

English translation:

I am Rabeya [unclear]. I have come here from Bhoirob. I study in Dhaka's CODA college. I am a Bangladeshi citizen. I feel very proud to have been born in Bangladesh. I will say something about the cultural festivals of Bangladesh... of Bangladesh. There are various kinds of cultural festivals in Bangladesh. The biggest cultural festival of Bangladesh is the Bengali New Year. This is held on the fourteenth... fourteenth day of April of the English [Julian]... English calendar. On... On this day in Bang... on this day, the people of Bangladesh dress up in different ways... dress up in different ways and parade down roads, participate in functions. On this day, people... in this country... on this day there are many fairs all over Bangladesh. People to go these fairs ... to these fairs, and buy different things. On this day, people eat Bangladeshi food, namely, *pantabhat*,¹ fried *ilish*,² and *shutki*.³ On this day, people walk around wearing *pajama-panjabis*,⁴ saris, and other kinds of Bangladeshi attire. Aside from this... in Banglade... on this day... various events are held all over Bangladesh to mark New Year's Day. Within Bangladesh, the biggest [such] event is held at the foot of the Ramna banyan tree [in Dhaka].

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¹ Cooked rice soaked in water overnight.

² The freshwater *hilsa*, a kind of shad; a huge favorite of Bengalis.

³ Dried fish cooked with spices.

⁴ Long shirt or *kurta* with shaped but comfortable pants, usually worn by men; women wear a version of this outfit with a stole or scarf.