

WHAT'S ON

Group Art Exhibition
 Title: Us Women 2020
 Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi
 Date: March 8 - 19
 Time: 9:30 am - 7:30 pm

Solo Exhibition
 Title: Parables of the Womb
 Artist: Dilara Begum Jolly
 Venue: Bengal Shilpalay, Dhanmondi
 Date: February 4 - March 28
 Time: 2 pm - 8 pm (Except Sundays)

Solo Photography Exhibition
 Title: Joy Bangabandhu
 Artist: Nasir Ali Mamun
 Date: March 6 - March 24 (Closed on March 13 and 14)
 Time: 3 pm to 9 pm (Mon - Thurs); 9 am to 12 noon and 5 pm to 8 pm (Fri-Sat)

Cartoon Exhibition
 Title: Shjonghati Rekha
 Venue: Kala Kendra
 Date: February 21 - March 17
 Time: 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Art Event
 Title: Bangladesh Art Week Women 2020 - Ora Egaro Jon
 Venue: Dhaka Gallery, Banani.
 Date: March 7 - 14
 Time: 12 noon - 8 pm

Jaya Ahsan's mother Rehana Maswood wins 'Ratnagarva' Award

Jaya Ahsan, throughout her illustrious career, has won a lot of accolades. However, this time was special for the actor, as her mother won the coveted 'Ratnagarva' award on International Women's Day this year.

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

In the 7th edition of the programme arranged by Bengal Chamber of Commerce, mothers of acclaimed novelist Srijit Bandyopadhyay, singer Jayati Chakraborty, designer Sabyasachi Mukhopadhyay were also honoured alongside Rehana Maswood, for their tireless contributions in making the esteemed personalities what they are today.

"I have received many awards, but this will certainly be special to me," says Jaya Ahsan, who just received the 'Tumi Ananya' award in Kolkata the previous day. "My mother has always been there for me, so I am very happy that she has deservedly been honoured."

Rehana, on the other hand, is proud of Jaya's achievements. "Because of my daughter's achievements, I have received this award. I am grateful to the authorities."

Jaya Ahsan is awaiting the release of her upcoming films *Bhootpuri*, *Bini Shutay* and *Arhangini* in Kolkata.



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Photo exhibition against border killing underway at DU

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A photo exhibition, protesting border killings, began near the anti-terrorism Raju memorial sculpture at University of Dhaka (DU) on March 6.

Magazine *Kantatar* organised the exhibition, commemorating International Women's Day and in

remembrance of Felani Khatun, who was shot dead by the Indian Border Security Force while crossing the India-Bangladesh border on January 7, 2011. A collection of photographs by eminent photographer Parvez Ahmed Roni are on display at the exhibition. The organisers also extended

their support to DU student Nasir Abdullah, who has been sitting in for over 40 consecutive days on the Raju memorial sculpture, protesting the killings of Bangladeshis along borders. Nasir, a marketing student who began the protest on January 25, intends to continue the sit-in until

the government pressurises their Indian counterpart to stop the killings immediately. At least 15 Bangladeshis were killed on the border by the Indian Border Security Force personnel in January this year, according to media reports.

The exhibition will conclude on March 17.

Programmes postponed as precaution for coronavirus

RASHEEK TABASSUM MONDIRA

From the biggest international concerts and conferences to the smallest community gatherings, organisers are either cancelling, postponing or rescheduling the events over public health concerns due to coronavirus.

Austin, Texas, canceled the 34th-annual South by Southwest festival (SXSW), after Apple, Facebook, Twitter and TikTok, withdrew their participation. The extensive music, tech and film festival was to run from 13-22 March. Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, which takes place in Southern California, is postponed and rescheduled to take place on 9-11 October. The New York International Auto Show that was scheduled for April has been postponed and is rescheduled for August.

Widespread closings were announced throughout the world this week. Ireland's government canceled all St. Patrick's Day parades, while Tokyo's Nakameguro district canceled its annual Cherry Blossom Festival. The Prague International Film Festival has been canceled as the virus spreads in Europe, with hopes of rescheduling next year.

A number of films' release including the new Bond film, *No Time to Die* has been rescheduled. Mariah Carey, Madonna, Ozzy Osbourne, Pearl Jam, Green Day and BTS have cancelled several shows and concerts. Several precautions to limit public gathering is being taken worldwide with hopes to limit the spread of coronavirus.



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ASIF IQBAL'S 'Je Shohore Bhalobasha Nei' releases today

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Renowned lyricist Asif Iqbal's latest track, *Je Shohore Bhalobasha Nei*, will release today on Gaanchill Music's YouTube channel. The song is composed by Amit Chatterjee and Ishan Mitra, the latter of whom has given voice to it. The music video, directed by Abu Hayat Mahmud, will feature Rawnak Hasan and Nusrat Imrose Tisha.



TV WATCH

'Shohorali', starring Chanchal Chowdhury, Shaju Khadem, Nadia, Shahnaz Tushi and Masum Basher among others, will be broadcast on NTV at 8:20 pm today. The serial is directed by Ejaz Munna.

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