

WHAT'S ON

**Group Art Exhibition**  
 Title: His Dream World  
 Venue: Shilpangan, Dhanmondi  
 Date: December 27 – January 11  
 Time: 3 pm – 8 pm

**Workshop**  
 Title: Kata Kuti - Collage Workshop by Kazi Tahsin Agaz Apurbo  
 Venue: Studio 6/6, Mohammadpur  
 Date: January 25, 2020  
 Time: 11 am – 6 pm

**Cultural Festival**  
 Title: Bangladesh Shanskritik Utshab 2020  
 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
 Date: January 3- 23, 2020  
 Time: 4 pm – 8 pm

**Musical Evening**  
 Title: Plugged Out IV - One Night Stand  
 Venue: Counter Culture Club, Dhanmondi  
 Date: January 31, 2020  
 Time: 5 pm onwards  
 Tickets: BDT 300

**Group Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Breaking Ground: Modern Art in Transition  
 Venue: Subir Choudhury Exhibition Hall, Bengal Shilpalay, Dhanmondi  
 Date: Dec 17 – Feb 15  
 Time: 1 pm – 8 pm (Except Sundays)

**STARS WELCOME 2020**

As another decade kicks off, this is how celebrities ringed in the New Year across the world.

**SHAH ALAM SHAZU**

Arifin Shuvoo has captivated the audience with his charming personality and acting prowess throughout his successful career. The heartthrob won his first National Film Award for Dhaka Attack, recently. In a candid conversation with *The Daily Star*, he talks about his New Year resolutions, upcoming projects and more.

*Wishing you a happy New Year and congratulations on winning the National Film Award for the first time. How do you feel?*  
 Thanks a bunch, and happy New Year to you too! The National Film Award is the biggest prize for film actors, so, needless to say, I am very happy. I am grateful to the Almighty, my family, the writer, director and whole unit of *Dhaka Attack*. I would also like to thank my fans who motivate me to keep doing better.

*Now that you have won such a prestigious award, do you feel that your responsibilities as an artiste have increased?*  
 I have always been dedicated to my job, and this accomplishment has only boosted my determination to work harder.

*What is your mantra for success as an artiste?*  
 I believe, art cannot be formed with planning. I just follow my instinct. I don't take-up many projects because I only want to be associated with stories that I truly like.

*Tell us a little about your upcoming ventures.*  
 Currently, I am busy with *Mission Extreme*. We have all worked very hard for this film. I can assure you that we will offer the audience something new with it. We hope to release the film during the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr.

*What are your New Year resolutions?*  
 I want to eat lots of Hilsha fish this year! Apart from that, I will try to choose films more wisely.



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Rafiath Rashid Mithila dives into the new decade with the motto of learning, practicing, teaching and spreading empathy and love with her daughter.



Sabila Nur celebrates New Year at Universal Studio Singapore.



Amitabh Bachchan posted a throwback photo from his 2019 Diwali celebrations, with a sweet message in Hindi. In the photo, he is seen posing with his wife Jaya Bachchan and his grandchildren.



Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma welcomed 2020 with actors Saif Ali Khan, Kareena Kapoor and Varun Dhawan in Switzerland. Anushka Sharma wished her fans a "happy new year" on Instagram with a picture from the party.



Tahsan Khan's New Year resolution: "Recording a live album with my band."



"2020 here we come! Happy New Years EVERYONE," actor Drew Barrymore shared on New Year's Eve.



"Happy New Years Everyone!" wrote singer Joe Jonas accompanying a festive photo of himself and actor Sophie Turner.

**Tirjak Natyamela 2019 concludes**

ARUN BIKASH DEY, from Chattogram

Marking their 46th anniversary, Tirjak Natyadal, a theatre group of Chattogram, organised a five-day theatre festival, titled *Tirjak Natyamela* at Theatre Institute Chattogram. Thespians Bivas Chakraborty and Mamunur Rashid jointly inaugurated the event.

The festival featured performances commemorating their 46-year journey, including musical performances, poetry and dance recitals. Chattogram's folk songs were also presented in the open

space every evening for the audience to rejoice on traditional tunes.

Theatre personalities Ataur Rahman, Ramendu Majumder, Nasir Uddin Yusuff, Dr Afsar Ahmed, Kaushik Chatterjee, Mannan Hira, Golam Sarwar, Gazi Rakayet, M Saiful Alam, Dr Kuntal Barua, Alok Ghosh, Sanjib Barua and Ananta Hira, among others, participated in different sessions of the festival. Five plays, one on each day, were also staged at the festival.

*Tarangobhango*, a play written by Syed Waliullah and directed by Ahmed Iqbal

Haider, was staged on the first day of the event. Natyachakro, a theatre group based on Dhaka, enacted *Eka Ek Nari*, a play based on Italian playwright Dario Fo's *A Woman Alone* on the second day. *Oedipus*, directed by Ahmed Iqbal Haider was presented on the third day. Theatre Factory showcased *Asharashyo Prothom Dibash*, a play written by Mohan Rakesh, on the fourth day.

The festival concluded with Upstage's presentation of the play *Raat Bhor Brishti*, based on Buddhadeb Basu's novel of the same name.



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**MAQSOOD O' DHAKA'S New Year present**



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

*Celebrated rock band Maqsood O' dHAKA has enabled free streaming for their song, Obhijog Nei on online music streaming platform Soundcloud, as a new-year gift to their fans.*

The song is from their album *Shobdo Chitro*, released in 2014, and was available to listeners only on online purchase before 2020.

Written and composed by Mac Haque, the track features Mon2 on drums, Taposh on bass, Shakil on guitar, Bulet on keyboard, Rahin Haider on saxophone, and Rose on percussion. The track, mastered by Jewel, was recorded and mixed in Acoustic Artz Studio, Dhaka. The song is available free of cost at the website: <https://soundcloud.com/jazzbangladesh/obhijog-nei-shobdochitro>.



Mac Haque

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