

WHAT'S ON

Children's Art Exhibition
Title: Mitsubishi Asian Children's Enkika Festa
Venue: National Art Gallery, Shilpakala Academy
Date: March 18-23

Painting Exhibition on Bangabandhu
Venue: Sufia Kamal Milonayaton, National Museum
Date: March 16-23

Dol Utshab
To commemorate the life and works of Fakir Lalon Shah
Venue: Chheuria, Kushtia
Date: March 18-22

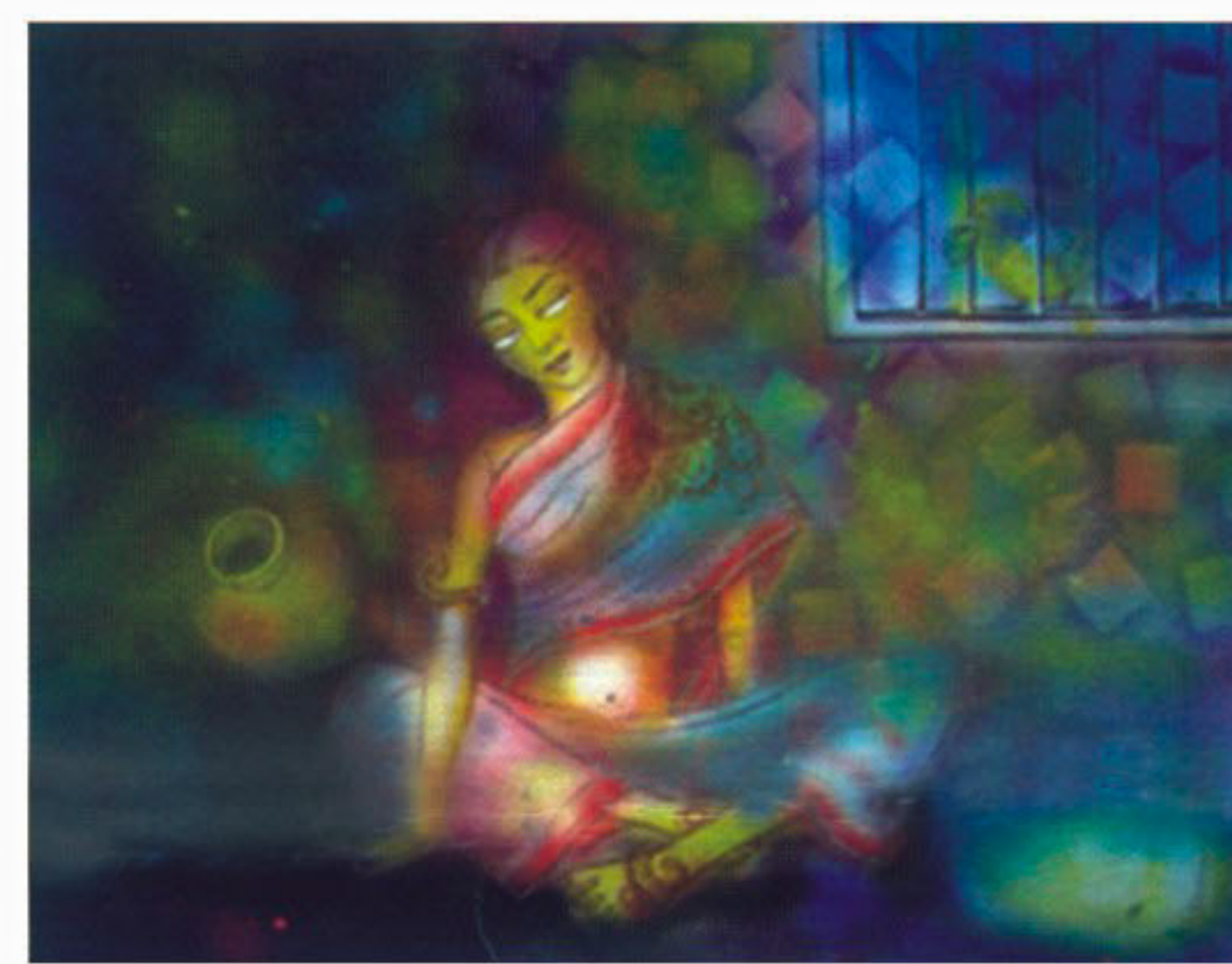
Rooted Creativity-9
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H-27/5, R-16, Dhanmondi
Date: March 22-31
Time: 12pm-9pm

Group Art Exhibition
Title: Women in Nature
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15/A, Dhanmondi
Date: March 17-23
Time: 3pm-9pm

Photography Exhibition
Title: Search
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Dhanmondi
Date: March 25-April 6

Group Installation Show
Title: Dhaka Seeks Solitude
Venue: Goethe Institut, H-10, R-9, Dhanmondi
Date: Mar 10-Apr 7
Time: 11am-9pm

Contemporary Australian Art Exhibition
Title: BALGO
Venue: Gallery Cosmos, 69/1, New Circular Road, Malibagh
Date: April 1-13



A Mosaic of Feminine Visions

Group art exhibition at Drik

TAKIR HOSSAIN

A group art exhibition, titled "Women in Nature", featuring works of Mafruha Begum, Afroza Anjum and Kamrun Nahar, is on at Drik Gallery in Dhaka. Cultural personality and lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest. Professors at the Printmaking Department, Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA), University of Dhaka -- Mahmudul Haque and Abul Barq Alvi -- were present as special guests.

The featured painters are former students of the Institute of Fine Arts (presently FFA). Featuring diverse women's issues and nature in its unadulterated glory, the exhibition is a tribute to the late artist Rawjatan Zannat Champa who passed away a few years ago. The exhibition also marks International Women's Day.

The works on display share some common themes, as the painters seek to focus on women and their perspectives. The artists have mainly high-lighted women in their diverse dispositions. Of the participating painters, Kamrun Nahar has made an attempt to experiment with forms and colours. Her modes of expression are realistic and semi-realistic. Mosaic pattern is a recurring feature in her works.

Mafruha Begum's paintings have been done in mixed media, oil, on fabric and other materials. The painter is interested in experimenting with several materials. Mingling

women and nature, her choice of theme is very simple. The painter claims that her themes mirror poems of Jibanananda Das. Blue and black shades are noticeable in most of her paintings. She said, "I draw, as I yearn to dissolve in nature with my beloved poet Jibanananda Das."

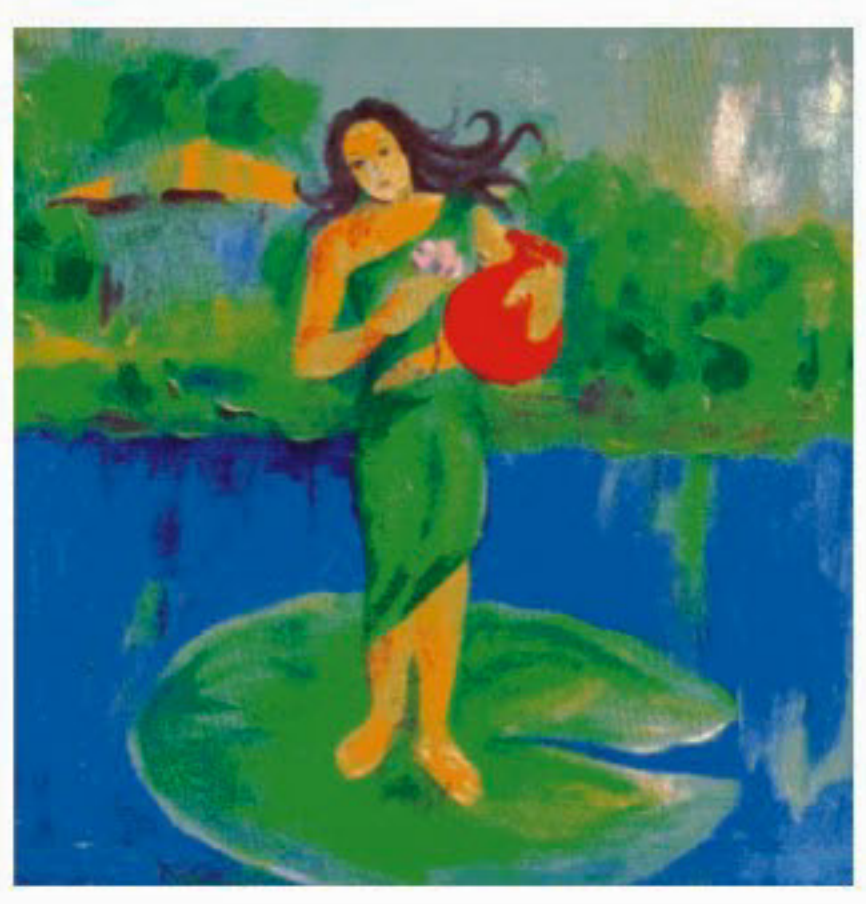
Afroza Anjum's paintings have a touch of reality in the present social context. Immature illustration, often take away from the aesthetics of her works and most of the figures in her paintings are drawing-based. There is a certain amateurish look to her works. Her artworks address loneliness and woes faced by women. At the exhibition, one of Anjum's paintings shows a woman carrying a pitcher in a serene atmosphere. Her mode of expression has a similarity with oriental art but

sharpness and delicate lines are missing. The painter now works at Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute as a senior reprographic officer.

Kamrun Nahar's presentation of lines (outlines of figures), subdued colours and forms construct contemplative women, moon, quiet sky, flowers as well as a range of lights and shades. With delicate touches of colours and minimal strokes, the artist has formed dreams and reality with intensity and imagination. She portrays women and their personal journeys through their evocative looks.

The collective work, however, seem to lack personal hallmarks or any certain style which is very significant for a painter. The painters should concentrate more on their preferred areas and technical aspects.

The exhibition ends on March 23.



Clockwise (from top): Paintings by Kamrun Nahar, Afroza Anjum and Mafruha Begum.



Manipuri Int'l Literary and Cultural Fest-2011 in Moulvibazar

RAJAT KANTI GOSWAMI, Moulvibazar

Manipuri International Literary and Cultural Festival-2011 wrapped up on March 19 at the Manipuri Lalitkala Academy in Kamalganj upazila, under Moulvibazar district. Bangladesh Manipuri Samaj Kalyan Samity, a socio-cultural organisation of the indigenous Manipuri community, arranged the vibrant event.

Various organisations representing the Manipuri community had published periodicals, and launched audio and video CDs on this occasion. Also in evidence were book stalls at the festival ground with a huge collection of books, papers and periodicals in Manipuri language. Manipuri organisation Shingput had set up a media centre for journalists. Cellular service provider Robi extended support to the festival.

Two seminars were also held on Manipuri literature and culture on the occasion. Accomplished Manipuri writers and artists from Bangladesh and India attended the seminars. Local writers with a widespread appeal also joined the seminars.

On Friday, a reception was accorded to 17 leading Manipuri personalities from different countries.

The two day programme concluded with a cultural function. The cultural programme included a play, dance and music performances. Reputed Manipuri dancer and teacher from Mumbai (India) Padma Shri Darshana Jhaveri, and members of Nriyashilon Kendra took part in the cultural events. Manipuri Theatre staged a play, "Kohey Birangoni", directed by Subhashish Sinha Samir at the programme.



Padma Shri Darshana Jhaveri (right) and Bangladeshi dancer Tamanna Rahman dance at the programme.

Rural Life in Focus

Cultural programme in Jhenidah

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

A three-day Grameen Jibon Jatra Mela (fair highlighting rural life-style) and cultural programme ended at Kazirpara village in Jhenidah district on March 21. The event was arranged by a local NGO, Unnayan Dhara, to raise farmers' awareness in suitable agricultural practices and climate change.

The fair was held at Kazirpara Secondary School grounds. The event was inaugurated by district AI general secretary Advocate Azizur Rahman, M.A Ansari, president of Jhenidah Press Club and M.A Raihan, a reporter of the daily Janakantha and Ekushey TV were present as special guests. On the inaugural day a rally was taken out while Lok Theatre performed a drama and songs of Pagla Kanai. Thousands of farmers, women and students from



nearly villages attended the fair. The NGO authority with the assistance of Pali Janani, a women's development association, set up 32 stalls at the Kazirpara School grounds to motivate the farmers of the locality. On the second day, a play



PHOTO: STAR

Rocking the Crowd

Banglalink Music Fest 2011 in Rajshahi



Sumon (R) and Aurthohin at the concert.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Popular Bangladeshi bands -- Warfaze, Aurthohin, LRB and Miles -- played to a huge crowd at the Rajshahi District Stadium on March 18.

The event, "Banglalink Music Fest 2011", was an initiative to popularise and promote local

cert to support the dynamic and diverse musical traditions of Bangladesh. The viewers began queuing up from noon onwards at the stadium, picking up tickets. Their patience was finally rewarded when Rajshahi's local band Salvation took the stage at 3pm.

Sumon of Aurthohin took the stage with "Gaibo Na Aar Kono Gaan Tomake Chhara" and performed some of their other favourite numbers. Miles played several of their classics, while Warfaze's Mizan rendered "Tomakey Mon-e

Porey" and "Boshey Achhi Eka". Finally, Ayub Bachchu and LRB appeared on stage and performed the band's popular songs like "Meye" and others. The concert ended at 9:30pm.

The Rajshahi event was part of a nationwide series of concerts, which Banglalink initiated in Khulna last December. The concert was held in Chittagong in January this year before it came to Rajshahi. Banglalink officials said they would organise more such concerts across the country as part of their plan to make a difference through music.

Seth Green plays the boy and Joan Cusack plays his mother kidnapped simply because Mars needs mothers too. The film is directed by Simon Wells, who worked on films like "Shrek 3", "Madagascar" and "Who Framed Roger Rabbit".

hat-tipping towards the great Sergio Leone, Rango is being hailed as a fun and fan-



Most Awaited Animated Films of 2011

Here's a look at some of the major animated releases coming your way in 2011:

Rango

The fantastically reviewed surrealist tale gets "Pirates Of The Caribbean" director Gore Verbinski back with his leading man Johnny Depp, who here plays a lizard.

tastical triumph of the imagination.

Mars Needs Moms

This Robt Zemeckis produced 3D film created using performance capture tells the story of a 9-year-old boy realising the importance of his mom after Martians abduct her.

ridiculously A-list cast from the first film about a chubby Panda called Po who learns he is the chosen one.

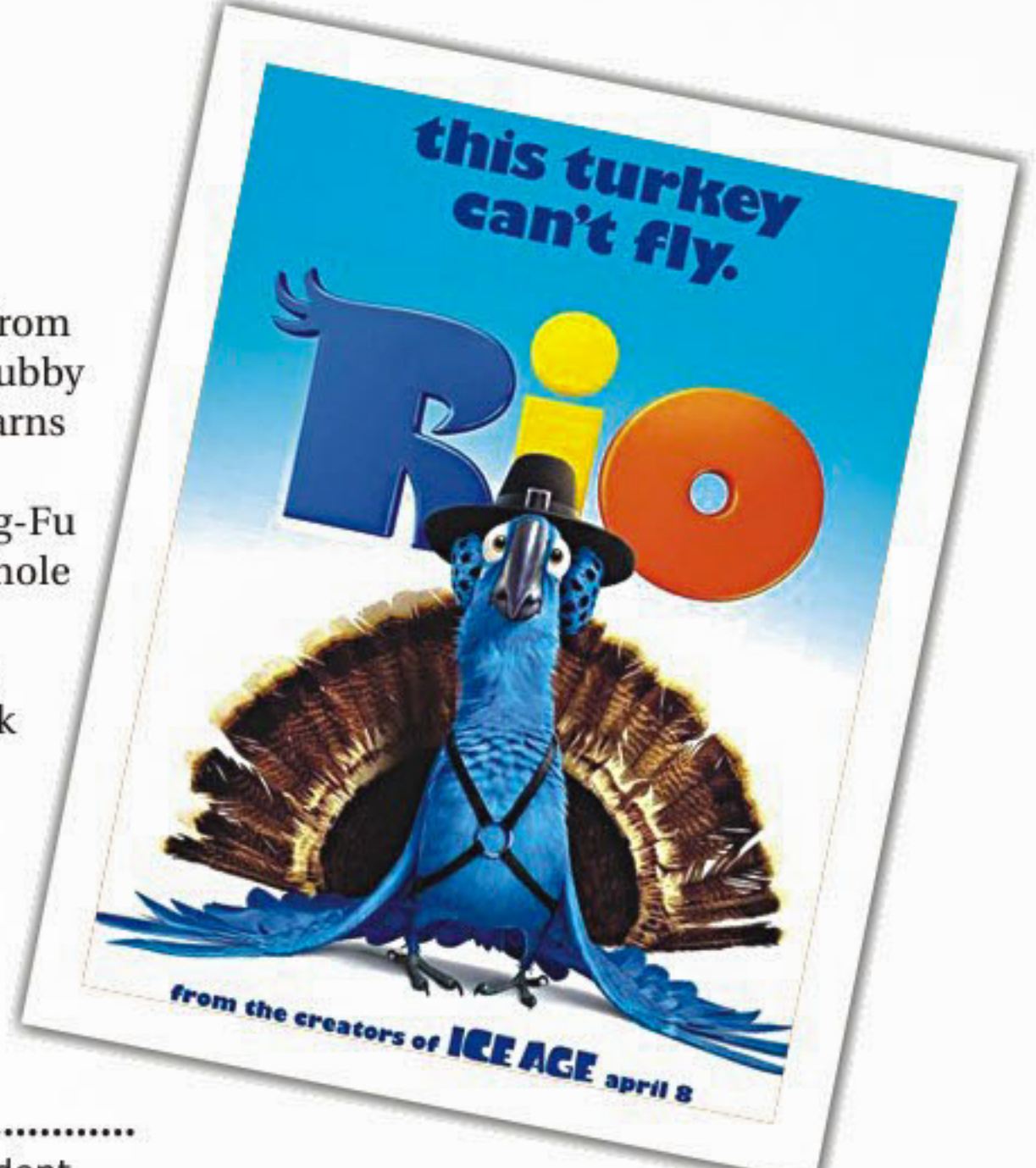
Rio

The people behind the "Ice Age" franchise have flipped things around geographically and climatically with the highly colourful "Rio", set in the most exotic and picturesque parts of South America. The film, promotions for which have currently taken over YouTube, should be a fun departure from the cold climes of the previous franchise, and stars actors Jesse Eisenberg and Anne Hathaway in the lead roles.

compared to the first film about a chubby Panda called Po who learns he is the chosen one.

Kung Fu Panda 2

Jack Black is back, as is the



Lynda Carter Reveals Opinion on New 'Wonder Woman' Costume

Lynda Carter, star of the '70s television series "The New Adventures of Wonder Woman", thinks the latest incarnation of the D.C. Comics superheroine's outfit, unveiled last Friday, hits the bull's-eye.

She tells The Hollywood Reporter, "What's not to like! Adrienne [Palick] looks gorgeous and I'm really looking forward to seeing David E. Kelley's new series."

Carter's opinion runs contrary to some of the reactions to the skin-tight red and blue suit, which appears to be made of latex. Los Angeles Times ran a poll asking readers whether the new version was a good representation of the Amazon princess character or more akin to a Halloween costume.

NBC's "Wonder Woman" pilot has lined up a number of actors such as Cary Elwes and guest star Elizabeth Hurley but Carter will not be among those immediately taking part in the project.

She tells THR, "I talked to David [E. Kelley] about doing something in the pilot but with my new CD, 'Crazy Little Things' coming out in April and touring for the album, we couldn't coordinate our schedules but you never know what will happen in the future. Stay tuned!"

Source: Internet



Wonder Woman: Then (left) and now.

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12:15	07:30	Total Sports
01:25	01:30	Boishakhi TV
05:00	10:30	Bangla Feature Film
05:20	05:15	Boishakhi-CNN
10:45	10:00	Sharabishwa
11:30	11:30	Reporter's Diary
12:30	11:30	Boishakhi Biondon O
		Shangskri Sanglad
		Shudhu Cinema Gaam
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09:30	11:00	The Shaolin Avengers
01:05	03:30	Last Action Hero
01:30	03:30	Made in Hollywood
07:50	05:20	High Heels and Low Lives
12:00	07:20	Rushmore
	09:30	Invincible
03:10	11:30	Harsh Times
04:10	10:25	Star Movies
05:00	01:35	The Stranger
		Shadow Man

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Maar Chhoka
ON CHANNEL i at 09:35pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Abul Hayat, Mim

Rushmore
ON Z Studio at 07:20pm
Genre: Comedy/
Drama
Cast: Jason Schwartzman, Bill Murray

Raat Biratey
ON Bangladesh at 11:50pm
Street Show
Guest: Milon

09:00	Glamour World	03:15	Gone In Sixty Seconds	
11:30	Cover Drive	05:20	The Jerk Theory	
ETV	07:30	Whip It	07:30	The Hard Corps
10:30	Ekushey Business	10:55	A Few Good Men	
06:30	Cricketer Extra	01:15	Drag Me to Hell	
07:50	Music Bit	HBO	11:45	Final Destination 3
08:20	Ohonkar	03:30	The Final Destination	
11:40	Janotar Kotha	01:45	The Tattooist	
11:50	Crazy Cricket	03:30	Thor: Hammer of the Gods	
Rtv	10:20	05:30	Future X-Cops	
12:05	Aroma	07:00	Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen	
12:05	Protidiner Gaan	09:30	Star World	
01:15	World Cup Carnival	07:00	Koffee With Karan	
02:30	Bangla Feature Film	08:00	How I Met Your Mother	
06:00	Extra Innings	08:30	Modern Family	
12:05	Today's Highlights	09:00	Las Vegas	
BANGLAVISION	09:05	10:00	Dexter	
09:05	Shudhu Gaan	11:00	Community	
01:05	Bangla Feature Film	11:30	The Simpsons	
05:20	All Rounder	Discovery Channel		
06:05	Sports Time	04:30	Extreme Engineering	
09:10	Gauro: Gao Pran Khuley Gao	06:30	Queen of The Beasts	
11:20	Reverse Swing	07:30	One Water	
11:50	Raat Biratey	08:30	World War II in Colour	
Desh TV	04:00	08:30	Man vs. Wild	
05:00	Durapur	10:30	Destroyed in Seconds	
07:45	Biondon Dunya			

ATN BANGLA	09:45pm	Durshok-er Golpo	
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		BANGLAVISION	
		08:15pm	Mad Bhai

NEWS BULLETIN		
BTV	BANGLAVISION	
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CHANNEL i	09:45am	Trinite Matra
12:30pm	10:00pm	Master
ntv	12:30pm	Tanaka Kathon
12:30am	01:50pm	Shoja Ken
ETV	11:45pm	Boishakhi TV