

## WHAT'S ON

**Animated Film Festival**  
Organiser: Dhaka Art Center  
Venue: Dhaka Art Center, H-60, Rd-7/A, Dhammond  
Date: January 4-11  
Time: 4pm-6pm

**Album Launch & Musical**  
Soloee  
Title: Bonshamukher Rautay Phagan  
Singer: Soloee  
Artist: Aditi Mohsin  
Venue: Bengal Shipalaya, H-42, Rd-10/Kew, Dhammond

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Title: Life in Abstraction, Abstraction in Life  
Artist: Biren Shome  
Venue: Bengal Gallery, Dhammond

**Theatre**  
Play: Shesh Nobhda  
Troupe: Natygo  
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy  
Date: January 11-12  
Time: 6:30pm

**Noboborsha Boi Utsab**  
Organiser: Adom Publication  
Venue: Public Library, Shahbagh  
Date: Dec 29-Jan 13  
Time: 10am-8pm

**Group Art Exhibition**  
Title: Postagion - An Exploration of the Five Senses  
Venue: Athena Gallery of Fine Arts, Al Heights, Cha-72/1/O, 2nd Floor, Project Shoran, Uttar Badda  
Date: Dec 22-Jan 22; Time: 10am-8pm

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Artist: Rezwan Pliow  
Venue: Auditorium Gallery, Dhaka Cantt Girls' Public School & College  
Date: Jan 1-23

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Title: The Making of Kuhu Art-2  
Artist: Kuhu  
Venue: Radius Art Gallery, Gulshan  
Date: Nov 30-Jan 15

## ACROSS THE TABLE

# Meet your favourite celebrities



ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DESK

Thank you for your overwhelming response to our call for participation in the first instalment of "Across the Table", the Star Arts & Entertainment initiative to bring you face to face with your favourite personalities from the cultural scene.

Today is the last date for you to let us know if you want to meet internationally-acclaimed filmmaker Mostofa Sarwar Farooki, and get an autographed poster of his upcoming film "Television". Drop us an e-mail with a brief note about yourself and your mobile number at [culturetds@gmail.com](mailto:culturetds@gmail.com) by 5pm today. We will notify the ten lucky readers, chosen through lottery, via email about the time and address. The transcript of the conversation will be published in The Daily Star.



PHOTO: ATL AAKASH

## Aditi's latest album comes out tomorrow



"Barshamukhor Raat-e Phagun Sameeran-e", noted Rabindra Sangeet singer Aditi Mohsin's latest album will be launched tomorrow at Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts in Dhaka, according to a press release.

Theatre personality Ramendu Majumdar will be present as chief guest at the album launch. The album launch will be followed by Mohsin's live performance, featuring songs from the album. The album features twelve songs on monsoon and spring, including "Esho Shyamol-o Shundor-o", "Asharh Tomar Mala", "Shyamal Chhaya", "Amar Din Phuralo", "Aaji Jhorer Raate Tomar Abhishar", "Jodi Taare Nai Chini Go" and others. Noted Indian music director Durbadal Chattopadhyay has arranged the music.

The singer has a total of eight albums to her credit. She has been working as a senior teacher at Chhayanaut since 2000.

# Moushumi Hamid: Becoming "Roshni"

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Satkhira's Moushumi Hamid was judged the first runner up in the 2010 Lux Channel i Superstar pageant. Since that early taste of success, she has become a familiar face as an actor too. In fact, her fame now also extends to Kolkata, West Bengal.

Mega serial "Roshni", where Moushumi plays the eponymous role, is being aired jointly by Channel i and Kolkata's ETV Bangla. Both the series and the actor have acquired a huge fan following.

Although the serial was initially shot in Bangladesh, shooting is now on in Kolkata. Moushumi, naturally, has to fly to Kolkata frequently.

"I didn't expect the serial to be such a huge hit. But after it went on air, I was thrilled at the audience response," says the actor.

Playing the lead role in the serial has given her a high profile and she is often addressed as "Roshni" -- both in Bangladesh and Kolkata.

Moushumi views this as a plus, "This is definitely positive for my career. Whenever I go out, I am recognised. I'm trying my best to get fully into the character of Roshni."

Among other serials and TV plays featuring her are: "Capsule 500mg" on Rtv; "Metro Life" on ntv; "Nurjahan" on Channel i, "Boiri Batashi" on ATN Bangla; and "Generation Next Dot" on Banglavisión.

The audiences are getting to see different facets of Moushumi in the ongoing serials. "Nurjahan" features the actress as

a rural girl who is married off and becomes a widow at an early age. In "Generation Next Dot", Moushumi plays a university student. In "Metro Life", she portrays a mischievous young girl.

Moushumi says, "Acting is fun because I am never stereotyped. I've fallen in love with acting over the years. Now I really enjoy my work and am always on the look out for fresh roles."

Although her career dates back just two years, Moushumi has worked with many big stars and performed in notable TV plays. Serials like "Jol Chhobi", "Dead End", "Terminal", "Varsity", "Den Mohor" and "Juwa Rashi" made her a popular name.

It was her friends who persuaded her to sign up for the Lux Channel i Superstar competition though her family was kept in the dark about her ambitions. When she made it to the rank of the top 200 contestants, she was able to convince her somewhat traditional family to allow her to travel to Dhaka for the next round of the competition.

Moushumi is full of plans for the future. She aspires to reach the pinnacle of success like Subarna Mustafa or Joya Ahsan. "I firmly believe that I will reach my goal one day if I keep pushing on with the good work," she says.

Although she is busy with TV dramas, Moushumi also has her sights on the silver screen. "I would like to work in movies, if I get good scripts. However, I don't want to do more than one film a year."

Moushumi Hamid is currently engaged in preliminary discussions to make her debut in a Kolkata film. However, for now, everything is under the wraps.

# Helen Mirren gets star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

AFP, Los Angeles

British actress Helen Mirren, who won an Oscar for her portrayal of Elizabeth II in "The Queen", on Thursday received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The 67-year-old Mirren saw her star unveiled in front of the Pig 'N Whistle, one of Tinseltown's historic pubs, on Hollywood Boulevard. American playwright David Mamet and US director Jon Turteltaub attended the event.

Mamet just directed Mirren in an as yet untitled HBO film about American rock producer Phil Spector, who was sentenced to 19 years in prison in 2009 after being convicted of murdering a one-time actress.

In the film, which co-stars Al Pacino as Spector and is expected to air later this year, Mirren plays the producer's attorney.

Turteltaub worked with Mirren on "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" in 2007.

Born in 1945 in the London suburbs, Mirren began her career on stage and was a member of the Royal Shakespeare Company. She first appeared in films in the 1960s, tackling all genres from historical drama to musical comedy to action.

She took home an Oscar in 2007 for Best Actress for her work in "The Queen" -- a role for which she also won a BAFTA and a Golden Globe. Mirren has earned three other Oscar nominations.

Since then, she has appeared in spy thrillers "The Debt" and "Red", and currently stars in "Hitchcock" as the famed director's wife Alma -- a role for which she has



again been nominated for a Golden Globe.

On television, she is best known for her work as Detective Jane Tennison on "Prime Suspect" -- a role that has earned her three Emmys.

# Haradhan Bandopadhyay passes away

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Veteran Bengali film actor Haradhan Bandopadhyay passed away on January 5 at a hospital in Kolkata.

The 87-year-old actor is survived by his wife and two sons.

The actor worked with Satyajit Ray in films like "Shonar Kella" (Golden Fort), "Jai Baba Felunath" and "Mahanagar", among others.

He also worked with other renowned directors like Mrinal Sen and Satyajit Ray's son Sandip Ray.

His most recent performance in Anurag Basu's film "Barfi" was lauded by audiences and critics.

Reacting to his demise, Dadasaheb Phalke award winning actor Soumitra Chatterjee said, "It is difficult to express the loss. We worked together before coming to the film world."

Recently, the West Bengal government

conferred the Banga Bibhusan award on Bandopadhyay.

Last year the actor was in Dhaka to attend a theatre festival. During his three-day stay, the seasoned actor talked to The Daily Star (TDS) on myriad subjects:

**Who is to be credited for your remarkable performance in "Shonar Kella"?**

**Haradhan:** It was because of Satyajit Ray that I was able to give my best in that movie. I believe that the director is the utmost authority in movie-making. He was my mentor and I only walked on the path he showed me.

**You were born in East Bengal?**

**Haradhan:** I was born in a house near the Darshana rail station, where my father used to work. The date was November 6, 1926. So yes, my roots are here.

**Where did you grow up?**

**Haradhan:** My father's work didn't allow us to settle down anywhere. He was trans-



ferred every couple of years. But most of my childhood was spent in North or East Bengal. Those were wonderful times.

**Which particular place in Bangladesh do you feel most attached to?**

**Haradhan:** Kushtia. School, college, theatre movement, Swadeshi Andolan, happiness and sorrows -- everything is linked to Kushtia.

**Any regret?**

**Haradhan:** It's impossible not to have regrets when one is an artiste. I was not allowed to sit for Honours exams as a private candidate. This caused me great pain. I went to the authorities to discuss this, but they told me that there was no such rule. I told them that I had reasons for which I wanted to talk to them. They, however, shoved me out of there. I told myself then and there that I wouldn't study anything else if I was not allowed to study Bangla. It upset me for a long time.

# Street show pulls crowd in Chittagong



PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

**Samageet performs at the programme.**

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chittagong

Last Friday, music aficionados in the port city were treated to stirring performances by Samageet, a Dhaka-based musical troupe, at a programme organised by Cheragi One Hour, a musical group of Chittagong.

Cheragi One Hour organises such programmes fortnightly at Cheragi intersection in Chittagong. Artists of the organisation, along with invited cultural troupes, perform at the programmes.

The stage was built at the premises of Lusai Bhaban at Cheragi intersection. Music lovers, sitting under the open sky and braving the biting cold, seemed to enjoy the programme.

When Amal Akash started with a rendition of the song "Roder Haat", the audience joined in with the performer. Samageet presented 10 songs, including "Boshe boshe bhobchho ki tumi", "Tel makha banish beye", and "Jabo re jabo re".

Hundreds of music enthusiasts greeted them with loud applause at

the end of their presentation.

Apart from Amal Akash, Biswajit Shohag also sang with Anjan Das assisting on the tabla and Saiful Islam on the guitar.

Sharmin Rahman, team leader of Cheragi One Hour, conducted the programme.

Amal Akash told The Daily Star: "A street show is very challenging as the reaction from audience is very rapid and immediate," adding, "It is also exciting and thrilling."

He complimented the audience of Chittagong for their enthusiasm for music.

Sharmin Rahman told The Daily Star that they organise such programmes to build a bridge between the musicians of the present and older generations.

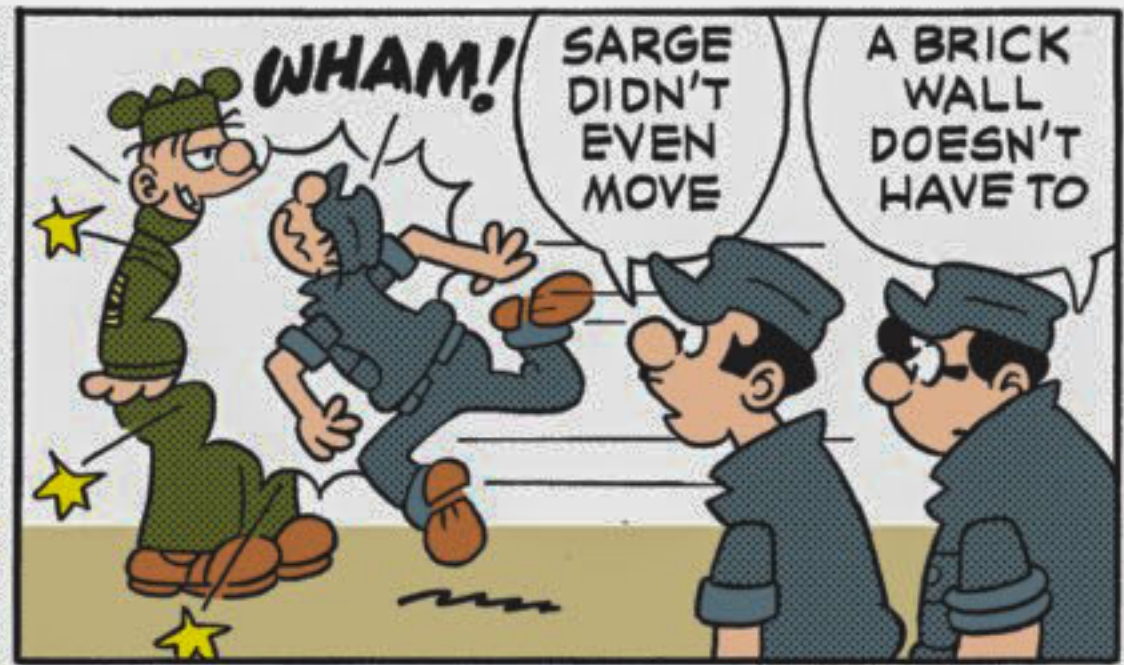
"Initially we used to organise a weekly programme but now we hold programmes fortnightly due to fund constraints," she said.

"Most of the members of our group are students and we hold these programmes with our pocket money," she added.

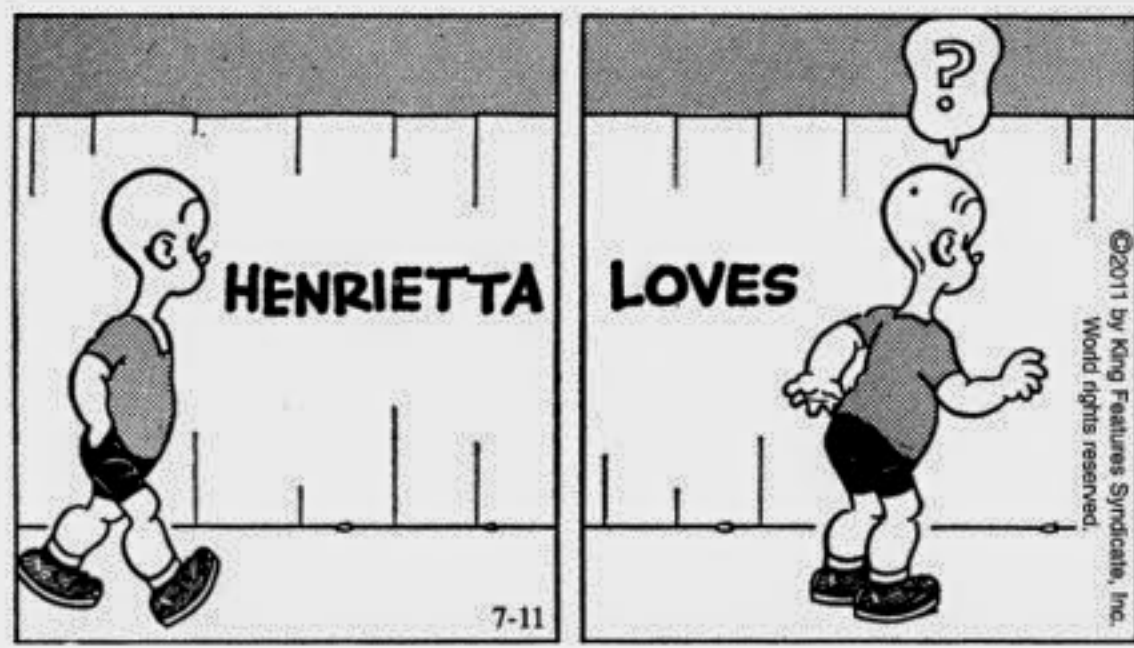
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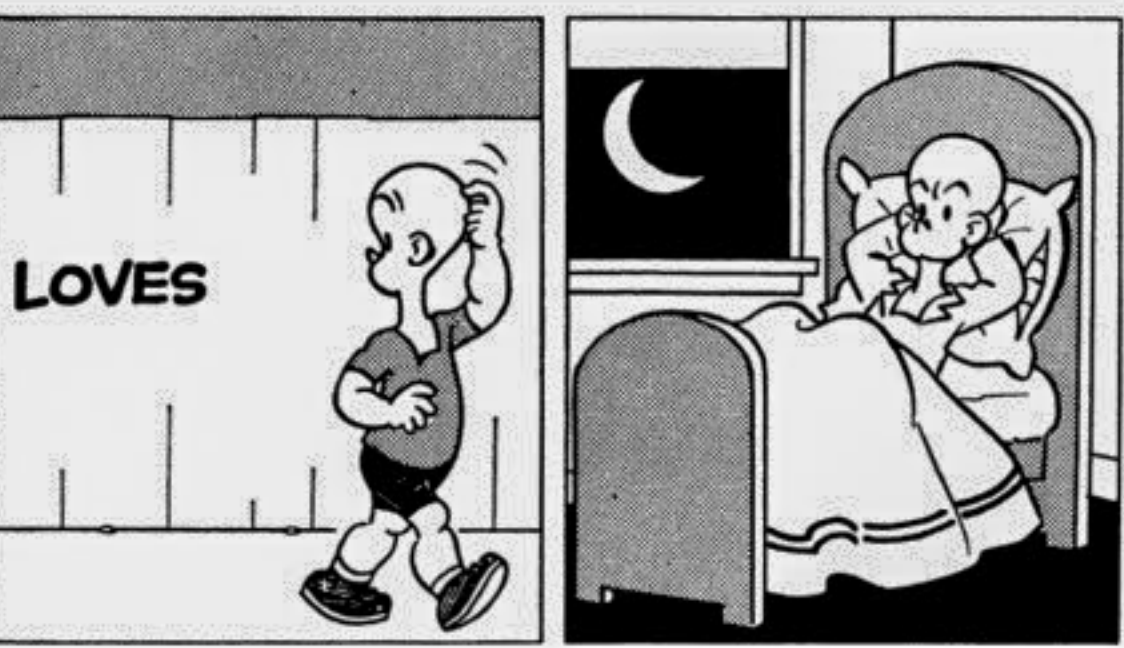
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# Radio Mahananda celebrates 1st anniversary



**A performance by indigenous artists.**

PHOTO: STAR

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabganj

Cultural and rights activists, journalists, teachers, students, entrepreneurs, along with government officials of Chapainawabganj celebrated the 1st anniversary of Radio Mahananda FM 98.8, a community radio, last Saturday.

Proyash Manobik Unnayan Sangstha, a local NGO, launched the radio station last year. To mark the anniversary, the organisers arranged several programmes including rally, discussions and live performances. The programmes were held at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium in the town.

A rally was brought out from Shilpakala Academy premises in the morning that paraded main streets of the town.

Dances, performed by the indige-

nous artistes, added a touch of gaiety to the rally. At the end of the rally, a discussion, prize giving ceremony and cultural programme were held at the auditorium that saw a large turnout.

Abdul Wadud, lawmaker of Chapainawabganj-3 constituency, was present as chief guest at the programme. Hasib Hossain, chief executive of Radio Mahananda, among others, spoke on the occasion. Golam Faruk Mithun, convener of the managing committee of the radio, presided over the programme.

Speakers at a discussion were of the view that Radio Mahananda has made a significant contribution to peoples' access to information through its programmes. In the bargain, it has won the hearts of the community in the district.

At the cultural programme, Ifrat Ara Nargis, renowned singer from Dhaka, and local artistes performed songs.

08:45 Bangla Feature Film  
09:30 Agnar Jaggaha  
09:30 Comedy Show  
09:45 Drama Serial: Ochsena  
Prozimbo

**ETV**  
11:30 Ekushey-er Business  
07:50 Music Station  
09:30 Drama Serial: Malka  
Banur Love Story  
Cine Hits

**Boishakhi TV**  
10:40 Bangla Feature Film  
04:00 Shorashori Doctor  
08:00 Drama Serial: Boro Bari  
Chhoto Bou  
11:00 Reporters Dairy

**BANGLAVISION**  
01:05 Bangla Feature Film  
06:25 Front Line  
08:15 Drama Serial: Ladies  
First  
11:25 Prohashi Mukh

**Rtv**  
12:35 Bangla Feature Film  
09:05 Drama Serial: Boyra  
Poribar

**DRAMA SERIAL**  
ATN BANGLA  
08:40pm Jhulanata Babura  
ntv 08:15pm Metro Life  
ETV 08:20pm Swadkhi Durbal  
Boishakhi TV 09:20pm Ognipath  
BANGLAVISION 09:05pm Red Signal

**NEWS BULLETIN**  
Boishakhi TV  
11:30pm News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7pm  
News (English) at 9am, 10pm  
BANGLAVISION  
News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm  
News (English) at 1pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm  
Rtv  
News (Bangla) at 1:45pm, 6:45pm, 10:45pm  
Desh TV  
News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm  
Maasranga Television  
News (Bangla) at 7pm, 1am

**TALK SHOW**  
BTv  
11:00pm Oikyatoyar  
Bangladesh  
ATN BANGLA  
11:30pm Ki Kotha Keu Boleni  
CHANNEL 9  
12:30pm Taraka Kothon  
ntv 12:00am Ei Shomoy  
ETV 12:05am Ekushey-er Raat  
Boishakhi TV  
12:00am Zero Hour  
Rtv  
11:30pm Our Democracy  
Maasranga Television  
12:02am Shampostik  
CHANNEL 24  
12:05am Modhyaster  
Muktashik