

**WHAT'S ON**  
 Art Exhibit  
 Title: Poradrishti  
 Featured Artist: SM Sultan  
 Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct  
 Date: May 23-July 13



Conversation on S.M. Sultan's Artworks  
 Title: Prokriti and Purusha  
 Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct, 64-65, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue



Art Exhibition  
 Title: Artistic Musings of Greats  
 Collector: Nasir Ali Mamun  
 Venue: Bengal Gallery, Dhanmondi  
 Date: June 14-July 5  
 Time: 12pm-8pm



Group Etching & Aquatint Prints Exhibit  
 Title: Shadow of Concave  
 Venue: Shilpakanga Gallery, H-7, Rd-13 (New), Dhanmondi  
 Date: June 21-July 4



Print & Art Exhibition  
 Artists: Ahmed Nazir and Some Renowned Artists of 30's & 40's  
 Venue: Gallery Chitrag, H-4, Rd-6, Dhanmondi  
 Date: June 20-July 5  
 Time: 10am-8pm



**NEWS bytes**

**Pitt stars in "Fury" trailer and poster**

A stylish new trailer and poster have arrived online for "Fury", starring Brad Pitt as the leader of an American tank unit during the last days of WW2. Pitt will play Staff Sergeant Wardaddy, with the film charting his unit's advance beyond enemy lines in an attempt to strike at the heart of the Nazi power-base.

With just five men and a single Sherman tank, the odds look stacked against the protagonists, leaving plenty of scope for some backs-against-the-wall action.

Directed by David Ayer and co-starring Shia LaBeouf, Logan Lerman, Michael Peña and Jon Berthal, "Fury" will open in the UK on October 24.

Source: **Totalfilm**



**Brazil faces Argentina in Farmers' World Cup**



Shykh Seraj (L) with the farmers, all set in the Brazil kit, ready to take on the opponents under the floodlights.

A CORRESPONDENT

As the football fever grips the nation, even the rural denizens are not to be left behind. A few days ago, a remarkable media report surfaced about Amjad, a small time -farmer from Magura who put in his meagre savings to make a 3.5 km long flag of Germany, his favourite squad. Talk about true football frenzy.

Amjad's fervour for the game was born of his complete faith in German homeopathic medicine that cured him of a dreadful disease back in 1987. He's now famously known as Pataka (Flag) Amjad and is headed for world's first-ever Farmers' World Cup in Char Malshapara in Sirajganj, organised by Hridoye Mati O Manush of Channel i.

On arriving at Char Malshapara, the festive appearance that the stadium wore was not very different from that in Sao Paolo. A packed audience, dressed in Argentina and Brazil jerseys, masks and body paint were in evidence to a symbolic match between arch

rivals Brazil and Argentina.

"We often underestimate rural talent, their perseverance, innovation, progressive mentality, but these people went far beyond our imagination," said Shykh Seraj, the planner, director and host of "Krishoker Bishwacup".

"Farmers are the key people for Bangladesh; football is the real heat of the moment and source of entertainment all over. Why would these people remain behind a curtain during the world's biggest sporting event?" he added.

The stadium was full of life with the presence of iconic commentator Chowdhury Jafrullah Sharafat. Floodlights hung from bamboos illuminated the field. Players aged 35 to 55 along with the referee, sang the Farmers' World Cup anthem, specially composed for the event. Remarkably, Bangladesh's legendary farmer, Kartik Pramanik was in the gallery.

It was a tough battle between the two teams, in a delight for the spectators in the

neck to neck game. Yellow cards were handed for tough tackles, goals were scored, and impressive skills were displayed on the field.

Hridoye Mati O Manush had put up banners all around the field with the theme, "Pesticide-free Bangladesh" to promote organic farming. Apart from eight cameras, the Channel i team used an airborne drone camera that captured shots from above.

There was a sudden power failure with rain drenching the onlookers but not a single person left. The event ended with Pataka Amjad handing over the trophy to the winners. He was also presented an honorary cheque from Channel i in recognition of his dedication to football.

"Krishoker Bishwacup" or Farmers' World Cup will be telecast on July 11 at 4:45pm and will be re-telecast on July 12 at 11:05 am. The programme was conceived, directed and hosted by Shykh Seraj, who has been promoting farmers' rights, their entertainment and more for over three decades.

**TV WATCH**

**Shakila Zafar in Iftar special cooking show**

A CORRESPONDENT

Noted singer Shakila Zafar will be present as guest in an episode of Ramadan special cooking show "Vim Jhotpot Iftar" which is set to air on ATN Bangla. The singer will share her recipe of Iftar delicacies. Each episode of the month-long programme will feature celebrities as guests. Samina Chowdhury, Mila, Kona, Dinat Jehan Munni, Lopa Hossain, Farhana Nisho, Tushar Khan, Mehzebien, Alif and many other guests will share special recipes with the audience.

Rumana Malik Munmun will host the show produced by Loby Rahman. The programme will air everyday at 4.10pm.



**Metallica headline Glastonbury**



Metallica and Lana Del Rey (below) perform at the festival.

Heavy metal band Metallica won over new fans as they headlined to Glastonbury's famous Pyramid Stage on Saturday. The band played for 90 minutes, with highlights including "One", "Cyanide" and an extended version of "Master Of Puppets". The quartet is the first metal act to headline the festival since its inception in 1970. Frontman James Hetfield said the band was "proud to be representing, shall we say, the heavier side of music."

Drummer Lars Ulrich earlier told the BBC that being asked to play was "the biggest honour". Fans and supporters lined the back of the stage as they ended the main set with "Nothing Else Matters" and "Enter Sandman".

Returning for an encore of "Whiskey in the Jar" and "Seek and Destroy", the band launched dozens of black Metallica-branded weather balloons into the audience, triggering a giant game of dodgeball between the audience and the security guards.

Jack White, who played the Pyramid Stage immediately before Metallica, jammed on the riff to Enter Sandman during his set, prompting a surge towards the stage. The musician ran through two dozen hits - including "Hotel Yorba" and "Seven Nation Army" - each delivered with the urgency of a band playing their encore.

The audience has endured heavy showers throughout Saturday, and large swathes of the 900-acre site have become a swamp - but there was no sign of the thunder and lightning that had been forecast.

Famous faces spotted at the festival include Stella McCartney, Downton Abbey actresses Laura Carmichael and Lily James, film star Bradley Cooper and

new Culture Secretary Sajid Javid.

As of midday on Saturday, 138,152 ticket-holders were on site - a few thousand below capacity, suggesting some have been put off by the weather.

Singer-songwriter Nick Mulvey opened proceedings on the main Pyramid Stage. His uplifting acoustic-pop was a perfect for the early morning revellers, who swayed and bobbed in time to the music. Mulvey later played at a special event curated by folk-pop band Mumford and Sons in the Avalon Field, on the very outskirts of the site.

Lana Del Rey drew an adoring crowd to the Pyramid Stage, making a dramatic appearance in kohl-smudged eyes and a tie-dye dress. Her louche, darkly romantic hits "National Anthem", "Video Game" and "West Coast" were suitably dramatic as the sun played hide-and-seek in a stormy sky.

Thousands turned up to watch rock newcomers Royal Blood at the smaller John Peel tent, spilling out into the fields and nearby campsites.

Former Led Zeppelin frontman Robert Plant played one of the most musically diverse sets of the day, with hits like "Black Dog" given drastic West African and South East Asian overhauls. Preceding him on the Pyramid Stage, R&B star Kelis also re-tooled some of her most famous songs, giving a jazzy big-band treatment to tracks like "Milkshake" and "A Capella".

Over on the Other Stage, Jake Bugg played a headline set, above more experienced acts like Manic Street Preachers and The Pixies.

The festival continued yesterday with Dolly Parton, Ed Sheeran and Kasabian on the bill.

Source: **BBC**

**Eminent cultural personalities honoured**

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Five eminent cultural personalities were honoured for their contribution to the arts at an event at Shilpakala Academy auditorium recently. Zila Shilpakala Academy organised the programme -- "Zila Shilpakala Academy Sammanona-2013".

The awardees are Tagore and classical artist Professor Sumita Naha for music; Al Kuniat Sabur for recitation; Md. Golam Rafiq for theatre; flute maestro AKM Sahabuddin Khan for musical instrument and Jyoshna Chakraborty for her contributions to the promotion of jatra pala, an ancient art form of the country.

Earlier, a discussion was held marking the occasion.

Internationally reputed actor-director and president of International Theatre Institute, Ramendu Majumdar was the

chief guest. Mustakim Billah Faruqi, Deputy Commissioner, Mymensingh, presided over the programme.

Without the promotion of culture, we cannot foil the evil designs of fundamentalists who have been trying to tarnish the culture and heritage of the country, speakers said. The attack on Ramna Botomul in Dhaka was a critical assault on our culture, but soon people began to congregate at the spot once more, proving our resilience, said the speakers.

A research cell on loko-natya (folk theatre) at Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKNIU) in Trishal, would help revive Lokoknatya and other elements of our literature and culture of Mymensingh region, added the speakers.

Later, the chief guest distributed crests and medals to the awardees. Md. Arju Ahmed, District Cultural Officer, delivered the welcome address.



Ramendu Majumdar (2-L) awards a recipient.

PHOTO: STAR



Popular actor Apurbo and his wife Aditi, bask in the joy of parenthood. On July 27, which incidentally is Apurbo's birthday, his first-born, Ayyash, arrived at the Apollo Hospital in Dhaka.



**Rupban Pala staged in Bogra**

MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogra

A jatra-pala (folk theatre) titled "Rupban Pala" was staged by Prokitojan at District Parishad Auditorium in Bogra town recently.

The pala has been written by Nazrul Islam, dramatist and deputy press secretary of the prime minister, and directed by Selim Reza Shentu, director of Prokitojan.

A short discussion was also held where Nazrul Islam attended as chief guest.

The speakers said that there was a need to popularise cultural activities that showcase the history and traditions of Bangladesh.

A big audience thoroughly enjoyed the play.

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