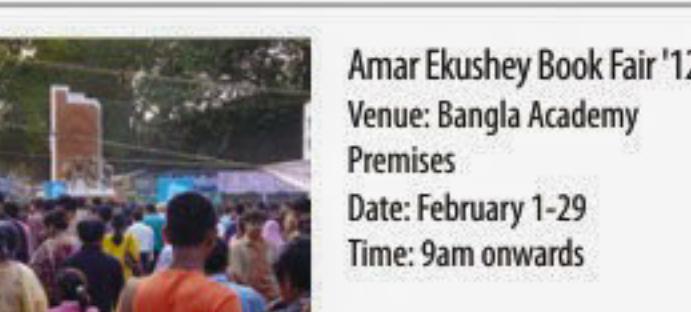


WHAT'S ON



Amar Ekushey Book Fair '12
Venue: Bangla Academy
Premises
Date: February 1-29
Time: 9am onwards



Moshedul Islam Film Festival
Organiser: Tapur
Venue: Nat Mondol
Date: Feb 16-18
Time: 3:30pm



Solo Photography Exhibition
Title: Estas De Bangladesh
Photographer: Dr. Pierre Clapaud
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
Date: Feb 17- Mar 1



Group Art Exhibition
Title: Studied Reflections
Venue: Radios Centre
Gulshan 1
Date: Feb 10-Mar 2
Time: 10am-8pm



Solo Exhibition
Title: Philosophy of Life
Artist: Ruhul Amin Kapil
Venue: Bengal Academy of Fine Arts, Dhannondi
Date: Feb 9-21
Time: 12pm-8pm



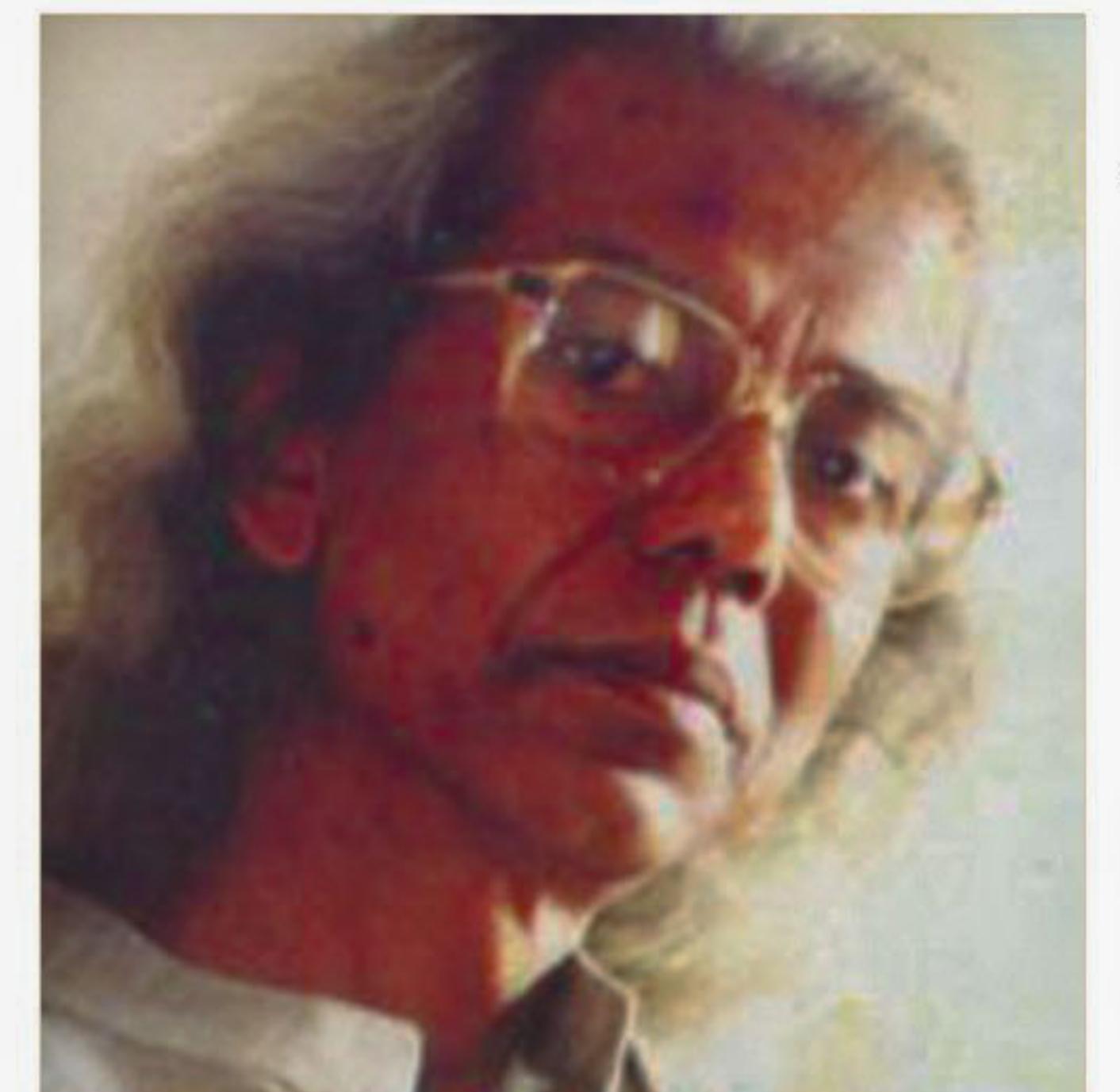
Theatre
Play: Sheher Kohita
Troupe: Prangone Mor
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpkala Academy
Date: Feb 17



KASHINATH SALVE
Solo Exhibition
Artist: Kashinath Salve
Venue: Gallery Cosmos, R-6, H-115, New DOHS, Mohakhali
Date: Feb 7-20
Time: 11am-8pm



Theatre
Play: Arambhika
Troupe: Theatre
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpkala Academy
Date: Feb 15



AT THE EKUSHEY BOOK FAIR

Mahadev Saha: A romantic visionary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mahadev Saha, one of the leading romantic poets in contemporary Bengali literature, is also a poet of mystery. He has enriched our literature since the 1960s. He has added a new dimension to Bangla poetry. Saha is offering eight new publications at the ongoing Ekushey Book Fair to be one of major cultural festivals of our country. It reflects on secularism as well as harmony among people of all religions and classes. It reminds us the philosophical aspect of Ekushey.

I visited many book festivals notably in New York, Berlin, France, Delhi, Kolkata. Ekushey Book Fair is very different and unique to me. Poets, writers, readers and other professionals await for the fair around the year.

Fiction is usually sells better. Poetry is the heart of the fair. It seems to have outnumbered books of other genres at the fair and have drawn a large number of readers' attention at the fair. Along with veteran poets, promising poets are also receiving good response from readers.

I believe that the fair has been playing a key role in our literary scene over the years. It has become a symbol of nationalism, encouraging a bold stance against communalism and ignorance. The big problem of the fair is inadequate accommodation. The size of the venue should be expanded. It could easily be extended to Suhrawardy Udyana.

The book fair seems to me a festival of alphabets. I consider

Amar Ekushey book fair begins at RU

A.M. JAHID, RU

A nine-day Amar Ekushey book fair 2012 began at Rajshahi University (RU) on Monday.

Swapno, a students' organisation of RU Psychology Department, organised the

programme at the second science building premises at the campus.

The book fair will continue till February 21. A total of 17 stalls of different publication have been set up at the fair.

RU Vice Chancellor Prof Abdus Sobhan inaugurated the programme by releasing

balloons. RU Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Mohammad Nurullah, Proctor Chowdhury Muhammad Zakaria, Psychology Department chairman Professor Shahriar Enam, Swapno's advisor Professor Shamsuddin Ilas and other teachers and students of the department were present at the inaugural session.

Colours of spring

Basanta Utshab celebrated in Dinajpur and Manikganj



Uddin Ahmed, arranged a colourful programme in Manikganj town Monday to celebrate Basanta Utshab or spring festival.

The organisation brought out a colourful rally from central Shahid Minar premises which went through the main roads of the town. Hundreds of children including members of the Shahid Rafiq Smriti Pathagar took part in the rally.

Later, a cultural function and discussion were held at the Shahid Minar premises. Iqbal Hossain Kochi, general secretary of Manikganj district unit of Sushashnor Jonno Nagorik, was present as chief guest. Atia Ferdousi Choitee, president of Shahid Rafiq Smriti Pathagar, presided over the discussion where Rabia Basri Tumpa, general secretary and Ishita Roy Anna, organiser secretary of the pathagar, addressed the audience.

Students of Dinajpur Haji Danesh Science and Technology University (HSTU) also celebrated the festival with fun and frolic on the campus.

Bidding goodbye to chilly winter and welcoming colourful spring, Dinajpur celebrated Basanta Utshab on Monday afternoon.

With the sun symbolising Basanta, people celebrated the festival by donning yellow clothes and sharing delicacies.

Udichi of Dinajpur organised the celebration programme on Monday afternoon holding different programmes including a festival procession, discussion and cultural programme.

A procession, brought out from the Udichi compound on Monday afternoon, paraded through Dinajpur and concluded at the starting point.

A cultural programme was organised at the complex. Students of various schools and colleges also celebrated the festival with fervour.

College students of Dinajpur Government College had a gala time as celebrations began with dancing to the beat of the dhol.



(From left) Professor Gowher Rizvi, Kashinath Salve and Enayetullah Khan at the inaugural.

PHOTO: BOTTALA



Fashioning the designs

"Reconstruction": The closing ceremony

KARISHMA AMEEN

"Reconstruction: Cultural Heritage and the Making of Contemporary Fashion" -- a two-week exhibition celebrating the work of seven leading UK fashion designers and three Bangladeshi designers -- was organised jointly by the British Council and the Bangladesh National Museum. The exhibition concluded on February 11.

The closing ceremony which was held at the British Council premises featured the stunning creations of eminent Bangladeshi designers, Ruby Guznavi, Manjulika Chakma and Emdad Hoque.

Director of the British Council, Bangladesh, Rosemary Arnott, warmly welcomed the guests and quoted famous Coco Chanel: "Fashion is not something that is in dresses only. Fashion is in the sky, in the street. Fashion has to do with ideas, the way we live, what is happening." Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Textile, Nitai Chandra Shutradhar and director general of the National Museum, Prokash Chandra Das followed with short speeches.

The fashion show began with the designs of Ruby Guznavi, whose focus is on natural dyes and textiles. Her collection was a line from Aranya, consisting of saris, kurta, short fatua tops, panjabis and kameez in jamdani and silk.

Some of the designs included silk saris with embellishments and matching shawls, silk short tops with straight silk pants and similar scarves, blue kameez with white embellishments and short top with a similar print and white flowing skirt. Among the men's wear were white jamdani fatua and silk panjabi.

Ruby Guznavi's line was followed by Manjulika Chakma who is renowned for her work with indigenous textiles. The influence of indigenous fashion could indeed be seen

in each of her designs where majority of the girls wore wrap around skirts made of ethnic textiles and prints with short fatua tops of similar textiles.

Purple bell-bottomed pants teamed with a purple top and straight quarter pants teamed with a white kaftan could also be seen.

The men could be seen in similar wrap around skirts, fatua and scarves wrapped around their heads. Two saris were also included in the collection, which were heavily influenced by indigenous influences.

The night wrapped up with the creations of Emdad Hoque, the founder of fashion school, Fashion Pathshala, who showcased his Peace of Mind collection, which comprised mainly of white, red and black on jamdani, silk and muslin.

Apart from jamdani saris, there were jamdani hoodies sported by the men. A range of anarkali kameez sets with multi-layered bottoms teamed with bell-bottomed pants were also flaunted on the ramp.

The collection and with it the fashion show ended with a floor length kameez with a black and red multi-layered bottom and an off-white silk panjabi.

Events like Reconstruction can give Bangladesh a firm niche in the world map of fashion.

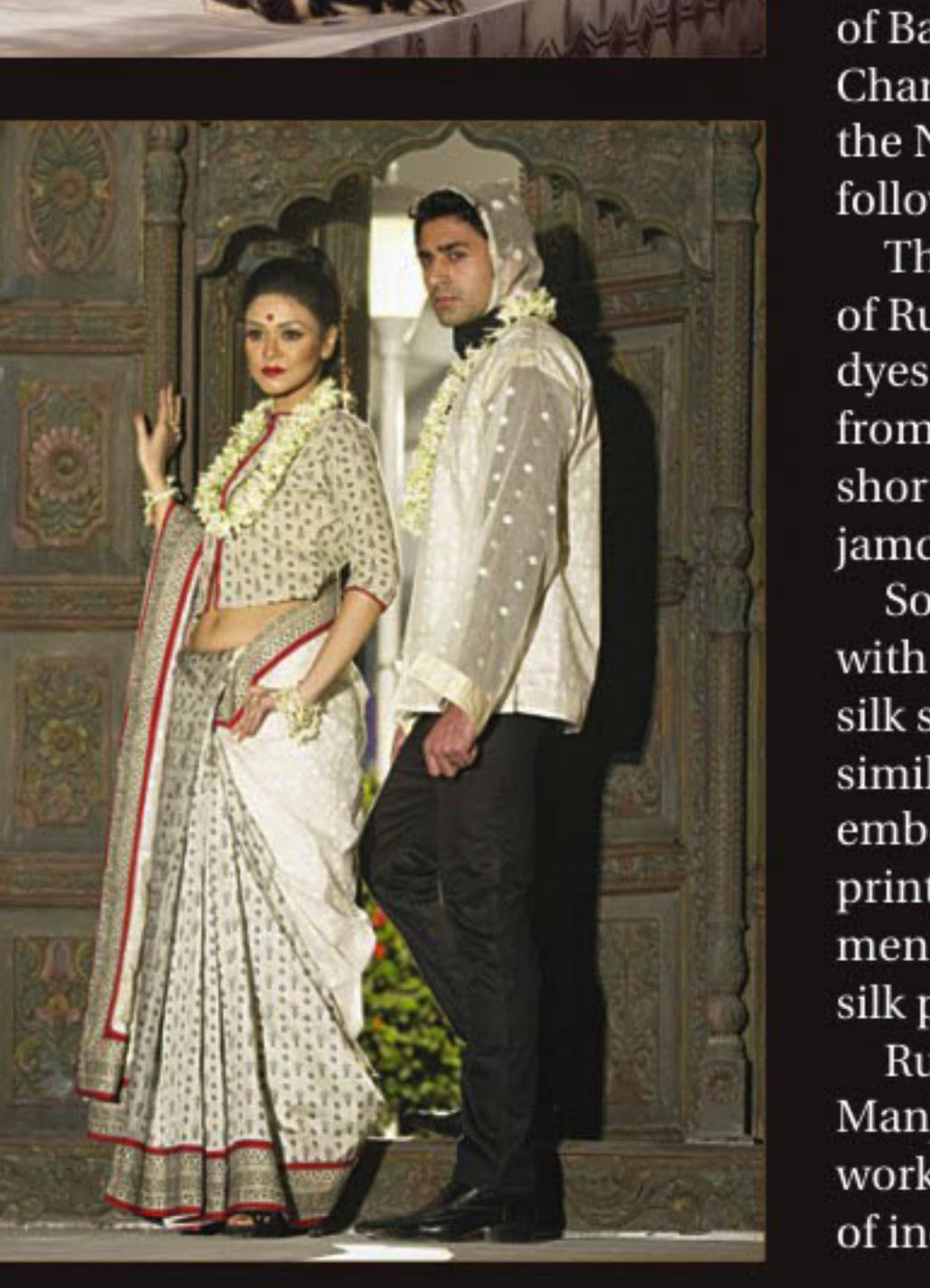
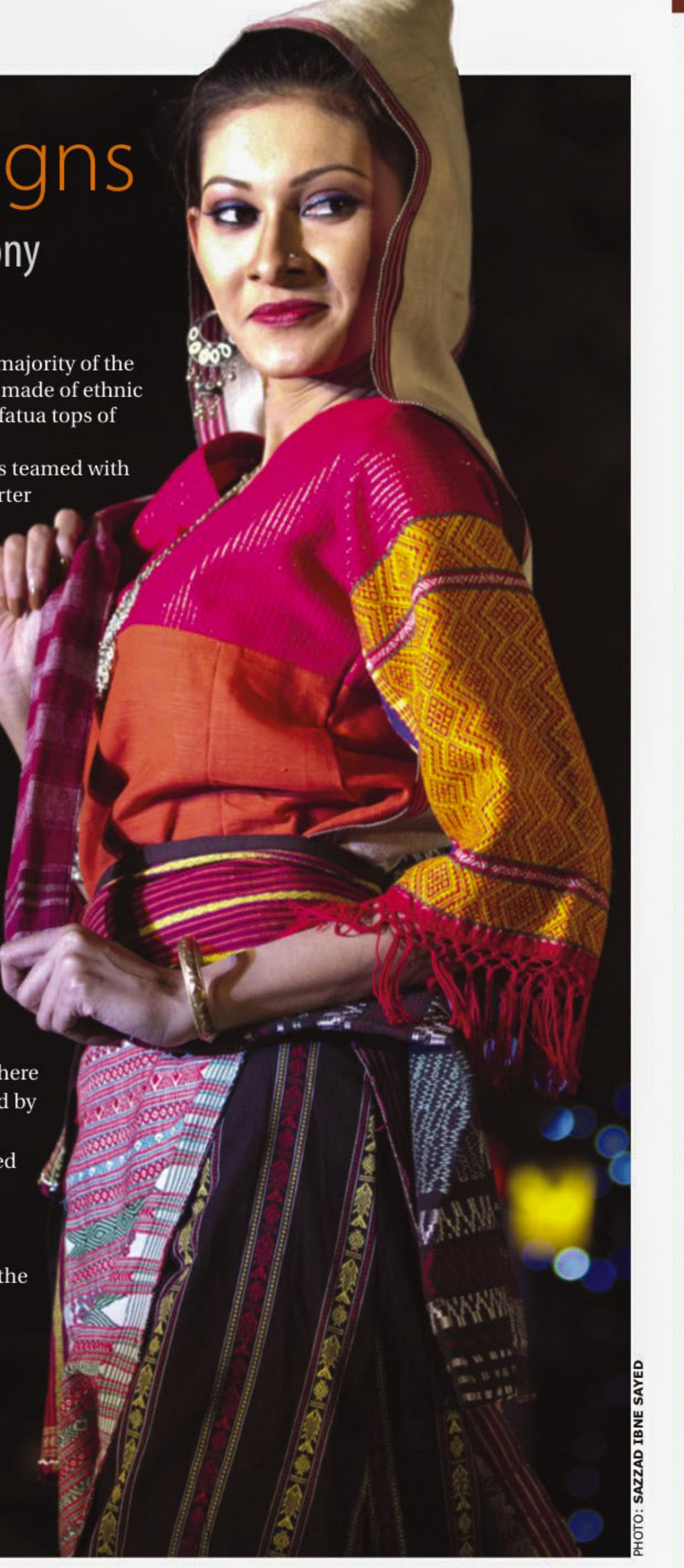


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BTV	Business Hour	05:00	Cinema R Gaan
	Hijol Tomal	05:30	Lucky Line
	Drama Serial: Gramer	07:25	Ghorey Utshab
	Manush	08:35	Desh TV
	Amader El Boshundhara	10:25	Dech Jonod
	Stir Jagania	11:30	Durgesh
ATN BANGLA	Band View	01:25	Phagun Molat
	Char Dewal-er Kabbu	04:00	Music Dot Net
	Destination Unlimited	06:30	Total Sports
	10:55	12:05	Mastranga Television
	Drama Serial: Ascroy	08:00	02:00 Bangla Feature Film
	11:30	09:00	Prime Issue
CHANNEL 1	Sports Time (Live)	01:05	09:30 Drama Serial: Pother Dabi
	Elong Cinemar Gaan	01:35	10:30 Hari Jati Lal
	Tele-film	03:05	11:00 Music Digest
	Boi Mela (Live)	05:15	12:00 Shamprotik
	Drama Serial: Komol Bibi	07:50	Z Studio
	Ottish Shala O Kana	09:25	Walking Talk: Lone Justice
	Sirajdula	11:45	01:30 Abandoned
ntv			03:00 Pearl Harbor
			09:30 The Human Show
			11:45 Forces of Nature

RADIO	abc radio FM 89.2	10:00	Morning Express
	Bhorer Janatay	06:00	No Tension
	Mukhomer Jiboney	09:00	09:00
	Duranta Bokpury	12:00	09:00
	Shundha Tora	05:00	RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
	Shajer Maya	07:00	08:00 Green FM
	Raat-er Akashay	09:00	08:00 Good Morning Dhaka
	Galper Sheesh Nei	11:00	12:00 Today's Adda
	Radio Foorti	04:00	04:00 04:00
	Radio Foorti	07:30	07:00 Teby Tai Hik
			10:00 Raat Bhor Gaan

Poush Phagun Pala	On ATN BANGLA at 09:20pm	09:20pm	The Truman Show
	Drama Serial	09:20pm	On Z Studio at 09:30pm
	Cast: Afzana Mimi, Ferdousi Majumdar	09:20pm	Genre: Comedy/ Drama

The Truman Show	On BANGLAVISION at 11:25pm	11:25pm	Music Club
	Phone O Live	09:30pm	Studio Concert
	Guest: Dilaruba Khan and Shimul	10:00pm	Death Race 2

Star World	Glamour World	11:30	HBO
	Janar Achhey Bolar	01:25	Sherlock Holmes
	Achhey	04:10	The World is Not Enough
	Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe	06:55	The Bourne Identity
	Kichhu Katha Kichhu	09:30	Black Water
	Gaana	11:20	Death Race 2
CHANNEL 1	Drama Serial: Terminal	11:30	Star World
	DW Global 3000	04:30	Castle
	Baudha Otor	06:30	Supernatural
	Fashion and Tame	07:50	The Shield
	Drama Serial: Ohngkar	08:20	The Big Bang Theory
	Trinamool Sangat	10:10	Two And A Half Men
ETV	Bishashiki TV	11:30	National Geographic Channel
	Bangla Feature Film	04:15	05:30 Mega Structures
	Shorashor Doctor	06:20	06:00 Animals Gone Crazy
	Battle of Cricket	08:45	09:00 Live Battle Zone
	Drama Serial: Talibet	10:50	10:00 Mega Factories
	Reporters Diary	11:30	12:00 Mad Scientists
BANGLAVISION	Bangla Feature Film	01:30	Discovery Channel