

Selim Al Deen Memorial Programme
Marking Natyacharya's 6th Death Anniversary
Venue: Shilpkala Academy
Date: Jan 14-16
Time: 3pm



Zainul Quamrul Exhibition
Venue: Nalini Kanta Bhattacharjee Gallery, National Museum
Date: Dec 22-Jan 18
Time: 10am-8pm



13th Dhaka International Film Festival
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, EMK Center, National Museum and Public Library
Date: Jan 10-18, Time: 10am onwards



Solo Painting Exhibition
Artist: Bahram
Venue: Dhaka Art Center, H-60, R-7/A, Dhanmondi
Date: Jan 10-22
Time: 3pm-8pm



Film Festival
Title: Tribute to Suchitra Sen
Venue: International Digital Cultural Archive, Shilpkala Academy
Date: Jan 8-17
Time: 6:00pm



NEWS bytes

AIC raise money for Typhoon victims



In November of last year, Typhoon Haiyan devastated parts of the Philippines, killing more than 6,000 people and causing hundreds of millions of dollars in damage throughout Southeast Asia. Now, Alice In Chains are helping raise money for the typhoon victims. As part of their annual "Alice In Chains & Friends Fantasy Football League Charity Auction", the band has partnered with nonprofit organisation Music For Relief to auction one-of-a-kind items and memorabilia. All of the auction's proceeds will go toward helping the survivors and aiding Music For Relief in delivering medicine, emergency medical services, water, sanitation and disease prevention efforts to the 12 million people impacted by the storm. Some of the items in the auction include original paintings by Alice In Chains vocalist/guitarist Jerry Cantrell and System of a Down's Serj Tankian, a custom Gibson Les Paul guitar signed by Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong, a Pantera 'Vulgar Display of Power' plaque signed by Vinnie Paul and a limited edition Metallica vinyl box set.

Source: Loudwire

IT'S TRUE!



In 1998, Ukrainian-born US actress and voice artist Mila Kunis was cast as Jackie Burkhardt in the Fox sitcom "That '70s Show". All who auditioned were required to be at least 18 years old; Kunis, who was 14 at the time, told the casting directors she would be 18 but did not say when. Though they eventually figured it out, the producers still thought Kunis was the best fit for the role. "That '70s Show" ran for eight seasons, and she won two consecutive Young Star Awards as Best Young Actress in a Comedy TV Series in 1999 and 2000 for her performances.

Shilpacharya's birth centenary celebrated in Barisal

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barisal

A children's painting competition and discussion were held in Barisal on Friday to observe the birth centenary of internationally-acclaimed painter Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin.

Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy, Barisal district branch organised the programme at Ashwini Kumar Hall in the city, presided over by president of Barisal Sanskritik Sangathan Samannya Parisha, Syed Dulal. Discussants at the programme said as an artist of exceptional talent and international repute, Shilpacharya is considered the founding father of Bangladeshi art.

In 1948, he helped found the Government Institute of Arts and Crafts

(Now the Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University) in Dhaka, the first modern art institution in erstwhile East Pakistan, they said. Not confining himself to promoting modern art, he worked tirelessly to encourage folk art in Bangladesh. He founded the Folk Art Museum at Sonargaon near Dhaka in 1975 and became actively involved in a movement to preserve the cultural heritage of



Children at the painting competition.

Bengal. Abedin was involved in the Liberation War movement. He was at the forefront of the cultural movement to re-establish the Bengali identity, the discussants added. The speak-

ers further said that the younger generation should learn about Zainul.

Later, the chief guest distributed prizes among the winners of the competition.

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Crowd puller Poush Mela held in Chittagong



PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY, Chittagong

To mark Poush, the shivering month of winter in the Bengali calendar, a day-long colourful Poush Mela, cultural programme and Pitha Utsab, were held at Haatkholia premises in Chittagong city on Friday.

Haatkholia organised the programme at its premises in city's Surson Road area.

Kamrun Malek, president of Chittagong Women Chamber and Commerce and Industries inaugurated the festival. Mahbub Alam, president of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCCI) and CCCI director Syed Sagir Ahmed and Wahed Malek were special guests at the event.

Housewives and students participated in



PHOTO: STAR

the festival with mouth watering "pitha", made of rice, milk, coconut, molasses and more. Renowned fashion houses of the port city and indigenous women also displayed their products at the festival.

Traditional rural delicacies were a crowd puller at the festival. Multifarious hand-made jewellery and various types of indigenous were also showcased.

Poet Yusuf Muhammad, proprietor of Haatkholia, said that the festival was organised to familiarise today's generation with the rich pitha tradition of rural Bengal.

At the stall "Nabanna" set up by fashion designer Kazi Shahaj Parvin visitors were busy tasting "Dudh Choitoi" pitha. The stall "Poushali", set up by Assistant Professor

Hossain Asma Iva, showcased different kinds of "payesh" and "Fuljhiri Pitha".

Dalia Roy and Dimple Roy, two sisters delighted visitors with indigenous pithas like "Rifri Mou", "Lako Mo" and "Khio Ri".

The stalls "Ruma's Recipe" and "Arion er Hesel" offered 30 types of traditional pithas including "Kolai ruti", "Til puli" and "Jober bhat".

Arion also showcased indigenous hand-made jewellery and garments.

Reputed photographer Shoyeb Farooqui commended Haatkholia for organising the event and said that the declining pitha tradition could be revived through such initiatives

The festival was followed by a cultural programme.

Rewind with NIROB

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Over the last couple of years, popular model Nirob has displayed his mettle as a powerful actor on the silver screen. Recently, he talked to The Daily Star about key moments in his eventful life:

"The first movie I watched at Nupur Cinema Hall in Pangsha of Rajbari district was Zakir Hossain Raju's "Jibon Sangsar", starring late Salman Shah and Moushumi. During a visit to my uncle's home, my cousin, his friend and I made for the theatre and enjoyed it thoroughly as I was great fan of Salman Shah. That day is imprinted in my memory."

"Once Sarika and I went to Mymensingh to inaugurate a showroom and were confronted with a huge crowd. As the crowd burgeoned, we had to seek police help to tackle the situation. On becoming a star, I have visited many places but that gathering was most surprising. That day I realised what it means for an actor to be showered with the love of the people."

"I loved playing cricket. Due to this, as a hired cricketer I often took part in the game at different school playgrounds in Rajbari when I visited my uncle's home. Since I had earned much prominence as a cricketer, the people of the area hired me for the match."

"On a different topic, I was infatuated during my school days by a girl named Zerin. I went to school in the hope of a glance at my love interest. Such school boy crushes are a normal part of growing up."

"I distinctly remember too the early days of my modeling career. I was sent to watch the shooting a TVC made by Amitabh Reza so that I could pick up the ropes of an off track TVC. But a day before the shoot, Reza gave me the opportunity to work as co-model with Akram Khan. I was so happy at being given this chance. As it turned out, the TVC won much appreciation. This was a major achievement for me."

"After a long hiatus, I got the chance to model for another commercial. Soon I appeared in some acclaimed TVCs under the direction of Amitabh Reza."

"On February 8, 2008, I finally bought a car from one of my friends. I had always dreamed of buying a car. To fulfill the dream, I saved a big amount earned from two TVCs of Banglalink and some other projects."



TV WATCH Special "Ittyadi" episode to repeat today



A CORRESPONDENT

A special episode of popular magazine programme "Ittyadi", shot entirely at the Chittagong sea port, will see its re-telecast on BTV today, after the 10pm News Bulletin. The episode, shot inside the port with a few thousand-strong audience, was the first at the venue. The programme will feature some

inspiring and interesting

humane stories, music by prominent artistes Naquib Khan, Partha Barua, Robi Chowdhury and Shakila Zafar, a number of comedy skits including the regular segments nana-nati and mama-bhagne. The programme is written, directed and hosted by Hanif Sangket, produced by Fagun Audio Vision and sponsored by Keya Cosmetics.

FILM REVIEW

Dedh Ishqiya: Dark Comedy at its finest

Back in 2010, there was "Ishqiya", and now, there is "Dedh Ishqiya", albeit with edgier characters and a plot that will keep you glued to the screen right till the end.

Director Abhishek Chaubey takes the risk of carrying forward the storyline from where the trio of Khalu (Naseeruddin Shah), Krishna (Vidya Balan), and Babban (Arshad Warsi) left off after being done with their antics. He has certainly come up with an even more convincing picture painted in dark colours with a tinge of comedy.

This time around, Babban, Khalu and the don Mustaq (Salman Shahid) reprise their roles, but there are twists in the tale. Khalu has a special plan at

work; he smartly dons the garb of a shayar called Iftikhaar Hussain in order to win over the beautiful Begum Para of Mahmudabad (Mahmudita Dixit), who is on a massive groom hunt after her husband's demise. The Begum had promised her late husband to remarry the one who could woo her with his shayari.

The graceful Begum Para has an attendant cum confidant, Munira (Huma Qureshi), always by her side. On the other hand, there is a politician named Jaan Mohammad Khan (Vijay Raaz), who is also trying tooth and nail to have the beautiful Begum as his bride. This is when the men waiting with bated breath for the Begum's affections have a conspiracy at hand to be executed



when the time is ripe. The women too don't fail to surprise the men and the audiences with their novel shenanigans.

With a power-packed cast, "Dedh Ishqiya" is a dark gem for the connoisseurs of this genre. Madhuri exudes a charming aura

on-screen, and Huma rules every frame she appears on. The chemistry between Madhuri and Naseeruddin looks a tad forced perhaps because of their wide age gap, but it's made up for by the madcap tricks cooked up by the madcap Babban and Khalu.

The music delivered by Vishal Bhardwaj is adept in rendering the required force and conviction to the film's story. Moreover, the neatly edited scenes make the film a captivating treat for the eyes.

Everything about "Dedh Ishqiya" stands on its own and stands out. Whether you watch it for the Begum's magic or Babban and Khalu – this caper is sure to delight you.

Source: Internet

The new official poster for the 2014 Oscars has been unveiled, featuring host Ellen DeGeneres giving a preview of her unique personality that the audience will see on Oscar Sunday -- relaxed and cheerful. The Academy Award nominations will be announced Thursday, January 16, with the awards gala being on March 2.



HOSTED BY ELLEN DEGENERES