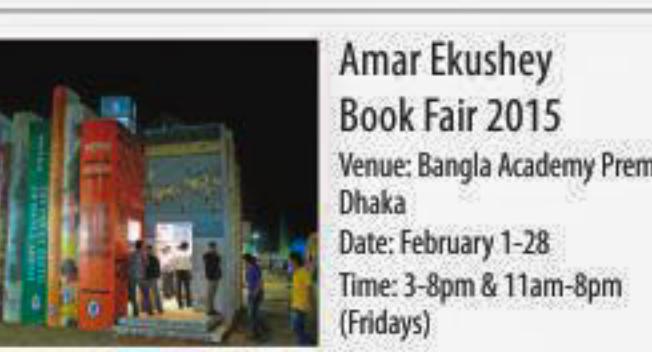


WHAT'S ON



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



Theatre
Play: Krishn
Troupe: Loka Natyadal
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: Feb 13
Time: 6:30pm



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



Group Painting
Exhibition
Title: Taste of Light and Darkness
Venue: Alliance Francaise de
Dhaka
Time: open
Date: Feb 7-22



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



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

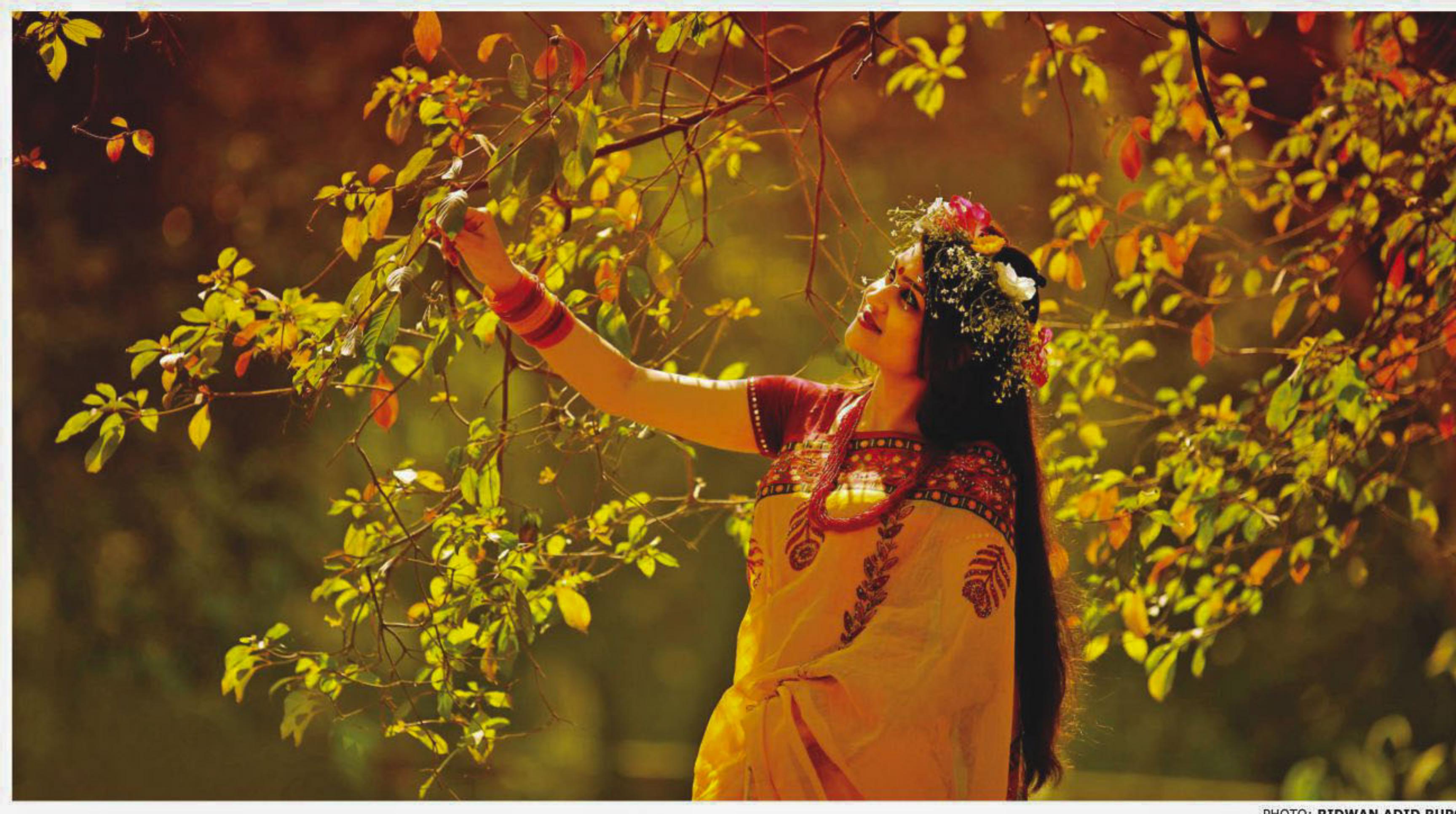


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Heralding the arrival of Spring

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 Uddajan 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 Bakulitala of Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA), Dhaka University, the hub of the celebrations. 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 Dhammconi with similar programmes.

Another attraction will be the Ekushey Boi Mela that is likely to attract a huge footfall this evening.

Girls in Bashanti(yellow-orange) 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.

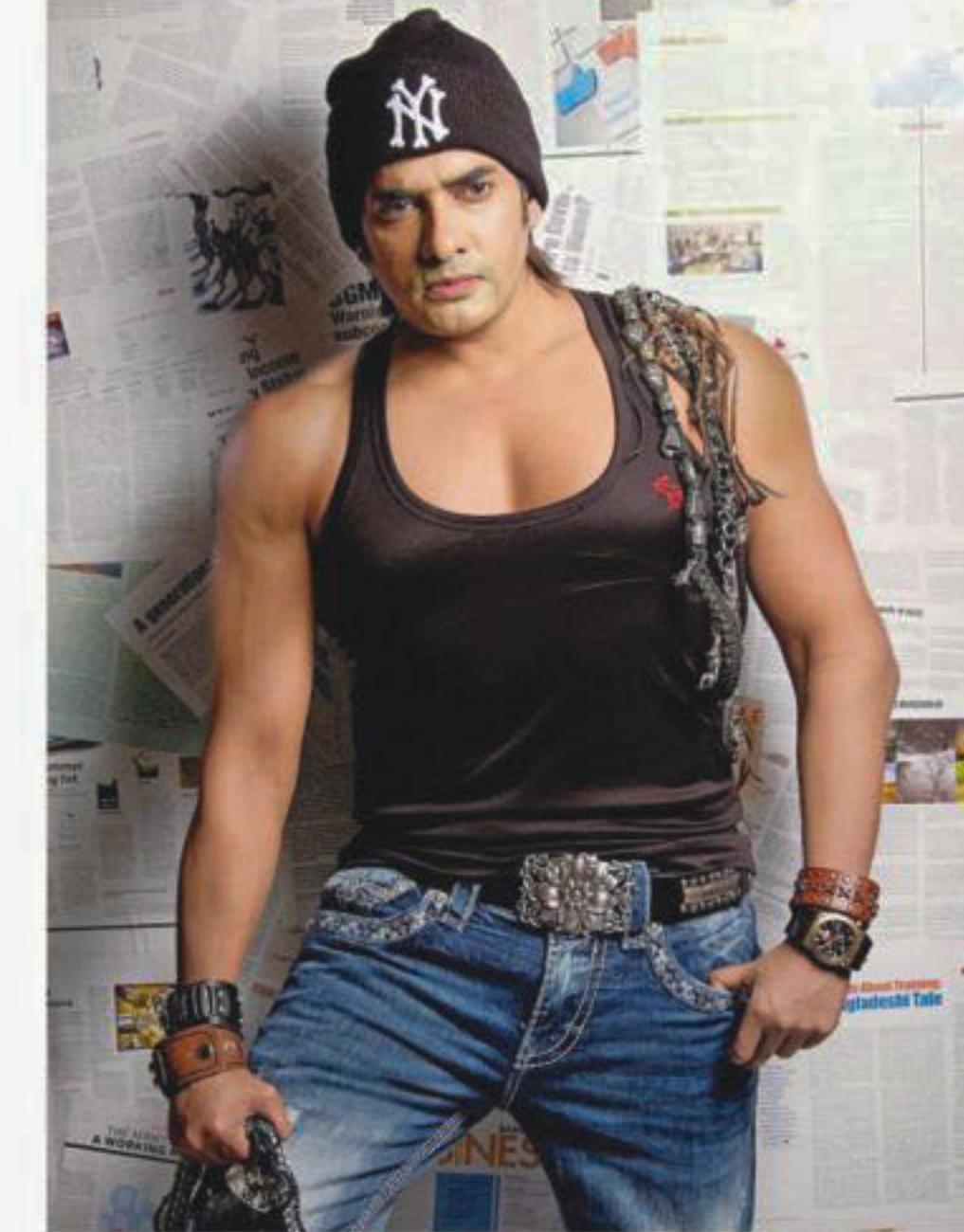
"We were friends. No one thought we will tie the knot. We were not like the typical couple. I don't think I have ever met him without our friends around. Planning to get married and spending the rest of our lives together, it never even came to our thoughts for once. It was destiny that has brought us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

"When I was with him life seemed so interesting. But funny, 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 Jalil will be seen as a super spy in his upcoming film "The Spy". Actress Barsha, his wife is to co-star with Ananta.

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

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

Meanwhile Ananta 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. Boshon 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.

"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 tele-film of young talented director Rabah Rahman has a

a string of fresh faces as well as renowned senior artistes 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 employee, 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, Irshad 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.



Opekkhar Photography on ntv

A CORRESPONDENT

Special TV play "Opekkhar Photography" marking Pohela Falgun will air on ntv today at 2:30pm. Written by Palash Mahebub and directed by Tanmoy Tansen, the play follows the growing friendship—romantic involvement of Shimul and Neelima, played by Mehabub and Afraan Nisho. However with the passage of time their relationship enters an uncertain phase.

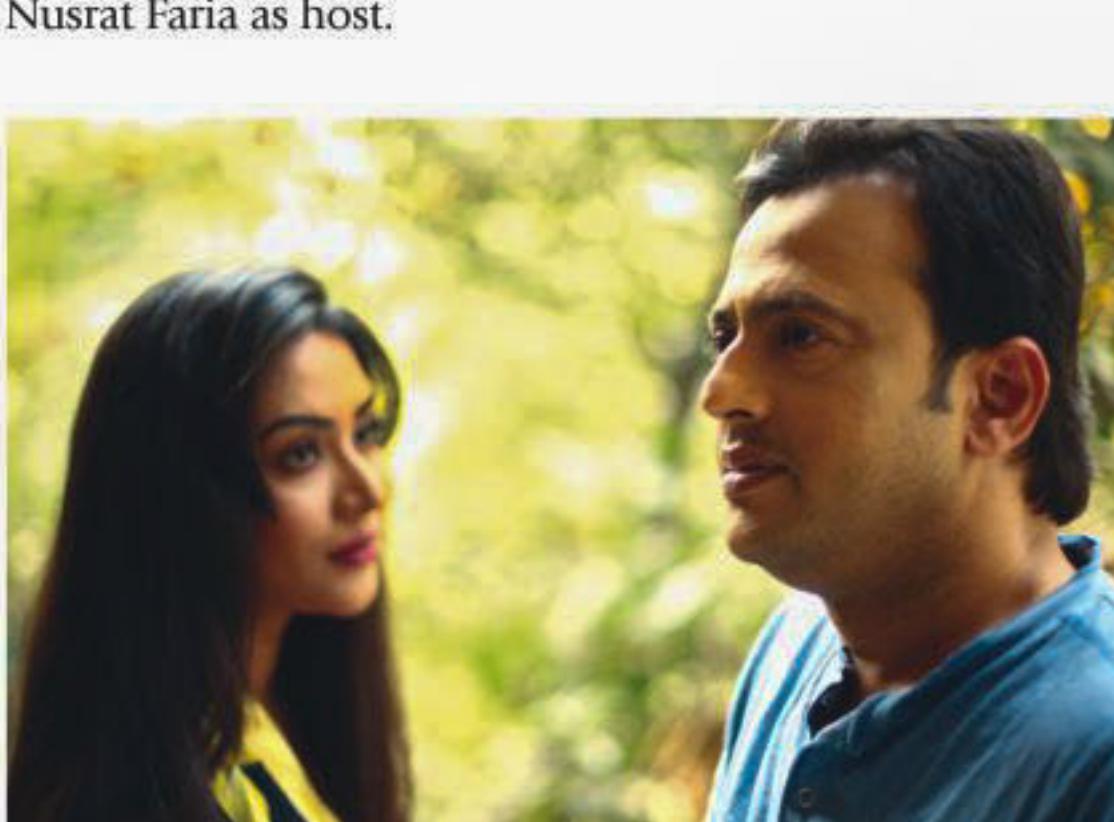
Among others, Momo Shibli, Shanta Jahan, Dewan Shaon and Aloke are in the cast.



Faguner Bhalobasha on Channel i

A CORRESPONDENT

Special programme "Faguner Bhalobasha" will air today at 6:20pm on Channel i. Raju Alim has directed the programme. Anisul Haq, Abdun Noor Tushar, Sharmin, Lucky and Krishnakali Islam are guests in the show with Nusrat Faria as host.



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 Bhalobasha 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.



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