

## WHAT'S ON

**Amar Ekushey Book Fair 2015**  
Venue: Bangla Academy Premises, Dhaka  
Date: February 1-28  
Time: 3-8pm & 11am-8pm (Fridays)

**Theatre**  
Play: Konjush  
Troupe: Loko Natyadoli  
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA  
Date: Feb 13  
Time: 6:30pm

**Group Painting Exhibition**  
Title: The Paradoxical Now  
Venue: Bengal Shipalaya  
Date: Feb 10-23  
Time: 12pm-8pm

**Group Painting Exhibition**  
Title: Taste of Light and Darkness  
Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka  
Time: 6pm  
Date: Feb 7-22

**Annual Folk Music Festival**  
Organiser: Chhayanaut  
Venue: Chhayanaut Auditorium  
Date: February 13  
Time: 6:30pm

**Dance Drama**  
Badi Bandar Roopkatha  
Troupe: Seti Cultural Centre  
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA  
Date: February 14  
Time: 7pm



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# Heralding the arrival of Spring

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The arrival of Pahela Falgun, the king of all seasons, is always greeted with a profusion of flowers, poetry, songs and dances. Caught up in the excitement, Dhaka will wear a festive look on the first day of Bangla month Falgun. And many socio-cultural

organisations and educational institutions are organising myriad programmes as entertainment. Jatiya Boshonto Utshab Urdjapon Parishad 1421 has organised programmes including choral songs, folk dances, folk music, dances by indigenous people, poetry recitation, plays in a procession in three phases.

The first phase will begin at 7:30am at Bakultala of Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA), Dhaka University. The phase is to end around 9:30am with a procession from the faculty. In the second phase, a cultural programme including choral songs and dance will take place around 4pm at the same venue.

The third phase will be held around 4pm at Rabindra Sarobar in Dhanmondi with similar programmes. Another attraction will be the Ekushey Bô Mela that is likely to attract a huge footfall this evening.

Girls in Bashonti (yellow-ochre) saris will adorn themselves with floral ornaments and boys will wear colourful Punjabi to see and be seen at the major events. Students FFA will as usual paint motifs on the more sporting visitors. Many bands will perform concerts at different points of the campus. Several private universities and colleges will also arrange programmes to herald spring.

## The spark of love

The story of Reetu Sattar and Munem Wasif

A CORRESPONDENT

Reetu Sattar and Munem Wasif, artists in different field, fell in love with each other for who they are, and what their professions are. Munem is a renowned documentary photographer while Reetu is a theatre actor, director and performance artist. They are happily married for five years, and have a two-and-a-half year old child. Ahead of Valentine's Day, Reetu spoke to The Daily Star about the journey the duo took together.

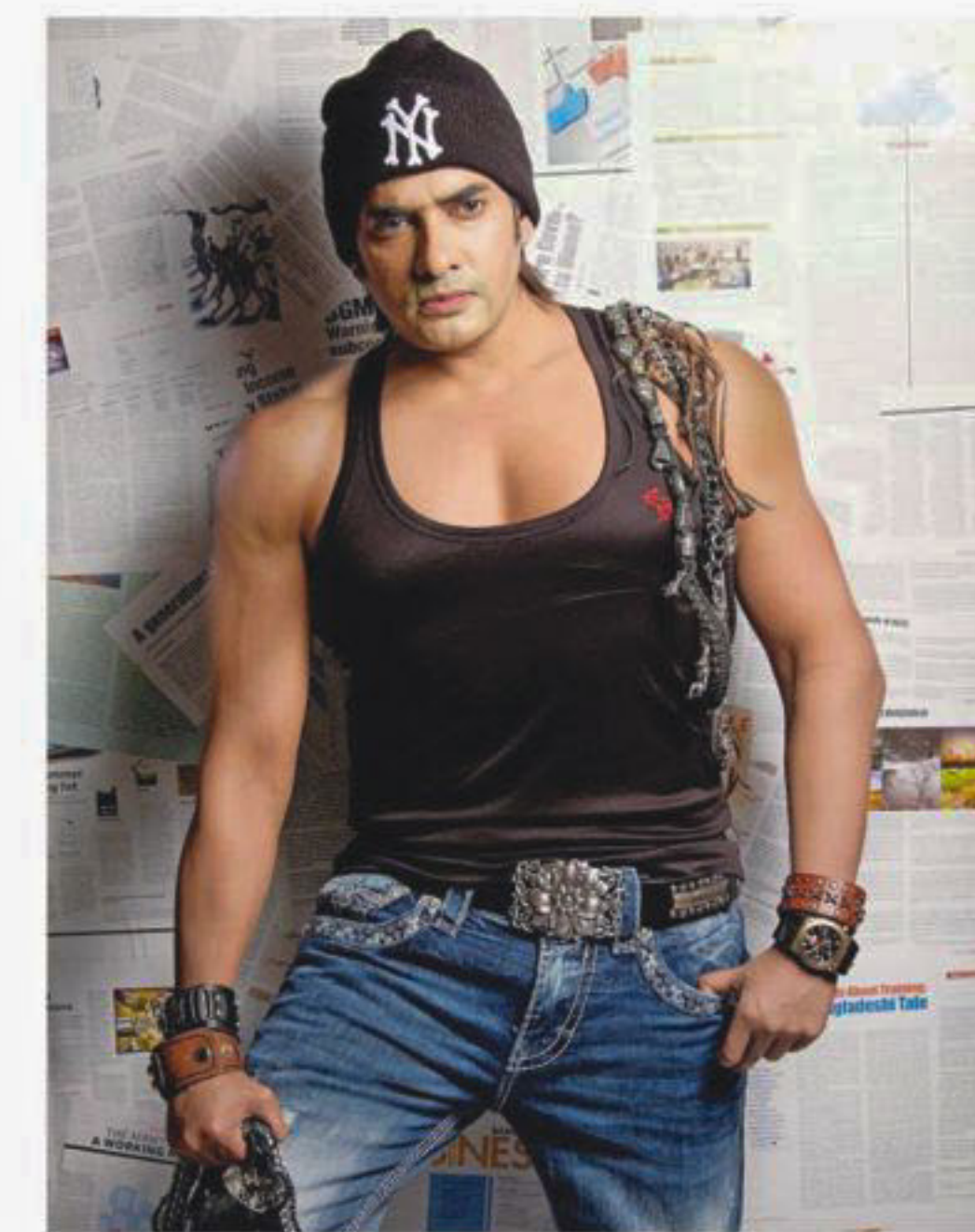
"We were friends. No one thought we will tie the knot. We were not like the typical couple. I don't think I have ever met him without our friends around. Planning to get married and spending the rest of our lives together, it never even came to our thoughts for once. It was destiny that has brought us here, so far, together."

"Finding compatibility is rare, especially in a country like Bangladesh. Our society is very different from other societies, and it is not easy to connect with a

person. But what I found in Munem, I don't think any other man possesses. "When we first met, Munem was my student in Prachyanat. Later, he also joined there to work. He was a newcomer and he was very dedicated with his work. Gradually as time went by, I discovered that we have lots of things in common; the same taste in books, movies, arts and lot of others small things."

"When I was with him life seemed so interesting. But finally, we never thought to be a 'couple.'"

"Time went by, without us even noticing that deep within we wanted to be together because we both respected each other, our work, decisions and the tiny choices we made. Our love was never commoditised. Times have definitely changed, and to profess one's love only on Valentine's Day must be because everyone is too busy to find time for their loved ones. I am lucky that I don't have to do that as I have my loved ones with me—especially Munem and my child,—and can tell them I love them everyday."



## Ananta to star as secret agent in The Spy

A CORRESPONDENT

Actor-director-producer Ananta Jali will be seen as a super spy in his upcoming film "The Spy". Actress Barsha, his wife is to co-star with Ananto.

Pre-production of the film is over and the shooting will go on floor soon. The film is being directed, starred and produced by Ananto.

The film has Ananto leading a number of international missions against gangsters. He fights them risking his own life to save the country from international criminal gangs.

Meanwhile Ananto has also announced his seventh film "Sainik" which will recognise the valour of the Bangladesh Army in the UN Peace Keeping Mission.

The two films will release under the banner of Monsoon films.

## Pahela Falgun: Spring in the air for Moushumi and Shoyeb



SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Popular faces on the small screen Moushumi Nag and Shoyeb fell in love on the sets and took their romance to the next level by getting married. In a recent conversation, the talented actors spoke about what Pahela Falgun (the first day of the Bengali month Falgun) and Valentine's Day means to them:

**Do you share in the general excitement about Pahela Falgun?**  
Shoyeb: Pahela Falgun is very special to me. I'm very cheerful around this time because nature wears a whole new look.

**Moushumi Nag: I totally agree.** Boshonto or spring is cause for much celebration.  
**What about your attire for the day?**  
Shoyeb: Youngsters love taking on a new look that day. Women wear yellow

saris. Like most men I will wear a Punjabi.

**Moushumi Nag: I usually wear yellow and complete the look with flowers.**  
**What are your Falgun plans?**  
Shoyeb: There will be no shooting so the celebratory mood takes over.

**Moushumi Nag: Start the day with a song: "Aha aji e Bosonto".**  
**What's your definition of love?**  
Shoyeb: Love means responsibility, trust and dependency.

**Moushumi Nag: It means trust, honesty, respect, friendship and dependency.**  
**Any memorable moments in your lives together.....**

Shoyeb: Once we visited Sylhet and had great fun. I feel nostalgic about that trip even today.

**Moushumi Nag: Soon after marriage, we travelled to Sri Lanka. That tour remains in my mind.**



## TV WATCH

### Liquid Love on Boishakhi Television

A CORRESPONDENT

Special TV play "Liquid Love" will air tonight at 8pm on Boishakhi Television. Written by Palash Mahbub and directed by Tanmoy Tansen, the story packs love, humour and drama in full measure. Niloy and Hasin form the lead cast.



### Opekkhar Photography on ntv

A CORRESPONDENT

Special TV play "Opekkhar Photography" marking Pehela Falgun will air on ntv today at 2:30pm. Written and directed by Shikhar Shahniat, the play follows the growing friendship-romantic involvement of Shimul and Neelima, played by Mehabin and Afran Nisho. However with the passage of time their relationship enters an uncertain phase.

Among others, Momo Shiuli, Shanta Jahan, Dewan Shaon and Aloke are in the cast.



### Ferdous and Tarin in PANCHFORON

A CORRESPONDENT

Ferdous and Tarin will host popular magazine programme "Panchforon" to be aired on BTV at 8:50 on Valentine's Day. They will be seen in the role of newly-weds. Aside from emceeing the show, they take part in a duet song. "Panchforon" also features two other songs: by singer Kona and Shams respectively. It also features dramatisation of small excerpts from popular TV plays. Fagun Audio Vision has made and produced the programme.



### Riaz and Momo cast in "Phalgun-e Bhalobasha Boishakh-e Prem"

A CORRESPONDENT

Popular actors Riaz and Momo are the featured cast in Rtv Jui Bhalobashar Galpo "Phalgun-e Bhalobasha Boishakh-e Prem". The TV play, to be aired on Valentine's Day (February 14) at 8:20pm, is written and directed by Alvi Ahmed.

The story of the play is based on two love stories by Zahedul Alam and Zulhas Ahmed. Rtv hunted love stories from its spectators. The play focuses on Arpita and Abid's romantic love and its twists and turns.



## A new line for Falgun and Valentine's Day Chitchat with designer Maheen Khan

A CORRESPONDENT

Creativity and an unerring eye for fashion trends are the two essential qualities of a superb designer, says Maheen Khan, prominent fashion designer and founder of renowned boutique, Mayasir.

"We have to keep abreast of fashion because it is constantly evolving. One's creative instincts are revealed in colourful and well-designed attire. The change of attire during festivals and seasons always imparts a sense of magic to our lives. And that will be evident in the way we dress during spring and Valentine's day," Maheen shared with The Daily Star.

She further stated, "Designers have to be on their toes when the two festivals are back to back: Falgun spreads the colour of gold, yellow, saffron, orange and green. Whereas red, the colour of love, is the predominant colour for for people who starting from much more, because it all the time."

Valentine's Day. My target fashion line is celebrating love all over the world, kameez, palazzo, shirts, kurtis and The versatility of attire is important makes one feel good about oneself



PHOTO: LS ARCHIVE

## The Cup that matters

Celebrities excited about the ICC World Cup



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

*With the ICC Cricket World Cup tournament at the door, cricketing fever is rising by the degrees. While cricket fans have their eyes set on the Bangladesh squad's ability to put up a valiant display, they have their eyes on other teams and players also. Our celebrities of the country are not immune from the general excitement. This is what they had to say:*

**MOSTOFA SARWAR FAROOKI, director Bangladesh's chances:** Purely from a cricketing point of view, we may not have the best team in the world, but our team has shown that they belong at the highest level. And a World Cup is not just a test of skills; when you put on that jersey and walk out, it is also about your patriotism and passion driving you, and that can push us towards great results.

Other favourites: Apart from Bangladesh, I don't support any side. But I think Australia, New Zealand and England will be the strongest teams in this tournament.

Players under radar: All the eleven boys in red and green. Of course all eyes will be on Shakib, but I have expectations from all the members in the squad.

**HASAN MASOOD, actor**

**Bangladesh's chances:** The group that Bangladesh is in, it will be a tough ask for them to progress to the quarterfinal. They have to defeat both the 'smaller' teams Afghanistan and Scotland, and then target one of the bigger teams. They will be exceeding expectations if they can break into the knockouts.

Other favourites: Australia and Sri Lanka. Both the teams have a lot of depth in their batting, and are very balanced.

Players under radar: I will badly miss Kevin Pietersen (England) at this World Cup, as well as Keiron Pollard and Dwayne Bravo (West Indies). Apart from them, Steven Smith (Australia) is the man to watch out for. The more I see him, the more I am impressed. New Zealand's Luke Ronchi is another favourite of mine.

**MARIA NUR, TV host, model and actress**

**Bangladesh's chances:** We always have high expectations from Bangladesh. And although conditions are not the most favourable, I will expect them to play some brilliant games, and make it into the quarterfinal stage.

Other favourites: Sri Lanka. I have always been a fan of their cricket. Plus, they have consistently done well in major international limited-over tournaments, and I think they will be a strong force this time too.

Players under radar: Shakib Al Hasan, without a doubt. I'm expecting spectacular things from him.



## "Monkey Bizness" premiered

Tele-film to air tonight on ntv



A CORRESPONDENT

The premiere of the tele-film "Monkey Bizness" was held on Wednesday at the capital's Star Cineplex. The first telefilm of young talented director Rahat Rahman has a string of fresh new faces as well as renowned senior artists in the cast. It will be telecast on ntv tonight at 11:30pm.

The story revolves around the life of a private university student Rafi, and his hap-hazard family. The father is involved with another woman; the mother is irritated at the daughter in law, the brother is a corrupt officer, the sister in law dreams of a nuclear family and amidst all the chaos the story of Rafi's life goes on. A turn of event makes the family come together and realise that family comes first.

Tariq Anam Khan, Iresh Zaker, Sabila Nur, Faria Sabnam and Tamim Mridha play the major roles in the tele-film, the music for which was done by Studio 58. "Monkey Bizness" is presented by telecom operator Airtel.

## IT'S TRUE!

Demi Moore is the actress who jointly holds the highest number of "Razzie" nominations -- The Golden Raspberry Awards for the Worst Actress. The nominations came for "The Butcher's Wife" and "Nothing But Trouble" (1991), "Indecent Proposal" (1993), "The Scarlet Letter" (1995), "The Juror" and "Striptease" (1996), G.I. Jane (1997) and "Passion of Mind" (2000), of which she took home the award in 1996 and 2000. The other actresses who share the nomination record of six nods are Melanie Griffith and Madonna.

