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'Nobanno Utshab', a celebration of late autumn, the season of harvest, was held on November 15 under the Bokul tree at Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University. The daylong programme featuring music and dance was arranged by Jatiyo Nobannotshab Udjapan Porshod. The celebration drew people from all sections of the city.



From "Baywatch" to "Bigg Boss"

Pamela Anderson in Indian reality show

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

From being the bikini babe of the famous TV show "Baywatch" to a sequined sari and blouse with a plunging neckline -- that's Hollywood's blonde bombshell Pamela Anderson for you in India.

The 43-year-old actress featured in the 4th edition of the popular Indian reality show "Bigg Boss" as a participant for a reported fee of Rs 2.5 crore just for a three-day appearance and says she wants to soak in Indian ethos.

And in keeping with "Indian ethos", she appeared before the media at Lonavala, a beautiful hilly tourist resort 125km from India's entertainment capital Mumbai, decked in a sari, blouse, bangles and a bindi.

Those who had expected Pamela to be in skimpy bikini for the show were disappointed. For, she was wearing an Ashley Rebellon-made white chiffon sari with mirror work on border and a backless blouse.

"It is my first visit to India and so I hope I will be able to get some impressions of the country during my stay," Pamela said.

She became a celebrity guest in the Bigg Boss house last Wednesday.

Wearing a grey T-shirt and a pair of jeans, Pamela was mobbed by fans when she arrived at the Chhatrapati International Airport in Mumbai on Monday; securitymen and bouncers had a tough time in paving her exit.

Earlier, the late reality TV star and British actress Jade Goody had appeared in "Bigg Boss" in 2008.

Ironically, however, Pamela says she is not an ardent fan of reality shows. "I love traditional shows like 'Baywatch'," she said before entering the Bigg Boss house.

Regarding the show host and Bollywood star Salman Khan, Pamela said, "I have heard about Salman through the media. I have seen a few Bollywood films, but I don't remember any of the actors by their name. May be, if I see him, I will be able to recognise him [Salman]."

On the TV show, Pamela, the world's most famous pin-up woman, was locked in the sprawling house under the round-the-clock surveillance of multiple cameras for three days with nine other contestants.

She had to do household chore during the show and she did not mind it. "I do them all the time. I love cooking and doing laundry," she said.

She says she has offers from Bollywood and TV reality shows in India but declined them to spend time with her children. "They are growing up and I need to be around them. I can't stay without them," the actress said before entering the show.

If you thought Pamela was all about things associated with a screen scorch, think again. She has a more meaningful side to her.

She says she is an animal lover, a vegetarian and propagates the cause of clean water for all.

She has written a letter to Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh urging him to appeal to the people not to use leather products.

According to Pamela, on top of her agenda is to ensure everyone in the world gets clean water for washing, drinking and personal hygiene.

Play on Liberation War "Mukhtir Rifle" staged in Thakurgaon

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Shapla Natya Goshthi, one of the leading cultural organisations of the greater Dinajpur district, recently staged a play on Liberation War titled "Mukhtir Rifle" at Thakurgaon Natya Samiti stage.

The 31st production of the group was an adaptation of Bertolt Brecht's "Señora Carrar's Rifles" by Swapon Kumar Mitra. The play was directed by Goutam Kumar.

The play features a woman who lost her husband in the beginning of the Liberation War. She does not let her two sons participate in the war, fearing that they might meet the same fate as their father's. But when one of them is killed, the mother gives up her reservations and sends her sole surviving son to war, telling him not to return until the country was free.

A short discussion was held prior to the play. President of Shapla Natya Goshthi SM Jasim was in the chair.

The organisers expressed that the play was staged with a view to convey the history of Liberation War to the young and to expose to them how the Pakistani army and their collaborators killed and tortured the people of this country.

Shapla Natya Goshthi started its journey in 1982. According to the discussants, in the course of its 27 years, the cultural organisation has played a major role in staging shows in the rural area despite many limitations.

Theatre is a major tool in the transformation of the society and has played important role in the crucial phases of the country, including the Language Movement, Mass Uprising and democratic movements -- they were of the view.

The cast of "Mukhtir Rifle" included Selina, Adiba, Shamim, Shadidul Islam, Jahangir Alam, Waliul Haque, Sohel, Ujjal, Shaju, Mehedi and Sajjad Hossain.

Credit for the stage management and decoration goes to Rezaul Karim, Shahin, Shimul and Goutam (make-up). Mamun and Ratan did the music direction and S.M. Jasim oversaw the entire production.

Jennifer Aniston to start her own reality TV show?



"Friends" star Jennifer Aniston has reportedly been offered a new reality show by the producers of "The Hills" and "Jersey Shore" and she's considering taking up the offer, it has emerged.

Former MTV programming president Tony DiSanto and ex-senior vice president Liz Gately reportedly approached the 41-year-old star about a small screen show that would give audiences an inside view of Aniston's world, Entertainment Wise reports.

"Jen's a really private person, so everyone will want to know the real her. Viewers would kill to see how she goes about her day-to-day life, what she really eats and get an insight into her love life," News.com.au quoted a source as saying.

"The Bounty Hunter" star might actually be interested in the concept but "only on her own terms" according to the source.

Source: Internet

A vivacious up and coming actress

In conversation with Nova



SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Although Nova's journey in the media has been short, she has cemented her place with notable works in modelling and acting.

Since the launch of her career through a 2005 Pran TV commercial, Nova has won much praise from the modelling gigs that followed.

Signing up in the 2006 edition of "You Got the Look" was a milestone for Nova, as she picked up the awards for 'Best Look' and 'Best Smile' in the pageant. Director Animesh Aich saw her potential and signed her up for one of his TV plays. The play, titled "Prem O Gham-er Golpo", featured Nova in the role of Nayantara. Right after that she was offered a role in Saiful Islam Mannu's serial "Khuje Berai Taare", written by Imdadul Haq Milon. Memorable performances on TV helped build her reputation as an actress.

The most notable TV plays Nova has worked in include: "Ghorar Dim", "Boishakh Theke Srabon", "Nishad", "Photocopy" and "Shopno Bashona", while her popular serials are Ferdous Hasan's "Mohanagar", Redwan Rony's "Houseful" and Afsana Mimi's "Doll's House". She has also claimed much praise for her work in the TVCs

of Pran Daal, Teer Sugar, Navana Biscuit and Banglalink.

An entertainer herself, Nova spends time watching TV plays and listening to music. Subarna Mustafa is one of her favourite actresses.

Nova recently returned from Bangkok after working in Raihan Khan and Shokal Ahmed's jointly directed 52-episode serial, titled "Ha-Du-Du". Nova expressed her satisfaction about working on the serial.

Nova also has a production house of her own called 'Prottasha' which produced a TV play last Eid. A telefilm called "Blue" is also in the pipeline to be aired this upcoming Eid. Raihan Khan is directing "Blue". Plans for another telefilm by the production house is on, while Nova plans to produce another on the occasion of Victory Day.

Despite her strong presence in TV plays, modelling, production and hosting, Nova is yet to appear on the silver screen. She says there is no immediate plan of joining the film industry; instead she will focus on TV plays and occasionally host shows.

Currently, the serial "Jamai Mela", featuring Nova, is being aired on Banglavisión, while Rtv is airing her "Porshi Bari". Nova says both TV plays are unique and she enjoyed working in both of them.