium, National  
Museum, Shahbag  
Date: April 7  
Time: 6:30pm



**Solo Art  
Exhibition**  
Title: Saga of the Padma  
Artist: Monsur Ul Karim  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of  
Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27  
(old), Dhanmondi  
Date: March 20-31  
Time: 12-8pm



## Addressing real life issues with street performances

Two-day festival at Rabindra Sarobar by Nijera Kori



Life's realities portrayed through theatre.

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Nijera Kori, an NGO organised a two-day street theatre festival titled "Natokey Amra Jiboner Katha Boli" at the Rabindra Sarobar open stage, Dhanmondi, starting from March 27. The festival aimed at raising social awareness through cultural programmes -- street plays, 'gano sangeet' and 'pot-er gaan' (a genre of narrative folk song).

The performances were staged by members of 'Nijera Kori: Bhumiheen Samiti', an organisation of landless people.

The plays were based on real life stories

by members of the organisation.

"Theatre is a powerful medium to convey messages. At this festival members of the Bhumiheen Samiti will stage plays based on their own experiences. Such plays can contribute greatly in generating social awareness," said Khushi Kabir, coordinator, Nijera Kori, in her welcome speech.

The festival opened with a group performance. Members of Dhaka and Khulna branches performed five songs -- "Shoshoner jinir bhangbo mora," "Ei michhiley moder odhikaar," "Amader shongraam cholbey," "Shadher Bangladesh-er aajei haal" and "Jegey otho."

A total of four plays were staged at the

festival by members of Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi wings of the organisation. On the opening day, two plays -- "Banglar Mukh" and "Oikyer Daak" -- by members of the Chittagong and Rajshahi Branch respectively, were staged.

The play "Banglar Mukh" addressed the issue of acid violence and "Oikyer Daak" called for the trial of war criminals.

On the concluding day members of Dhaka branch staged "Jago Bangali." Khulna branch staged "Phirey Petey Chai" -- addressing the ecological effects of the shrimp industry in southern parts of the country.

### Movie Watch

## Monsters vs. Aliens: 3-D fun with a giant bride and a dumb blob

"Monsters vs. Aliens" cheerfully converts the two major sources of cinematic terror -- invaders from outer space and inhuman, ungodly terrestrial creatures -- into wacky, goofy, familiar figures. The movie, directed by Rob Letterman and Conrad Vernon from a many-authored script, comes out of DreamWorks Animation and offers the latest twist on the easygoing, parodic formula refined in the studio's "Shrek" franchise and last year's "Kung Fu Panda."

Just as "Shrek" and its successors pushed aside the sweet enchantment of traditional fairy tale movies in favour of belching and winking (with a saving spoonful of sugar at the end), so does "Monsters vs. Aliens" turn fright and apocalypse into strenuous, noisy, 3-D fun.

The film, like "Coraline" and "Bolt," tries to take 3-D technology beyond gimmickry and to make it the basis for a new kind of visual spectacle.

"Monsters vs. Aliens" is no better than most family-friendly animated entertainment, but there does seem to be more of it. Everything looks bigger and rounder. The environment is deeper and thicker. The blob of blue goo with one eye and Seth Rogen's voice is more palpably, quiveringly slimy.

That blob, named B.O.B., is an entirely predictable supporting character in a movie like this: the dumb one whose off-the-wall observations provide a steady stream of mild and easy laughs. Rogen's affable stoner vibe is the best thing in "Monsters vs. Aliens."

The movie is a highly competent, smartly engineered delivery system for the very clichés it pretends to subvert.

The most surprising of these may be the romantic-comedy convention of an interrupted wedding, an apparent disaster that will of course turn out to be a blessing. This is because the would-be bride, Susan (Reese Witherspoon), is a charming young woman betrothed to a self-absorbed cad (Paul Rudd), whose eventual comeuppance provides a nice, sequel-enabling coda after the crazy action sequences are done.

These involve a battle between some monsters, including



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who has

a mishap that makes her grotesquely gigantic, and what is technically only one alien, a many-legged, many-eyed intergalactic imperialist voiced by Rainn Wilson. San Francisco is destroyed, and a few other kind of cool things happen, but in spite of its striving for visual novelty, the movie is curiously unmemorable, partly because nearly all of its humor depends on your having seen something like it before, even if you haven't.

In addition to Rogen's dumb blob, there is a brainy scientist-monster (Hugh Laurie), a vain, macho monster (Will Arnett) and a speechless, fuzzy, gigantic monster that provides the film's gratuitous hat-tip to the Japanese anime tradition.

These earthbound monsters live in government-imposed quarantine, overseen by a general with a buzz cut and a drill sergeant's bark, provided by Kiefer Sutherland. Everyone goes whirling through the air, fires off some wisecracks and generally has a good time.

Source: Internet



### News Bulletin

BTv

News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 am.  
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 2:00  
pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.  
News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm,  
10:00 pm.  
Late Night News (Bangla and English)  
11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all  
Bangla channels).

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News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am,  
2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am  
Jonopad-er Khobor: 5:15 pm

ATN BANGLA

NEWS (Bangla): 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm,  
1:00 am, 4:00 am

News Every Hour: 7:00am, 11:00am,  
12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm  
News (English): 9:00 am, 8:00 pm.

Gram-Ganjor Khobor: 5:00 pm

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): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm,  
6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30  
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ntv

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

ETV

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

abc radio

News: 08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm,  
06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am;  
English Bulletin: 1:30pm

RADIO TODAY

News: 08:45 am, 01:45pm, 06:45pm,  
09:45pm, 11:45pm

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

### On Air

BTv

08:20 Selected Programme

09:05 Kobita O Chhobi

09:30 Shashoto Shur

10:05 Open University

10:30 Musical Programme

10:55 Selected Programme

12:10 Drama Serial: Phirey Phirey

Dekhi

01:00 Selected Programme

01:30 Educational Programme

03:05 Cartoon

03:30 Maa O Shishur Katha

04:05 Shilpa Prangaan

04:30 Shur Lohori

05:05 Debate

06:15 Malanchyo

07:00 Mat O Manush

08:30 Documentary Programme

08:35 Drama Serial: Shesh

Shomudro

10:30 Selected Programme

ATN BANGLA

08:30 Drama Serial: Sagai

09:15 Drama Serial: Tomaar Doyaye

Bhalo Achhi Ma

10:30 Hello Bangladesh

11:15 Shath Din

12:15 Cookery Show: Dekko Gura

Moshla ATN Ranna Ghar

01:25 Khelar Jogot

03:15 Style Icon 2008 Grand Finale

05:35 Bashudha Dhaak Dhol

06:20 Musical Programme

06:45 Kandeey Aamar Maa

08:00 Drama Serial: Shoa Paanch

Arai Lane

08:40 Drama Serial: Syed Babir Bou

09:20 Drama Serial: Bharabari

Barabari

11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House

12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

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08:05 Rabindra Sangeet

08:30 Shokaler Gaan

09:30 Shanbadporey Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction

09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra

11:05 Tele Prescription

11:30 Agricultural Programme:

Hridoye Mati O Manush

12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka

Kathan

01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong

Cinemat Gaan

01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga

Ma

02:30 Musical Programme: Hridoyer

Gaan

03:05 Educational Programme:

Medha Bikash

04:30 Aktel Money Talk

05:30 Mukti Juddho Protidin

06:00 Rupantor

06:20 Superman

Lagey

03:15 Nokia Music Lounge

04:10 Ispahani Janar Achhey Bolaar

Achhey

05:25 Ithasher Ei Diney

05:35 Apnaar Jigyasha

06:15 Shubho Shondhya

06:45 Joto Modhur Bhulguli

07:15 Nokia Take Four

08:15 Drama Serial: Bari Bari Shari

Shari

09:30 Super Hero Super Heroine

11:40 Talk Show: Bangladesh Brand

Forum

BANGLAVISION

08:00 Shubho Shokal

08:30 Drama Serial: Mama Bhagney

09:00 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jaal

09:30 Bangla Feature Film



**Doll's House**  
On ATN Bangla at 11:30 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Jitu Ahsan, Sanjida Preeti

07:50 Mega Serial: Sakin Sharishuri

09:35 Banglalink Banglar Pathay

10:00 Drama Serial: Bijli Moholla

11:30 Drama Serial: Chondro

Kanigaar

12:00 Grameenphone Ajker

Shangbadpotro

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08:55 Bangla Feature Film

12:10 Talk Show

01:05 Japan Video Topic

02:30 Drama Serial: Chena Chena

12:30 Raat Biraatey

01:30 Media Bhuban

02:40 Drama Serial: Bijli Moholla

03:20 Nodi O Jibon

04:10 Shap Ludur Gaan

05:20 Law Chamber

06:00 Citycell Din-er Sheshey

06:50 Din Bodoler Manush

08:15 Drama Serial: Lucky Thirteen

09:05 Visa Apnaar Agami

09:45 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura

11:25 Jonotaar Mukhomukhi

12:10 Shangbad Protidin

12:30 Cinemat Gaan

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09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market

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10:02 Ekushey Business

02:30 Spondon

03:15 Ei Shoplho

03:30 Dhum Ta Na

04:30 Deshjurey

05:30 Sports plus

06:30 Musical Programme: The Total

Musica

08:30 Drama Serial: Tuntuni Bhila

09:30 Drama Serial: Ghatalk Ebong

Amra

10:50 Financial Bulletin

12:02 Ekusher Raat

07:30 Road To Democracy

09:00 Drama Serial: Meyeti Ekhon

Kothaye Jabey

09:50 Drama Serial: Neel Nirjoney

11:00 Trade Talk

BBC WORLD NEWS

08:00 BBC World News

08:10 The World Debate

09:00 BBC World News

09:30 The Real... Milan

10:00 BBC World News

10:30 Dateline Dubai (r)

11:00 BBC World News

11:30 Talking Movies (r)

12:00 BBC World News

12:30 India Business Report (r)

01:00 BBC World News

01:30 Newsnight (r)

02:00 BBC World News

02:15 Sport Today

08:10 The World Debate (r)

09:00 BBC World News

09:30 Spirit Of Golf (r)

10:00 BBC World News

10:30 Dateline Dubai (r)

11:00 BBC World News

STAR MOVIES

09:05 Enchanted

11:15 Rambo Iii

01:15 Behind Enemy Lines

03:25 Juno

05:30 The Terminator

07:40 Delta Force

09:30 Perfume: The Story Of A

Murderer