

## WHAT'S ON

**Bangladeshi Film Screening**  
Film: Guernilla  
Venue: IGCC, Gulshan-1, Dhaka  
Date: Sept 15  
Time: 6:30pm

**Documentary Screening & Recitation From Gitanjali**  
Title: 'Bangladesh-e-Rabindranath Path Chawati Ananda'  
Venue: IGCC, Gulshan-1, Dhaka  
Date: Sept 16

**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
Artist: Mehruza Rahman  
Venue: Bengali Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhamondhi  
Date: Sept 7-16  
Time: 12-8pm

**Solo Nazrul Sangeet Evening**  
Artist: Dr. Pradip Kumar Nandi  
Organiser: Laser Vision Ltd.  
Venue: Chhayasat Auditorium, Dhamondhi

**Celebrating 25 years of Ain O Salish Kendra**  
Venue: Chhayasat Sanskriti Bhawan and Rabindra Sarobar  
Date: Sep 23-24

**Film Festival**  
Featuring works of French women filmmakers  
Venue: Auditorium, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Dhamondhi  
Date: Sept 10-17

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Artist: Zebun Naher  
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhamondhi  
Date: Sept 9-22

**Discussion on Günter Grass**  
Title: Literary Encounters  
Venue: Goethe-Institut, Dhamondhi  
Date: Sept 18

# Activists bid adieu to the theatre epicentre

## Five-day festival ends at Mahila Shamiti



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Theatre activists bid adieu to the old Mahila Shamiti building on September 12 as the curtains came down on the five-day 'Bhanga Gora Natyotshob 2011'.

On the last day of the festival, troupes including Theatre Art Unit, Aranyak Natyadal, Theatre (Bailey Road), Prachyanat, Natyachakra and Dhaka Theatre staged scenes from their acclaimed plays -- "Birth Fantasy", "Moyur Shinghashan", "Kokilara", "Circus Circus", "Bhoddornok" and "Muntasi".

Theatre's monodrama "Kokilara" had veteran actor Ferdousi Majumdar in full form. Dhaka Theatre's "Muntasi" had familiar faces including Zahiruddin Piar. M. Hamid played the protagonist in Natyachakra's "Bhaddornok".

Throughout five days, 48 troupes from all over the country staged scenes from their popular plays. A photography-poster exhibition and reminiscences by seasoned activists were also part of the festival.

Bangladesh Mahila Shamiti is considered the

epicentre of the neo-theatre movement in the country that was initiated in 1973. Numerous popular plays had been staged at the Neelima Ibrahim Auditorium of the building over the decades that helped propel the theatre movement. Recently, Mahila Shamiti authorities decided to renovate the building.

On behalf of all activists, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF) organised the festival.

Home Minister Advocate Sahara Khatun inaugurated the festival as chief guest. Noted theatre personalities including Ramendu Majumdar, Ataur Rahman, Mamunur Rashid, Nasiruddin Yousuff, Aly Zaker and Asaduzzaman Noor spoke at the inaugural programme.

A committee was formed to arrange the festival. BGTF chairman Liaquat Ali Lucky and secretary general Jhuna Chowdhury were the convener and member secretary of the committee respectively.

The organisers said that a documentary based on theatre activities at and surrounding Mahila Shamiti would be made later.



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# Rahat Fateh Ali Khan to perform in Dhaka

The Mirror Media and Production Ltd, a Bangladesh-India joint-venture company, will organise a musical soiree featuring noted Pakistani singer Rahat Fateh Ali Khan on September 22, says a press release. The concert will be held at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka.

Rahat Fateh Ali Khan (born 1974) is a Pakistani musician, and primarily a singer of qawwali (devotional music of the Sufis). He is the nephew of legendary singer Ustad Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan. Rahat also performs ghazal and other genres of music. He has toured extensively the world over.

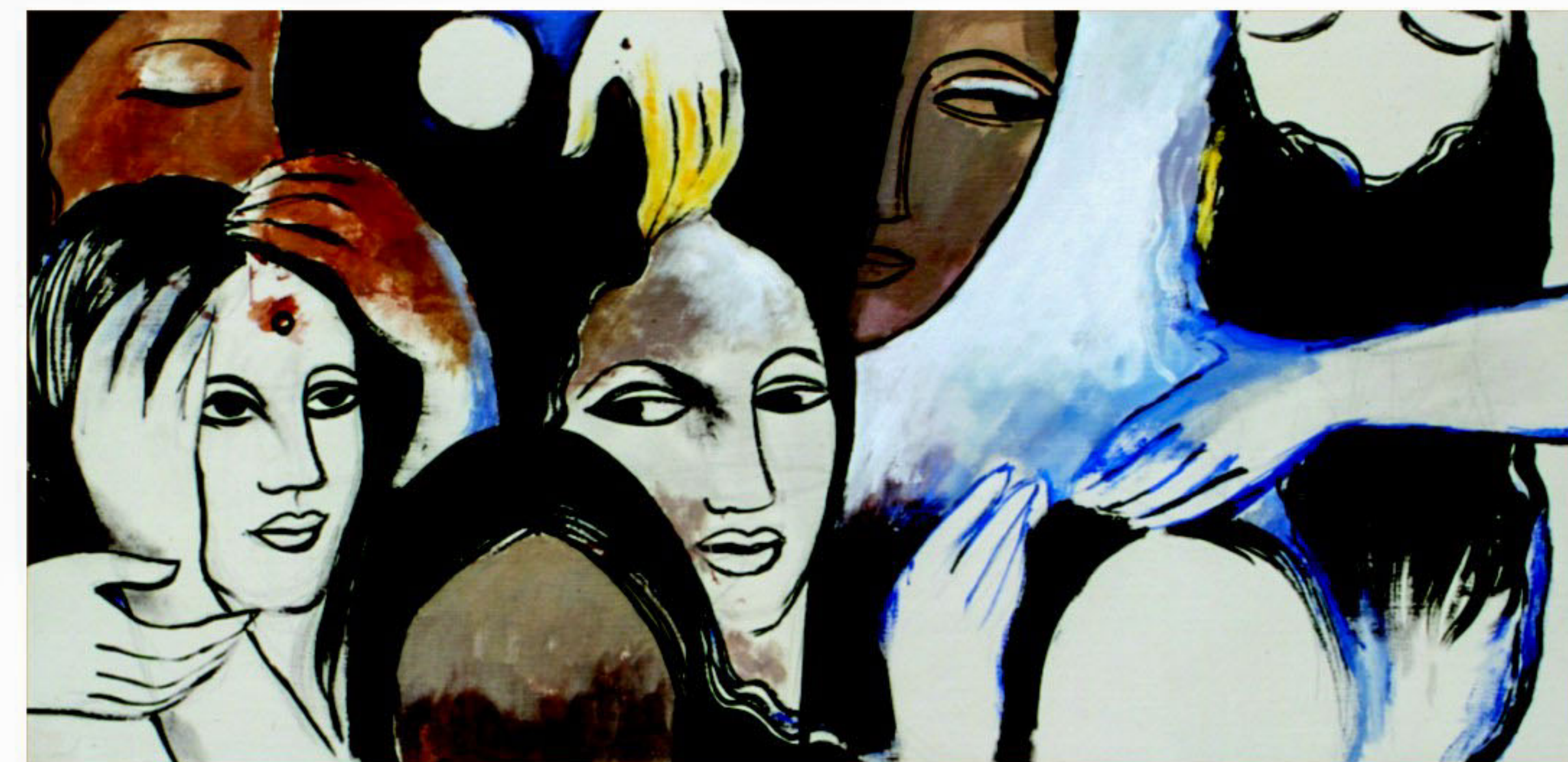
Rahat's first public performance was at the age of 10/11, when he toured the UK with his uncle in 1985, and performed solo in addition to singing with the qawwali party. The Indian film "Paap" (2004), featuring the hit song "Mann Ki Lagan", marked his debut as a playback singer in Bollywood. He has become popular in India because of the film songs he has recorded. In 2010, he won 'Best International Act' at the UK Asian Music Awards.

At the Dhaka concert, Rahat Fateh Ali Khan will render qawwali, Sufi songs, Bollywood hits and ghazal, among others.



# Highlighting Bengali femininity

## Solo painting exhibition of Zebun Naher Nayeem



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Zebun Naher Nayeem is a figurative painter and her approach is very close to realistic. Nayeem's solo painting exhibition titled "Shomoy-Oshomoy'er Golpo" is now on at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka in Dhamondhi. Around 27 acrylic based paintings are on display at the exhibition.

Farida Zaman, professor of Drawing and Painting Department, Faculty of Fine Arts, inaugurated the exhibition on September 9.

Nayeem graduated from the Institute of Fine Arts (now Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka) in 1986. She emphasises on female faces, portraying Bengali femininity in various disposi-

tions. She tries to explore emotions. The painter's close study of mothers and daughters allows her to get to the core of her themes. Birds, flowers and aspects of nature also feature in her works.

The artist said, "I find an intimate connection between the beauty of nature and womanhood. I think of a woman as a symbol of persistence, patience and serenity."

"In my paintings one can perceive the past, present and future where I want to focus on movements (figure) and also highlight inner struggles and anguish."

She claims that her themes mirror women's isolation and vulnerability in our society. Azure, black, crimson and



Paintings by Zebun Naher Nayeem.

white shades are noticeable in most of her paintings. Nayeem has concentrated on the consistency of colours, soft textures, expressive portraits and female

figures for the paintings on display at the ongoing exhibition. The exhibition will continue till September 22.

## THEATRE

# Nimojjon's 50th show tomorrow



The show will be dedicated to the ailing artist Dhali Al Mamun. PHOTO: MUMIT M.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 50th show of Dhaka Theatre's much-acclaimed production "Nimojjon" will be staged tomorrow (September 16) at the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Dhaka. This particular show will be dedicated to the ailing artist Dhali Al Mamun, who was the art director and set designer of the play.

Chief of Dhaka Theatre and director of the play Nasiruddin Yousuff remarked: "It is a unique creation by Selim Al Deen. Through the play he tried to depict a dark side of human civilisation."

"Nimojjon" does not follow any conventional structure; neither does it develop a particular storyline. Through narratives, the play presents a chronological look at genocides around the globe. According to the play, the history of civilisation and genocides are interwoven -- every civilisation has had a history of genocide.

And the repetition of these brutal incidents has brought down humans from the superior position. It is a paradox. The play also stresses that unless the structure of a state is not designed for the welfare of humanity, genocides will never end.

The cast of the play includes Milu Chowdhury, Asaduzzaman Aman, Sirajul Islam, Samiun Jahan and Sayeed Rinku.

The show will be held at 7pm.

# Shama Rahman performs at UNESCO headquarters



Shama Rahman, a leading artiste of the country, rendered songs of Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore at a cultural programme arranged by UNESCO at its headquarters in Paris on September 12, according to a press release.

To mark the 150th birth anniversary of Tagore, and in memory of Aimé Césaire and Pablo Neruda, UNESCO arranged the international cultural event. Noted Indian singer Kavita Krishnamurthy and the Paris unit of Udichi Shilpi Goshthi also took part in the programme.

UNESCO has also released five CDs featuring Shama Rahman's rendition of Tagore songs on different themes.

Director General of UNESCO, Irina Bokova, inaugurated the programme. Bangladesh Ambassador to France Shah Ahmed Shafi; Secretary to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Bangladesh, Suraiya Begum ndc; Indian Ambassador to France Binoy Shil Oberoi; award-winning Indian actor-director Aparna Sen; singer Santanu Roy Chowdhury and some senior officials of UNESCO and embassies of Bangladesh and India were present at the musical programme.

## DS CAFÉ



This month DS Café welcomes popular singer Kona. Get on the line with her for two minutes and fire away your questions. The best question will be highlighted in the transcription. Call 8126155 on September 19, between 3 and 4pm, to speak to Kona!!

# Leila Lopes of Angola is crowned Miss Universe

AP, Sao Paulo

Newly crowned Miss Universe Leila Lopes wants to help her native Angola further escape a history of war and impoverishment and said she plans to focus on combating HIV around the globe.

Speaking in a timid voice early Tuesday shortly after taking the crown in South America's largest city, the 25-year-old Lopes said that "as Miss Angola I've already done a lot to help my people."

"I've worked with various social causes. I work with poor kids, I work in the fight against HIV. I work to protect the elderly and I have to do everything that my country needs," she said. "I think now as Miss Universe I will be able to do much more."

Responding to questions, Lopes said that she has never had cosmetic surgery of any kind and that her three tips for beauty were to get a lot of sleep, use sunblock even when it's not sunny and to drink lots of water. She said her smile was her best weapon in the competition. Asked about racism in light of the fact that she's one of the few black contestants ever crowned Miss Universe, Lopes said that "any racist needs to seek help."

Lopes is Angola's first winner. She beat out 88 other competitors to win the title during the 60th anniversary of the world's biggest



beauty pageant. She replaces last year's winner, Ximena Navarrete of Mexico.

She deftly handled the interview question that is asked of the remaining top five contestants. She was questioned about what physical trait she would change if she could.

"Thank God I'm very satisfied with the way God created me and I wouldn't change a thing," Lopes said. "I consider myself a woman endowed with inner beauty. I have acquired many wonderful principles from my family and I intend to follow these for the rest of my life."

The first runner-up was 23-year-old Olesia Stefanko of Ukraine and the second runner-up was Priscila Machado of Brazil. The third was Miss Philippines and the fourth Miss China.

Contestants spent the past three weeks in Sao Paulo, trying to learn samba dance steps, visiting impoverished children and kicking a football around for cameras as the Miss Universe pageant came to Brazil for the first time.

Despite battling against a home-country favourite, Lopes won over the audience, speaking in the shared language of Portuguese. Angola, like Brazil, is a former Portuguese colony.

U.S. broadcast journalist Connie Chung was one of the celebrity judges, and said before the competition that she was taking the contest seriously.

"I know my job and I'll be tough, but fair," Chung said. "You have to keep in mind that these women are not objects just to be looked at. They're to be taken seriously. I want to choose somebody I take seriously and the world takes seriously, too."

Paula Shugart, president of the Miss Universe organisation, was hyped-up for the night.

"I don't think there is any doubt in the rest of the world's mind that Brazil is the place, between hosting the Olympics and hosting the World Cup," she said. "I always say we're the 'World Cup' of beauty."

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| ATN BANGLA   | 10:02 | Bangla Feature Film         |
| 10:40        | 05:30 | Barney                      |
| 10:45        | 06:30 | Char Deval-er Khela         |
| 05:00        | 08:00 | Tele-film                   |
| 06:15        | 11:00 | Tomya Gaan Shonabo          |
| 11:00        |       | Z Studio                    |
| CHANNEL i    | 10:30 | Deep Impact                 |
| 01:05        | 01:30 | The Lizzie McGuire Movie    |
| 01:30        | 03:40 | The Weather Man             |
| 02:40        | 06:45 | Helen                       |
| 07:50        | 09:30 | Mad Money                   |
|              | 11:50 | The Alamo                   |
| BANGLAVISION |       | Star Movies                 |
| 11:05        | 01:45 | Born To Raise Hell          |
| 02:20        | 03:20 | Amelia                      |
| 05:20        | 05:15 | Charlie's Angels            |
| 06:05        | 07:00 | Shanghai Knights            |
| 09:05        | 09:00 | Twilight Saga: Eclipse      |
| 11:05        |       | Nine                        |
| Rtv          |       | HBO                         |
| 01:05        | 02:30 | G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra |
| 05:30        |       |                             |

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| abc radio FM 89.2 | 10:00 | Morning Express    |
| 06:00             | 12:00 | My Time            |
| 09:00             | 01:00 | No Tension         |
| 12:00             | 04:00 | Dhaka Calling      |
| 03:00             | 06:00 | High Rider         |
| 05:00             | 01:00 | Back to Back music |
| 06:00             |       |                    |
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**Chand Ful Omaboshya**  
On ATN BANGLA at 08:40pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Sajal, Arsha

**Twilight Saga: Eclipse**  
On HBO at 09:00pm  
Genre: Drama/Fantasy  
Cast: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson

**Tomar Jonno Amar A Gaan**  
On Rtv at 11:30pm  
Live Musical Show  
Guest: Nakul Kumar Biswas

08:20 Cookery Show  
09:50 Glamour World  
11:30 Tomar Jonno Amar A Gaan

10:05 Drama Serial  
04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar  
06:50 Rupali Pandar Galpo  
09:00 Kichu Kotha Kichu Gaan  
11:30 Drama Serial

Desh TV  
04:30 Durpath  
06:30 Durer Janala  
09:45 Music Dot Net  
10:30 Cookery Show  
12:30 Total Sports

Boishakhi TV  
10:30 Bangla Feature Film  
04:15 Shorashori Doctor  
05:30 Shudhu Cinemar Gaan  
09:20 Drama

ETV  
11:30 Ekushey-er Business  
05:40 Sports Plus  
07:50 Neel Pasar Gaan  
09:30 Ekushey-er Chokh  
10:10 Drama

Maasranga Television  
11:30 Ekushey-er Business  
05:40 Sports Plus  
07:50 Neel Pasar Gaan  
09:30 Ekushey-er Chokh  
10:10 Drama

Discovery Channel  
11:30 Ekushey-er Business  
05:40 Sports Plus  
07:50 Neel Pasar Gaan  
09:30 Ekushey-er Chokh  
10:10 Drama

**DRAMA SERIAL**  
ATN Bangla 04:20pm Porshi Bari  
08:00pm 09:20pm Oshobur  
09:20pm Area  
CHANNEL i 02:30pm Shobuj  
09:45pm Nakkhotro  
BANGLAVISION 04:45pm Gashay  
08:15pm Sar Kahan  
Rtv 06:00pm Boishakhi TV

**NEWS BULLETIN**  
RTV News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:30 pm  
BANGLAVISION News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm  
CHANNEL i News (Bangla) at 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 pm  
ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 am, 4:00 am, 6:00 pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm  
ETV News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 am, 4:00 am, 6:00 pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm

**TALK SHOW**  
ATN BANGLA 09:30am Vision 2020  
09:45am Trisla Matra  
12:30pm Taroka Kothan  
11:30pm Shawmo Orar Din  
BANGLAVISION 11:25pm Talk of the Week  
Rtv 12:05am Ekushey-er Raat

05:00 Showdown in Little Tokyo  
06:15 The Cat in the Hat  
08:00 Mildred Peppers  
09:30 Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant  
11:45 Invisible Target

StarWorld 03:30 Cops  
07:30 India's Most Desirable  
09:30 Master Chef Australia  
10:30 Bones  
11:30 Rules of Engagement

National Geographic Channel 02:30 True Stories: Ohio's Most Wanted  
05:30 Dangerous Encounters: To Catch a Hippo  
09:30 Dog Whisperer (Season 3)  
11:00 Don't Tell My Mother (Season 1): Pakistan  
12:00 Seconds from Disaster: Pentagon 9/11

Discovery Channel 03:30 Extreme Bodies  
07:30 Man vs. Wild  
09:30 Rising: Rebuilding Ground Zero  
10:30 Man Woman Wild