

WHAT'S ON

Dhaka Art Summit
Venues: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and National Museum
Date: April 12-15
Time: 11am-7pm



Theatre
Play: Apod
Troupe: Dhaka Padatik
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: April 11



Musical Soiree
Title: Shubho Bangla Noboborsho '19
Organiser: Rabang
Venue: H-50, R-2/A, Dharmamandi
Date: April 14
Time: 6:30pm-11pm



Art Exhibition
Title: Eminent Printmakers of Bengal
Venue: Gallery Chittrak, Dharmamandi
Date: April 10-20
Time: 10am-5pm




Group Art Exhibition
Title: The Voice of Time
Venue: Institute of Art & Culture, H-2, R-1/A, Gulshan-2
Date: April 7-May 8



Grand Group Art exhibition
Venue: Saju Art Gallery, Gulshan-2
Date: April 7-May 8



Chaitro Sankranti Bui Utsab
Organiser: Adom Publication
Venue: Public Library Premises
Date: March 31-April 12
Time: 10am-5pm



DHAKA ART SUMMIT OPENS TOMORROW



(From left) Nadia Samdani, Mashrur Arefin, Liaquat Ali Lucky, Prokash Chandra Das, Shahabuddin Ahmed and Mohammad Muniruzzaman at the press conference.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Art Foundation (SAF), in collaboration with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) and Bangladesh National Museum (BNM), is organising the first Dhaka Art Summit (DAS). The summit begins tomorrow, and will continue till April 15 in the city. Sponsored by City Bank and American Express, the main venues of the summit will be Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Bangladesh National Museum. Several other venues will host exhibitions, curatorial shows, seminars, presentations etc.

The summit will be spread over 19 art galleries in Dhaka. The participating galleries are Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Art Lounge, Britto Arts Trust, Dhaka Art Centre, Drik Gallery, Gallery Chittrak, Gallery Cosmos, Gallery Jolrong, Galleri Kaya, Haque Art Gallery, Porapara Space for Artists, Radius Centre, Saju Art Gallery, Tivoli Art Gallery, Santaran Art Organisation and Interior Depot.

The inauguration programme will be held at the National Theatre Auditorium, BSA. Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith will inaugurate the summit as chief guest. Farooq Sobhan, chairman of the advisory committee of Dhaka Art Summit, will be present as the special guest. Liaquat Ali Lucky, director general of BSA; Nadia Samdani, chief executive officer of SAF; artist Shahabuddin Ahmed, chairman of trustee board, SAF; Mahmood Sattar, managing director of the City Bank Ltd, will deliver speeches at the inauguration.

Around 249 artists are taking part at the summit. The mediums include oil, acrylic, watercolour, prints (etching, acquaint, lino, litho, serigraph etc), installation, video art, videography, photography, sculpture and more.

SAF will also present two awards -- Samdani Artist Development Award (worth Taka 10 lakh) and Samdani Young Talent Award (Taka 5 lakh). At the invitation of SAF, an international jury is coming to Dhaka. The jury panel includes Kyla McDonald, curator of Tate Modern Museum (England); Dr. Deepak Ananth, art historian and expert (France); Elaine W. Ng, editor and publisher of Art Asia Pacific; Indian artist Ravinder Reddy and Bangladeshi painter Shahabuddin Ahmed.

Neha Kirpal, director of India Art Summit; Dr. Amin Jaffer, International Director of Asian Art at Christie's; Dr. Deepanjana Klein, chief of Modern and Contemporary South Asian Art Department; Yamini Mehta, specialist and head of Modern and Contemporary Indian Art of Christie's, among others, will attend the summit.

SAF will also organise six talk sessions. Kyla McDonald will read out a paper, titled "12 years of Tate Modern"; Bangladeshi artist Tayeba Begum Lipi will present a paper titled "Artists: Changing and Widening Ideas"; internationally acclaimed Bangladeshi photographer Dr. Shahidul Alam will deliver a paper "Can Photography be Taught? The Limits and Possibilities of Photographic Education"; Dr. Deepanjana Klein will

speak on "The Emergence of South Asian Art: Bangladesh and the Future"; Yamini Mehta will read out a paper on "The History of Collecting South Asian Contemporary Art: The Art Market Connoisseurship" and Dr. Amin Jaffer will speak on "Corporate Involvement in Art".

Rajeeb Samdani, founder-trustee of SAF, talked to The Daily Star about the Dhaka Art Summit: "Bangladesh has so far been known for natural disasters and religious extremism. We want to change this perception."

"Art enthusiasts will get an opportunity to see the avant-garde painters' works at this art summit. We want to promote Bangladeshi art locally and internationally through this summit. I believe that this summit will open the eyes of art aficionados, collectors, critics and art reviewers. This summit will also be a platform for interaction among the artists, critics and thinkers. We have invited well-known critics, historians, curators and painters from all over the world so that they get an exposure to the Bangladeshi contemporary art scene."

Mymensingh gears up for Nobo Borsho

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

To mark 'Pahela Baishakh', the Bengali New Year, Mymensingh district administration has chalked out elaborate programmes.

Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh, Md. Lokman Hossain Miah, chaired a meeting and decided to hold daylong programmes on Pahela Baishakh.

The programmes include a procession in the town, discussions, Baishakhi fair at Shaheeb Quarter Park area on the banks of Brahmaputra river, holding of traditional boat race and kite flying competition at Circuit House grounds, essay and painting competition and cultural functions presented by several cultural groups of the town.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (general), Kazi Ashraf Uddin; Superintendent of Mymensingh Police, Golam Kibria; heads of different educational institutions; cultural activists and journalists, among others, attended the meeting.

Sammilita Sangskritik Jote's Mymensingh unit, District Shilpakala Academy and many other socio-cultural organisations will arrange discussions and cultural shows to welcome the New Year.

Memorial meeting on Mahbubul Haider Mohon

A CORRESPONDENT

Sammilita Sangskritik Jote will arrange a memorial meeting on the recently deceased freedom fighter, Gano Sangeet artiste and cultural activist Mahbubul Haider Mohon. The meeting will be held today at 5pm at the Liberation War Museum, Segunbagicha. Progressive politicians, cultural activists and artists will talk about his life and contributions. A number of elocutionists will recite and singers will perform at the programme.



A brilliant display of Asian cultures



Bangladeshi students perform at the programme.

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chittagong

Asian University for Women (AUW) hosted a vibrant cultural programme at its auditorium on Monday evening as part of the 12-day "Odommo Chittagram" (Indomitable Chittagram) celebration organised by The Daily Star to promote history, culture, heritage and potential of the port city.

The programme was marked by participation of hundreds of students from 12 different Asian countries. The cultural programme started around 9 pm, immediately after a discussion.

Two Sri Lankan students appeared on the stage, wearing the traditional clothes of their country. They performed a dance to Lankan music.

The Sri Lankan team was followed by an Indian team. Five Indian students presented a group dance. Their performance seemingly held sway over the audience.

Shakila, a student from Pakistan, rendered an Urdu song articulating a child's love for the mother. Despite the language difference, the

audience consisting of representatives of 12 nations seemed to understand the message very well. A child's love for his/her mother is a universal theme, irrespective of language, culture, heritage, race and religious identity and that was proved once more at the event.

Bhutanese students then appeared on the stage with a group dance. The dance was performed to a popular Bhutanese song and the students dedicated their presentation to their newly married king. The eight Bhutanese students, in traditional attire, enthralled the audience.

Bangladeshi students took the stage amid big cheer. Four students performed a group dance to the Rabindra Sangeet, "Pagla Hawar Badol Din-e".

Another performance by the Bangladeshi students featured indigenous dance.

The cultural programme wrapped up with the presentation of another group dance to the song, "Baje Re Baje Bangladesh Dhol".

The Bangladesh presentation ended on a high note, highlighting the 'Green and Red' and the national flower, Shapla (water lily).

Rare books on display in Pabna



Professor Anisuzzaman looks at an old scroll.

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Professor emeritus Anisuzzaman, chairman, Bangla Academy said that the younger generation is gradually losing interest in books though numerous books are being published every year in Bangladesh. He urged people to maintain reading habit in the interest of building a sound knowledge base. He was addressing a gathering as the chief guest, at a weekend book exhibition by Annada Gobinda Public Library, on Saturday.

"Despite technology providing information in alternative ways, the young should not keep away from books, which are a storehouse of knowledge," said Professor Anisuzzaman.

President of Annada Gobinda Public Library, Anjan Chowdhury, chaired the inaugural ceremony. Prominent educationalist of Pabna, Professor Md. Anisuzzaman; vice president of Public Library, Robul Islam and secretary of the library, Abdul Matin Khan, spoke on the occasion.

"Although we lament the decline in the reading habit, when we see that over 3,000 books were published at the Bangla Academy Book Fair this year, there is reason for opti-

mism. According to reports, books worth over Taka 30 crore were sold at the Ekushey Book Fair. However, we should realise that all books are not on par and we should be able to select appropriate books," said Professor Anisuzzaman.

Over 1,000 books, mostly rare, were displayed at the book exhibition: books on the Liberation War, travelling, literature, agriculture, science, sociology, medicine and economics, among others. The prized collection comprises an ancient Bangla alphabet list on a leaf that dates back to 400 years.

Shahidul Haque Manik, librarian of Annada Gobinda Public Library, said that the library which dates back 121 years has a treasure trove of around 23,280 books. Of the huge collection many rare and ancient books are on display.

Talking to The Daily Star, Md. Abdul Matin Khan, secretary of Annada Gobinda Public Library, said that the book exhibition is an annual event and aims to introduce the younger generation to valuable, ancient books.

"Annada Gobinda Public Library is one of the oldest and richest libraries across the country," Matin added.

The book exhibition kicked off on April 7 and will continue till April 12.

Manipuri Bhasha Utshab held



IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

The Manipuri community in Sylhet observed 'Manipuri Bhasha Utshab-2012' recently with a call to save and undertake research on the Manipuri language. People from different areas in Moulvibazar, Habiganj and Sylhet districts joined in the fifth edition of the daylong event.

The event began with the hoisting of the national flag and the rendition of the national anthem at the city's Aided High School premises. Headmaster of the school, Syed Enayet Hossain, formally inaugurated the event.

A vibrant procession was then taken out in the city while the participants paid tributes by placing floral wreaths at the Sylhet Central Shaheed Minar.

A contest on the Manipuri language was held with the participation of 75 children. The winners were awarded later.

A discussion and cultural function were also held, chaired by poet AK Sheram, president of Bangladesh Manipuri Sahitya Samity.

Treasurer of Shahjalal University of Science & Technology (Sust), Professor Dr. Md. Ilyasuddin Biswas, attended the function as chief guest. Writer Rafiqur Rahman; Mahfuzur Rahman, executive director of the Friends in Village Development, Bangladesh (FIVDB) and Zehin Ahmed, President of the NGO Podokkhep, Bangladesh addressed the gathering. Sangsad's General secretary Nambrom Sanker conducted the proceedings.

The speakers were of the view that Manipuri language has a rich historic value. Institutional efforts are greatly needed to preserve the language, they asserted.

They demanded government efforts to save Manipuri and other languages. As a private venture, the Manipuri Bhasha Gobeshana O Unnayan Sangstha started a 'Manipuri School' in Komolgan upazila under Moulvibazar district on February 17, this year, they said.

In addition to Manipuri songs the artists of the Manipuri Sanskritik Academy presented dances at the cultural function.

The 46th issue of 'Moira', a publication in Manipuri language, was also launched at the function.

Visvabharati to honour Dr. Sanjida Khatun

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Bangladeshi Tagore exponent Dr. Sanjida Khatun; Hindustani classical legend Pandit Jasraj and eminent Indian painter Ganesh Paine will be conferred the Visvabharati University's highest recognition 'Desikottama'.

Leading stage personality and former director of National School of Drama (NSD) in New Delhi, Ebrahim Alkazi, will also be conferred the honour, according to University sources.

'Desikottama' will be conferred at the forthcoming 'Samabartana' (convocation) of the university on April 27 by the Paschimbanga Governor MK Narayanan.

Boshonto Utshab in Faridpur

REZAUL KARIM, Faridpur

Boshonto Utshab, a festival to welcome spring, was celebrated recently in Faridpur by poets and litterateurs from Bangladesh and India.

Jatiya Kobita Parishad of India, Chayan Sahitya Club, Kabyomalanjoli and Faridpur Creative Forum of Bangladesh jointly organised the programme.

The event was held at Kobi Bhaban on Altaf Hossain Road in the town.

The programme included recitations, literary discussion, poetry book and CD launch of Kabyomalanjoli, a visit to the house of poet Jasimuddin, commemoration of poet Humayun Kahir and scientist Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose and a literary event, "Kabyomalanjoli-2012".

Poets Komol Dey Sikder, Ashok Roy Chowdhury, Dipen Bhadury, Shakil Ahmed, Suproakash Ghosh, Professor Asrafi Khatun, Sudipto Mitra and Layek Mainul Haque from India took part in a literary discussion and recited poems on the occasion.

Among others, playwright Amirul Islam Rumi, actor Aminur Rahman Farid, Gouro Bagchi and Bishwajit Chandon of Bangladesh attended the programme with filmmaker Dilder Hossain in the chair.

Celebrating Tagore's 150th birth anniversary

A. M. JAHID, RU Correspondent

Profound love for humanity lies concealed behind all the literary creations of Rabindranath which deal with human emotions and crises, speakers said at a seminar on Tagore.

Addressing a day-long celebration marking the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore at Rajshahi University on April 5, speakers said that Tagore was a versatile genius in all forms of art ranging from literature, music, plays, and painting.

Bangla department, Bangla Samity and Bangla Research Sangsad of the university jointly organised the celebration amid enthusiasm on the campus.

Describing Tagore as a global scholar, the speakers also said all the forms of Bengali literature have been enriched by Tagore's writings.

RU pro vice-chancellor Muhammad Nurullah inaugurated the programme while the department's teachers, students and offi-



A rally brought out on the occasion.

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cials and invited guests were present.

Bangla Department chairman Prof Shafikunnabi Samadi presided over the function. Prof M Abdur Rahman, treasurer of the university was present as special guest at the university Kazi Nazrul Islam auditorium.

Earlier, a procession was brought out on the campus that ended in front of the university Kazi Nazrul Islam auditorium parading the campus's streets.

In a seminar, Prof Choudhury Zulfikar Matin presented his paper on Tagore, titled

'Amorotter Jala'. Professor Sanat Kumar Saha and Professor Kandakar Sirazul Haque discussed on the article. Professor Khandakar Farhad Hossain presided over the session.

Later, a cultural programme on Tagore songs titled 'Sarthok Janom Amar', participated by the students was held in the auditorium.

The second session of the programme started with another seminar titled 'Lokdopone Rabindranath' presented by Professor Sattabati Giri of Jadabpur University, India.


Noted writer Prof Hasan Azizul Haque and RU former vice-chancellor Prof Abdul Khaleq addressed the seminar while Prof Abdul Jalil, former teacher of the university was in the chair.

The day-long programme ended with a cultural programme on Tagore songs titled 'Joy tabo bichitro anando' by singers Bulbul Islam and Nandita Yesmin while a dance programme titled 'Nohi samanna nari', on the basis of "Nati Puj" and "Tasher Desh" of Tagore was performed by dancer Warda Rihab and her group.

ATN BANGLA	05:00 Durgap
01:25 Band View	06:30 Duree Janala
04:25 Showbiz World	09:45 Music Dot Net
08:00 Destination Unlimited	11:45 Total Sports
10:55 Biker Kabe Proshno	
11:30 Drama Serial: Asoy	
	Diganta TV
CHANNEL i	11:30 Chitra Bichitra
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan	03:30 Career Line
03:05 Tele-film	08:40 Pothey Pantorey
05:30 Drama Serial: Aj Kichu	09:40 Drama Serial: Choshma Motin
	Maaranga Television
07:50 Spelling Bee	10:02 Bangla Feature Film
	07:30 Prime Issue
ntv	11:30 Glamour World
04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey	11:00 Music Digest
08:15 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe	12:00 Shampirok
09:00 Kichu Katha Kichu Gaan	
	Fox Movies
11:30 Drama Serial: Terminal	02:10 Vantage Point
ETV	03:45 Zookeeper
04:30 DW Global 3000	07:00 Gulliver's Travels
	08:30 Homeland
	10:20 Day Watch

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06:00 Bhoros Jananay	12:00 No Tension
09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney	04:00 Dhaka Calling
12:00 Darun Dupury	06:00 Gangeti Jodori
03:00 Ousara Bhakty	RADIO TQFM FM 88.5
05:00 Shondha Tara	06:00 Green FM
07:00 Shay-e Maya	08:00 Good Morning Dhaka
09:00 Raat-e Alakhey	12:00 Today's Adda
11:00 Galper Shesh Net	04:00 U Turn
Radio Footi	07:00 Takey Ja Hak
07:30 Hello Dhaka	10:00 Raat Shor Gaan

Poush Phaguner Pala
On ATN BANGLA at 09:20pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Intekhab Dinar, Shohana Saba



Homeland
On Fox Movies at 08:30pm
Genre: Drama/Mystery
Cast: Claire Danes, Damian Lewis



Music Club
On BANGLAVISION at 11:25pm
Concert
Guest: Lalon Band



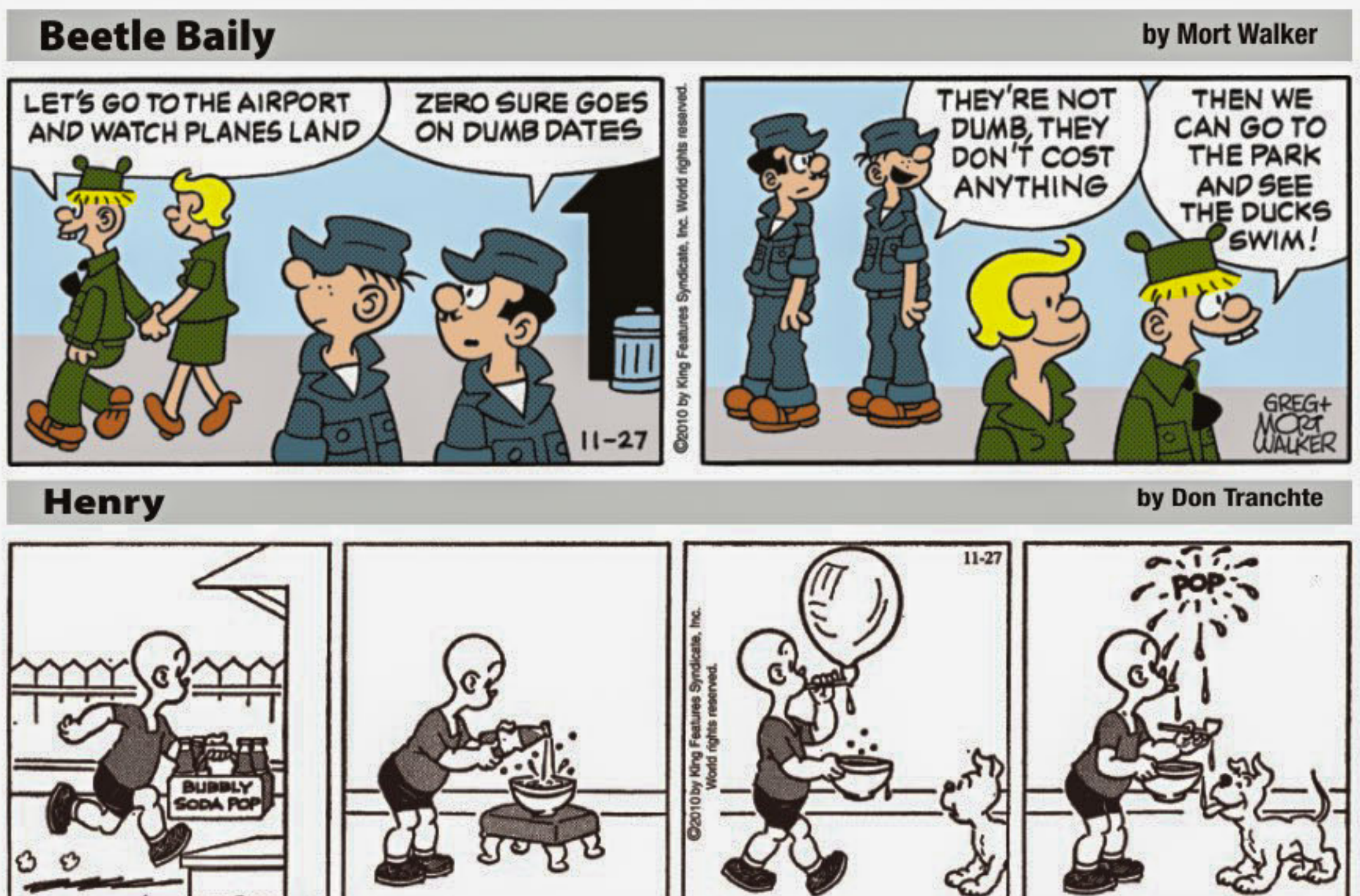
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08:20 Drama Serial: Ohongkar	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
10:10 Trinamool Sanglap	04:00 Rocky III
	07:20 Lucky Numbers
Boishakhi TV	11:45 Goldfinger
10:30 Bangla Feature Film	Star World
03:30 Shudhu Cinemar Gaan	03:30 Desperate Housewives
04:15 Shorashori Doctor	05:30 Person of Interest
09:20 Drama Serial: Chupl	09:30 Supernatural
	10:30 Castle
11:00 Reporters Dairy	National Geographic Channel
BANGLAVISION	02:30 Deadliest Warrior
01:05 Bangla Feature Film	05:30 World's Deadliest Animals
05:25 Bichitra	08:30 Predator
09:05 Nacho	09:30 Ground War
	10:30 Breakout
Music Club	Discovery Channel
Rtv	03:30 How Stuff Works
01:10 Bangla Feature Film	04:30 Masters of Survival
05:00 Cinema R Gaan	08:30 Gold Rush
08:15 Drama Serial: College Road	10:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
09:50 Lucky Line	
12:05 Ghorey Ghorey Utsab	
Desh TV	
03:00 Gaan R Gaan	

ATN BANGLA	Boishakhi TV
08:40pm Chand Phul	08:40pm Rosha Mia
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ETV	11:30pm Desh TV
09:30pm House Number 777	08:15pm Radio Chochhe

BTV	Boishakhi TV
News (Bangla) at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, 8pm,	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7pm,
News (English) at 10am, 6pm, 10pm,	News (English) at 9am, 6pm,
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ETV	News (Bangla) at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm,

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06:15pm Kothamala	12:10pm El Shomoy
12:30am Lead News	12:05am Ekushey-e Raat
CHANNEL i	12:05pm Boishakhi TV
12:05pm Trito Matrai Apori	12:30pm Tanika Kothan
12:30pm Ally Bibhon Bhora	06:25pm Front Line
Rtv	10:40am Tankalag
07:40pm Our Democracy	11:45pm Shoja Katha

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