

WHAT'S ON



Group Art Exhibition
Title: Calling of the Roots
Venue: Zainul Gallery, DU
Date: January 8 – 14
Time: 11 am – 8 pm



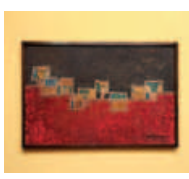
Workshop
Title: Kata Kuti - Collage Workshop by Kazi
Tahsin Agaz Apurbo
Venue: Studio 6/6, Mohammadpur
Date: January 25, 2020
Time: 11 am – 6 pm



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)

Sabila Nur gears up for a busy year

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Television actor Sabila Nur has charmed her fans with her vibrant personality and acting prowess over the years. In a recent conversation with The Daily Star, she talks about her busy schedules, upcoming projects and more.

Tell us about your latest projects.

My first television show this year, *Just Friends*, aired earlier this month. It was directed by a Mahmudur Rahman Hime. I have also worked on Mista Anan's *Proxy Prem*, a Valentine's Day special. In addition, I have worked in an untitled project directed by Imraul Rafat. My calendar is booked for the next couple of months.

What are your plans for this year?

I have been pigeon-holed for the catty roles that I play. However, in real life, I am not like that at all. I hope to experiment more with the kind of roles that I play this year.

You recently went on a trip to Singapore. Do you enjoy travelling?

My partner Nehal and I love travelling together. We celebrated New Year's Eve in Singapore. Besides our work and studies, we hope to travel a lot this year.

When you are not in front of the camera, how do you like to spend your time?

I love watching movies and reading books in my leisure time.



PHOTO: SHAHREAR KABIR HEEMEL

Prize-giving ceremony of 'Prothom Alo Borshoshera Boi' held at Bangla Academy

RASHEEK TABASSUM MONDIRA

The 16th prize-giving ceremony for *Prothom Alo Borshoshera Boi* was held at Bangla Academy's Abdul Karim Shahitya Bisharod Auditorium, yesterday. Contemporary writer Shahaduzzaman won the prize in the fiction category for *Mamilar Shakkhi Moyna Pakhi* and Rayhan Rhyne, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Jahangirnagar University, received the prize for his nonfiction work, *Banglar Dorshon: Prak Uponibesh Porbo*. Both the books are published by Prothoma Prokashon.

The winners received crests, certificates and prize money of BDT 1 lakh. This is the second time that Rayhan Rhyne has won this prize.

Professor Emeritus Serajul Islam Chowdhury was the chairman of the judge's panel. Professors Syed Mohammad Shahed and Bhishmadeb Chowdhury, poet Sumon Rahman and writer Shaheen Akhtar were in the judge's panel. Sharmin Mustapha and Tahsin Reza started the event by reciting two poems of Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam. Professor Emeritus Serajul Islam Chowdhury delivered the keynote speech at the event. "Technology is threatening literature. In this age, practicing literature is important. *Prothom Alo* deserves praise for taking this initiative," he shared. The winners, Shahaduzzaman and Rayhan Rhyne, also spoke at the programme. Motiur Rahman, Editor, *Prothom Alo*, delivered the concluding speech.



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A still from the tele-fiction.

TISHA to play a politician

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National Film Award winner Nusrat Imrose Tisha will be playing the role of a politician in the tele-fiction *Ada Somuddur*, directed by Raisul Tomal. Tisha is excited about the project. "I have never played

a role of a politician before. This is a new experience for me," she said. "My character's name is Hena, who runs for commissioner in the elections, with 'kite' as her polling symbol." The political story contains elements of romance as well, with a strong social message.



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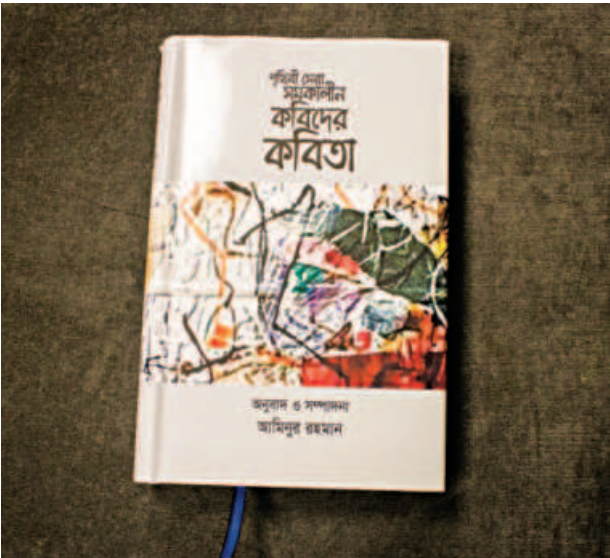
Publication ceremony of 'Prithibi Shera Shomokaleen Kobider Kobita' held



Special guests, organisers and featured poets at the programme.

PHOTOS: MONON MUNTAKA

The publication ceremony of Prithibi Shera Shomokaleen Kobider Kobita, was organised recently at BRAC Centre. The book, translated and edited by Poet Aminur Rahman, is published by Kathak.



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Eminent National Professor Anisuzzaman graced the event as the chief guest. "Back in the 80s, translating poems and novels was common, but now, few people take up such a task. I hope people like Aminur Rahman will continue their work," he shared.

Renowned educationalist and writer Selina Hossain, Director General of Bangla Academy Habibullah Sirajee, poets Mohammad Nurul Huda, Jahidul Huq, Shihab Sarkar, Kamal Chowdhury and Muhammad Samad, along with Professor Fakrul Alam, were present as special guests.

"We need more enthusiasts who will translate Bengali poems to

English and other languages for the world to acknowledge Bengali literature," said Selina Hossain.

Argentinean poet Jona Burghardt and German poet Tobias Burghardt were present as special guests. Their works have been featured in the book. They both recited parts of their selected poems.

The event concluded with renowned reciter Hasan Arif and Tropa Majumdar reciting some of the poems from the book, which features the works of 35 poets from across the globe.

Swedish poet Bengt Berg, Slovakian poet Milan Richter, Moroccan poet Dr Benaissa Bouhmala and Taiwanese poets Dr Lee Kuei-shien and Miao-yi Tu, among others, have contributed to the book.