

<p><b>WHAT'S ON</b></p> <p><b>Group Art Exhibition</b>                  Title: Us Women 2020                  Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi                  Date: March 8 - 19                  Time: 9:30 am - 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Solo Exhibition</b>                  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)</p>	<p><b>Solo Photography Exhibition</b>                  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)</p>	<p><b>Photography Exhibition</b>                  Title: 10 Years In The Making by Nadeem A Salam                  Venue: Jatra Biroti, Banani                  Date: April 3 &amp; 4                  Time: 10 am - 10 pm</p>	<p><b>Solo Art Exhibition</b>                  Title: Serenading Soul                  Artist: Zahangir Alom                  Venue: Dhaka Gallery, Banani                  Date: March 18 - 25                  Time: 12 noon - 8 pm</p>
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Amitabh Bachchan

Kareena Kapoor

Lady Gaga

Justin Bieber

Priyanka Chopra

# Celebrities raise awareness on CORONAVIRUS

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As people and nations across the globe grapple with the coronavirus pandemic, celebrities are stepping up to the plate to give a helping hand. The virus has affected more than 110 countries and has had an unprecedented impact, placing major cities in lockdown and implicating jobs around the world.



PHOTOS: STAR & COLLECTED

Nusrat Imrose Tisha



Arifin Shuvoo



Sabila Nur



Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively

Despite the rising levels of fear and uncertainty, it hasn't stopped those who can, including some of the biggest stars, from speaking up about the pandemic. From acts of kindness and messages of support to major donations that will help those who are sick and at risk or out of work, here is how different artists are making a positive impact and giving back to those in need.

Celebrated actors Sabila Nur and Nusrat Imrose Tisha have posted vital information about the pandemic on their social media accounts. While Tisha sent out an awareness post about the importance of washing our hands and keeping our cellphones clean regularly at this time of crisis, Sabila posted an infographic from WHO on ways to protect

ourselves and reducing the risks of the coronavirus infection. Arifin Shuvoo, on the other hand, posted a picture of himself wearing a face mask, as he travels in an auto rickshaw.

With several Bollywood filmmakers' associations, including the Indian Motion Pictures Producers' Association and the Producers Guild of India announcing a suspension on all film, TV and web series shoots from March 19 to 31, the Indian entertainment industry is expected to be hit hard on several fronts. The biggest impact of this move will be felt by the daily wage earning crew members, including spot boys, light assistants and set workers. Subsequently, filmmaker Sudhir Mishra suggested that the industry should set up a fund for this

particular sector that would be most affected by a shut down. Other directors like Anubhav Sinha, Hansal Mehta, Vikramaditya Motwane and Anurag Kashyap agreed with the suggestion and offered to help and contribute to the proposed fund. The president of the Indian Film and Television Directors' Association suggested that they donate to the Federation of Western India Cine Employees account that helps film workers with ration and other basic needs. However, Sudhir Mishra and the rest of the filmmakers felt it would be more effective if they donated directly to the daily wage workers they had last worked with.

Among the actors in India, Kareena Kapoor, who recently joined Instagram used

the medium to share a note about the rising information and misinformation around the novel coronavirus, asking her followers to not panic. Priyanka Chopra also urged her followers to trust UNICEF and wrote, "Misinformation during a health crisis can leave us unprotected, spread fear & panic. Knowing the facts is key to protecting yourself & your family. Visit the @UNICEF website for reliable information on how to talk to children about #coronavirus". Amitabh Bachchan tweeted a picture of his hand with a 'Home Quarantined' stamp on it, asking people to stay safe. The actor has been actively spreading the word on the coronavirus on social media. He recently penned a poem and posted a video of his rendition of the same on Twitter. He also cancelled his weekly Sunday meeting with his fans at his residence. The Mumbai municipal corporation thanked Bachchan for spreading the word on home quarantine. Dilip Kumar, another Bollywood icon, shared on Twitter that he is completely under isolation as a precautionary measure to avoid any infection due to the coronavirus.

On the other hand, Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds have pledged \$1 million to Feeding America and Food Banks Canada, two organisations who assist low income families and the elderly. Earlier this week, Lady Gaga announced that her cosmetic company Haus Labs would be donating 20 percent of its online profits from the previous week to local food banks in Los Angeles and New York City. Justin Bieber pledged to donate \$29,000 to the Beijing Chunmiao Charity Foundation, a children's charity in China to help with coronavirus relief efforts. Moreover, as the coronavirus pandemic continues to cancel concerts worldwide, John Legend, Pink, Keith Urban, Coldplay frontman Chris Martin and more musicians have taken to social media to deliver live performances to their fans.

## Mosharraf Karim's Eid ventures

SHAH ALAM SHAZLI

Popular actor Mosharraf Karim is currently busy with working on various new TV projects for the upcoming Eid. Directed by Shamim Zaman, *Sudden Marriage* features Payel and Shamim Zaman, alongside Mosharraf Karim. Mosharraf recently wrapped up Shajin Ahmed Babu's Eid special tele-fiction, *Uchhotar Bhalobasha*. Alongside Mamo, he is set to appear in *Ek Boishakhi Bhore* and *Bonlata O Jonakir Golpo*, two one-hour television shows, directed by Sagor Jahan. He also finished

shooting for a special tele-fiction for Eid, titled *Contract*, opposite Zahara Mitu. The actor recently came back from abroad after finishing the shooting of an Indian-Bengali film for the first time. West Bengal Science and Technology Minister Bratya Basu is the director of the film, *Dictionary*. Mosharraf is set to play the role of the protagonist opposite Indian actor Nusrat Jahan in this Kolkata-based film. "The film is based on two short stories," Mosharraf karim expressed his enthusiasm about the film. "I am extremely happy with the work, and I hope the audience will like the film".



PHOTO: SHEKHI MEHEDI MORSHED



## Kamal Ahmed's 'Mohakabyer Kobi' celebrates Bangabandhu's birth centenary

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Laser Vision published acclaimed singer Kamal Ahmed's audio album *Mohakabyer Kobi* on the eve of Bangabandhu's birth centenary. The album is comprised of 12 songs, dedicated to Bangabandhu. It was released on Laser Vision's and Kamal Ahmed's official YouTube channels recently. The lyricist of the album is Fazlul Haq Khan. The music composition is done by Badrul Alam Bakul and Md Shah Newaz. Some of the tracks on the album are *Ponero eagoster Bhore Govir Shoke*, *Ami Karbala Dekhini*, *Pochattor Mane Pathor Chapa Shok*, *Ekatorer Ronangon Kapano*, and *Tumi Shadharon Manusher Rokte Lekha*, among others.

## Production houses shutting down till March 31

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Due to rising concerns of the new Coronavirus creating havoc in Bangladesh, most of the major production house in Bangladesh have declared a temporary halt

in operations from March 21-31. The decision was made after the companies' mutual understanding of what is needed to curb the impact of the virus, and the news was broken by director Adnan Al Rajeev on social media.



## From the Production Houses

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

As Coronavirus continues to spread rapidly worldwide, World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the Covid-19 outbreak a global pandemic.

We are taking all the necessary steps to ensure the safety of our team and society hence decided to shut down all our operations from 21<sup>st</sup> march to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020.

Please take all the required precautions to avoid getting affected. Stay safe and Healthy