

Art Exhibition
Reality Versus Imagination and Illusion
Artist: Samiran Chowdhury
Venue: Gallery Cosmos
Date: August 30-Sep 11
Time: 11am-7pm



16th Annual Bonsai Exhibition
Organiser: Bangladesh Bonsai Society
Venue: WVA Auditorium, H-20, Rd-27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: Sep 5-8, Time: 10am-8pm and 4pm-8pm on Sep 5



Photography Exhibition
Life and works of Tajuddin Ahmed
Venue: Gallery 21, Dhanmondi
Date: July 19-September 8



An Evening of Stand Up Comedy
Performers: Mirakkel-Akkel Challengers
Venue: IGCC, Gulshan-1
Date: Sep 6



Ganga-Jamuna Theatre & Cultural Fest
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy



Memories of the star Salman Shah's death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Salman Shah's debut film "Keyamat Thekey Keyamat" revived our ailing film industry in the early 1990s. With this blockbuster not only did the Dhalliwali heartthrob's career take off sky high but young movie goers flocked once more to cinema theatres and the film industry re-entered a golden era.

Shah chalked up a tally of 26 hit movies that drew in the crowds. His co-stars Moushumi, Shabnur and Shabnaz gained much popularity as well. "Keyamat Thekey Keyamat" was also Moushumi's debut film. Salman Shah and Moushumi became a very popular on-screen couple who acted in other movies like "Denmohor" and "Antore Antore".

Shabnur came into the spotlight through working with the highest paid actor.

However, Salman's untimely demise on September 6, 1996 created shock waves in the film fraternity. Soon after the news trickled out, some of his ardent fans even committed suicide.

"Salman was not only my co-star in my debut film but also a close friend," said Moushumi.

"Salman was a highly popular film artiste and deeply committed to his profession," said actress Sabnaz, adding that she had enjoyed working with him.

"I worked with Salman in a TV play. His nickname was Emon. We have lost a great artiste," said Tamalika Karmaker.

Rtv to air Salman Shah's films



A CORRESPONDENT

Rtv will air six films of late actor Salman Shah marking the death anniversary of the hero. Salman Shah is considered to be a celebrated actor who opened up a new era in Bangladeshi films in the 90s. Starting off his career with "Keyamat Thekey Keyamat", which is regarded as a remake of India's Hindi movie Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak, Salman gained skyrocketing popularity through his acting skills and soft-romantic roles he played in films.

Starting from September 6, Rtv will air films of Salman Shah for six consecutive days at 12:35pm. The six films are: "Tomake Chai", "Sneho", "Anondo Oshru", "Anjuman", "Chaoa Theke Paoa" and "Shottor Mrittui Nei".

KONAL ON DS CAFÉ



Popular singer Somnur Monir Konal is the featured celebrity of this month at DS Café. She will be on the hot seat and take your calls at The Daily Star Centre on September 9, between 4 and 5pm. Readers, fire away all your questions at her! The best question will be highlighted in the transcription. Call 01711623915 and 01711623917 to speak to Konal.

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Model, choreographer, TV director and actress, Tania Ahmed is a name to contend with in the showbiz world. She has now diversified into film making with her debut film at the shooting stage in London.

The versatile talent recently spoke to The Daily Star about her new project.

Tell us about the plot of your new film.
Tania: "Good Morning London", hinges on a father-daughter conflict. I don't want to tell you anymore; audience can watch the plot unfold in movie theatres.

How did you prepare for your debut film?

Tania: I was well prepared for my entry into the film industry. I had to be as the film was to be shot abroad under the prestigious Impress Telefilm banner. Moreover, all my uncles have been involved in the film industry for a long time.

Who is in the cast?

Tania: Bidya Sinha Mim, Sazzad -- champion of Handsome the Ultimate man, Tariq Anam Khan, Mir Sabbir, Tanzika and Nisho.

Why did you choose Sazzad and Mim as the protagonists?

Tania: Mim is now doing very well as a model and TV actress. She is tall and can compete well with foreign actresses. On the other hand, I picked Sazzad because of his good looks and dapper appearance in the drama serial "Face". He can also dance very well.

Tell us about the music of the film.

Tania: Of the six tracks in the film, five have been directed by SI Tutul. The singers are Habib Wahid, Tutul, Kona and Nowmi.

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