

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Musical Soiree**  
Title: Shobarey Kori Ahaban  
Organiser: Protiti  
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbag  
Date: April 13  
Time: 7pm

**Int'l French Drama Festival**  
Organiser: Alliance Française de Dacca  
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA  
April 12  
Play: Romeo et Jeannette  
Troupe: Kalyani Kalamandalam (Kolkata)  
Time: 7pm

**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
Title: My Dreams  
Artist: Masuma Khan  
Venue: Alliance Française de Dacca, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi  
Date: April 3-17  
Time: 9am-12pm, 5-8pm (Saturdays 5-8pm)

**Group Art Exhibition**  
Title: Voices Next  
Venue: Galleri Kays, H 20, Rd 16, Sec 4, Uttara  
Date: April 11-22  
Time: 11am-8pm

VOICESNEXT

## Nazrul the Poet CD on Nazrul launched



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Feroza Begum (C) at the album launch seen with Azam. J. Chowdhury (on her right), Asadul Huq and noted Nazrul artistes.

### CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The contribution of Kazi Nazrul Islam to our culture and history cannot be overstated. His poetry with fiery lyrics was a rich source of inspiration to patriots and Freedom Fighters in the struggle against the British Raj as well as in the Liberation War of 1971.

Despite Nazrul's significant contribution to the nation, only a few initiatives have been taken to preserve the works and times of the National Poet.

In a welcome move, on April 10, Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad (NSSP) in association with Prime Bank Limited, launched a CD on Kazi Nazrul Islam. Titled "Nazrul the Poet" the CD contains a complete biographical account of

### Nazrul's life.

Divided into four main segments -- Biography, Literary Contribution, Other Facets and Image Gallery -- the CD aims at providing Nazrul enthusiasts with a rich perspective on the poet.

The launch programme began with a short discussion. Azam. J. Chowdhury, chairman, board of directors, Prime Bank Limited, was chief guest. The special guest was legendary Nazrul artiste Feroza Begum. Among the speakers were Nazrul exponent Asadul Huq; Nazrul artistes Shahin Samad; Sujit Mustafa; M.A. Mannan and Khilkhil Kazi, grand daughter of the great bard.

A power point presentation of the CD was delivered by Dithi Hasnat, one of the main coordinators of the project. To her goes the credit for the content

development, story-board development, visualisation, audio editing and research for the CD. The programming of the CD has been done by Kamrul Islam Chowdhury.

The CD was launched by Feroza Begum.

A new website for NSSP was also launched at the programme by Azam. J. Chowdhury. The address of the website is www.nazrulssp.org.

A cultural programme followed, with renditions of Nazrul numbers by leading and upcoming Nazrul singers. The programme opened with a choral rendition of the Nazrul numbers -- "Khatishonaar cheyee khatishonaar desher mati" and "Joy joy hok" by members of NSSP, followed by solo performances by artistes of the organisation.

## Abu Zafar Obaidullah Smaran Mela held in Barisal

RAFIQUL ISLAM, Barisal

Abu Zafar Obaidullah Smaran Mela was held in Barisal on April 10. The programme was arranged at the Baherchar Primary School premises before the Poet Abu Zafar Obaidullah Smriti Pathagar at his native village in Barisal.

The day long programme included an inaugural ceremony, poetry recitation competition, patriotic songs, discussion on the life, works and achievements of the poet, prize giving ceremony and Jari songs composed on the life of the poet.

Abul Kalam Azad, minister for information and cultural affairs was the chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners of the competition.

Renowned journalist and cultural personality, director general of Shilpakala Academy Kamal Lohani, inaugurated the programme with an Atikur Rahman, president of the Pathagar, presiding.

The speakers said Obaidullah always talked about the joys and sorrows, struggle and life of the peasants and rural people in his works together with the images and legends of traditional Bengali life.

They further said poet Abu Zafar

Obaidullah was not only one of the major poets of Bangla and Bangladesh but was also the spokesman of the third world countries through focusing on the dreams, demands and struggles for liberation of their people.

Singer Pothik Nabi, Omar Ali, Mizanur Rahman and members of Shilpakala Academy performed patriotic songs at the programme.

Born in Barisal on February 8, 1934, Obaidullah died on March 19, 2001. A prominent figure of the Language Movement, he was awarded the Ekushey Padak and Bangla Academy Padak for his contributions to Bangla literature.

## Maya Bondor staged in Dinajpur

### Laying bare the curse of illiteracy

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

'Maya Bondor' a play depicting the illiteracy of the shoal denizens of the country, was staged on Friday evening at Dinajpur Natya Samiti Auditorium.

The play, which enthralled the audience, is written by Zulfikar Ronju and directed by Tafiquzzaman Tareque.

Staged by Dinajpur Natya Samiti at its auditorium, the play portrays the struggles of the shoal inhabitants, especially women. The central figure of the play is Mayna, who goes insane after she is tortured and raped. Treated by an 'Ojha' for her mental illness, the village doctor helps her to recover from her illness.

The play captures the travails of many an illiterate married woman who faces oppression from a demanding husband, mother-in-law or sister-in-law.

Driven to an extreme, Mayna finally opts for a divorce, breaking down many social mores in the process. She gathers the courage to live with dignity on her own, worried only about the future of her son.

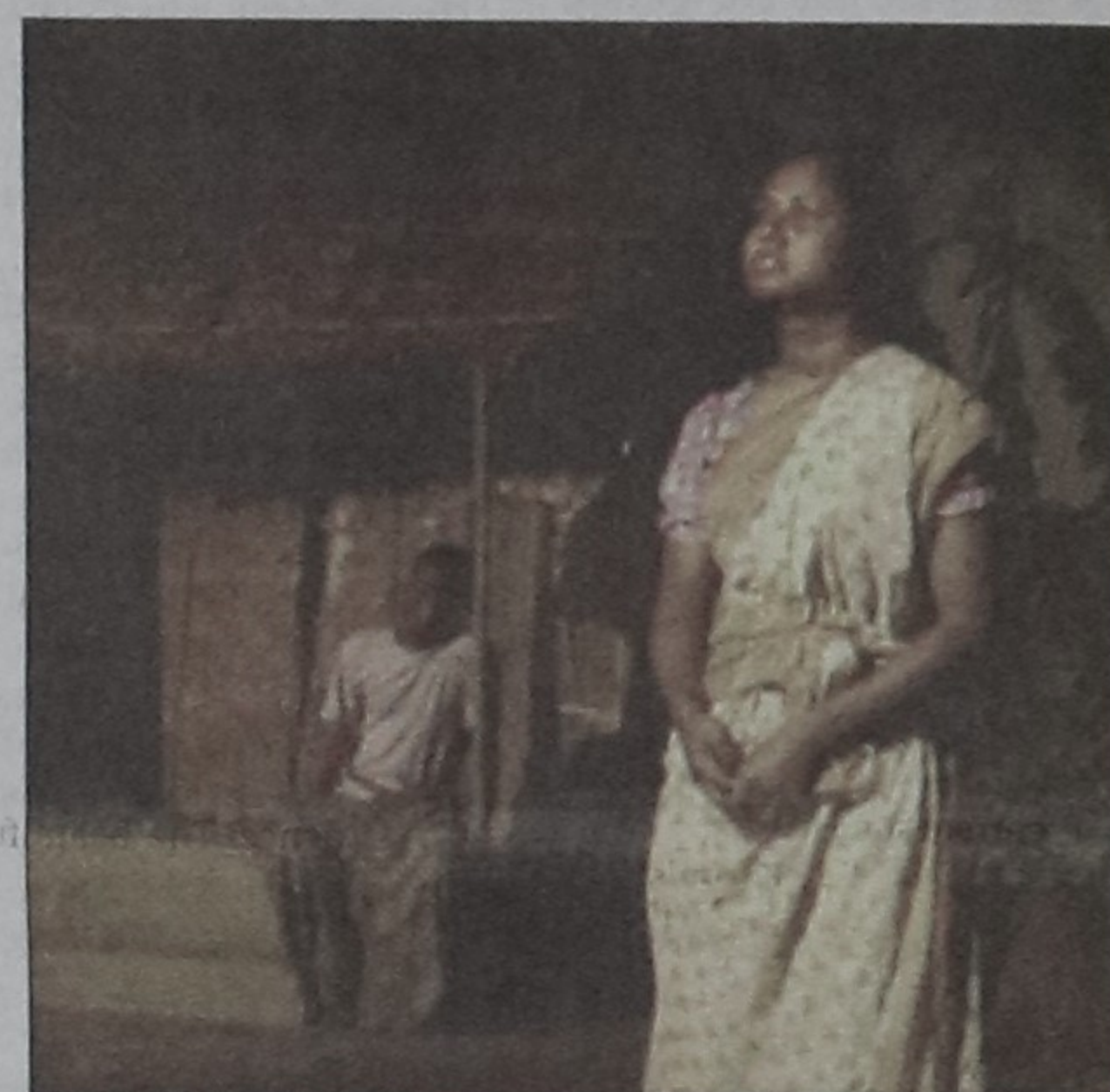


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The play portrays the struggles of the shoal inhabitants.



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

## On Air

### BTV

08:20 Selected Programme  
09:30 Shashoto Shur  
10:05 Open University  
10:30 Musical Programme  
10:55 Selected Programme  
11:20 Gaan-er Jhoma Tolaye  
12:10 Drama  
01:00 Jib O Jibon  
01:30 Educational Programme  
03:05 Cartoon  
03:30 Maa O Shishur Katha  
04:05 Shahitya Shangskriti  
04:30 Shur Lohori  
05:05 Debate  
06:15 Malanchyo  
07:00 Mati O Manush  
08:30 Selected Programme  
08:35 Drama Serial: Shesh Shomudro  
10:30 Selected Programme

### ATN BANGLA

08:30 Drama Serial: Sagai  
09:15 Asian City Vision 2020  
10:30 Hello Bangladesh  
11:05 Drama Serial: Tomaar Doyaye Bhalo Achhi Maa  
11:30 Shath Din  
12:15 Cookery Show: Dekko Gura Moshla ATN Ranna Ghar  
01:25 Selected Programme  
03:40 Drama  
05:10 Khelaar Jogot  
05:35 Bashudha Dhaak Dhol  
06:15 Talk Show  
06:45 Kaandey Amar 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  
08:55 Bangla Feature Film  
12:10 Talk Show  
01:05 Japan Video Topic

02:30 Drama Serial: Shangsboy  
03:15 Nokia Music Lounge  
04:10 Ipsahani Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey  
05:25 Iltishar Ei Diney  
05:35 Apnaar Jigyasha  
06:15 Shubho Shondhya  
06:45 Joto Modhur Bhulguli  
08:15 Drama Serial: Bari Bari Shari Shari  
09:30 Super Hero Super Heroine  
09:45 Tomaader Pelo Bangladesh  
11:40 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

### BANGLAVISION

08:00 Shubho Shokal  
08:30 Drama Serial: Mama Bhagney  
09:00 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jaal  
09:30 Bangla Feature Film  
12:30 Raat Biraatey  
01:30 Media Bhuban

### ETV

09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market Shahbag, Dhaka-1000  
10:02 Bhoboghurey Dot Com  
10:30 Ekushey Business  
10:30 Spondon  
03:15 Ei Shoptaho  
03:30 Dhum Ta Na  
04:30 Deshjurey  
05:30 Sports plus  
06:30 Musical Programme: The Total Music  
08:30 Drama Serial: Tuntuni Villa  
09:30 Drama Serial: Hitlu  
10:50 Financial Bulletin  
12:02 Ekusher Raat

### DIGANTA TELEVISION

08:05 Swashtio Diganta  
08:30 Amar Desh  
09:05 Shobaar Agey Desh

### Rtv

09:00 Jegey Achho Ki  
10:03 Drama Serial: Apon Ghorey Porobash  
11:03 Taroka Alap  
11:30 Just Band  
01:03 Heart Beat  
02:03 Bangla Feature Film  
05:30 Cinema R Gaan  
06:03 Protidin  
07:00 Cookery Show: R Ranna  
07:30 Road To Democracy  
09:00 Drama Serial: Meyeti Ekhon Kothaye Jabey  
09:50 Drama Serial: Neel Nirjoney  
11:00 Trade Talk

### DESH TV

10:30 Khelaar Shokaal  
05:02 Cartoon: Thunder Cats  
05:30 Baati Ghar

04:30 Cookery Show  
05:15 Corporate World  
06:00 Saaj Bela  
07:00 Shondhikhoney  
08:15 Drama Serial: Ma Baba Bhai Bon  
09:00 Drama Serial: Koshai Bou  
09:30 Cine Tune  
11:00 Gaan Wala  
09:30 Half Past Dead 2  
11:15 The Making Of Happy Feet  
11:30 Happy Feet  
01:45 The Invasion  
03:45 Torque  
05:30 The Making Of No Reservations  
05:45 The First Wives Club  
07:45 The Andromeda Strain Part 2  
09:30 The Game  
12:00 A Mighty Heart

01:00 The World Uncovered (r)  
01:30 BBC World News  
02:00 Dateline London (r)  
02:30 BBC World News  
03:00 Exploring Malaysia (r)  
03:30 BBC World News  
04:00 Equestrian World (r)  
04:30 BBC World News (r)  
05:00 India Business Report (r)  
05:30 BBC World News (r)  
06:00 Newsnight (r)  
06:30 BBC World News  
06:45 Sport Today  
07:00 Our World: Haiti In Crisis (r)  
07:30 BBC World News  
08:00 Meet The Immigrants (r)  
08:30 BBC World News  
09:00 The World Uncovered (r)  
09:30 BBC World News (r)  
10:00 India Business Report (r)  
10:30 BBC World News  
11:00 Exploring Malaysia (r)  
11:30 BBC World News

### STAR MOVIES

11:00 Pride  
01:20 Cool Runnings  
02:40 Equilibrium  
04:50 Bad Company  
06:05 National Treasure: Book Of Secrets  
09:30 Severance  
11:25 28 Weeks Later

### STAR WORLD

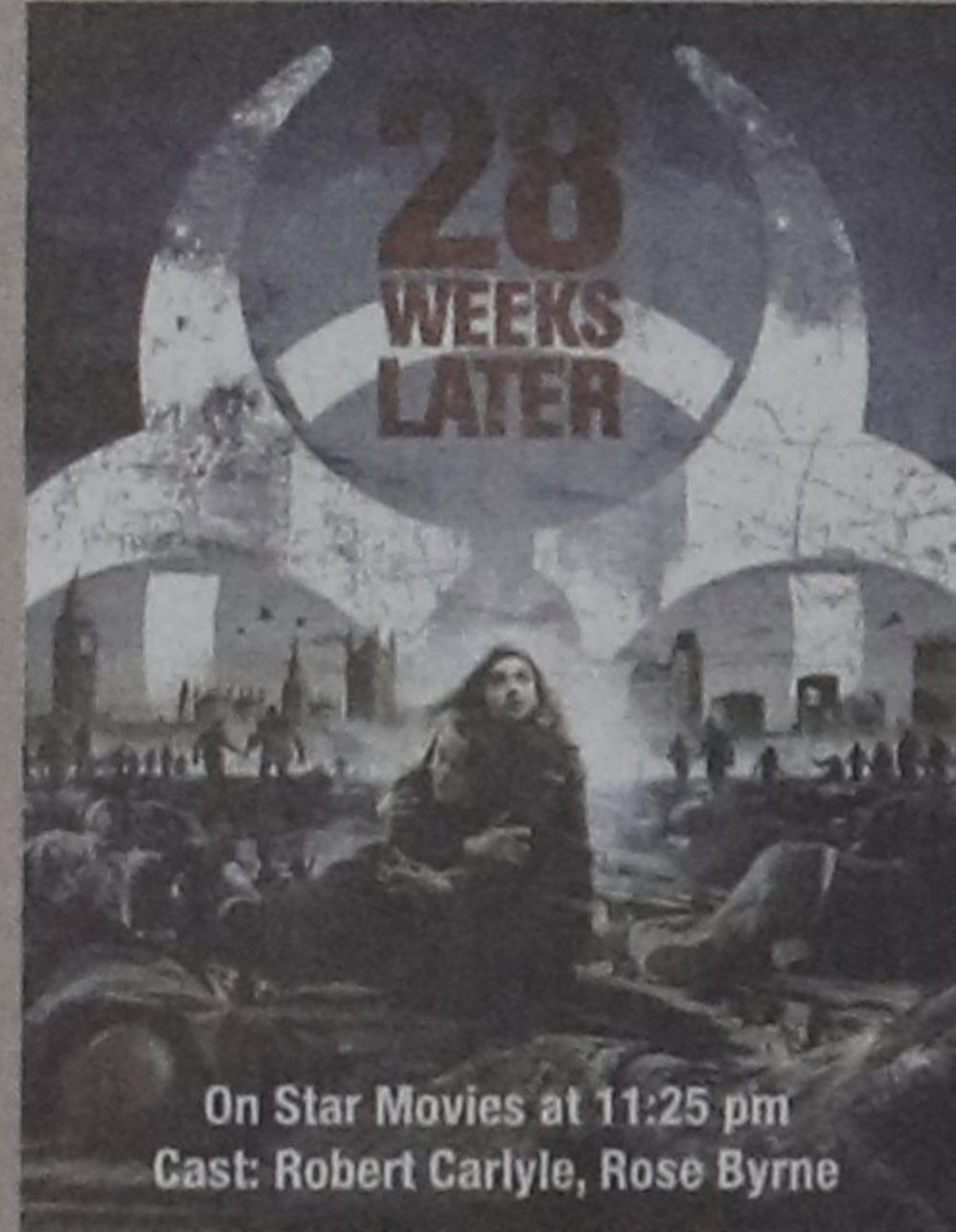
10:00 According To Jim  
11:30 Seinfeld  
01:30 Friends  
03:30 The Simpsons  
04:30 10 Items Or Less  
06:30 Smallville  
07:00 90210  
08:30 Monk  
09:30 Brother & Sisters  
10:30 Boston Legal  
11:30 Psych

### ZEE STUDIO

08:30 D.E.B.S  
10:30 Get Shorty On Campus Ep.4  
11:30 The Hunchback of Notre Dame  
01:35 Tuck Everlasting  
03:30 Nothing to Lose  
05:45 The Hollywood Reporter  
06:15 The Matrix Reloaded  
09:30 Enemy of the State



**Syed Barir Bou**  
On ATN Bangla at 8:40 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Chitrakha Guho, Bonna Mirza



On Star Movies at 11:25 pm  
Cast: Robert Carlyle, Rose Byrne

02:40 Drama Serial: Bijli Moholla  
03:20 Nodi O Jibon  
04:10 Selected Programme  
05:20 Law Chamber  
06:00 Citycell Din-er Sheshey  
06:50 Telepress Business  
08:15 Drama Serial: Lucky Thirteen  
09:05 Visa Apnaar Agami  
09:45 Mega Serial: The Family  
11:25 Jonotaar Mukhomukhi  
12:10 Shangbad Protidin  
12:30 Cinemar Gaan

12:30 Shotyer Shakhkhi  
03:05 Drama Serial: Mohor  
03:30 Career Line  
04:30 School Angina  
05:30 Eye Witness  
06:03 Shathdin Shara Desh  
08:30 Shahityo Digaanto  
07:00 News Hour  
08:05 Roots  
08:30 Tone and Tunes  
09:25 Science Dot Com  
11:05 Diganta Shanglaap

07:45 Murchhonaar Shobdo Jaal  
09:30 Drama Serial: Bhangaan  
10:02 Drama Serial: Jaal Pori  
10:30 Total Sports  
11:45 Shoja Katha  
08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh  
10:30 Bangla Feature Film  
03:30 Drama Serial: Ma Baba Bhai Bon  
04:00 Musical Programme: Gaan-er Khata

### BBC WORLD NEWS

08:00 Exploring Malaysia (r)  
08:30 BBC World News  
09:00 HARDtalk (r)  
09:30 BBC World News  
10:00 Fast Track  
10:30 BBC World News  
11:00 India Business Report  
11:30 BBC World News  
12:00 Middle East Business Report (r)  
12:30 BBC World News