

STAR WEEKEND

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THE FORGOTTEN LANGUAGES OF BANGLADESH

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Every year we celebrate International Mother Language Day with much pomp and ceremony. However, in the very heart of Bangladesh, the mother languages of the indigenous communities have become victims of politico-cultural authoritarianism. With the increasing cultural dominance and lack of preservation effort, many of these rich languages are on the edge of total obliteration. This week, the *Star Weekend* goes on a bicycle ride with Rubayet Hossain, a cyclist who rides in and through the districts of the Chittagong Hill Tracts, the home of numerous indigenous communities, to learn about how these rich languages and cultures are being wiped out. To know more, check out this week's spotlight on pages 8 and 9.

- 4 SHOULD THE WORLD #FeeltheBern?**
Talks about How the US presidential elections will affect Bangladesh.
- 5 PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR PEN IS**
Talks about all the money to be accumulated from the cases coming one after the other and what can be done with this money.
- 10 ON THE GREENER SIDE**
Talks about the first Bangladeshi to win the Green Talent Award, Shougat Nazbin Khan.
- 11 FOR DIPAN**
Is about the silent remonstrance of 'Jagruti Prakashani' and the initiatives of Dr Razia Rahman Jolly, to continue with Dipon's Passion.

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