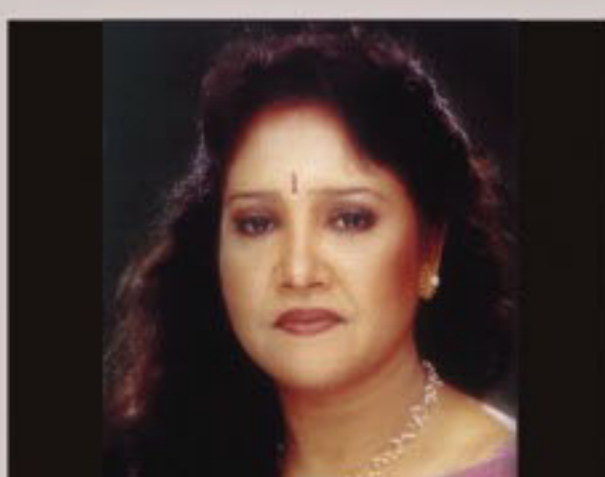


## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Theatre**  
Play: Shesh Sanglaap  
Troupe: Shomoy Natyadal  
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy  
Date: December 23  
Time: 7pm



**Solo Musical Soiree**  
Artiste: Yasmin Mushtari  
Venue: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, H-35, Rd-24, Gulshan-1  
Date: December 25  
Time: 6:30pm



**17th Convention of Udichi**  
Organiser: Udichi Shilpi Gosthi  
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbagh  
Date: December 24-25  
Time: 10am onwards



**Photography Exhibition**  
Title: Immersed in Water  
Photographer: Masuma Pia  
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15/A, Dhanmondi  
Date: December 17-24  
Time: 3pm-8pm

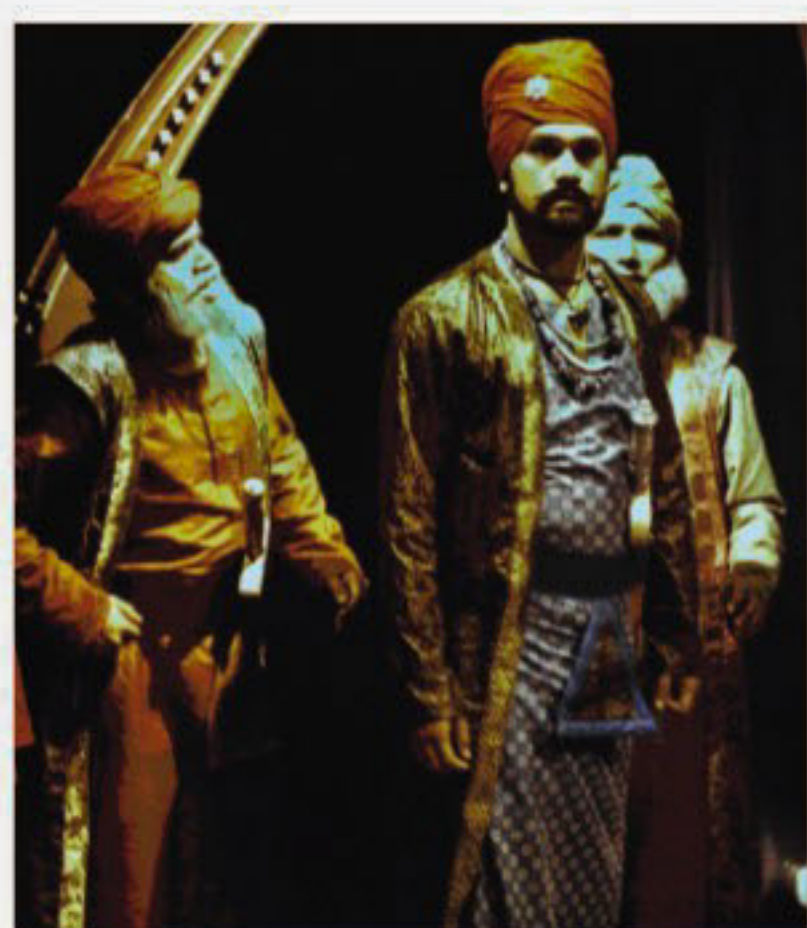


## Staging the best

### Four Bangladeshi productions to go to Kolkata



Zaman. Rashid Haroon directs the play. Nagarik Natyangan's much-acclaimed play "Pragoitihashik" was previously staged at the Ganga-Jamuna Theatre Festival. The play is an adaptation of a short story by Manik Bandyopadhyay. Mahmudul Islam Selim has done the adaptation. Lucky Enam directs the play. Shomoy's production "Shesh Sanglaap" has been regularly staged at Dhaka. Aktaruzzaman directs the play. The play is an adaptation of Taufique Al Hakim's work by Syed Jamil Ahmed and M. Saiful Alam Chowdhuryan. "Bhager Manush" will have its 150th show tomorrow at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. The play was written by Mannan Hira. Aly Zaker directs the play.



Scenes from "Pragoitihashik" and "Shesh Sanglaap" (bottom).

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four Bangladeshi productions will be staged at the upcoming 13th International Ganga-Jamuna Theatre Festival 2010 in Kolkata. Reputed theatre troupe of Kolkata, Anik, is arranging the festival. The festival starts tomorrow (December 24) and will continue till December 31.

The Bangladeshi productions to be staged at the festival are -- Mahakal

Natysampraday's "Shikhandi Kotha"; Nagarik Natyangan's "Pragoitihashik"; Shomoy Natyadal's "Shesh Sanglaap" and "Bhager Manush".

Mir Zahid Hasan of Mahakal informed that "Shikhandi Kotha" would have two shows at the festival -- one on December 25 and the second on December 27.

"Shikhandi Kotha" zooms in on the intersex community in Bangladesh. Everyday joys, woes and frustrations of the intersex community are highlighted in the play. The play was written by Aanan

## A boost to classical music

### Shuddha Sangeet Festival at Chhayanaut begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As part of its ongoing annual programme, Chhayanaut is holding a two-day classical music festival (both vocal and instrumental) at its main auditorium. Starting on December 23 evening, the festival will continue at a stretch and come to an end on Saturday morning (December 25).

Ila Majumdar, wife of eminent music exponent Barin Majumdar, will formally inaugurate the festival as the chief guest.

The programme will begin with a rendition of the National Anthem, followed by lighting candles as a symbol of diffusing knowledge; honouring the chief guest with an uttario and flowers; speeches by Ila Majumdar, Dr. Sanjida Khatun and Khairul Anam Shakil and choral performances by students and teachers of Chhayanaut.

"With an aim to generate interest in classical music in every nook and corner of Bangladesh, we are holding this festival that will see participation of noted local and two classical artistes -- Shuvra Guho (vocalist) and Pratyush Banerjee (sarod) -- of Kolkata. Indian artistes from Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, Dhaka -- Arnab Chatterjee (vocalist), Gopal Mishra (tabla) -- will also perform at the



A performance at last year's festival.

event," said Khairul Anam Shakil.

Aside from group performances by Chhayanaut artistes, Writuporna Chakraborti, Ashit Dey and Shuvra Guho will render solos. Swarup Hossain will present solo tabla recital at the first session of the inaugural day.

Second session of the festival will start at 9am and continue till 1pm the next day (Friday). Anil Kumar Saha along with Jagadananda Roy and Rezwan Ali will be the featured vocalists. Mohammad Moniruzzaman (flute) and Satyajit Chakraborti (sitar) will perform instrumental recitals at that session.

Third session of the festival will kick off on the same day, at evening, and will continue till the next morning. A number of artistes including Priyanka Gope, Bizon Chandra Mistry, Latifun Julio, Khairul Anam Shakil, Anup Barua, Ram Kanai Das and Arnab Chatterjee will perform classical music (vocals) while Shahadat Hossain Khan (sarod), Pinu Sen Das (tabla), Ebadul Haque Saikat (sitar), Gopal Misra (tabla) and Pratyush Banerjee (sarod) will present instrumental recitals at the nightlong session.

BRAC Bank Limited is sponsoring the festival.

## Appeasing the sweet tooth

### Pitha Mela and cultural event in Jhenidah

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

A 'pitha mela' (rice cake fair), including a cultural function, was held in Jhenidah on December 21 at the initiative of 'Hunger Free World'. The 'mela' was held at the Hunger Free World complex under Kaliganj upazila in Jhenidah.

Every year on December 21, a 'pitha mela' is held here to keep alive the tradition of making rice cakes in the country, particularly because some varieties of 'pitha' remain unfamiliar.

This year, homemakers from 20 surrounding villages came to this locale with their handmade traditional 'pitha'. Besides, 30 women's organisations put up stalls with 60 varieties of traditional 'pitha', such as 'pakan', 'pati shapta', 'dudh pitha', 'dhupi', 'labanga latika', 'nakshi pitha' and 'katakuli'. The rice cakes sold for Taka 5-20.

Officer in charge (OC) Faruk Hossain inaugurated the mela on Tuesday afternoon. The local personalities, including Hunger Free World country director Ataur Rahman Miton and others spoke at the meeting, chaired by the president Monoara



Keen foodies at the fair.

Begum of Women Ending Hunger.

Dances, songs and poetry recitation were performed on the occasion.

Hunger Free World authorities also gave away prizes among the winners who participated at the cultural function and stall owners.

Among the visitors, housewife Sumi of Arpara village, said that she was

excited to be at the 'mela'. "It is very interesting for us; it adds to our experience and is a good form of recreation," she said.

Kohinoor Begum a stall owner said, "Though we are not in the business of selling 'pitha', it is a matter of pride for us to promote old varieties of 'pitha' among the young."

## Dramatic Delights

### Eight-day theatre fest in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

An eight-day theatre festival, titled, 'Mayor Natya Utshab', began in Barisal on December 20.

The festival has been arranged jointly by Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation's (BGTF) Barisal division unit and Barisal City Corporation (BCC).

BCC Mayor Shawkat Hossain Hiron inaugurated the festival and led a rally on the opening day.

Among others, Ramendu Majumdar, president of International Theatre Institute Worldwide; Liaquat Ali Lucky, chairman of BGTF; Jhuna Chowdhury, secretary general of BGTF and others attended the festival.

Fourteen theatre groups from Dhaka, Barisal and Jhalakathi will stage 15 plays at Barisal Ashwini Kumar Hall and Shabdaboli Studio Theatre from December 20 to 27, said Syed Dulal, convener of the festival organising committee.



A rally was brought out to mark the opening of the festival.

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"Baan Eshechhey Mora Gangey, Khultey Hobey Nao" is the theme and slogan of the festival, calling for the emergence of a new stream of local culture, according to the organisers.

Theatre Art Unit, Drama Department of Dhaka University, Drishtipat, Natya

Kendra, Pranganey Mor, Aranyak, Shabdaboli Group Theatre, Kheyali Group Theatre, Barisal Natak, Brojomohan Theatre, Barisal Shishu Theatre, Natygam and Protik Natya Gosthi will perform plays at 6:15 pm everyday.

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

<p><b>ATN BANGLA</b></p> <p>10:40 Bangla Feature Film 01:25 Women's Football Championship</p> <p>06:20 Glamour Touch 10:45 Bihango Katha 11:00 Drama 12:30 Grameenphone Lead News</p> <p><b>CHANNEL i</b></p> <p>01:05 Fair and Lovely Ebong Cinemar Gaan 02:40 Prokriti O Jibon 03:10 Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak</p> <p>04:05 Muktijuddha Protidin 05:30 Galpo Noy Natok</p>	<p>09:35 Sherader Mahajuddha 12:00 Aiker Shongbadpotro</p> <p><b>ntv</b></p> <p>10:05 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan 01:05 Shastha Protidin 03:20 Drama Serial: Dhupchhaya 04:10 Jhaner Achhey Bolar Achhey 06:10 Shubho Shondhya 06:45 Celebrity Show 11:30 Music Euphony</p> <p><b>ETV</b></p> <p>03:30 Ekusher Business 05:25 Shongskriti Shomachar 07:50 Musical Programme 10:10 Cine Hits 11:45 Drama: Dhanda</p>	<p><b>Rtv</b></p> <p>12:05 Bashudha Protidin-er Gaan 02:30 Drama 05:00 Cinema R Gaan 11:45 Tomar Jonno Amar E Gaan</p> <p><b>DESH TV</b></p> <p>04:30 Dur Durantey 05:30 Durpath 06:25 Cine Goon Goon 09:45 Desh e Galpo 11:55 Drama: Halloween</p> <p><b>BANGLAVISION</b></p> <p>03:30 Cinebit Shadakalo 04:05 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura 06:05 Shyamol Bangla 09:05 Media Bhuban 11:30 Talk of the Week 12:30 Bashudha Cinemar Gaan</p> <p><b>ATN NEWS</b></p> <p>11:30 Sports Insight 02:15 Amader Katha 05:15 Pramanno Shomoy 07:30 Saat Rang (Live) 08:30 Sports Adda</p>	<p><b>Boishakhi TV</b></p> <p>07:30 Bhor Holo Bibhabori 04:15 Shorashori Doctor 05:15 Boishakhi-CNN Sharabishwa 10:45 Chris Angle Mindfreak</p> <p><b>Diganta TV</b></p> <p>12:30 Score Card 03:30 Meley Dhori Ichchheyguli 09:25 Pothey Prantorey 11:05 Shotyer Shakkho 11:30 Gaan-er Shera Gaan 12:30 Diganta Music Hour (Live)</p> <p><b>Z Studio</b></p> <p>10:30 The Ring Two 01:30 The Truman Show 03:45 Chicago 07:05 Breaking and Entering 09:30 Mission Impossible III 12:20 Meet the Fockers</p> <p><b>HBO</b></p> <p>11:30 Wrong Turn at Tahoe 01:15 Rendition 03:45 The Naked Gun 05:30 The Cell 2 09:30 Thunderbolt</p>	<p>12:00 I Love You, Man</p> <p><b>Star Movies</b></p> <p>12:25 Dragonball: Evolution 01:55 The Accidental Husband 03:30 Great Buck Howard 05:05 X-Men Origins: Wolverine 07:00 My Life In Ruins 08:50 Internal Affairs 10:45 Ruslan 12:30 Meteor Storm</p> <p><b>Star World</b></p> <p>01:30 The Bold and The Beautiful 05:30 Burn Notice 07:30 Coffee With Karan 08:30 How I Met Your Mother 09:00 Friends 09:30 MasterChef Australia 10:30 Burn Notice 12:00 The Simpsons</p> <p><b>Discovery Channel</b></p> <p>05:30 Destroyed in Seconds 06:30 Speed of Life 07:30 Animals on the Front Line 08:30 Man vs. Wild 09:30 Swords</p>	<p>10:30 Speed of Life 11:30 Crocodile Feeding Frenzy</p> <p><b>National Geographic Channel</b></p> <p>11:30 Snake Week 03:30 Mega Builds 05:30 Nat Geo Amazing! 07:30 Great Migrations 08:30 Nat Geo Wild 10:30 Megastructures</p> <p><b>Cartoon Network</b></p> <p>08:30 Pokemon DP 09:00 Beyblade Metal Fusion 09:30 Inazuma Eleven 10:00 Dragon Ball 10:30 Richie Rich</p> <p><b>BBC World</b></p> <p>09:45 Asia Today 06:30 GMT with George Alagiah 08:30 World Business Report 08:45 Sport Today 09:00 BBC World News 09:30 HARDtalk 10:30 The Hub with Nik Gowing</p>
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Talk Show	
<b>ATN Bangla</b>	06:20pm Bola Bahulya
09:20am Asian City	ntv
	12:10am Ei Shomoy
<b>CHANNEL i</b>	Rtv
09:45am Grameenphone	10:45am Tarokalap
	Banglavisian
12:30pm Citycell Taroka	12:05pm Amar Ami
Drama Serial	
<b>ATN Bangla</b>	Rtv
08:00pm Batasher Ghor	07:45pm Dhaka to London
08:40pm Ogniroth	09:10pm Bagh Putul
09:20pm Hater Rekha	<b>BANGLAVISION</b>
	08:15pm Dirclear
<b>CHANNEL i</b>	09:45pm Gulshan Avenue
07:55pm Mukim Brothers	ETV
<b>ntv</b>	04:02pm Bondhon
08:15pm Rumali	<b>BOISHAKHI TV</b>
09:45pm Sabuj	08:00pm Babar Bari

**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).

**CHANNEL-i**

News (Bangla): 7:00 am,

9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am

**ATN BANGLA**

NEWS (Bangla): 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, 6:00 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 am

**ntv**

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**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, 7:30pm

**Mission Impossible III**

On Z Studio at 09:30pm

Genre: Action/ Thriller

Cast: Tom Cruise

**Hater Rekha Katha Boley**

On ATN Bangla at 09:20pm

Drama serial

Cast: Humayun Faridi, Azizul Hakim

**RADIO FOORTI**

07:30 Hello Dhaka  
10:00 Morning Express  
12:00 My Time  
01:00 No Tension  
04:00 Dhaka Calling  
09:00 Night Rider  
01:00 Back to Back music

**abc radio fm 89.2**

06:00 Bhorer Janalay  
09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney  
12:00 Darun Dupurey  
03:00 Duranto Bikeley  
05:00 Shondhatara  
07:00 Shajer Maya  
09:00 Raat-er Akashay  
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei

**RADIO TODAY**

07:15 Good Morning Dhaka  
11:00 Musti Unlimited  
01:00 Today's Adda  
04:00 U Turn  
08:00 Tobey Tai Hok  
11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan  
12:00 Today's Happy Moments