

# 2011 ends on a high note!



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*The year 2011 was one of ups and downs in the TV media, with experienced actors fighting to maintain their presence among the viewers, while newcomers worked hard to cement their own positions in the media. Different TV channels aired a plenitude of serials, as well as countless one-hour TV plays. Here is looking back at the past year:*

**A league apart**  
They are a league ahead of their peers. At the beginning of 2012, we take a look at the most successful and talked about directors, actors, actresses and productions of last year.

**Actors:** Zahid Hassan, Mahfuz Ahmed, Mosharraf Karim, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Chanchal Chowdhury, Sajal, Mir Sabbir, Arfin Shuvo, Anisur Rahman Milon, Apurbo, Shatabdi Wadud

and Intekhab Dinar. Among new faces, Kalyan and Syamol revealed remarkable talent. **Actresses:** Joya Ahsan was perhaps the most familiar face this year. Over the last few years, she has stolen a march over her contemporaries. Apart from her, Tarin, Sumaiya Shimu, Bonya Mirza, Tisha, Bindu, Nawshin, Sarika, Bidya Sinha Mim, Jenny, Sadiya Islam Mou and Ishita showed amazing talent. In the ranks of the new faces, Nawshaba, Tahsin, Ishana, Mashiyat and Rakhi were much talked about actresses.

**Most popular one-hour-TV plays**  
"Lekhok Sri Narayan Chandra Das", "Jol Torongo", "Daliya", "Dulchhe Pendulum", "Akash Jurey Megh", "Proof Reader", "Necklace", "All About His Mother", "Ekjon Chhayaboti, Putuler Ghor...Ghor Putul", "Aral", "Sudurtoma", "Majhe Majhe Tobo Dekha Pat", "Relax Boss", "Bhalobashar Recipe", "Arman Bhai Bhishon Tension-e", "Eid Shonkha", "Khachar Bhitro Chepta Golap", "Chorer Bou", "Gonona Nirbhul", "Megh Roddur O Romola", "Den Mohor", "Ghash Fuler Kobi", "Mora Jochhna", "Bahattur Ghonta", "Chithhi, Ditiyo Odhdhay", "Pahari Ful", "Odvut Jadukor", "Ekti Prithibi Ekti Manush", "Ghor Showar", "Motor Cycle" and "Second Hand".

**Most talked about incidents**  
Several TV stars tied the wedding knot in 2011. Badhon, Aupi Karim, Apurba, Bonna Mirza, Prova, Lux star Momo, Badhon, Richie Solaiman, Hridi Haq, Srabonti, Proiti Haq

experienced the joys of motherhood. Mohammad Mostafa Kamal Raj, Redwan Rony, Ittekkar Ahmed Fahmi, Noyem Intiaz Neamul, Animesh Aich, Shahin Kabir Tutul, Noman Robin were the directors who opened their accounts for the silver screen. Models who were constantly under the lime-light were Sarika, Shokh, Niloy, Nirob, Monalisa, Joya Ahsan and Sadiya Islam Mou. Bipasha Hayat became busy with hosting shows, along with her regular scriptwriting tasks. Moushumi Bishwas made a sudden decision to move to Canada, but came back eight months later to bury herself in work again. Ritchie Solaiman also went away to the US again around mid-year. Aupi Karim returned from Germany, but went away again on the last day of the year. Talented actor Humayun Faridee turned 60 on May 19. Sadiya Islam Mou earned a large chunk of limelight through her regular appearances in TV plays.

**Busy Bees**  
Those most busy with hosting TV shows were Sharmin Lucky, Munmun, Nabila, Nawshin, Sayem, Nirob Khan, Samiya Afreen, Shormi, Erina, Tania Hossain, Swagata, Lara Lotus, Nova, Moushumi Barua, Alif Auaidin and Alif Chowdhury. Last year, the actor who performed in the most one-hour-TV plays was Sajal. Actor Shahriar Shubho also emerged as a writer in 2011. Singer Porshi also made her acting debut. Ke Hote Chaye Kotipati became a hot topic of discussion throughout the year. Litu Anam made a noteworthy contribution by forming LA Aid an organisation for cancer patients. Brindaban Das remained the top dramatist throughout the year.



Mahfuz Ahmed

## THOSE WHO PASSED ON...

**Classical singer Ila Majumdar**  
Noted classical vocalist Ila Majumdar, wife of late Barin Majumdar and mother of Bappa Majumdar, died on May 3. She died of stroke at her Maghbazar residence.

**Pop singer Pilu Momtaz**  
Pop singer Pilu Momtaz died of heart attack at Apollo Hospital, Dhaka on May 23. She was 52. Pilu Momtaz was the third of renowned artiste Ustad Momtaz Ali's seven children.

**Singer Azam Khan**  
Azam Khan, a freedom fighter, singer, composer and guitarist, known as the "Pop Guru" whose popularity transcended generations of music lovers, passed away on June 5 at Combined Military Hospital (CMH). He was 62.

**Artist Kibria**  
Eminent artist Professor Emeritus Mohammad Kibria died of old-age complications at the city's LabAid Hospital on June 7. He was 82.

**Artist Aminul Islam**  
Veteran painter Aminul Islam passed away on July 8 at his residence. He was 80.

**Dr. Munna of Renaissance**  
Dr. Mahbub Morshed Munna, harmonic player of the band Renaissance died on July 13, at his residence in Dhanmondi, Dhaka due to a massive heart attack. He was only 49.

**Singer Abid**  
Close up-1 singer Abid Shahriar and one of his colleagues drowned in the sea at Cox's Bazar on July 29. Abid, 26, a known face in the country's music arena through the talent hunt show, and his friend Mostakim, 27, were in the beach city on a two-day tour with a team from advertising agency Matra.

**Filmmaker Tareque Masud and DoP-Journalist Mishuk Munier**  
The lives of internationally acclaimed filmmaker Tareque Masud and CEO of ATN News internationally renowned journalist Mishuk Munier were rudely cut short on August 13 in a road accident on the Dhaka-Aricha highway in Manikganj. Tareque Masud produced some of classics.

**Folk researcher Dr. Mridul Kanti Chakrobarty**  
Dr. Mridul Kanti Chakrobarty— noted singer, instrumentalist, writer, researcher, music critic and Professor at the department of Music, Dhaka University— died on August 15 at Labaid Cardiac Hospital in the capital. He was 86.

**Singer-composer Ajit Roy**  
Veteran music director, artiste and composer Ajit Roy, passed away on September 4 at Birdem Hospital. He was 73. During Liberation War, his contribution as a Shabdo Shainik at Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra was immense.

**Artist Imdad Hossain**  
Language Movement veteran and artist Imdad Hossain passed away due to old age complications. He died at about 10:30am on October 13. He was 85. Hossain encouraged freedom fighters at the training camps with his artworks during the Liberation War. He received Ekushey Padak and other prestigious awards for his outstanding contribution to the Language Movement.

**Photographer Rashid Talukder**  
Rashid Talukder, one of the most acclaimed photojournalists in the country, died on October 25 at the age of 72. As a war photographer in 1971, he took photographs that are considered to be major documents of the Liberation War.

**Litterateur Rashid Karim**  
Noted author Rashid Karim died at Ibrahim Cardiac Centre in Dhaka on November 26. He was 86. He was ailing from age-related complications.

**National Professor Kabir Chowdhury**  
Kabir Chowdhury, a national professor who became the icon of anti-communism through his decades-long active stance against the forces of evil and injustice, succumbed to a cardiac arrest on December 13. The reputed academic was 89.

**Professor Razia Khan**  
Dr Razia Khan Amin, an eminent litterateur and English professor at Dhaka University, passed away in a city hospital on December 28 at the age of 75. She had been ill for quite some time. Prof Razia Khan Amin is the daughter of distinguished politician and social activist Moulvi Tamizuddin Khan.

Zahid Hassan



Chanchal Chowdhury



Tarin



Tisha



Sumaiya Shimu



Nawshin

## THE YEAR THAT WAS...

**Nation celebrates Tagore 150th birth anniversary**  
Marking 150th birth anniversary (May 8, 2011) of Rabindranath Tagore, different organisations of Bangladesh had chalked out elaborate programmes throughout the year. Bangladesh and India had jointly organised a grand celebration on the occasion. The inaugural ceremony of a three-day programme was held on May 6 at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Vice President of India, Mohammed Hamid Ansari, graced the event as guests of honour. **Biggest ever street theatre fest**  
To mark the 40th anniversary of Independence as well as the 20th anniversary



of The Daily Star, a month-long street theatre festival across the country was held from January 14. The Daily Star along with Bangladesh Patho Natak Parishad organised the event. The festival was held in around 50 districts, where more than 110 troupes from all over the country staged plays. In terms of participating troupes, plays, shows, venues and days, the festival was one of the biggest theatre events in recent times. **Chobi Mela VI: Biggest Asian photography festival**  
With 29 print exhibitions featuring over 400

images by photographers from 22 countries; 33 digital presentations; 9 workshops conducted by seasoned photographers; mobile exhibitions on 10 rickshaw vans and a videoconference with the Prosecutor of International Criminal Court, Dr. Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Chobi Mela VI (the biggest festival of photography in Asia) was held in Dhaka from January 21 to February 3.

**Meherjaan taken out of theatres**  
"Meherjaan", directed by Rubaiyat Hossain, which has generated a major debate throughout the year, has been pulled from theatres in early February. The distributor of the film, Ashirbad Cholochitro, took the decision after the film received strong objections from several groups.



**A world of music descends**  
Held on February 4-5, Dhaka World Music Festival (DWMF) 2011 offered the intoxicating groove of soul, jazz, afro-beat, funk, reggae along with traditional Bangla folk for the first time at a major open air concert in Dhaka. The concert featured Motimba, local Bangla singers Shajahan Munshi, Rob Fakir, Rinku, and Baby Akhtar, Bangla, Sootsayers, Lokkhi Terra, Dele Sosimi and other local bands and artists. **Musical flashback under the Stars**  
A musical journey back in time, reminiscing on and appreciating the unadulterated melody of

classic Bangla songs, is thus aptly named "Tara Bhora Raatey" (On a Starry Night) at National Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in Dhaka on February 11 was part of the yearlong celebration marking the 20th anniversary of The Daily Star. Songs of Tagore, Nazrul, DL Roy, Atulprasad and Rajanikant initiated the journey back in time. The event was planned and coordinated by Sadya Afreen Mallick, editor of Star Arts and Entertainment.

**ICC World Cup journey**  
Unforgettable! That may be all it takes to describe the events that transpired on the memorable February 17, 2011. A big bang signalled what many have been impatiently waiting for: the ICC World Cup had finally come home. That evening Bangabandhu National Stadium played host to the most impressive unparalleled extravaganza to grace



Bangladesh. Before the official ceremony, a few local artistes entertained the crowds, setting the mood for what was about to come. **Ustad Zakir Hussain performs**  
Ustad Zakir Hussain, arguably the most widely known and influential tabla player of this age, performed for Dhaka music aficionados at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre on February 23. The daily Prothom Alo and Transcom Group arranged the recital in honour of the late Ustad Alarrakha Khan, Zakir Hussain's father and mentor. **Bryan Adams romances Dhaka**  
It is a rare occasion when a world renowned

musician pays a visit to Bangladesh. Usually we have to content with performers from neighbouring countries dropping by. The hype that surrounds those events provides only a small glimpse of the excitement over the recent concert by Bryan Adams as part of his Bare Bones Tour. By 7 o'clock on Friday night (February 18), the drive-in of Bangabandhu International Convention Centre was packed with long snaking queues of music enthusiasts waiting for the gate to open.

**Matir Moina honoured as World Classic**  
Tareque and Catherine Masud's much acclaimed film "Matir Moina" was screened by the New York State Writers Institute in USA, on March 11. The film was shown as part of screening of world classics that also



include films by Federico Fellini and Akira Kurosawa. In January this year, "Matir Moina" was also included in a televised series of world classics on major Australian channel SBS. "Matir Moina" aka "The Clay Bird" premiered in Cannes in 2002. **Bangladesh art goes to Venice**  
Bangladesh took part at the Venice Biennale 2011, held in Italy, starting from June 4. This was the first time that Bangladesh participated at the prestigious event. The 54th International Art Exhibition of the Venice Biennale was directed by art historian and critic Bice Curiger. Five Bangladeshi artists -- Mahbubur Rahman, Kabir Ahmed Masum

Chisti, Imran Hossain Piplu, Promothesh Das Pulak and Tayeba Begum Lipi -- had been selected to display their installations at the biennale alongside artists from across the globe.

**Moner Manush receives Indian National Film Award**  
Bangladesh-India joint venture, Gautam Ghosh's feature film on Fakir Lalon Shah, "Moner Manush", won two Indian awards including the Best Film at the 58th Indian National Film Awards.

**Artist Anisuzzaman bags Int'l award**  
Anisuzzaman, a well-known printmaker, awarded the prestigious Honourable Mention Award in the Ninth Bharat Bhavan International Biennial of Print Art 2011, Bhopal, India. Anis' prints have been



preserved at the Art Museum. He is the first Bangladeshi artist to have received this award. **Runa Laila rocks Delhi**  
A mesmerising live performance by the diva Runa Laila made Mahanabami, the penultimate day of the Durga Puja festival, a very special occasion for an estimated 1,000 music lovers who assembled at East Delhi's Miloni Cultural and Welfare Association on October 5. A half a mile queue of people was seen outside the Puja venue in a park, waiting to enter the pandal to listen to the singer live possibly for the first time in Delhi in many years.

**Guerrilla wins big at Kolkata Film Festival**  
Nasiruddin Yousuff's "Guerrilla", the feature film that captures Bangladesh's Liberation War on an epic canvass, won the Best Asian Film award and hearts of discerning film buffs of Kolkata. What made "Guerrilla" stand out among the movies that were screened in the competitive section introduced in the Kolkata festival for the first time this year was the huge canvass on which the Liberation War was portrayed.

**Chhayanaut turns 50**  
For five decades Chhayanaut has stood tall, upholding the Bengali identity -- providing support to the nation whenever needed. Celebrating its 50th anniversary, Chhayanaut held a reunion for its current and former organisers, activists, member, teachers and students on November 25 and 26.

**Making Hay**  
The annual literature festival that was born in Hay-on-Wye, Wales, UK and described by Bill Clinton as "the Woodstock of the mind" came to Dhaka on November 21, 2011. Hay Festival Dhaka was produced by Hay Festivals Worldwide and the British Council with Jatrik Productions, and sponsored by The Daily Star and Qatar Airways. According to the organisers, Hay Festival brings writers, thinkers, musicians, filmmakers, publishers and readers together around the world to go beyond cultural and genre barriers and promotes the exchange of ideas.

**Partha Pratim Majumder receives highest French cultural honour**  
Renowned mime maestro Partha Pratim Majumder received the title 'Chevalier De L'ordre Des Arts Et Des Lettres' (Knight in the Order of Fine Arts and Humanities) conferred by the Ministry for Cultural Affairs and Communication of France. The artiste was awarded the title earlier this year. Upon receiving an invitation from the French Ambassador to Bangladesh, Charley Causseret, Majumder formally received the title in Dhaka.

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## Fast Five is 'top pirated film of 2011'

Action movie Fast Five was the most pirated film of 2011, according to file-sharing blog, Torrent Freak. The fifth instalment in the Fast and the Furious film series was downloaded 9.2 million times, figures have shown. In second place was The Hangover II with 8.8 million downloads followed by Thor, thriller Source Code and I Am Number Four was in fifth place. James Cameron's sci-fi epic Avatar was last year's top-pirated film, downloaded 16.6 million times. Cameron had previously suggested that making movies in 3D would help put people off from down-

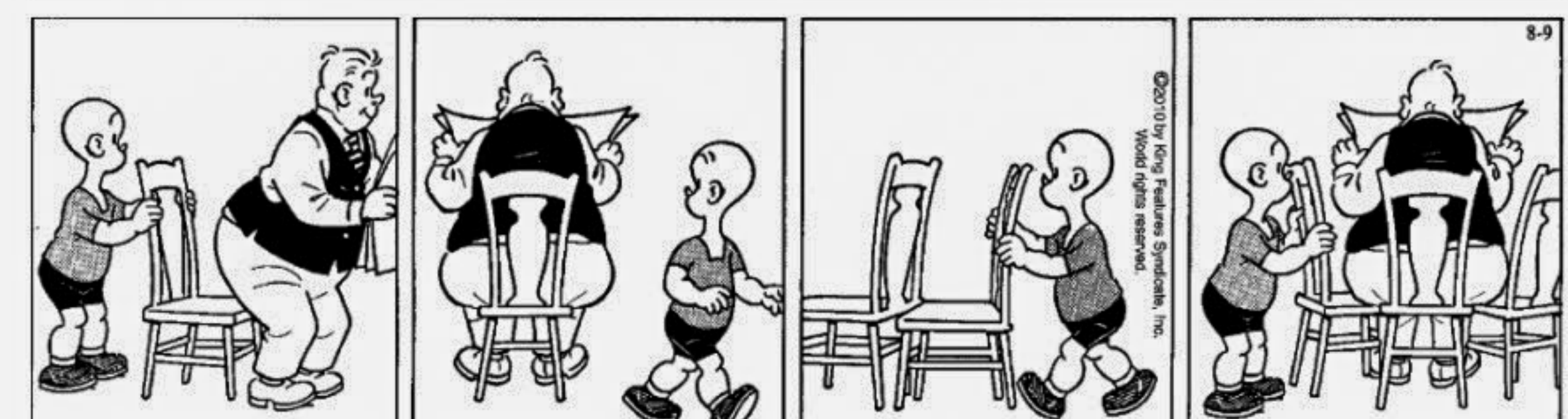
loading films illegally. Only two of this year's top ten, Thor and Harry Potter, were released in 3D - which could be attributed as much to a decline in the popularity of the format as to the difficulty in pirating the material. Figures for the entire top 10 this year have dropped in comparison with last year. Torrent Freak said this might be explained by an increase in file sharing and streaming sites - which don't count towards download figures. Thor, based on the comic book character of the same name, was downloaded 8.3 million times and Source Code, starring Jake

Gyllenhaal, 7.9 million times. Sucker Punch was at number six, followed by 127 Hours and Rango at number 7 and 8 respectively. And The King's Speech and Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 were both hugely popular at the box office, but their downloading figures remained fairly modest, appearing in ninth and tenth place on the list. The data for the list is collected from several sources, including reports from thousands of BitTorrent trackers. Source: BBC

### Beetle Baily by Mort Walker



### Henry by Don Tranchte



### BANGLAVISION Star World

11:05	Shokal Belar Roddur	10:30	The Big Bang Theory
01:05	Bangla Feature Film	12:30	Friends
05:20	Porkhika Prostoti	08:30	Achievers Club
11:25	Business Vision	09:30	Love2 Hate U
		10:30	Combat Hospital
		11:30	Dexter
			National Geographic
			Channel
		11:30	Fight Masters
		02:30	Man Hunt
		04:30	Extreme Disaster
		09:30	Banged Up Abroad
		10:30	Life Mein Ek Bar
		11:30	Breakout
			Discovery Channel
		11:30	Man vs. Wild
		03:30	Swords
		07:30	Speed at its Best
		08:30	Bermuda Triangle
			Exposed
		10:30	Gold Rush: Alaska
		11:30	Curiosity
			Maasranga Television
			BBC World

### DRAMA SERIAL

ATN BANGLA	ntv
08:00pm	Patra-shukh
08:00pm	Chori Gali
Rtv	07:45pm
08:20pm	Chorkkabo
09:05pm	Olophur
BANGLAVISION	10:35pm
08:15pm	Ladies First
09:05pm	Long March
ntv	08:15pm
	Boothu Amar
	Desh TV
	10:30pm
	Guhney
	08:15pm
	Sat Kahon
	Boishakhi TV
	10:35pm
	Ikhon Hemanta

### NEWS BULLETIN

BTV	News (Bangla) at 8:00 am	NEWS BANGLAVISION	News (Bangla) at 7:30am
	2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm		1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm
	News (English) at 10:00am		10:30pm
	4:00 pm, 10:00 pm		News Headlines (Bangla) at
	Late Night News (Bangla and		10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.
	English) 11:30 pm. (To be		News (English) at 6:00pm
	telecast on all Bangla		Rtv
	channels).		News (Bangla): 2:30 pm,
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	NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 pm,		News (Bangla): 7:30am,
	10:30pm, 1:00am		12:30pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm,
	10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00		ntv
	am, 4:00 am		News (Bangla): 7:30am,
	01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm		11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm,
	News (English): 9:00 am,		5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm,
	6:00 pm		11:00pm

### TALK SHOW

ATN BANGLA	07:40pm	Our Democracy
12:30am	Lead News	Desh TV
CHANNEL-I	11:45pm	Shoja Korha
12:30pm	Taroka Kotha	Boishakhi TV
ntv	10:50pm	Reporters Dairy
12:00am	Ei Showoy	ETV
Rtv	10:10pm	Media Gossip
10:40am	Taroklap	Maasranga Television
06:00pm	Diplomatic Zone	