

WHAT'S ON



**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Title: Truce - Juddhobiroti  
Artist: Ata Mojlish  
Venue: Dwip Gallery, Lalmatia  
Date: January 25 – February 1  
Time: 3 pm – 9 pm (Except Mondays)



**Winter Festival**  
Title: Heem Utshab  
Venue: Jahangirnagar University  
Date: February 6-7  
Time: 10 am onwards



**Music Conference**  
Title: Shurey Milay Guru Tomay,  
Tumi Milao Pranay Pran  
Venue: Bandar Girls' High School  
and College, Narayanganj  
Date: January 27–30  
Time: 12 pm onwards



**Group Art Exhibition**  
Title: 7  
Venue: Galleri Kaya, Uttara  
Date: January 24 – February 7  
Time: 11: 30 am – 7: 30 pm



**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)



Pictures on exhibit at the event.

# ATA MOJLISH’S ‘Truce - Juddhobiroti’ underway at Dwip Gallery

RASHEEK TABASSUM MONDIRA

*Truce – Juddhobiroti*, an exhibition by Ata Mojlish, opened at Dwip Gallery on January 25 and will conclude on February 1. It is curated by Kazi Tahsin Agaz Apurbo.

Ata Mojlish is an animator residing in Austin, Texas. His father passed away when he was a sixth grader. From that loss to migrating to the United States, Ata has been struggling with depression for a long time. The exhibition features curated images that portray the artist's pain, angst and melancholy.

One room in the exhibition is filled with wall writings of Ata's thoughts, written with ink that is only visible under a torch light. The room has three television screens, where loud music and different images are shown repetitively. It is a representation of chaos, despair and pain. The mirrors in the exhibition are filled with random scribbles, filled



with artist's frustrated thoughts. Ata's depression comes from a disappointment in the world's capitalist mentality and growing commercialisation.

# Joler Dhara's 'Jolrong Utshab 2020' concludes



PHOTO: PIYAS BISWAS

RASHEEK TABASSUM MONDIRA

Joler Dhara celebrated their 10th anniversary with the four-day *Jolrong Utshab*, at Asiatic Society, which concluded yesterday. It was inaugurated by prominent artists Hashem Khan, Biren Shome, renowned writer Muntasir Mamun and poet Akhtaruzzaman Chiru on January 24. As a part of the festival, an exhibition, featuring 32 watercolour paintings by 31 artists, was dedicated to eminent artist Debdas

Chakraborty.

Artists Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Biren Shome, Alokesh Ghosh, Ranjit Das, Tania Akhter, Hamim Sajal, Sunanda Borman and Soikat Hossain, among others, displayed their paintings at the show.

Coming from 11 districts across the country, 85 painters participated in the festival. The event also had art camps and a watercolour workshop. Each day, 10 participants took part in the camps.

Joler Dhara, founded in 2010, has organised eight workshops in the divisional cities and has arranged six art camps, three art trips, and four exhibitions so far.

On the last day, the exhibition hall was full of young artists, setting up their canvases to learn the tricks and turns of watercolour from their trainers.

"We aimed to bring out young talented artists across the country through this festival," shared Shohag Parvez, the director of Joler Dhara.

# BAPPY turns 'Secret Agent'

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Prominent film actor Bappy Chowdhury is working on Shafi Uddin Shafi's Secret Agent, opposite debutant Ushna. Bappy has previously worked with the director in Honeymoon and Prem Prem Paglami.

The shooting of the film is underway at FDC. Taskin Rahman will be seen in a negative role in Secret Agent. "It is an action-thriller movie, where I am playing the character of a police officer, who is also an undercover agent," shared Bappy. Apart from FDC, the film will be shot at different areas across Bangladesh and Bangkok.

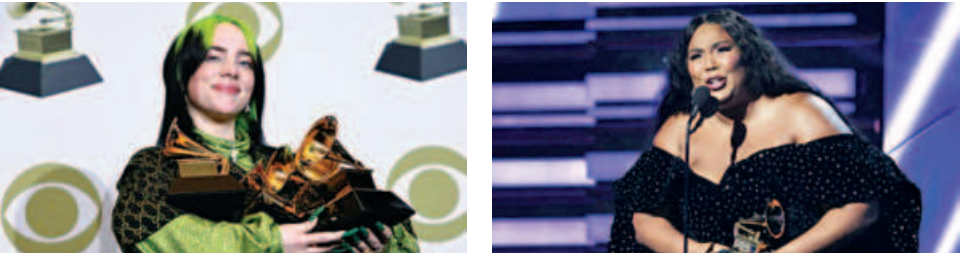


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## BEST OF GRAMMYS 2020



Pictures of Nipsey Hussle and Kobe Bryant are projected during a tribute.



(L) Billie Eilish swept the Grammy Awards, winning all four top awards - album, song, record of the year and best new artist. (R) Lizzo accepts the award for Best Pop Solo Performance for 'Truth Hurts'.

SOURCE: REUTERS

The Grammy Awards were handed out on Sunday at a ceremony in Los Angeles, hosted by Alicia Keys. The night was filled with tributes to Los Angeles icons, celebrating the lives and legacies of NBA legend Kobe Bryant and rapper Nipsey Hussle, who won his first Grammy posthumously at the event. Following is a list of winners in key categories:

- ALBUM OF THE YEAR**  
When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go? - Billie Eilish
- RECORD OF THE YEAR**  
Bad Guy - Billie Eilish
- SONG OF THE YEAR**  
Bad Guy - Billie Eilish & Finneas O'Connell, songwriters (Billie Eilish)
- BEST NEW ARTIST**  
Billie Eilish
- BEST POP SOLO PERFORMANCE**  
Truth Hurts - Lizzo
- BEST POP VOCAL ALBUM**  
When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go? - Billie Eilish
- BEST RAP ALBUM**  
Igor - Tyler, The Creator
- BEST R&B PERFORMANCE**  
Come Home - Anderson.Paak, featuring André 3000
- BEST COUNTRY ALBUM**  
While I'm Livin' - Tanya Tucker
- BEST ROCK ALBUM**  
Social Cues - Cage The Elephant
- BEST MUSIC FILM**  
Homecoming - Beyoncé

# 'Jatiyo Nazrul Sammelan' begins in Chapainawabganj



PHOTO: STAR

RABIUL HASAN DOLLAR, from Chapainawabganj

A three-day event, titled *Jatiyo Nazrul Sammelan* was inaugurated at the premises of Nawabganj Government College in Chapainawabganj town, recently. Nazrul Institute and Ministry for Cultural Affairs jointly organised the programme with the help of the local district administration.

The day began with a colourful rally which began from the Deputy Commissioner's office and ended at the premises of Nawabganj Government College.

The inaugural ceremony was presided over by AZM Nurul Haque, Deputy Commissioner (DC). ProfDrMohammad Fayek Uzzaman, Vice Chancellor of Khulna University, was present at the occasion as chief guest, and Prof Shankar Kumar Kundu, Principal of Nawabganj Government College and Prof Monwara

Khatun, Principal of Nawabganj Government Women College, were in attendance as special guests, among others.

Prof Sultana Razia, former principal of Nawabganj Government College and Dr Toshikul Islam Raza, former principal of Shah Mokhdum College in Rajshahi, along with Additional Deputy Commissioner Tazkiruzzaman also spoke at the programme.

Following the inauguration, a discussion session, with Prof Dr Asit Roy of Department of Music of Rajshahi University as the keynote speaker, on *Nazruler Ganey Sadhinata* was also organised. "Nazrul teaches us to stand upright with dignity, overcoming odds and evil, exploring themes such as freedom, humanity, love, and revolution in his writings," he said. "He opposed all forms of bigotry and fundamentalism."

The day concluded with a cultural programme.



POETRY EVENT

'Kobitar Shathe Mitali' a solo poetry event, by elocutionist Khaleda Ali Mita, was held at the premises of Chhayanaunt, on January 26. Noted Rabindra Sangeet exponent Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya graced the programme with her presence. The music for the event was coordinated by Debashish Adhikari.

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