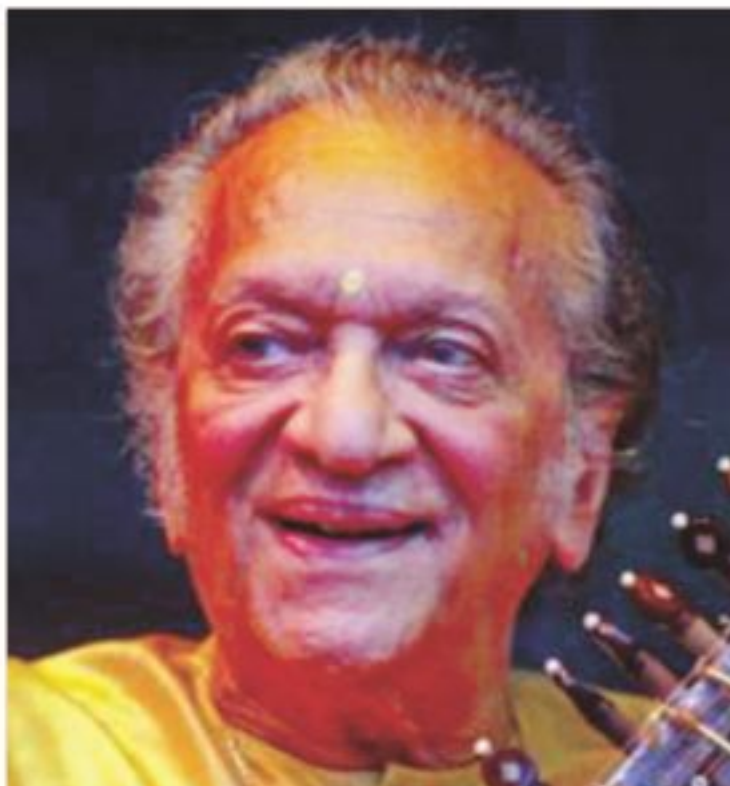
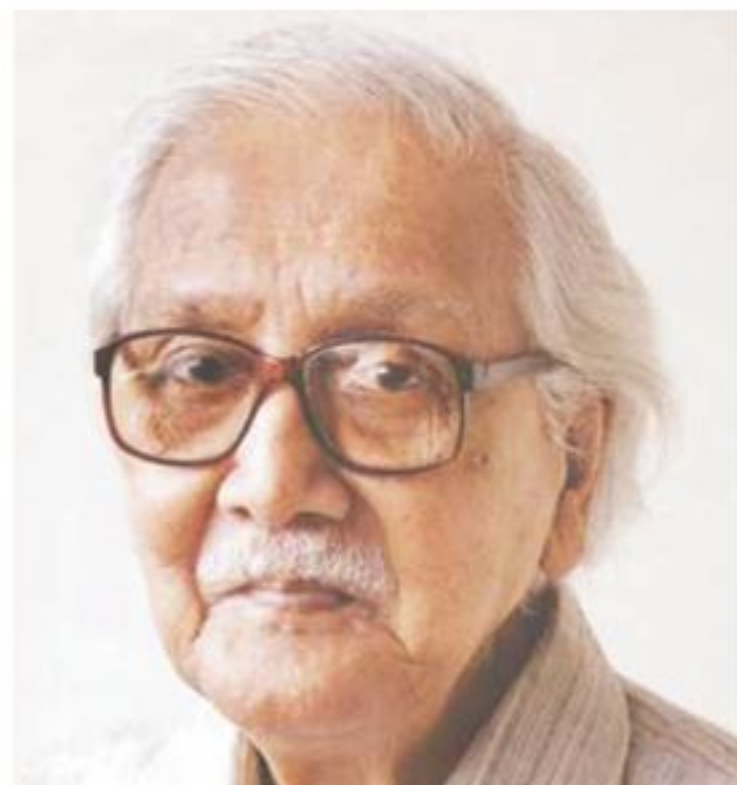




Humayun Ahmed



Pandit Ravi Shankar



Safiuddin Ahmed



Humayun Faridee



Subhash Dutta



Sunil Gangopadhyay



Siddiqua Kabir

Filmmakers and producers from Bangladesh also attended the film festival.

Celebrating Life Shadinota Concert

Featuring some of the most renowned musicians of the country as well as an ensemble from Kolkata (India), the Celebrating Life Shadinota Concert was held on March 31 at the Suhrawardi Udyan in Dhaka. The Daily Star, in association with Standard Chartered Bank Bangladesh, hosted the event that also marked the 41st anniversary of Bangladesh's independence.

Popular Adhunik singers, rock artists and celebrated cultural personalities took part in the concert. A group of contestants from the Celebrating Life competition also performed at the event. Indian musician Debajyoti Mishra, with his 24-member ensemble, performed for the Dhaka audience.

Siddiqua Kabir no more

She modernised the art of Bangladesh cooking. "Ranna Khadyo Pushiti", written by her, is considered a culinary bible by all Bangladeshis who can read. Noted nutritionist and culinary expert Professor Siddiqua Kabir passed away on January 31, 2012. She was 80. She had been involved with cooking shows on television since 1965.

Humayun Faridee passes away

Renowned actor Humayun Faridee died at his Dhanmondi residence in the capital on February 13, 2012. He was 60. Faridee, a popular actor -- in television drama, theatre and cinema -- had been living a lonely life after his divorce with eminent actress Suborna Mustafa in 2008. Born in Dhaka on May 29, 1952, Faridee was well-known for his remarkable performances in dramas and serials like "Shongshaptak" (1987-88), "Pathar Shomoy" (1989), "Dui Bhai" (1990), "Sheeter Pakhi" (1991), "Kothao Keu Nei" (1990), "Shomudure Gangchil" (1993) and "Kacher Manush".

Odmmo Chattagram celebrates the spirit of Port City

As a tribute to the glorious past and indomitable spirit of Chittagong, the 12-daylong The Daily Star Odmmo Chattagram (Indomitable Chittagong) Festival opened on March 30 in the Port City. The 103-year-old living legend Binod Bihari

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Chowdhury, who with his comrade Masterda Surja Sen set off the anti-British movement in this part of the subcontinent, inaugurated the festival. Editor and publisher of The Daily Star, Mahfuz Anam, along with distinguished personalities of Chittagong pledged at MA Aziz Stadium to develop the Port City with a view to ensuring the development of the country.

Artist Fokhrul Islam no more

Noted artist Mohammad Fokhrul Islam passed away on April 6 at Ibrahim General Hospital, Dhanmondi in Dhaka. He was 48. He had been ailing from diabetes related complications. Fokhrul started off as a ceramic artist in the early 1990s, but decided to switch to painting in the mid 1990s. Since then, his voyage through paintings where he depicted a spiritual and contemplative world, had been concerned with uninhabited landscapes.

Dhaka Art Summit held

Samdani Art Foundation (SAF), in collaboration with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) and Bangladesh National Museum (BNM), organised the first Dhaka Art Summit (DAS). The four-day event kicked off on April 12 at National Theatre Hall, BSA and drew national and international attention.

Dr. Sanjida Khatun receives Desikottam award

Visva-Bharati University conferred its highest honour Desikottam on Rabindra Sangeet exponent and one of the founders of Chhayanaaut, Dr. Sanjida Khatun, at Shantiniketan, India on April 27. The award was conferred at the convocation of the university by Paschimanga Governor MK Narayanan as chief guest. Among others, noted actor Soumitra Chatterjee and Visva-Bharati Vice-Chancellor Sushanta Dutta Gupta were present at the ceremony.

151st birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore

Bangladesh and India jointly organised a two-day programme on the occasion of the closing of year-long celebration of Rabindranath Tagore's 150th birth anniversary, and the inaugural of bard's 151st birth anniversary. The function kicked off on May 6. The programme featured an art exhibition and live performances.

Safiuddin Ahmed passes away

Eminent painter and printmaker Safiuddin Ahmed passed away at Square Hospital in Dhaka on May 20. He was 90. He had been suffering from old age complications. The artist left behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

Humayun Ahmed passes away

Popular writer Humayun Ahmed passed away while undergoing treatment for cancer at a New York hospital on July 19. A pall of gloom descended soon after the news streamed into the country. A former associate professor of the Chemistry Department of Dhaka University, Ahmed came into prominence after the publication of his first novel, "Nondito Noroke", in 1974. He was an author, dramatist, screenwriter, playwright and filmmaker. As a writer, Ahmed often displayed a fascination for creating stories around supernatural events; his style was characterised as magic realism. He is regarded as the most popular writer in the Bengali language for a century and according to many, he was even more popular than Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay.

Farooki beams into Busan with "Television"

As Mostofa Sarwar Farooki's film "Television" brought down the curtain on Asia's biggest film festival in Busan, South Korea on October 13, the movie set off a big buzz internationally. Busan International Film Festival director Lee Yong-kwan said that "Television" was an easy choice as the closing film. "It was first of all very entertaining as a movie, in both its subject matter and storytelling. It was selected by not only BIFF but also representative experts from around Asia for the Asian Cinema Fund, for a reason," he said. "A new trend can be industry-related or artistic, and the fact that a country is

creating domestic films through telecinema is monumental. BIFF felt compelled to showcase this movement."

Goya exhibition in Dhaka

Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, the Spanish Embassy in Bangladesh and the Inditex Chair of Spanish Language and Culture, University of Dhaka, jointly organised the first exhibition of Francisco Goya's artworks in Bangladesh, starting from October 9. About 84 Goya prints were on display at Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. The collection included works ranging from his first etchings, through which Goya mastered this difficult technique.

Sunil Gangopadhyay no more

With Sunil Gangopadhyay's death on October 23, an era in Bangla literature came to an end. The author passed away at the age of 78. Sunil -- a poet, novelist, short story writer, journalist and columnist -- was born in Bangladesh's Faridpur district on September 7, 1934. His first poetry collection, "Eka O Koyekjon", hit the stalls in 1958 and his first novel, "Atmaprakash" followed after eight years. His memorable works are "Ami Kirokombhabe Beche Achi", "Jugalbandi", "Hothat Nirar Jonne", "Ordhek Jibon", "Aranyer Dinratri", "Prothom Alo", "Shei Shomoy", "Purbia Poshchim" and "Moner Manush".

Bangladesh film opens 'Dok Leipzig'

"Shunte Ki Pao!" (Are You Listening!), a documentary by Kamar Ahmad Simon, opened one of the oldest document festivals,

"Ghetu Putro Kamola" at Golden Globe Awards

A special screening of Humayun Ahmed's last film "Ghetu Putro Kamola" was held at the Beverly Hills Wilshire Auditorium in Los Angeles, USA on November 10. The screening was part of the 70th Golden Globe Awards that will take place in January next year. This was the first Bangladeshi production to be part of the prestigious ceremony, which along with the Academy Awards culminates the US film industry's awards season.

Hay Festival Dhaka puts Bangladesh on global literary map

The 2nd instalment of Hay Festival Dhaka was held from November 17 to 19. This year's arrangement, sponsored by The Daily Star, was bigger and drew much international attention. The Hay festival, now 25 years old, is the pre-eminent global festival of literature and ideas. This year's Hay Festival Dhaka, hosted by Bangla Academy, boasted presence of noted Bangladeshi and international literary personalities like Syed Shamsul Haq, Selina Hossain, Anisul Hoq, Vikram Seth, Kamila Shamsie, Kulpid Nayar, David Davidar, Mohammad Hanif, Philip Hensher and others. The festival was a bilingual, cross-cultural, inter-generational celebration of literature and ideas.

Film fraternity laments the demise of Subhash Dutta

Eminent filmmaker Subhash Dutta died on November 16. Besides being a noted director, Subhash Dutta was a brilliant actor, and acted in numerous films, including "Rajdhani'r

Pandit Rajan and Pandit Sajjan Mishra, Vidushi Alarmel Valli, Ustad Ali Ahmad Hussain Khan, Pandit Kumar Bose, Pandit Tejendra Narayan Majumdar and Ustad Shahid Parvez Khan performed at the grandest event of its kind in Bangladesh.

12th International Short and Independent Film Festival in Dhaka

The 12th International Short and Independent Film Festival began at the Central Public Library in Shahbagh, Dhaka on December 13. Featuring over 200 films from around 30 countries, the weeklong festival was a platform for young filmmakers who want to see themselves in global film competitions and want to take cinema ahead. Bangladesh Short Film Forum (BSFF) has been arranging the festival biennially since 1988. It is one of the oldest film festivals in the country.

Pandit Ravi Shankar passes away

Indian sitar maestro Pandit Ravi Shankar died on December 13 in San Diego of United States. He was 92. In many ways the maestro launched Indian classical music at the world stage and showed the world, indeed many in India as well, its sheer power. He re-wrote the rules of Indian classical performances and took it beyond its traditional and limited boundaries. Pandit Ravi Shankar was a humanist with a deep sense of concern for the oppressed and deprived. He, along with Ustad Alla Rakha, performed at the Concert for Bangladesh in Madison Square Garden, New York City in 1971 and was one of the key movers, along with George Harrison, of this landmark concert.



Celebrating Life 2012



Bengal ITC-SRA Classical Music Festival



Hay Festival 2012



Odmmo Chattagram Festival

Dok Leipzig, in Germany. The film was also nominated (among 12 films from all over the world) for the festival's 'International Documentary Competition'. The weeklong festival began on October 29. "Shunte Ki Pao!" zooms in on a small village near the Sundarbans. It was the first film from Bangladesh invited to the 'Editing Lab' of 'Campus Studio' at Berlinale 2012.

Celebrating Life 2012

The Daily Star held the Celebrating Life competition for the fifth year in 2012, with the theme 'Celebrating the Youth in Bangladesh'. The gala event, held at Shaheed Suhrawardy Indoor Stadium at Mirpur, Dhaka on November 2, awarded young and gifted filmmakers, lyricists and photographers who sent in their submission on the theme. Celebrating Life also honoured four icons by presenting them Lifetime Achievement Awards: Firoza Begum for her contribution to Nazrul Sangeet and modern Bangla songs; Abdur Razzak in films; Amanul Haque in photography, and Ferdousi Rahman in play-back and Bhawaiya songs. The event also featured classical music maestro Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty along with his daughter Kaushiki Desikan in their first-ever duet performance in Bangladesh. Noted Bangladeshi singer Sabina Yasmin also performed at the grand event.

Bukey", "Shurjo-snan", "Chanda", "Talaash", "Nodi o Nari" and "Shona'r Kajo". Among the most acclaimed films directed by him are "Shutorang", "Kagojer Nouka", "Aaina o Oboshishito", "Arundodayer Agnishakkhi" and "Bashundhara".

Bangladesh artists take part in Art Asia Miami

For the first time, Art Asia Miami (Art Basel Miami Beach) in the USA invited Bangladeshi artists to display their installations, paintings and video art to fellow artists and art lovers from around the world. The fair opened on December 5. Artists Kallidas Karmakar, Rokeya Sultana, Monica Jahan Bose, Nazia Andaleeb Preema and Biswajit Goswami represented Bangladesh at the event.

Bengal ITC-SRA Classical Music Festival in Dhaka

Dedicated to the memory of Sangeet Samrat Ustad Allauddin Khan, the four night-long (November 29- December 2) Bengal-ITC SRA Classical Music Festival 2012 was held at Bangladesh Army Stadium in Dhaka. Bengal Foundation and ITC Sangeet Research Academy, India jointly organised the festival with Prothom Alo, The Daily Star and Maasranga Television as partners. About a hundred classical musicians and dancers including Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia, Pandit Shivkumar Sharma, Pandit Birju Maharaj, Vidushi Girija Devi, Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty, Ustad Rashid Khan, Pandit Buddhadev Das Gupta,



Jaya Ahsan

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

The year is nearing its end, leaving a trail of eventful times in retrospective. The television media saw many ups and downs and here is a recap of 2012:

Tying the knot: Popular model-actress Monalisa got married on 12.12.2012. Stars like actor Siddiq, actress Nisa, and model-actor Sayeed Babu also chose the same date to get married. The year also saw the weddings of Veet Channel i top model Hasin, Lux beauty Tahsin, Sabrin Saka Meem, Prova, Alvi, Ognila and Debashish Bishwash.

Shift from TV to silver screen: Several TV stars appeared on celluloid this year, including Lux star Aparna, Moushumil Naag, Anisur Rahman Milan, Mehazaben, Sajju Khadem, Shatabdi Wadud, Jyotika Jyoti, Mosharrarf Karim, Chanchal Chowdhury, Tisha, Shamim Shahed, Nawshin, Richie Solaiman, Sanjida Pritee, Bidya Sinha Saha Meem, Jaya Ahsan, Bonna Mirza, Shayna Amin, Kallyan Koraiia and Nayeem.

Rookies in the spotlight: Several newcomers performed brilliantly in 2012, showing great potential to become the next TV superstars. Lux beauty Moushumil Hamid had her fair share of the limelight for her portrayal of the eponymous role in "Roshni". The drama's popularity even spread to Kolkata, as it was aired on ETV Bangla. The calendar books were also filled throughout the year for Ishana, Rakhi, Mashiat, Toya, Bhabna, Nisa, Nawshaba, Elin, Ohona, MIMO, Kallyan, Shyamol, Nayan and several other artists.

Popular serials: Harkipta, Long March, Kamini, Ohongkar, Gronthik-gon Kohe, Bachelor The Family, Radio Chocolate, Rupkotha, Terminal, Shaat Sowdagar, Khonikaloy, Chaad Ful Omaboshhya, Chowdhury Villa,



Bindu



Nowshin



Sarika

Shatkahon, Chhayanari Kayanari, Jhulonto Babura, Oloshpur, Bondhu Amar, Paa Rekhechi Joubone, Jadur Shohor, Nurjahan, Roshini are among the most popular serials in 2012.

New parents: Monpura-famed actress Farhana Milli became a mother this year, as did actress Nawshaba, who is well known for her role in Rupkotha. The new fathers were Shaju Khadem, Shahed Sharif Khan and Mahfuz Ahmed.

Momo's educational feat: Momo gathered a massive following within a short period of her arrival in the media. She took a brief break after becoming a mother, but regained her momentum soon after. She got her Master's from Jahangirnagar University's Department of Drama and Dramatics with a first class first position.

Directorial debut: Apurba rebounded in the TV media this year, by directing his first telefilm. The telefilm, where Apurba also acted, will be aired soon.

Pairing up after a decade: The legendary on-screen couple Afzal Hossain and Subarna Mustafa paired up for a fresh TV drama after 12 years. Arif Khan directed the much hyped drama titled "Prem Bachite Jaane".

Actors in the spotlight: The stars who were in demand throughout the year included Shahiduzzaman Selim, Zahid Hasan, Chanchal Chowdhury, Mosharrarf Karim, Mahfuz Ahmed and Sajal. Mir Sabbir was also praised for works that were unique and different.

Actresses in the spotlight: Looking back at the past year, Jaya Ahsan was the most popular actress on screen. Other actresses who shared the spotlight included Tarin, Tisha, Sumaiya Shimu, Bindu, Biddya Sinha Saha Meem, Momo, Bonna Mirza, Nowshin and Sarika.

Popular sequels: The popularity of the Arman Bhai dramas called for more sequels, and the creators of Arman

Bhai provided a worthy continuation of the series. The sequels were made during the Eids.

Best TV show: Despite its two-decade long run on BTV, "Ittyadi" continues to gain popularity over the years. Along with its original entertainment value, "Ittyadi" also serves to point to the fallacies of society and create social awareness. Last year, "Ittyadi" featured several personalities who dedicated their lives to the welfare of society. **Crowning of the new superstar:** Several of the Lux Channel i Superstars have carved niches for themselves over the years. The newest winner of the crown was Samia Sayeed, with Prasun Azad the first runner up and Samiha Hossain Khan claiming the remaining podium spot. **New face of Bipasha:** Bipasha Hayat reigned the TV audience with the programme "Othiti". She also stayed on her toes as a playwright. Book lovers were delighted to discover the writer in Bipasha Hayat as her new book "Ghum Bhangna Manusher Golpo" came out this year. **The most popular directors:** 2012 saw notable works being directed by Salahuddin Lavlu, Giasuddin Selim, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Touqir Ahmed, Afsana Mimi, Arannya Anwar, Animesh Aich, Golam Sohrab Dodul, Nahid Ahmed Ptal, Badrul Anam Soud, Redwan Ronny, Muhammad Mostafa Kamal Raj, Nurul Alam Atiq, Shokail Ahmed, Syed Awlad, Masud Sezanne etc. The new directors who came to a name for themselves in the year include Tuhin Obonto, Tanim Rahman Aungshu, Himu Akram.

Top playwrights: Brindabon Das was the top name among playwrights, closely followed by Masum Reza. Pantho Shahriar also spent a busy year as a dramatist, while Sagor Jahan was the busiest among the young playwrights.



Afzal Hossain



Subarna Mustafa



(From left) Salahuddin Lavlu, Mosharrarf Karim and Chanchal Chowdhury

The TV scene this year

BTV

03:30 Dance Programme
06:10 Geetimaly
08:40 Krishi Dibanishi
09:30 Drama Serial: Shonali Alo

ATN BANGLA

11:20 Business and Finance
01:25 Matir Subash
05:15 Life & Beauty
07:50 Ormo Drishti

CHANNEL i

09:45 Tritiyo Matra
05:30 Jibon Jekhane Jemon
07:50 BBC Bangladesh
10:30 Aloy Bhuban Bhora

ntv

08:45 Bangla Feature Film
04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey

10:02 Bangla Feature Film
06:30 Binodon Sharadin
08:00 Shera Pratibha
11:00 Boul Gaan-e Borsho Boren

CHANNEL 9

09:00 Bangla Feature Film
05:00 Kenon Bangladesh Chal
05:30 Phirey Deha
06:00 Dinbadaler Char Borshor (Live)

CHANNEL 24

06:30 Life Style
08:00 Musical Launch
09:40 Drama Serial: Chhele
11:30 Sports

Gtv

11:30 Bangla Feature Film
09:00 Gaan-e Gaan-e Adda
09:35 Drama Serial: Mayajjal

RADIO

abc radio FM 89.2
03:25 Laa Classic
05:30 Kacha Lanka
06:40 Mocha Koro
07:20 GP Launch
07:45 Megh Barasta
08:10 Adda
09:30 Love Hour
11:10 Shadha Golpo Drum
Radio Footi)
07:30 Hello Dhaka

10:00 Morning Express
12:00 My Time
01:00 No Tension
04:00 Disha Calling
09:00 Night Rider
01:00 Back to Back Music
RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
08:00 Good Morning Dhaka
12:00 Today's Adda
04:00 U Turn
07:00 Tobey Tai Hok

Shourabh-e

Gourab-e Dhaka

Bishwadihyalay:

Shoto Beshar

Push-e

On Banglavisian at

05:20pm

Talk Show

Host: Rakib Uddin



Liar Liar

On HBO at 07:45pm

Genre: Comedy/

Fantasy

Cast: Jim Carrey,

Maura Tierney &

Justin Cooper



Prabhashe Porbashe

On CHANNEL 1 at

09:35pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Niloy, Shokh

05:30 Apnar Jigasha

08:15 Head & Soldiers
Dhamaka (Live)

ETV

11:30 Ekushey-er Business
04:30 Prabhashe Bangladesh
07:50 Music Station
10:10 Cine Hits

BANGLAVISIAN

01:05 Bangla Feature Film
05:20 Shourabhe Gourabhe
Dhaka University- Shoto
Borsher Pothey

06:25 Front Line

11:25 Probashi Mukh

Rtv

12:35 Bangla Feature Film
07:35 Drama Serial:

09:50 Penanthash

11:30 Bridal Show
Gaan O Adda

Desh TV

01:30 Drama: Jao Pakhi

03:00 Gaan R Gaan

05:00 Concert for Victory (Live)

12:30 Paban Das Broul-er Gaan

Maasranga Television

DRAMA SERIAL

ATN BANGLA
08:40pm Jhulanta Babura
09:20pm DB
CHANNEL i
09:35pm Prabhashe Prabhashe

ETV
08:20pm Swakshi Durbal
09:30pm Malka Banar Love
Story

Boishakhi TV
08:40pm Bishwadihyalay:
Shoto Beshar
Push-e

On Banglavisian at
05:20pm

Talk Show

Host: Rakib Uddin

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News (English) at 10am,
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1am,

TALK SHOW

BTV
11:00pm Oikyataytor
Bangladesh

ATN BANGLA
11:30pm Ja Kotha Keu Bolei

CHANNEL i
12:30pm Taroka Kothon

ntv
12:20pm Ei Shomoy

ETV

12:05am Ekushey-er
Rait

Boishakhi TV
12:00am Zero Hour

10:40am Tarokalap

CHANNEL 24
12:05am Modhyastar