

WHAT'S ON



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



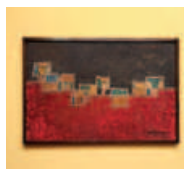
Workshop
Title: Kata Kuti - Collage Workshop by Kazi Tahsin Agaz Apurbo
Venue: Studio 6/6, Mohammadpur
Date: January 25, 2020
Time: 11 am – 6 pm



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



Birth Anniversary Celebration
Title: Shubho Jonmodin
Kobi Jasim Uddin
Venue: Batighar, Biswa Shahitya Kendra
Date: Today
Time: 3pm onwards



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



Artworks on exhibit at the event.

Kazi Hasan Habib’s ‘Unveiling the Truth’ opens at Dwip Gallery today

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The solo art exhibition, *Unveiling the Truth*, by deceased artist Kazi Hasan Habib, begins at Dwip Gallery, Lalmatia, today. Mustafa Zaman, renowned artist, critic and editor of *a+*, has curated the show. Eminent architect and critic

Shamsul Wares and renowned artist-curator Wakilur Rahman will jointly inaugurate the exhibition.

Habib, who passed away in 1988, was always truthful in his artistic language. He did something akin to a breakdown of the monolith of modernism, where meaning remains too close to the motifs.

As an artist, he placed the motifs in the context of the ‘theatre of nature and life’, rather than investing in the anatomical architecture of humans, animals and trees.

Habib’s drawings, paintings and etchings suggest that he was not a motif-driven artist. He was a ‘performative’ character, often manifesting the quest for

truth in his sincere creations, combining nature, humans, emotive forces and senses. These poetic and panoramic elements of his works are evident in the exhibition.

Unveiling The Truth will be open from 3 pm to 9 pm daily except Mondays, till January 19.

“I want to take up some exciting projects this year”
– Apu Biswas

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Apu Biswas, one of the most prominent actors in the film industry, has many hits under her belt. This year, she will be featured in a broad range of movies. In a candid chat with The Daily Star, the actor talks about her upcoming projects and more.



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You have been away from the film industry for a while. Is there a particular reason behind this decision?
Honestly, I took a break from films, but I feel that I never really went away. I am preparing to face the camera once again. I am trying to be fitter, so, I have been going to the gym regularly. I hope that my hard work pays off, and I can make a striking comeback.

Shoshurbari Zindabad 2, which features you and Bappy was supposed to release during Durga Puja, but the release was postponed. Are there any updates on that project?
As far as I know, *Shoshurbari Zindabad 2*, directed by Debasish Biswas, will be released sometime this year.

Tell us a little about your upcoming projects in Kolkata.
I have teamed up with director Shubir Mandol for the film *Shortcut*, written by Nachiketa. We have finished shooting for the film.

You have also made your mark in the field of dance. What do you enjoy the most about dancing?
Dance is my passion, and I absolutely love performing in front of the audience.

What are your career plans for the New Year?
Apart from working on my fitness, I want to take up some exciting projects this year.

‘PLG Prokriti Mela 2020’ to be held today

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Marking the 10th anniversary of Prokriti O Jibon Foundation, the ninth edition of PLG Prokriti Mela 2020, is going to be held at the premises of Channel i, today.

The event will feature musical programmes, puppet shows, poetry recitals, mime shows, art exhibitions, photo exhibitions and dance routines. The fair will begin at 10 am and is open to all till 4 pm. The event will be followed by a programme titled, *Prokriti Shongrokkhon Padak 2019*, where Bangladeshi-British physiotherapist Valerie Ann Taylor will be honoured for her contributions to the society, and Rajshahi City Corporation will receive the City of the Year award for 2019.



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Kamal Ahmed’s ‘Neel Shomudro’ released

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Award-winning musician Kamal Ahmed’s new album *Neel Shomudro* was released on Audio Jukebox, along with a music video of the song, *Amar Chokhe Neel Shomudro* (under the special title, *Bhalobashi Bhalobashi*), recently. The music video, directed by Zamiur Rahman Lemon, was

released by Laser Vision on YouTube.

The album features 13 tracks besides its titular duet, *Amar Chokhe Neel Shomudro*, with Samina Chowdhury. The song is written by Munshi Wadud and composed by Biswajit Sarkar. The other tracks feature eminent singers, Elita Karim, Priyanka Biswas, and Champa Banik, among others.

Cultural fairs held in Manikganj

ZAHANGIR SHAH, from Manikganj

A three-day Baul music event, Madhur Mela, began at Joymantap in Manikganj on January 1. Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud formally inaugurated the event.

Lawmaker from Manikganj-2 Constituency and renowned folk singer Momtaz Begum, MP, Manikganj Zila Parishad’s Chairman Golam Mohiuddin, Deputy Director of Local Government Fauzia Khan, Additional Superintendent of Police Mohiuddin Ahmed Mukul, Singhair Upazila Nirbahi Officer Raghela Rahmat Ullah, were present at the inauguration. Renowned singers Kajol Dewan, Fakir Shabuddin and many others from across Bangladesh performed on the opening day. Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud spoke at the programme. Momtaz Begum has been arranging this event since 2001, in

memory of her father, Baul singer Modhu Boyati.

On the other side, a ten-day literary and cultural fair began at Manikganj Government High School on January 1. Health and Family Welfare Minister Jahid Maleaque Sawapam, MP formally inaugurated the event. Manikganj Deputy Commissioner SM Ferdaus, Police Superintendent Rifat Rahman Shamim, Manikganj Municipality Mayor Gazi Kamrul Huda Selim, Former Mayor Md Ramzan Ali, were present at the inauguration. Manikganj district administration organised the ten-day fair in observance of *Mujib Barsha*.



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