


Prangonem Theatre Fest
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: March 6-12
Time: 7pm



Concert for the Burned
Bands: Arbovirus, Powesurge, Owned + more
Venue: National Library Auditorium
Date: Mar 14
Time: 11am-9pm



Solo painting exhibition
Artist: Laila Anjuman Ara
Title: Joy of Nature
Venue: Alliance Francais de Dhaka
Date: Feb 27-March 9
Time: 3pm-9pm



Remembering Qayyum Chowdhury
Organiser: Bengal foundation & Kali O Kalam
Venue: Bengal Shilpakala, H-42, Rd-27 (old)
Date: March 9; Time: 6pm



Gaudiya Nritya Workshop 2015
By: Rachel Priyanka Peris
Venue: National Music & Dance Centre, BSA
Date: March 12-14; Time: 10am



NEWS bytes

Rihanna most-streamed female on Spotify



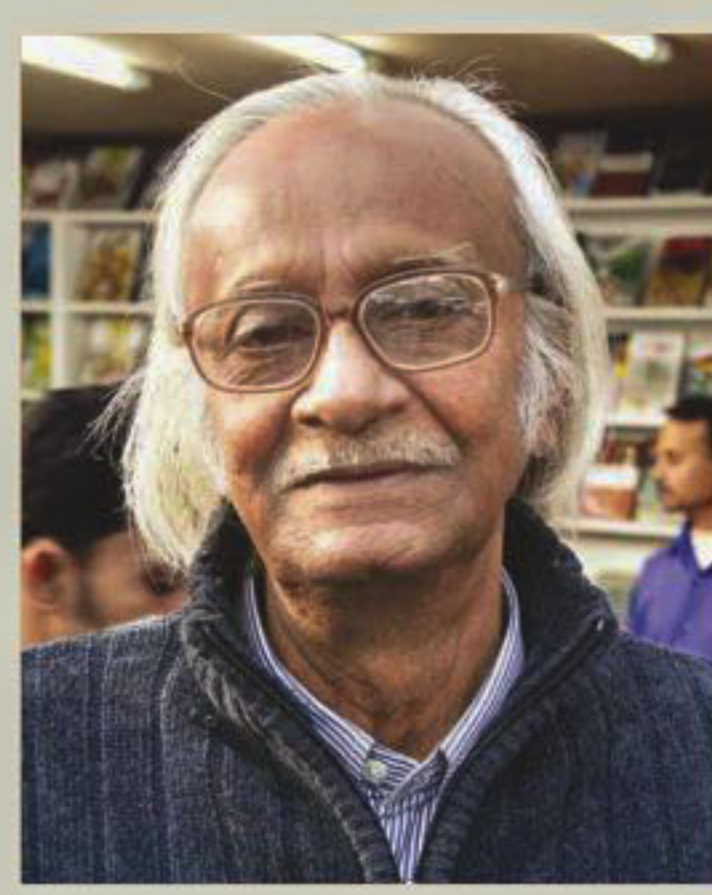
Marking International Women's Day, popular music streaming site Spotify has compiled a list of the most-streamed female artists on the music site. Rihanna reigns supreme as the favorite female artist among all Spotify listeners worldwide. The most-streamed woman (for the third year in a row) had a smash hit with her Eminem collaboration, "The Monster", last year. The song has been streamed over 200 million times on Spotify. Katy Perry, Beyoncé, Lana Del Rey and Lady Gaga are next up on the list. With feminist anthems like "Run the World (Girls)" and "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)", and new tracks "Flawless" and "Pretty Hurts", it's no surprise that Beyoncé is the female artist most women in the world listen to on Spotify. Perry, Del Rey and Rihanna all make second appearances, with Ariana Grande rounding out the top five.

Source: **Variety**

Bengal Foundation's paeon to Qayyum Chowdhury



STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Today (March 9) marks the 83rd birth anniversary of eminent artist and graphic designer Qayyum Chowdhury. To celebrate his life and works, Bengal Foundation has arranged two separate programmes. Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts in Dhanmondi and Kali O Kalam jointly present, "Qayyum Chowdhury: Selected illustrations from Kali O Kalam" -- an exhibition of original illustrations commissioned by the monthly of arts and letters, while Bengal Art Lounge in Gulshan will host "Qayyum Chowdhury" -- Selected Paintings and Drawings from the Bengal Foundation Collection", offering an opportunity for art lovers to rediscover the late artist's significant works. A combined inaugural ceremony of both the exhibits will



take place at 6pm today at Bengal Gallery. Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman and artists Rafiqun Nabi and Samarjit Roy Chowdhury will jointly inaugurate the memorial programmes. Abul Hasnat, Editor of Kali O Kalam and the late artist's son Moinul Islam Zaber will speak on the occasion. Born in Feni in 1932, Chowdhury graduated in 1954

from the Government Institute of Arts, now Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA) of University of Dhaka (DU). Mentored by the master painter Zainul Abedin, the artist pursued his passion for painting during the most exciting stages of the country's art movement in the '50s. It was at the FFA of DU that Chowdhury spent the most significant period of his life, creating awe-inspiring artworks blending the country's folk elements with a modern flavour on canvas. It was also the place where his lifelong endeavour of projecting nature and rural Bangladesh inspired hundreds of his students. Chowdhury won innumerable awards including the Imperial Court Prize, Shilpakala Academy Award, Leipzig Book Fair Prize for Book Illustration, the Ekushey Padak, the 6th Bangabandhu Award, the Sultan Padak and Swadhinata Padak.

Prosenjit and Kusum in "Sankhochil" Goutam Ghose's tale of the partition

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi
The story of the 1947 partition of India and its effect on life on both sides of Bengal have been dealt with by a number of film directors, most notably by Ritwik Ghatak, and now added to the list is acclaimed Indian film-maker Goutam Ghose who explores the historic event in his upcoming work "Sankhochil". The film, starring Tollywood superstar Prosenjit and Bangladeshi TV actress Kusum Sikder, will be Ghose's third Indo-Bangladesh joint production after "Padma Nadir Majhi" and "Moner Manush". The film will be extensively shot in different parts of West Bengal and Bangladesh, and is expected to be ready by the middle of this year, according to the director. About the title "Sankhochil", Ghose explained that despite uniformity of language, food habits and culture, the people are divided by a boundary but there was no such artificial barrier in the free movement of birds. Ghose dubbed the partition the 'biggest blunder' in the country's history.

The story of "Sankhochil" grew out of Ghose's visits to areas on the border of India and Bangladesh, along with a friend of his who happens to be a senior BSF officer. When Ghose offered the role to Prosenjit he was so excited that he even came forward to jointly produce the film with his Bangladesh counterpart Habibur Rahman. For his part, Prosenjit said "The moment I heard the script, I sat cross-legged on the floor to take Badal (the protagonist he is playing) inside me, the very posture, manners of a man living in a border village." "Badal has only one country, one language. I have now started living with Badal like the way I had done with Lalon when I grew out my hair for months," Prosenjit added. Ghose said with the two Bengals sharing love for art and culture and Bangla being the fifth most-spoken language in the world, more and more films should be produced by the two countries. Habibur Rahman Khan said "Sankhochil" can be a true document on celluloid about our common shared history and its influence on people.



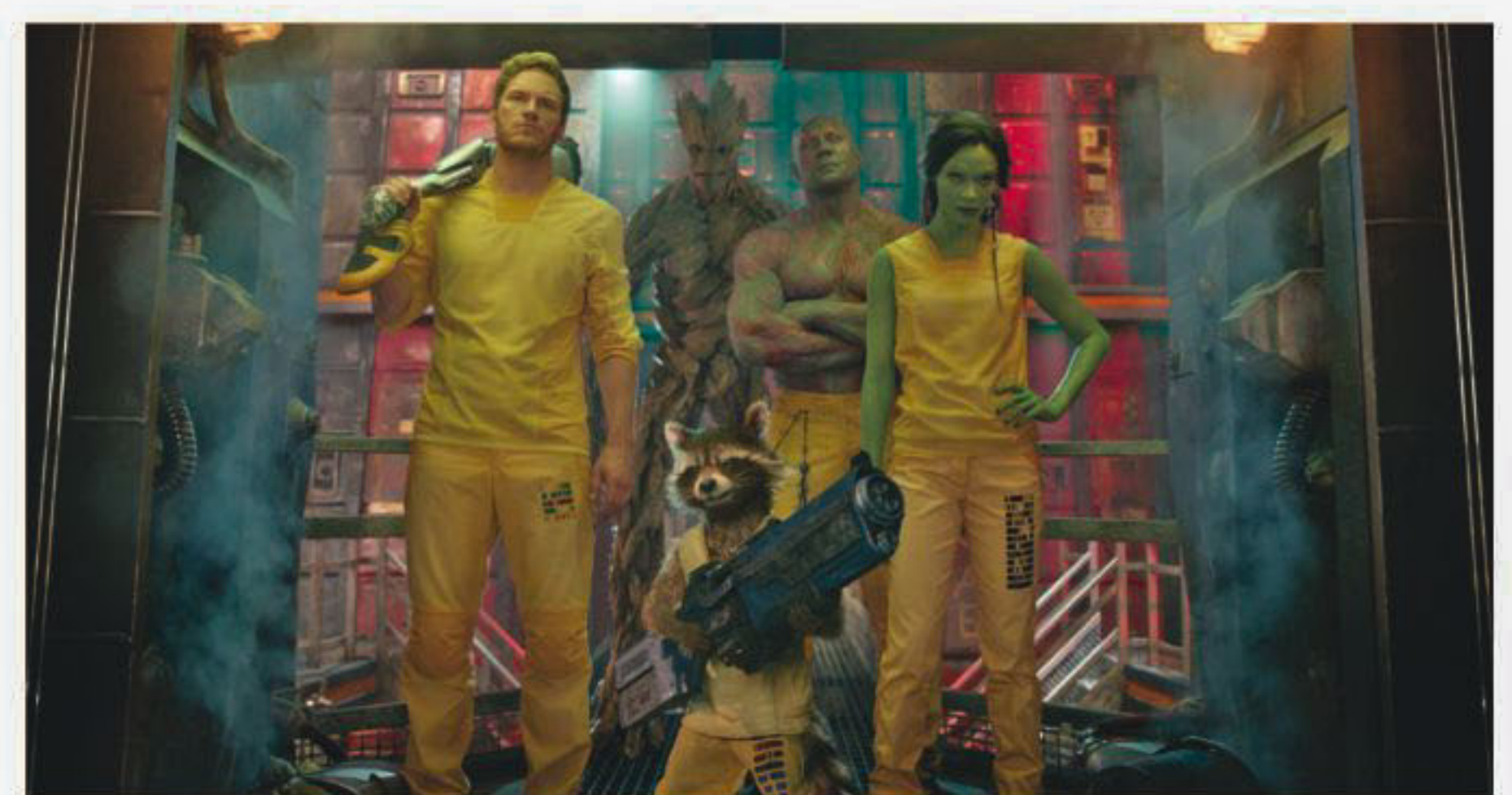
"Still struggling, working hard" ... Kalki

Kalki Koечlin, the versatile Bollywood actor of French descent, said she is still struggling and working hard. "I have to find something that I can relate to, something that makes it real for me, believable in some way. I think I need to have lived with the characters I play and something that I have not done before. I don't like to be repetitive," she said in an interview. About her earning accolades from critics but yet to be popular among the masses, she said, "I will love to do more mass movies if they are offered to me. I think 'Zindagi na Milegi Dobara' and 'Yeh Jawani Hai Deewani' were great films to work on and I will love to do more such films." Asked where she would like to see herself in the next five years, Koечlin says, "I want to be curious and excited about every film I do as though it was the first film."

Source: **Hindustan Times**

MTV Movie nominations announced

"Guardians of the Galaxy", "The Fault in Our Stars" and "Bad Neighbours" lead this year's MTV Movie Award nominations, with seven each. "22 Jump Street" and "Whiplash" received five each. In the running for the best male performance category is Bradley Cooper (for "American Sniper") and Miles Teller ("Whiplash"). Channing Tatum ("Foxcatcher"), Chris Pratt ("Guardians of the Galaxy") and Ansel Elgort ("The Fault in Our Stars") make up the rest of the list. Rosamund Pike is flying the flag for the UK with three nominations -- all for her role in "Gone Girl", including a nod for breakthrough performance. Despite picking up the best actor Oscar last month, Eddie Redmayne got one nomination for his performance as Professor Stephen Hawking in "The Theory of Everything" for best on-screen transformation. David Oyelowo, is nomi-

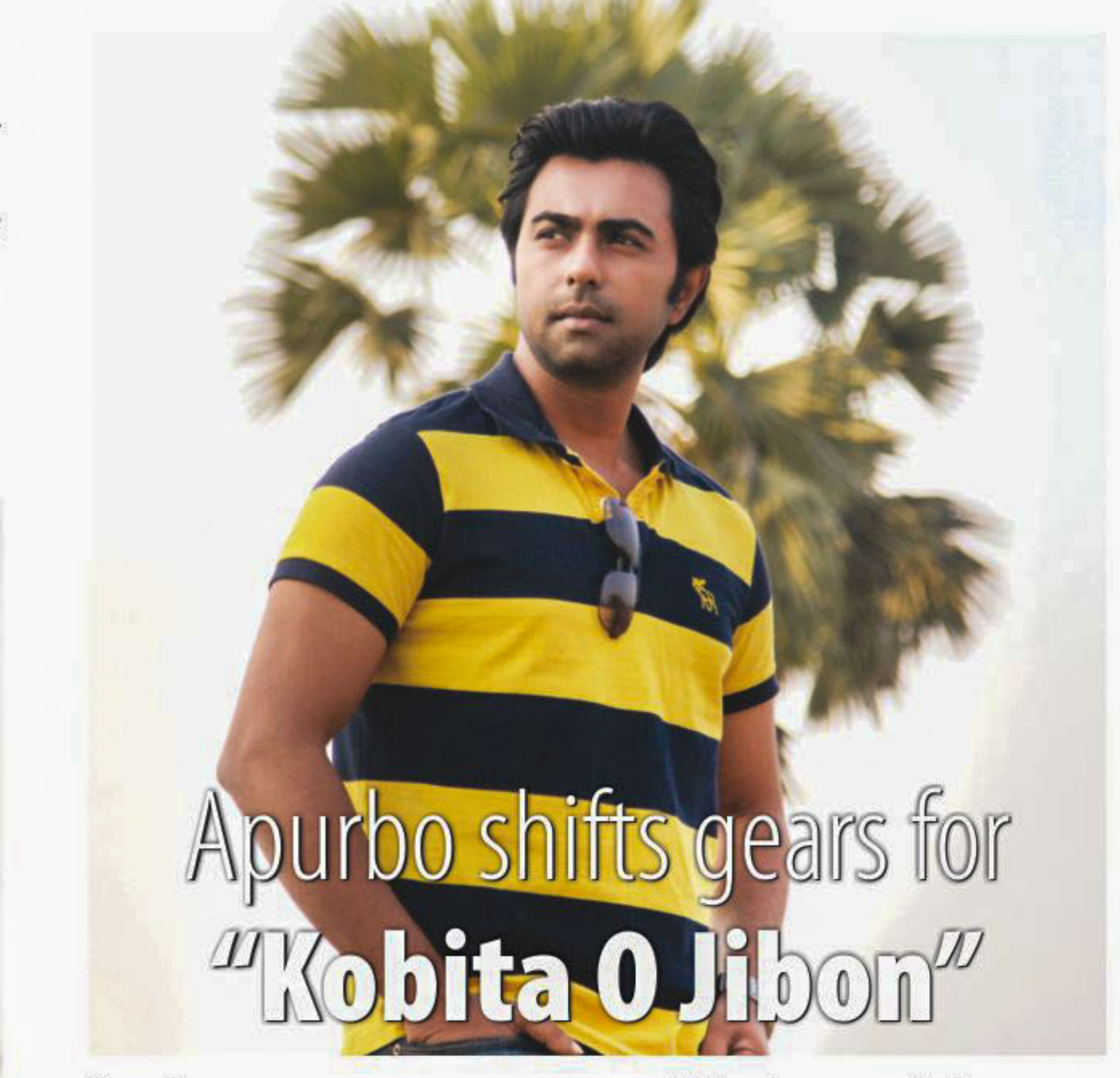


nated for best breakthrough performance for the Martin Luther King Jr-inspired film "Selma", despite being snubbed at both the Oscars and Baftas. The ceremony, which is due to be held on April 12 at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles, will be hosted by comedian Amy Schumer.

Source: **BBC**

IT'S TRUE!

American actress, musician, and model Taylor Momsen, best known for portraying the character of Jenny Humphrey on the television series "Gossip Girl", was signed up as a model with Ford Models at the age of two, began acting professionally at three years of age in a 1997 national commercial for Shake 'n Bake, and broke out as an actress in 2000 at age seven with "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" -- the most successful holiday movie of all time, and also recorded her first song "Christmas, Why Can't I Find You?" for the movie. Momsen currently fronts rock band The Pretty Reckless.



Apurbo shifts gears for "Kobita O Jibon"
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Popular actor Apurbo is now busy with a number of projects -- But he has been paying a little extra attention his new project -- single-episode play titled "Kobita O Jibon". In the play -- of love triangle, Apurbo will be seen essaying a role named Kingshuk, which the actor said was challenging role for him, so he sought time to prepare for it. Shooting for the play began yesterday. "It is a very solid script. I have adapted myself for the character, and I feel confident stepping up to the camera as Kingshuk," said Apurbo. Obid Rehan and Mimo are the other two actors in the central casts of the drama -- which is slated to air soon on ATN Bangla.

TV WATCH "Haatkhola" finale on Banglavisión



A CORRESPONDENT
The last episode of drama serial "Haatkhola" will air tonight at 8:15pm on Banglavisión. Written by Zakir Hossain Ujjal and directed by Shamim Zaman, the serial is based on the story of a remote village named Haatkhola and depicts the happiness and sorrows of people living in the village. Moutushi, Prova, Runa Khan, Homayra Himu, Bristhi, Rahmat Ali, Fazlur Rahman Babu, Lutfar rahman George, AKM Hasan and Shamima Tushti are in the cast.

Ferdous film week on ATN Bangla



A CORRESPONDENT
ATN Bangla yesterday began a "Ferdous film week", screening selected films from across the career of the popular actor. From Sunday to Wednesday, his movies will be shown at 10:40am and from Thursday to Saturday -- the shows will be at 3:10pm. The movies to be telecast are -- "Jamela Shundori" (today), "Karagar", (tomorrow), "Dojjal Shashuri", "Bondhok", "Miss Diana" and "Kheya Ghaater Majhi".