

WHAT'S ON

Amar Ekushey Book Fair
Venue: Bangla Academy premises
Date: February 1-28
Time: 9am onwards

Photography Exhibition
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, Rd-15A (New), Dhammondi
Date: Feb 20-23
Time: 3-8pm

Installation Art Exhibition
On Ekushey February
Venue: IUB Campus, Bandhuhara
Date: February 20

Spring Art Camp & Exhibition
Venue: Garden Gallery, Art Club Bangladesh, H-94, Rd-11/A, Dhammondi
Date: Feb 17-20

Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Proshanto Karmakar
Burdha
Venue: Nordic Club, Gulshan-2
Date: February 5-28
Time: 2pm-8pm

Ekushey February Programme
Organiser: National Museum
Venue: National Museum, Shahbagh
Date: Feb 18-21

Theatre
Play: Bisharjan
Troupe: Dashrupak
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakalaka Academy
Date: Feb 25 at 6:30pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Ramananda Bandyopadhyay
Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, R-7/A, H-60, Dhammondi
Date: February 18-27

Solo Exhibition
Title: Carnival of Agony
Artist: Ashraful Hasan
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, R-16, S-4, Uttara
Date: Feb 11-24

Casting coup

Sharmila and Soha together in a film

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

For the first time, veteran actress Sharmila Tagore and her daughter Soha Ali Khan will be seen in a film and the credit for achieving the casting coup of sorts goes to Sangeeta Duta whose debut film "Life Goes On" will have both in lead roles.

How did Sangeeta manage to rope in the mother-daughter duo in her very first work? Well, it was the script and the "tight screenplay that sealed the deal," the director told a newspaper.

"What they really appreciated was the bonding between the mother and the daughter, which comes naturally in the movie. It wasn't forced and that's what both of them liked," according to Sangeeta.

Sangeeta terms Sharmila as a "perfectionist" who would get involved in preparations in a lot of things—costume, dialogue and make-up.

The director considers Soha as a "natural" actor but says she was at first "terrified" to work with her mother because "Sharmila as an actor has tall demands and one has to work hard to match up to her charm and charisma".

However, Soha "sailed through and I'm sure the audience would appreciate her dedication and hard work in the film," asserted Sangeeta.

"Life Goes On", which also stars Om Puri and others, is a story about the Indian diaspora in London and the emotional conflict of different generations.

Ode to beautiful Bangladesh

English Medium School students perform at Foy's Lake



Bangladesh - in its colours and rhythms: 1. Distinguished guests at the programme, 2. Sunshine Grammar School and College, 3. Chief guest Professor Emeritus Dr. Jamal Nazrul Islam (R) speaks at the programme. Selim S H Chowdhury, general manager (Production & Events Management) of The Daily Star is also seen in the photo, 4. Bay View School, 5. Mastermind International School, 6. Chittagong Grammar School, 7. Little Jewels School, 8. European Grammar School, 9. Green Vale School.

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PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY, Chittagong

The enchanting beauty and traditional culture of Bangladesh was the common thread of cultural performances by students from eight English medium schools of Chittagong. The event left the enormous audience spellbound on February 16 evening at Foy's Lake Amusement Park in the port city.

The students rendered patriotic Bangla songs, group dances, poetry recitations, dance dramas with outstanding choreography.

In this month of the Language Movement the performances of the children aptly hinged on themes like change of seasons, Liberation War, Language Movement, rural life, natural beauty of the country, environmental pollution and revealed their love for the people, soil and nature of Bangladesh.

The country's premier English daily newspaper The Daily Star organised the event titled "The Daily Star Chittagong English Medium School Cultural Programme-2011" to promote Bangla culture for the second time in the city in association with Concord Group. Channel-i was the media partner of the event.

Professor Emeritus Dr. Jamal Nazrul Islam inaugurated the programme as the chief guest, while The Daily Prothom Alo Resident Editor Abul Momen spoke as the special guest.

The Daily Star Bureau Chief AKM Raisul Huq Bahar delivered the welcome speech at the function. Selim Shamsul Huda Chowdhury, general manager of production and events management of The Daily Star, anchored the programme.

In his speech, Professor Jamal said though English is an international language, our mother tongue should not be neglected.

Raising a question he said, "Where have all our

traditional beautiful festivals gone?" He stressed the importance of learning folk rhymes to the assembled children.

He called upon the guardians to nurture the innocence of their children.

Termining the programme exceptional, Momen said such occasions inspired us to tell the stories of the illustrious individuals in our history.

Raisul Huq Bahar said though English has become the lingua franca, Bangla across the world have displayed their dedication to their language. He urged people not to sever themselves from their roots.

The programme commenced with the national anthem "Amar Shonar Bangla aami tomay bhalobashi".

The school programmes began with performances by children from Bay View School of Chittagong. Their first performance was the patriotic song "Muktiro mandiro sopano tole" followed

by a group dance performed to another popular song, "Bajere baje dhol baje".

The students of Mastermind International School performed a group dance to the song "Aami Bangla gaan gai" written by Pratul Mukherjee, with remarkable choreography depicting rural life, Bashanta Utsab, puppet show, festivals and indigenous life.

A group of dancers from the same school clad in colourful tribal attire then performed a dance item to the tunes of the popular Chakma song "Uttam megh meghla dewar tal-e".

The students of Chittagong International School presented dance performances that conjured up the variety of nature's colours and change of seasons. They concluded with a group dance to the patriotic song "Dhono dhannye pushpe bhara".

The students of European Grammar School presented a chorus "Bhashar jannye jara diye gelo pran". Later they performed two group dances with the songs "Prajapoti prajapoti amar icche je bone

bone" and "O dakshina shanshan chanchala".

Chittagong Grammar School's children presented the chorus song "Bangladesher manchitra, Rabindra, Nazrul" followed by two group dance performances to the songs "Dhak kurkur bol" and "Elo barasha shahasha mone".

Sunshine Grammar School and College, Chittagong presented a dance drama with Tagore's famous poem "Nirharer swapna bhanga". It also presented a group dance with the songs "Ekti Bangladesh tumi jagrata janatar".

Children of Little Jewels School performed a dance drama titled "Dushan mukta dharani". Through appropriate sound and music effects they showcased the unfortunate destruction of our country's natural beauty. Their performance and choreography were superb.

The colourful event ended with a song "Kendo na ogo bir prasabini maa" presented by Green Vale School's students following by a dance.



ATN BANGLA	12:30	Score Cards
01:25 Shurer Madhuri	05:30	Career Line
03:15 Khelar Jagot	06:30	Alokito Poth
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khabor	11:05	Down the Wicket
05:35 Boshudha Dhak Dhol		
10:45 Bihongo Kotha	08:30	Hocus Pocus
	10:30	The Ring
CHANNEL i	01:30	Roman Holiday
12:30 Tanaka Kathan	04:10	Nancy Drew
05:30 Boi Mela (Live)	06:05	Saving Private Ryan
06:00 Jiboner Golpo	09:30	The Guardian
11:30 Prokriti O Jibon		
12:00 Grameenphone Aker		
Shangbadpotro	11:40	My Life In Ruins
	01:55	Pearl Harbor
Ntv	07:00	The Spy Next Door
10:05 Bangla Feature Film	08:45	Dick Tracy
05:30 Agnar Jiggasha	10:35	Replacement Killers
07:20 Sholo Ana Bangali Ana	12:10	Accused At 17
09:00 Drama: Boro Maa		
ETV		HBO

abc Radio FM 89.2	10:00	Morning Express
06:00 Bhoore Janalay	12:30	No Tension
09:00 Mahanta Jiboney	04:00	Dhaka Calling
12:00 Ramon Dapentry	05:00	Full Volume
03:00 Damaro Boleky	11:00	Back to Back music
05:00 Shondha Tara		
07:00 Shaj-er Maya	11:00	Muzi Unlimited
09:00 Raat-er Akashey	01:00	Today's Adda
11:00 Golper Shech Nei	04:00	Uttam
RADIO FOOTRI	08:00	Talley Tai Hak
07:30 Hello Dhaka	12:00	Today's Happy Moments

Tourist
On Rtv at 09:15pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Agum, Tazin Ahmed

The Guardian
On Z Studio at 09:30pm
Genre: Action/Adventure
Cast: Kevin Costner, Ashton Kutcher

Amar Ami
On BANGLAVISION at 09:05pm
Celebrity Talk Show
Cast: Anisul Haque, Mostofa Sarwar Farooki

04:30 Vobo Gure Dot Com	11:30 Monsters vs. Aliens
05:50 Sports Plus	02:30 Snakes on a Plane
06:30 Desh Jurey Oporadh	05:15 Wolvesbayne
Portikoma	07:00 The Time Traveler's Wife
07:50 Ta Na Na	09:30 Black Water
10:10 Media Gossip	11:30 The Scorpion King: Rise of a Warrior
BANGLAVISION	
09:05 Shudhai Gaan	Star World
01:05 Bangla Feature Film	10:30 The Good Guys
04:05 Protidin-er Boi Mela	12:30 Two And A Half Men
06:05 Ebong Class-er Baiery	04:30 Master chef US
06:30 Patobhumi Tar Shaheed	07:30 The Good Guys
Minar	09:30 Coffee With Karen
11:20 Rivers Swing	11:30 White Collar
Rtv	National Geographic Channel
10:45 Tarokalap	10:30 Space Special
12:30 Robi Jege Acho Ki	11:30 Mega Factories
02:30 Bangla Feature Film	03:30 True Stories
05:40 Amader Boi Mela	10:30 Mega cities
11:30 Diplomatic Zone	11:30 Men in Wild Week
Desh TV	Discovery Channel
04:00 Desh Janopad	10:30 Painted Nation
06:25 Phagun-er Molat	11:30 How Stuff Works
08:15 Venue Talk	03:30 Destroyed in Seconds
09:45 Contenders	Prehistoric
12:30 Total Sports	09:30 Man vs. Wild
Diganta TV	

ATN BANGLA	Nei
08:00pm Megher Onkek Bari	ETV
10:55pm Ochema Manush	08:20pm Ohongkar
CHANNEL i	09:30pm Laista
07:50pm Chota Papal	BANGLAVISION
09:35pm Maar Chhokka	08:15pm Jamal Mela
rtv	09:45pm Fifty Fifty
02:30pm Labonno Prova	Rtv
08:15pm Chader Nijer Kon Alo	09:15pm Tourist

RTV	BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am	News (Bangla) at 7:30pm
2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm	1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm
News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm	News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).	News (English) at 6:00pm
CHANNEL-i	Rtv
News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am	rtv
News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am	News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am
ATN BANGLA	ETV
News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am	News (Bangla): 9:00am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

ATN BANGLA	Dupur
11:05am Asian City Topspin	BANGLAVISION
12:30am Grameenphone	10:10am Lal Galap
Lead News	09:05pm Amar Ami
CHANNEL i	Rtv
09:45am Grameenphone	08:30pm Hour to Democracy
Tritiomata	12:30am Zero Hour
ETV	12:02pm Ekushey
	Desh TV