

**BOI MELA CORNER**

# Adorn's focus on academic books



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With the motto, "Adorn Books Adorn Life", Adorn Publication has brought out around 700 books so far. It publishes educational, academic and scholarly books -- both in English and Bangla. Adorn is offering 100 new publications at the ongoing Ekushey Boi Mela.

Syed Zakir Hossain, publisher and chief executive officer of Adorn Publication, said, "I'm always eager to take part in the Ekushey book fair. For the last 15 years, we have been taking part in this major event. I have published Bangla books of many writers over the decades. We have published essays, memoirs, poetry, novels and research works on political history, economics, environment, agriculture, gender issues, Language Movement, Liberation War and more."

Some notable publications are Syed Mohammad Shahed's "Bengali and Japanese Folk Rhymes: A Comparative Study in Oral Tradition"; Mahfuzur Rahman's "From Naogaon to New York"; Joynal Hossain's "Manob Putro Goutam"; Kabir Chowdhury's "Camellia and Other Poems of Rabindranath Tagore"; Shirin Akhter's "Nari Rajneeti O Rashtro"; Gaus Rahman's "Al Mahmud-er Kobitar Bishoy Ashoy"; Siraz Uddin Sathi's "The Holy

City Makka"; M. Mufakharul Islam's "An Economic History of Bengal: 1757-1947"; Anu Mahmud's "Good Governance and E-Governance: Combat Corruption in Bangladesh"; Professor Harnuzzaman's "Bangla Baul Series-4"; Dr Rezaur Rahman's "Porojibi Prani"; Dr. Aruna Biswas' "Medical Waste Management in Bangladesh: Policy and Practices" and others.

The publisher said, "We have also published books written by promising writers. We always try to publish research-based books. I focus on writings that are artistic and thought-provoking." Adorn has published works by promising writers including Mostak Sharif, Gazi Tanjia, Anwara Azad, Amir Hossain and others.

Some reprints also enhance the publishing house's reputation at the book fair, such as Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman's "Tagore, Ibsen and Other Essays"; Zillur Rahman Siddiqui's "Bangla Literature and Other Essays"; Syed Shamsul Haq's "Neel Dangshon" (The Blue Sting, translated by Kabir Chowdhury); Anu Muhammad's "Orokkhito Desh, Orokkhito Manush"; Haroonuzzaman's "Bengali Bauls Series" and Murtaja Baseer's collection of selected poems, titled "Fresh Blood, Faint Line".

"My main concerns are the quality of the books, the images used and illustrations. Before publishing, we first think about our readers' requirements and their preferences. I feel that we need to establish an institution that can provide competent editors and publishers," expressed Hossain.

Some reprints are: a series of publications on the Language Movement and the Liberation War; two sets of literary works titled, "Shahityo Kriti Granthomala", highlighting fiction by Rabindranath Tagore, Mir Mosharraf Hossain, Saratchandra Chattopadhyay, Bibhutibhusan Bandopadhyay, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Buddhadev Bose, Satinath Bhaduri and others. Dr. Anisuzzaman has edited the works.

# Tapan's solo performance at Indra Gandhi Cultural Centre



The singer performs at the programme.

Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC), in association with the State Bank of India in Bangladesh and Channel i as media partner, recently organised a musical soiree featuring noted Bangladeshi expatriate singer Tapan Chowdhury. The programme was held at IGCC, Gulshan in the capital, according to a press release.

Chowdhury held audiences spell-bound by rendering popular songs like "Amar Bhai-er Rokte Rangano Ekushey February", "Shob Kichhu Chharte Pari", "Dohai Lagey", "Ei Raat Tomar Amar", "College-er Corridor-e", "Mukhorito Jibone", "Shukh Pakhi", "Mon Shudhu Mon Chhuyechhe" and "Jibone Ki Pabona".

Iftekhar Hossain Pintu on guitar, Ruptanu Sharma on keyboard,

Chandan Dutta on tabla, Manik on octopad and Jalal Ahmed on flute accompanied the singer at the musical soiree.

Born in Chittagong, Chowdhury trained in music under legendary musicians like Pandit Priyadarajan Sen, Pandit Mihirlala and Pandit Sanjit Dey and subsequently commenced his musical career with the pioneering band Souls, with which he performed for 22 years. He also performed as a playback singer for over 300 films. Having worked with almost all reputed music directors in the country, Chowdhury has released around 100 albums in the country and abroad. He received several prestigious awards for his contribution to Bangla music.



Marking their 26th founding anniversary, cultural organisation "Swapnakuri" conferred Poet Mahub ul Alam Chowdhury Shammanona Padak to Col (retd.) Shawkat Ali, Language Movement veteran Zakaria Chowdhury, Poet Rafiq Azad, theatre personality Mamunur Rashid and singer Yasmin Mushtari at a programme held at Shilpakala Academy on February 25. A cultural programme featuring recitation, rendition of Liberation War songs and dance followed at the event.

# Oscars 2013: Seth MacFarlane boosts TV ratings

This year's Oscars attracted a TV audience of 40.3 million, a million more than tuned in to 2012's broadcast.

According to the ABC network, the show -- hosted by Seth MacFarlane, creator of hit TV cartoon "Family Guy" -- drew the largest Oscar audience for three years.

Last year's show, hosted by comic Billy Crystal, was seen by 39.3 million, while 2011's was seen by 37.6 million.

According to statistics company Nielsen, MacFarlane's involvement helped boost interest among young men and the 18 to 49-year-old age group.

Reaction to MacFarlane's performance has been mixed, with Rolling Stone saying he resembled a "bumbling rookie" in his first stab at Oscar host.

The New Yorker was no less scathing, saying that watching the three-and-a-half hour ceremony "meant sitting through a series of crudely sexist antics".

The 39-year-old fared better with fellow members of the Hollywood community, some of whom took to Twitter to voice their support. According to Russell Crowe, he "did great"

and "handled it all with grace", while former Oscar host Steve Martin said he had been "wonderful".

On his own Twitter feed, MacFarlane joked that his cat "said the show went well" but said there was "no way" he would host the ceremony again if organisers asked him to do so.

It has also emerged that an Oscar-winning producer was briefly ejected from Sunday's star-studded ceremony for throwing paper airplanes around the auditorium.

According to the Hollywood Reporter, security staff at Hollywood's Dolby Theatre took issue with Kristina Reed for recreating the action of "Paperman", this year's best animated short.

"Life of Pi" took home the most awards on Sunday, winning four prizes including a best director accolade for Taiwan's Ang Lee.

"Argo" and "Les Miserables" won three Oscars apiece, with "Django Unchained", "Lincoln" and Bond movie "Skyfall" receiving two awards each.

Source: BBC

# Bangla Academy honours expat writers

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Bangla Academy Probashi Lekhak Puraskar '12 was announced on February 25 at the main stage of the Ekushey Book Fair in the capital. The award was conferred on Bangladeshi expatriate writers Saleha Chowdhury and Dr. Masud Ahmed.

Shamsuzzaman Khan, director general of Bangla Academy, delivered the welcome speech at the event. Professor emeritus Anisuzzaman, also the president of Bangla Academy, presided over the programme. Director General and president of Bangla Academy handed over crests, certificates and cheques to the awardees.

On the same day, Bangla Academy organised a discussion on the occasion of the 80th birth anniversary of painter Rashid Chowdhury. Architect Rabiul Husain presented a keynote paper on the life and contributions of the painter. Artist Rafiqun Nabi, architect and art critic Shamsul Wares and critic Moinuddin Khaled took part as discussants. Artist Qayyum Chowdhury presided over the programme.

# 8th Citycell-Channel i Music Awards today

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With the theme "Shuddha Sangeet-er Bishwayon-e", the grand 8th Citycell-Channel i Music Awards (CCMA) will be held today at 7pm at M.A. Aziz Stadium in Chittagong. The gala event was scheduled to be held on February 24. Due to hartal on that day, the ceremony is being held today.

Citycell, in association with Channel I, has been organising the award for the last eight years to honour artistes and musical talents in the country.

The first phase of the 8th CCMA has already conferred lifetime achievement awards on Geetashri Sandhya Mukherjee of India and Runa Laila of Bangladesh. Lifetime achievement awards will also be given to reputed artistes of Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives and Sri Lanka at the gala programme.

In addition to the lifetime achievement awards, the 8th Citycell-Channel i Music Awards will be given in 13 categories. Five categories of the 8th Citycell-Channel i Music Award will be judged by popular choice.

The Daily Star, Anando Alo and Saptahik are the media partners of the award programme.



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<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	01:25 Band View	05:00 Durapath
	08:00 Drama Serial: Progga Parmita	07:45 Drama Serial: Saatkahon
	08:40 Drama Serial: Chupi Chupi	09:45 Concert for Victory
	10:55 Bibeker Kache Proshno	
<b>CHANNEL i</b>	01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan	<b>Maasranga Television</b>
	03:05 Tele-film	10:02 Bangla Feature Film
	06:00 Ashalata	08:00 Drama Serial: Mumbasha
	07:50 Citycell Channel i Music Awards (Live)	09:20 Rupkotha
		11:30 Music Digest
<b>CHANNEL 9</b>		
		09:00 Bangla Feature Film
		02:30 Drama: Lobh
		09:15 Power Voice
		10:15 Drama Serial: Nishigandha
<b>CHANNEL 24</b>		
		08:00 Amar Joto Gaan
		09:40 Drama Serial: Bhudu
		12:00 Modhyaater Muktabak
<b>ntv</b>		
	11:00 Biz Time	
	04:10 Janar Achhey Bolaar	
	Achhey	
	08:15 Roshuigar	
	09:00 Je Gaan Gourobey Bahman	

<b>RADIO</b>	
abc radio FM 89.2	07:30 Hello Dhaka
09:30 Edik Odik	10:00 Morning Express
05:30 Kacha Lanka	12:00 No Tension
06:30 Mitha Kara	04:00 Dhaka Calling
07:20 GP Lounch	09:00 Knight Riders
07:45 Megh Barata	<b>RADIO TODAY FM 89.6</b>
08:10 Adda	08:00 Good Morning Dhaka
09:30 Rock of Ages	12:00 Today's Adda
11:10 Hello 8920	04:00 U Turn
Radio Foorti	07:00 Tobey Tai Hok

**Power Voice**  
On CHANNEL 9 at 09:15pm  
**Musical Talent Hunt**  
Judges: Runa Laila, Bappa Majumdar & Imon Shaha

**I Am Legend**  
On HBO at 11:23pm  
Genre: Drama/Thriller  
Cast: Will Smith, Alice Braga & Charlie Tahan

**Nacho Bangladesh**  
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On Banglavisian at 09:05pm  
**Dance Reality Show**  
Judges: Shibli Mohammad, Farzana Riya, Ferdous & Shompa Reza

<b>ETV</b>	11:30 Ekushey-er Business	12:25 50/50
	07:50 Fashion and Tune	04:25 The Muppets
	09:30 Drama Serial: Sukhe Thakle Bhute Kilai	06:10 Transporter: The Series
	10:10 Docu-drama: Charge Sheet Report	07:00 Killers
		10:20 The Artist

<b>Boishakhi TV</b>	10:45 Bangla Feature Film	02:45 The Matrix Revolutions
	04:00 Shorashori Doctor	05:20 The Scorpion King 3: Battle for Redemption
	08:00 Drama Serial: Borobarir Chhot Bou	07:25 Abduction
	08:35 Glamour Guide	09:30 Journey 2: The Mysterious Island
		11:23 I Am Legend

<b>BANGLAVISION</b>	01:05 Bangla Feature Film	<b>Star World</b>
	06:25 Front Line	03:30 Arrow
	09:05 Nacho Bangladesh	07:30 White Collar
	Nacho	09:30 Packed to the Rafters
	11:25 Music Club	10:30 One Tree Hill

<b>Rtv</b>	12:35 Bangla Feature Film	<b>Discovery Channel</b>
	09:05 Drama Serial: Run	02:30 Rampage
	09:50 Look at Me	07:30 Rhodes across India
	12:05 Business Talk	09:30 How to Grow a Planet
		10:30 Swamp Wars

<b>Desh TV</b>	03:00 Gaan R Gaan	11:30 Squeamish
		<b>BBC World</b>

<b>DRAMA SERIAL</b>	
<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	09:20pm To To Company
<b>CHANNEL i</b>	11:30pm Roshni
<b>ntv</b>	09:45pm Shunno Shomikaran
<b>ETV</b>	08:20pm Bhomradah College
<b>Boishakhi TV</b>	08:40pm Khonikaloy
<b>BANGLAVISION</b>	08:15pm Generation Next Dot Rtv
<b>ntv</b>	08:15pm Makrasha
<b>ETV</b>	08:15pm Radio Chocolate
<b>Boishakhi TV</b>	08:40pm Khonikaloy

<b>NEWS BULLETIN</b>	
<b>BTV</b>	News (Bangla) at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, 8pm.
	News (English) at 10am, 4pm, 10pm.
<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	News (Bangla) at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm.
	News (English) at 9am, 6pm.
<b>CHANNEL i</b>	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 9pm, 10:30pm.
<b>ntv</b>	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm.
<b>ETV</b>	News (Bangla) at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.
<b>Boishakhi TV</b>	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7pm.
	News (English) at 9am, 6pm.
<b>BANGLAVISION</b>	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm.
	News (English) at 1pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm.
<b>Rtv</b>	News (Bangla) at 1:45pm, 6:45pm, 10:45pm.
<b>Desh TV</b>	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.
	Maasranga Television News (Bangla) at 7pm, 1am.

<b>TALK SHOW</b>	
<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	12:05am Ekushey-er Raat
12:30am Lead News	<b>Boishakhi TV</b>
01:00am Onno Dristi	11:00pm Reporters Dairy
<b>CHANNEL i</b>	12:00am Zero Hour
09:45am Tritto Matra	<b>Rtv</b>
12:30pm Taroka Kathon	10:40am Tarokalap
<b>ntv</b>	12:20pm Ei Shomoy
12:20pm Ei Shomoy	12:02am Shamprotik