

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Cultural Festival**  
 Title: Jatiyo Sangskritik Shammelan  
 Organiser: Udichi Shilpi Goshthi  
 Venue: Central Shaheed Minar premises  
 Date: January 7-9  
 Inauguration: 3:30pm



## Book Launch

Title: Ballads and Painting  
 Author: Abdus Shakoor Shah  
 Venue: Garden Gallery, R-4, H-23, Baridhara  
 Date: January 11  
 Time: 6pm



## Musical Soiree

Title: Srotar Ashor  
 Venue: Ramesh Chandra Dutta Memorial Auditorium, Chhayanaout  
 Date: January 8  
 Time: 7pm



## Council '10

Organiser: Shammilita Sangskritik Jote  
 Venue: Central Public Library premises, Shahbagh  
 Date: January 8  
 Time: 10am onwards



## Theatre festival in Rajshahi ends



A scene from "Dhaboman".

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

The weeklong theatre festival concluded Tuesday night with renowned theater personalities from Dhaka assembling in the northwestern city of Rajshahi at the staging of Selim Al Deen's play "Dhaboman".

Bangladesh Gram Theatre and Sammilita Sangskritik Jote President Nasiruddin Yousuff, theater personality Shimul Yousuf and drama critic Nripendranath Saha of West Bengal delivered speeches at the brief concluding ceremony.

The ceremony was followed with the entire audience lighting candles at Rajshahi Medical College Auditorium. The song "Agun-

er Poroshmoni Chhao Praney" played in the background.

"This huge crowd indicates that Rajshahi craves for quality theatre," said Nasiruddin Yousuff, praising Rajshahi Theatre's initiative.

"The root of a nation is its culture. Culture helps a nation remain united," he added.

Last Monday Shimul Yousuf performed in another Dhaka Theatre production "Binodini".

Actor Shahiduzaman Selim who plays Nahabat Ali in "Dhaboman" said, "Having witnessed the audience at the 'Binodini' show, we were inspired and tried to give our best when staging 'Dhaboman'."

Esha Yousuff, daughter of

Nasiruddin and Shimul, plays the protagonist Sohrab, the buffalo, in the play.

Rajshahi University's Anushilon Natyadal staged "Bhumi Konya". The story was based on the Tebhaga movement, following Ila Mitra, the legendary activist who led the farmers in their struggle for their rights. The play was written and directed by Moloy Bhowmik, a teacher of Rajshahi University.

Kamar Ullah Sarker Kamal directed Rajshahi Theatre's "Bhut-er Bhoy", a play written by Kazi Nazrul Islam. Other plays staged at the festival were "The Communicator" and three West Bengal plays "Ami Meye", "Ghum-er Manush" and "Hottiyare" -- produced by Juagagni.

## Mokammel's "Swapnobhumi" invited to Mumbai film festival

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

The new year is set to keep acclaimed Bangladesh filmmaker Tanvir Mokammel a busy man.

His award-winning documentary "Swapnobhumi" (The Promised Land) has been invited to the 11th Mumbai Documentary Film Festival, scheduled to be held there from February 3 to 9.

Mokammel has also been invited to the prestigious festival and he might make it to the event.

Mumbai is just the start of Mokammel's annual tour of international festival circuit.

Besides attending festivals, the director, along with his editor Mahadeb Shil, is busy editing his next documentary "1971" on the Liberation War. The work is going in full swing and he hopes to finish the film by the end of March this year, the director told The Daily Star.

It may be recalled that Mokammel's previous documentary "Smriti Ekattor" (made in 1989) had run into trouble with the censor board and the film is yet to see the light of the day.

The fate of "Smriti Ekattor", however, has not deterred the director from going ahead with his second documentary on the Liberation War as the political situation in Bangladesh has undergone a sea change from the days of military rule.

At the same time, he is preparing for his next feature film "Jibondhuli", set against the backdrop of the 1971 war. However, the director is yet to finalise the cast. The script of the film won a 10,000 Euro financial grant from the organisers of Rotterdam International Film Festival last year.



## A year of accomplishments

abc radio turns one



Highlighting women: M. Sanaullah Lablu interviews Shaon in "Aporajita."

A CORRESPONDENT

FM station abc radio (FM 89.2) is turning one today.

"The year has been a very busy one. Time went so fast that it seems as if we started operation yesterday," said M. Sanaullah Lablu, head of news and programme, abc radio.

In its first year abc has achieved much. With innovative programmes the radio station has been able to secure a firm position.

"Innovation has always been a top priority for us. From the onset, we have tried to introduce new ideas and programmes to provide the listeners with something unique and different," said Sanaullah.

The station broadcasts its programmes, dividing the day into various segments, such as "Bhor-er Janala" (6am- 9am), "Mukhorito Jiboney" (9am- 12noon), "Darun Dupurey", "Duranto Bikeley" and so on.

"We have a variety of programmes aired during the segments, and we want to provide something for everyone. We also air special programmes on national events like Pahela Baishakh, Victory Day, Independence Day and

so on," informed Sanaullah.

"Among the popular programmes are 'Double Exposure' which includes film songs, 'Studio Live' featuring live performance by rock bands and artistes, 'Chandni Chawk', 'Campus Campus' for students and more," he added.

"We also air informative programme, 'Shonar Kathi Rupa Kathi', where we try to keep the listeners up to date on the latest technology.

"One of our highly acclaimed programmes is 'Aporajita' which highlights successful women -- who are inspirations to everyone.

Speaking on the future of FM radio in Bangladesh, Sanaullah said, "Throughout the world, popularity of FM radio is on the rise. One of its biggest advantages over TV or other mediums is its sound quality. A listener can enjoy a song with much better sound at FM.

"In future we will be expanding our area of operation into other regions of Bangladesh, and introduce more programmes. We have learned a lot during the last year and we hope to use that knowledge efficiently," he said.

On the occasion on its first anniversary, abc radio will air special programmes today.



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

## On Air

### BTV

09:05 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha  
 10:05 Open University  
 11:00 ICT Vision  
 11:30 SAARC Krishi  
 12:30 Maa O Shishur Katha  
 01:00 Metho Shur  
 01:30 Shukhi Poribar  
 02:45 Notun Pothey  
 03:05 TV Series: Ali Baba Chollish Chor  
 03:30 Documentary: Ma O Shishu  
 04:30 Musical Programme: Sangeeta Sisimpur  
 05:05 Magazine Programme: Ityadi Shesh Kothay  
 07:50 Documentary Programme: Shu Sangbad  
 08:25 Amar Bangladesh  
 08:30 Ontorey Ontorey  
 09:00 Drama of this week  
 10:25 Aiker Bishoy  
 10:50 Gaan-er Jhormatolay  
**ATN BANGLA**  
 08:30 Drama Serial: Kothay Pabo Tarey  
 09:10 Kaandey Amar Maa  
 09:20 Asian City Vision 2020  
 10:30 Talk Show: Hello Bangladesh  
 11:10 Bangla Feature Film  
 02:30 Cinema Cinema  
 03:10 Din Badoler Barshopurti  
 08:00 Drama Serial: Batasher Ghar  
 08:40 Drama Serial: Dayebondhon  
 09:20 Drama Serial: Pashapashi  
 11:30 Bibeker Kachhey Proshno  
 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News  
**CHANNEL i**  
 08:05 Tagore Song  
 08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan  
 08:40 Aiker Chaakri  
 09:30 Shangbaadpotrey Bangladesh  
 09:45 Public Reaction  
 09:50 Talk Show: Grameenphone Tritiomatra  
 11:30 Musical Programme: Surdoria Bagha Gayen  
 12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan  
 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
 02:30 i Sports

03:05 Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak  
 03:50 Shikya Shilpo Shangskriti  
 04:15 Mukti Judhyo Protidin  
 04:40 Talk Show: Nari Unnayan Shakti  
 05:35 Rupantor  
 06:20 Banglar Pothey  
 07:50 Cookery Show  
 08:25 Drama Serial: Bindu Thekey Britto  
 09:35 Drama Serial: Swapnobazar  
 11:30 Talk Show: Aloye Bhuban Bhora  
 12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro  
**ntv**  
 08:30 Swastho Protidin  
 09:30 Rupali Pordar Galpo  
 10:05 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan  
 11:00 Apnar Jigyasha  
 12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

### ETV

08:30 Ekusher Shokaal  
 09:30 Drama Serial: Jahur Ali Jahuri  
 10:02 Cine Hits  
 01:30 Ekusher Business  
 03:30 Dehatori  
 04:02 Drama Serial: Bandhon  
 04:30 Swapnopuri  
 05:25 Sanskriti Shamachar  
 06:30 Deshjurey  
 07:50 Tomar Jonno Mortey Pari  
 09:30 Ekusher Chokh  
 10:10 Guru Shishya  
 12:02 Ekusher Raat  
**RTV**  
 09:00 Look at Me  
 09:30 Star and Sports  
 10:00 Drama Serial: Monkora  
 10:45 Taroka Alap  
 11:30 Share Update  
 12:30 Drama Serial: Shey Amar Ekla Pakhi

02:30 Tele-film: Shunye Duratto  
 04:05 Drama Serial: Swapnochura  
 05:25 Sports Time  
 06:05 Shyamol Bangla  
 06:40 Point of Order  
 08:15 Drama Serial: Patiganit  
 09:05 Media Bhuban  
 09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue  
 11:20 New Year Concert  
**DESH TV**  
 12:15 Dur Paath  
 03:30 Gan-er Shur-er Ashon Khani  
 04:30 Dur Duranto  
 06:02 Rupali Geetichondo  
 07:45 Musical Show: Murchhonar Shabdjojal  
 09:45 Drama: Tumi Je Amar  
 11:45 Talk Show: Shoja Katha

### Holmes

09:00 Tmz 143  
 09:30 Batman Begins  
 12:15 One Missed Call

### BBC WORLD

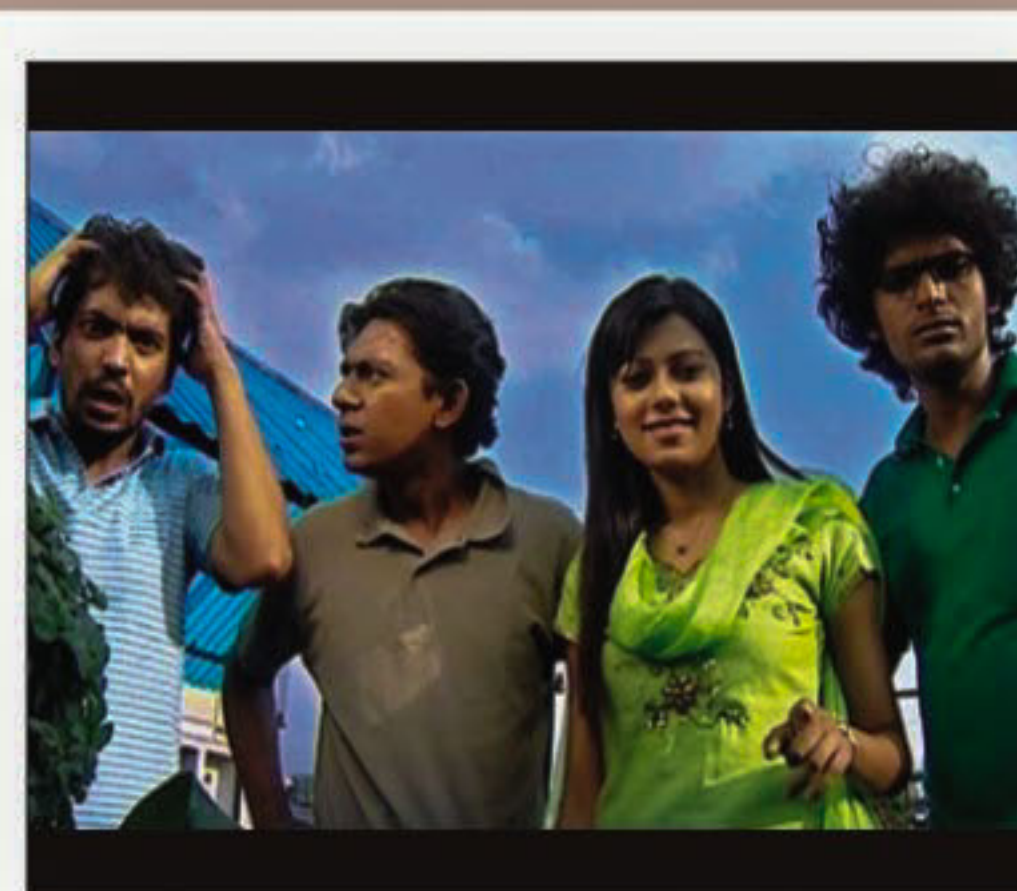
08:00 BBC World News  
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 01:30 World Business Report  
 01:45 Sport Today  
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 03:00 BBC World News

### ESPN

09:30 Uda College Dance Championships  
 10:00 2010 Argentina - Chile Dakar  
 10:30 Perak Amanjaya International Eco Adventure 2009  
 11:30 Fina Aquatics World  
 12:00 PBA All STAR Shootout  
 12:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Blackburn Rovers vs. Sunderland  
 02:30 Big East Conference Basketball Match: Pittsburg vs. Cincinnati  
 04:30 2010 Argentina - Chile Dakar  
 05:00 Perak Amanjaya International Eco Adventure 2009  
 05:30 Castrol Football Crazy  
 06:30 KIA X Games Asia 2009 - Show 3  
 07:00 2010 FIFA World Cup Magazine Show  
 07:30 Global Football  
 08:00 Sportscenter India  
 08:30 Sportscenter Asia  
 09:30 Cev Beach Volleyball European Championship Tour - Spanish Masters  
 10:00 Sportscenter India  
 10:30 Sportscenter Asia  
 11:00 Premier League World  
 11:30 Global Football  
 12:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Aston Villa vs. Liverpool

### STAR SPORTS

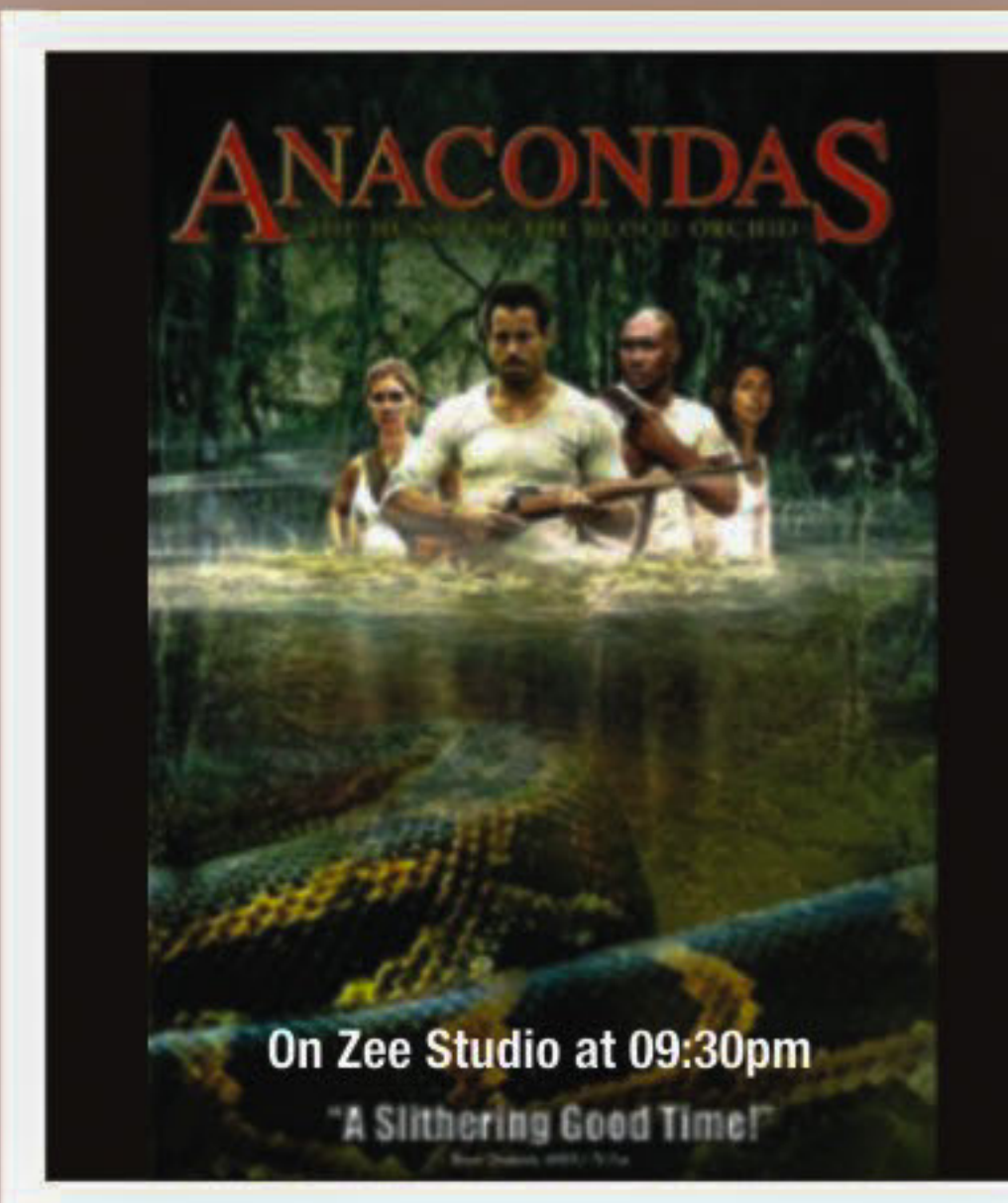
08:00 Hyundai Hopman Cup Xxii Match: Australia vs. Spain  
 01:30 Best Of Australian Open Tennis 2009 - Mixed Doubles Highlights Match: Sania Mirza/Mahesh Bhupathi vs. Aleksandra Wozniak/Daniel Nest  
 02:30 Best Of Australian Open Tennis 2009 - Mixed Doubles Highlights Match: Sania Mirza/Mahesh Bhupathi vs. Iveta Benesova/Lukas Dlouhy  
 03:30 Max Power 2010/11  
 04:30 K1 Dream 7  
 06:30 Hyundai Hopman Cup Xxii Match: Australia vs. Spain  
 09:30 Score Tonight  
 10:00 TNA Sikander 09/10  
 11:00 Behind The Baseline  
 11:30 Best Of Australian Open Tennis 2009 - Women's Singles Highlights Match: Svetlana Kuznetsova vs. Serena Williams  
 12:30 Nike Football Locker Room 2009/10



**Swapnobazar**  
 On Channel i at 9:35 pm  
**Drama Serial**  
 Cast: Chanchal Chowdhury, Chhanda



abc radio FM 89.2  
 06:00am Bhorer Janala  
 09:00am Mukhorito Jiboney  
 12:00pm Darun Dupurey  
 03:00pm Duranto Bikeley  
 05:00pm Shondha Tara  
 07:00pm Shaj-er Maya  
 09:00pm Raat-er Akashy  
 11:00pm Golper Shesh Nei  
**RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM**  
 07:30am Hello Dhaka  
 10:30am Morning Express  
 12:30pm No Tension  
 04:00pm Dhaka Calling  
 09:00pm Full Volume  
 11:00pm Back to Back music  
**RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM**  
 07:15am Good Morning Dhaka  
 11:00am Must Unlimited  
 01:00pm Today's Adda  
 04:00pm U Turn  
 08:00pm Tabey Tai Hok  
 12:00am Today's Happy Moments



**ANACONDAS**  
 On Zee Studio at 09:30pm  
 "A Sithering Good Time!"

01:05 Cartoon: Mina  
 02:35 Drama Serial: Kachh-er Manush  
 03:20 Drama Serial: Shanto Kutir  
 04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey  
 05:35 Mohilangon  
 06:10 Shubho Shondha  
 06:40 Musical Programme: Amaro Gailey Ichha Holo  
 08:15 Drama Serial: Ekta Kinley Ekta Free  
 09:00 Reality Show: The Challenge  
 09:45 Drama Serial: Dhupchhaya  
 11:30 Musical Programme

02:03 Bangla Feature Film  
 06:00 Protidin  
 07:45 Road to Democracy  
 09:25 Drama Serial: Tobou Boshonto  
 10:10 Drama Serial: Dui Pokkhko  
 11:30 Tomaar Jonyo Amar Ei Gaan  
**BANGLAVISION**  
 08:30 Drama Serial: Megh Bondhu  
 09:00 Drama Serial: Diba Ratri Khola Thakey  
 10:10 Special Programme/Drama  
 11:35 Ebong Classer Bairey  
 12:30 Cookery Show  
 01:30 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue

02:40 Campus Confidential  
 05:40 Becoming Jane  
 07:15 Assassination of Richard Nixon  
 09:30 Ancondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid  
 11:35 Capote  
**HBO**  
 09:00 Hard Target  
 11:00 One Missed Call  
 12:30 Shakespeare In Love  
 03:00 Reign Of The Gargoyles  
 04:45 Margot At The Wedding  
 06:30 The Angel And The Bad Man  
 08:30 The Making Of Sherlock

03:30 HARDtalk (r)  
 04:00 BBC World News  
 05:00 BBC World News  
 05:30 World Business Report  
 05:45 Sport Today  
 06:00 World News Today  
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 09:30 Kill Or Cure? (r) Taking Fakes?  
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