

STAR WEEKEND

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BE YOUR OWN BEGUM

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The fight we have been fighting, us women, has been a long and tedious one. We can only now imagine what it must have been like before we were born- backwards, archaic, oppressive. But sometime around early 1947, a revolution began-- women were stepping out of their houses, they were writing, they were reading, they were getting ideas; they were beginning to empower themselves. Paving the path to empowerment, Begum Sufia Kamal and then Nurjahan Begum gave us the evergreen Begum magazine- which, to this day, inspires women to go the extra mile to fight the good fight. Read more on Begum Magazine on pages 8 and 9.

5 DESTROYING OUR LIFELINE
Talks about how Sundarbans, the largest mangrove forest of the world is being destroyed due to inconsiderate steps and negligence of Bangladesh's policy makers.

6 NOT YOUR BUSINESS
Reveals a curious feature of Bangladeshi wedding ceremonies where young people are bombarded with uncomfortable questions.

12 GEMINI
A musing about how twins have become a subject of wonder in our society from the ancient world to this day.

13 THE ANCIENT MOSQUE BY THE RIVER
Is about a saint and his mosque which played a significant role in preaching Islam in this part of Bengal.

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