

**WHAT'S ON**

**Comedy Show**  
 Title: Stand-up Comedy Show, Naveed's Comedy Club  
 Venue: Wind Blows, Uttara  
 Date: December 21; Time: 7 pm  
 Tickets: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScap4UhtfgeIDt\\_GNUS5ubdM7593rclxCL\\_45nY1FK39nkeA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScap4UhtfgeIDt_GNUS5ubdM7593rclxCL_45nY1FK39nkeA/viewform)

**Concert**  
 Title: 20 years of Artcelljam  
 Venue: ICCB Expo Zone  
 Date: December 24  
 Time: 3 pm onwards

**Concert**  
 Title: Big Rock Day V.2  
 Hosted by: Blues Communications Limited  
 Venue: ICCB Expo Zone  
 Date: December 21; Time: 3 pm - 9 pm  
 For more info: [https://www.facebook.com/events/825389451251506/?active\\_tab=discussion](https://www.facebook.com/events/825389451251506/?active_tab=discussion)

**Concert**  
 Title: Miles 40th Anniversary  
 Venue: ICCB, Hall - 3  
 Date: December 24  
 Time: 6 pm onwards

**Art Talk**  
 Title: Cinemascope: Sadik Ahmed & Pipru Khan  
 Venue: Counter Culture Club, Dhanmondi  
 Date: December 18  
 Time: 6 pm onwards  
 Registration: <https://forms.gle/oH5nWnHJJKFFH8c8>



Bijoy Kotha



Bijoyer Golpo



Shadhinotar Shesh Juddho

# Talented musician PRITHWI RAJ passes away

Singer, music director and instrumentalist Prithwi Raj passed away yesterday at City Hospital at 4:30 am, due to a cardiac arrest, in his studio. He was only 34 at the time of passing. His brother, Ritu Raj, confirmed the news on social media. The untimely demise sent shockwaves, not only among family and friends, but colleagues, fellow musicians and everyone who knew the ever-smiling Prithwi.



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Prithwi Raj, trained in classical music from childhood, was a prodigy in his craft. Encompassing a dream of becoming a full-time music producer, Prithwi made Jilapee Studios, and was notably successful in producing many hits. He was also the production in-charge for ABC Radio. "I am unable to accept this, it's not fair at all! Please be well, Prithwi," wrote veteran composer and musician Bappa Mazumder on social media, after uploading a picture with him from a few months back, when they worked on a project together.

"There was no doubt that Prithwi Raj was one of the biggest assets in the music industry," wrote Pritom Hasan on his Facebook post. "His last work, *Baje Shobhab*, proved that you don't need a big budget to produce super-hits."

The singer studied in India with an ICCR scholarship. He was excited for his latest project, which was a collaboration of ABC Radio and India's Friends FM for International Mother Language Day. The song will feature many talented artists from India and Bangladesh. He was also working on many big projects, including the soundtrack and background scoring for a film.

Prithwi Raj's Namaz-e-Janaza was held after Zuhr prayers yesterday, after which he was laid to rest in Azimpur graveyard in the presence of friends and family. Even though he is no more with us, he will live through his outstanding work in a short, but meaningful career. The Daily Star wishes eternal peace for the departed soul, and sends its heartfelt condolences to the family.

# Victory Day specials on television

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As Bangladesh celebrates the Victory Day through numerous cultural events and traditional festivities, top TV channels of the country are set to air different special programmes today.

Renowned actor Farooque and singer Rafiqul Alam will participate as discussants in ATN Bangla's talk show, *Bijoy Kotha*. Directed by Mukaddem Babu and hosted by Hasan Ahmed Chowdhury Kiron, the show will be aired on the channel at 11:30 am. On the other hand, the tele-fiction, *Khoma Naai*, written by Motin Sagor and directed by Qazi Saleem will be aired on ATN Bangla at 9 pm. It stars Tariq Anam Khan and Saberi Alam among others.

The telefilm, *Amra Korbo Joy*, starring Tariq Anam Khan, Farhan Ahmed Jovan, Sabila Nur and Irfan Sajjad among others, will be televised on BanglaVision at 8:15 pm. *Amra Korbo Joy* is written and directed by Prabir Roy Chowdhury.

*Shadhinotar Shesh Juddho*, a special docu-drama revolving around Bangladesh's Victory, will be aired on Deepto TV at 11 pm. The docu-drama is directed by Maruf Hasan and edited by Nasimul Hasan.

The telefilm, *Meghna-71*, starring



Meghna-71



Chitkaar



Amra Korbo Joy

Bonna Mirza, Shams Ud Doha, Sadia Yusum Brita, Kiana, Shahid Bahadur, Enahum Hasan Akash and Moumita Mehezbabin Orpa among others, will be televised on Duroto Television at 3 pm. Written and directed by Shameem Akter, the telefilm revolves around Meghna, who was a young girl during the Liberation War in 1971. On the other hand, noted actor and freedom fighter Raisul Islam Asad will share his stories of the Liberation War with children on Duroto Television's *Bijoyer Golpo*. On the show, the actor and the children will pay a visit to the National Martyrs Memorial. Directed by Mehedi Hasan Shadhin, *Bijoyer Golpo* will air on the channel at 9 pm.

The tele-fiction, *Chitkaar*, starring Nusrat Imrose Tisha and Sharmili Ahmed among others, will be aired on Maarsanga Television at 8 pm. *Chitkaar* is written and directed by Shimanto Shajal.

The tele-fiction, *Neel Dongshan*, adapted from a story by Syed Shamsul Haq, will be aired on Nagorik TV at 8 pm. Starring Mosharaff Karim, Rawnak Hasan and Robena Reza Jui among others, the tele-fiction is written by Moni Haidar and directed by Hasan Rezaul.



Neel Dongshan



Khoma Naai

# Tanvir Ahsan directs Nestle's Victory Day campaign



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Tanvir Ahsan started his career in advertising 12 years ago. He went on to establish his own production house, Breathing Space. This year, he has directed Nestle's Victory Day campaign. "This campaign is very close to my heart," says Tanvir. "The story depicts a melancholic journey of the son of a freedom fighter, going to his funeral." The director says that he tried his best to justify the concept through visual representation.



A meet and greet with American-Bangladeshi writer Sharbari Zohra Ahmed, author of 'Dust Under Her Feet', took place at Horse and Horse, Dhaka, recently. Close friends and fans of the author, along with media personalities were present. The event was hosted by Elita Karim, while the books at the signing were delivered by Bookworm Bangladesh.

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