

**WHAT'S ON**  
 Discussion on Abul Mansur Ahmad  
 Organiser: Kaler Dhoni  
 Venue: National Art Plaza Auditorium, BSA  
 Date: March 18, Time: 5pm



ITI Theatre Fest  
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy  
 Date: March 13-21  
 Time: 7pm

**International Theatre Institute**  
 World Organization for the Performing Arts

Solo painting exhibition  
 Living in Inferno  
 Artists: Krishna Chattopadhyay  
 Venue: Shilpangan Gallery  
 Date: March 14-28



5th Oriental Painting Exhibition  
 Organiser: Oriental Painting Study Group  
 Venue: Zaimul Gallery-1&2, FFA, DU  
 Date: March 17-23  
 Time: 11am-8pm



Dhaka Comedy Festival  
 Organiser: Naved's Comedy Club  
 Venue: Baridhara DOHS Convention Centre  
 Date: March 20  
 Time: 4pm - 10pm

**2015 Dhaka Comedy Festival**  
 Friday, March 20, 2015  
 6:00PM - 10:00PM  
 Stand-up comedy  
 Amateur stage  
 Lady's Open mic

**NEWS bytes**

**Kanye West to headline Glastonbury**



Kanye West will headline Saturday night at this year's Glastonbury in June after all. The festival's organiser, Emily Eavis, tweeted: "We are thrilled to let you know we have the one and only Kanye West headlining Saturday night on the Pyramid stage!" The Foo Fighters had already been confirmed as Friday night's headliners, while the main act for the Sunday night has yet to be announced. Tickets for Glastonbury 2015 sold out in less than 30 minutes last October. Music fans paid £225 for a ticket to the festival held at Worthy Farm in Somerset. The 37-year-old has since acknowledged the announcement though, claiming to be "excited".

**IT'S TRUE!**



Keira Knightley was only eight years old when she first appeared on TV. She was 17 when filming "Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl". Her mother traveled with her to all of the shooting locations. Keira did all of her own stunts in "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest". She was thrilled that she actually got to sword fight in this one. At age 20, Keira was the second youngest woman to be nominated for Best Actress in Oscar history. Keira loves to keep souvenirs from films to remember the experience. From "Doctor Zhivago" she held onto Lara's coats and from "Pride & Prejudice" she kept Elizabeth Bennett's striped socks.



**Celebrating the legacy of Runa Laila**

In conversation with Samreen Islam Ahmed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The iconic Runa Laila will be completing her fifth decade in music this year, and to mark the momentous occasion, Entourage Entertainment is hosting a concert. To pay tribute to the artiste, the concert -- to be held on April 10 at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre -- will also feature famed Indian singer Krishnakumar Kunnath (known better as KK) and Pakistani actor-singer Fawad Khan. Samreen Islam Ahmed, the CEO of Entourage Entertainment and a former model, spoke to The Daily Star about the concert. "I had grown up in close quarters to Runa Laila; she was like family to us. Since my childhood, I used to try and sing like her, and dance to her songs. Last year, when I attended a concert of hers after a long time I found out that this year would mark the golden jubilee of her career, and I decided to celebrate it in a grand way. Since she is immensely popular in India and Pakistan as well, I thought of bringing in artistes from the two countries as well. KK is still such a



familiar voice in Indian cinema and has given so many hits over the years that he was an automatic choice. I am also a fan of

Fawad Khan's acting, and he has gained popularity after the film 'Khoobsurat' in Bollywood. He is also a singer, so I thought of having him on the show. It took us a while to arrange everything, but we completed it successfully. "My main goal is to honour Runa Laila's illustrious career through the programme. I feel she deserves more honour, and is more revered globally than here. She has sung songs in numerous languages, and is popular all over the world. "I have had the support from producers in the UK who are part of Entourage Entertainment. They have been in the business for long, and with their experience in making big events happen, we have brought this idea to life." "Runa Laila was very excited when I told her of the event. We will invite special guests, cut a cake and show her our love in the best way we can, so she is obviously thrilled about it. Since I am somewhat of her niece and this is the first event of my company, it's special for me too, to start off with an event for Runa Laila."

**TV WATCH**

**Nashid Kamal in 'Gaane Gaane Shokal Shuru'**

A CORRESPONDENT

Noted singer Nashid Kamal will be the guest in today's episode of "Gaane Gaane Shokal Shuru" to be aired on Channel i today at 7:30am. Nashid Kamal will begin the show with patriotic songs followed by a number of popular Nazrul songs. Later, the singer will present some popular children's songs.



**Shormymala on a roll**



A CORRESPONDENT

Shormymala is a popular theatre artiste. She has been working with theatre troupe Palakar since 2006, and has acted in 10 stage plays including some critically acclaimed plays -- "Nora's Daughter", "Banglar Mati Banglar Jol", "Mrittika Kumari" to name just a few. But her big break came when she shared screen space with big stars in Goutam Ghose's "Moner Manush". Later, she played the lead role in Gazi Rakayat's National Award-winning film "Mrittika Maya", which also brought her a national award -- for Best Actress in a Leading Role (jointly with Mousumi for "Purno Doirgho Prem Kahini"). About her achievement, an elated Shormymala said, "I heard the news from Gazi Rakayat sir. I was so excited that I didn't initially believe that I was selected for it. I am indebted to the entire 'Mrittika Maya' team." Not only that, she has also acted in a number of television plays. She debuted in television with Aminur Rahman Mukul's "Bokul Phool" and later ventured into drama serials. At present, she is working in Afsana Mimi's "Saat-ti Tara" Timir", which airs on ATN Bangla, and Golam Sohrab Dodul's "Hollabaji" -- that airs on Banglavisision.

**BEST BOOKS, BEST WRITERS**

Ananya enjoys a great run



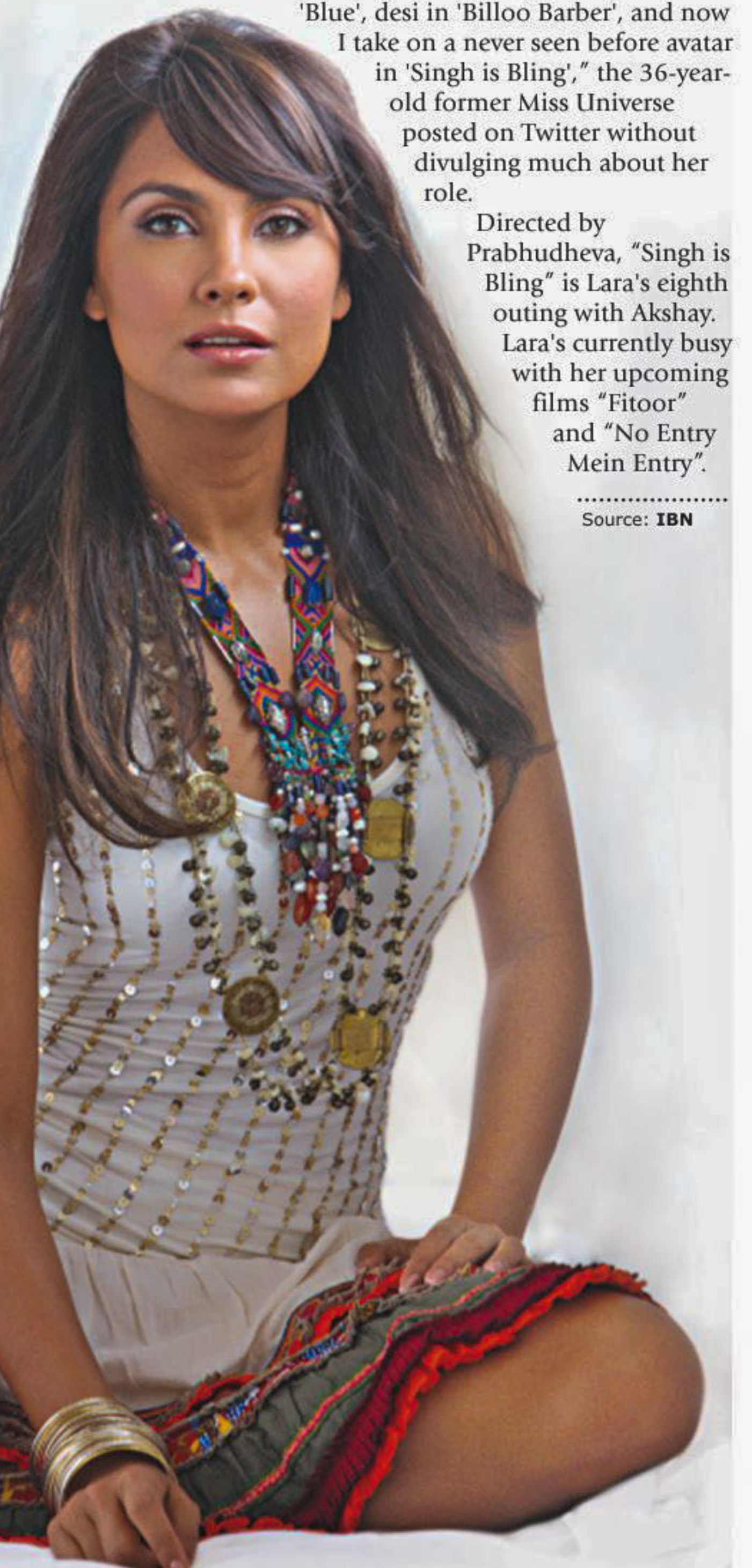
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ananya, one of the leading creative publication houses in Bangladesh, largely publishes novels, short stories, poetry books and children's literature. At this year's month-long Ekushey Boi Mela, it published over 100 books under the theme "Shera Lekhok Shera Boi". However, the political situation slowed down the footfall to the fair, according to the publishers. "This year's book fair was not as lively as we had expected due to the country's political situation. Nevertheless, during the last days of the fair we saw a

good turnout of book lovers," publisher Monirul Haque said. Why weren't there many books on the Language Movement? Haque said such works called for very extensive research, besides many veteran writers who penned such books had passed on. Haque also pointed out that readers pick up more books at the fair than otherwise. "The fair is an eagerly awaited event, as Ekush is closely connected with the spirit and psyche of the nation." He concluded by saying that book fairs go a long way in promoting learning and should be encouraged further.

**Lara Dutta's unusual avatar in Singh is Bling**

Known for experimenting with her looks on-screen, actress Lara Dutta is all set to don a new look in Akshay Kumar-starrer "Singh is Bling".



"You have seen me go glamorous in 'Blue', desi in 'Billoo Barber', and now I take on a never seen before avatar in 'Singh is Bling,'" the 36-year-old former Miss Universe posted on Twitter without divulging much about her role.

Directed by Prabhudheva, "Singh is Bling" is Lara's eighth outing with Akshay. Lara's currently busy with her upcoming films "Fitoor" and "No Entry Mein Entry".

Source: IBN



**Water colour workshop concludes**

A CORRESPONDENT

A three-day water colour workshop titled "Experimenting with Soft Reflections" concluded at Gallery Cosmos, Malibagh, Dhaka, on Sunday. Renowned Painter Biren Shome conducted the workshop, while eminent artist Mustafa Monwar inaugurated the event as chief guest on Friday. The participating artists were Abdul Guffar Babu, Afrozaa Jamil Konka, Alptogin Tushar, Anukul Majumder, Azmeer Hossain, Biplob Das, Bishwajit Goswami, Golam Faruque Bebul, Kamaluddin, Kamruzzoha, Mintu Dey, Pran Roy, Rashedul Huda, Ruhul Amin Tarek, Shahneoyaj Cacoly, Shahnoor Mamun, Shamal Bishwash, Shohag Parvej, Shulekha Chaudhury, Sohel Pranon, Sultana Putul and Sourav Chowdhury.

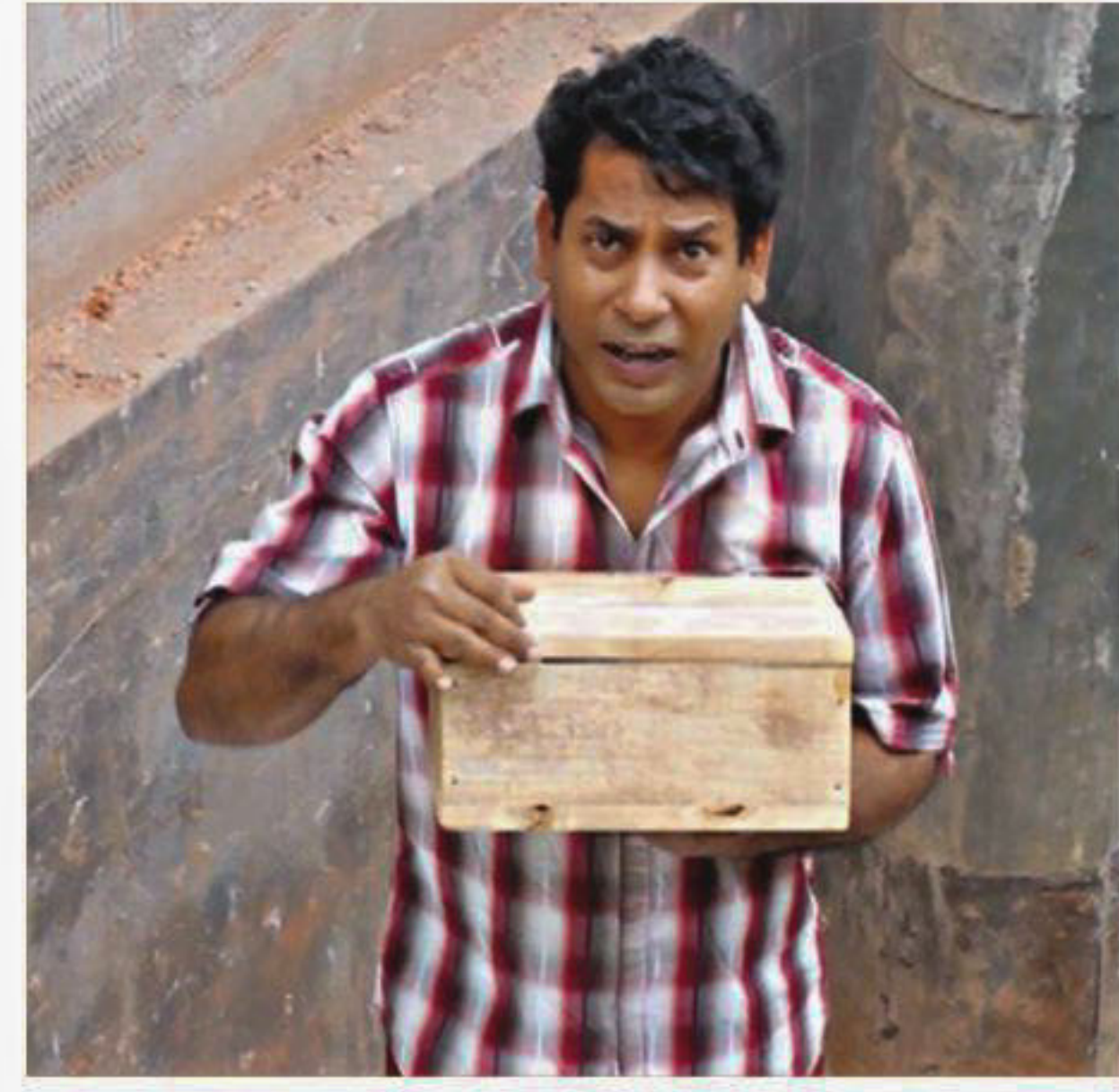


**'Macbeth' to be staged at Jorashanko Thakur Bari**

A CORRESPONDENT

"Macbeth", a popular production by Padatik Natya Sangsad (TSC) will be staged at a four-day Shakespeare Festival organised by the Department of Drama of Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata from March 17-20. Padatik will stage the play at Jorasanko Thakur Bari on March 19. "Macbeth", the Shakespearean classic, has been translated in Bangla by Syed Shamsul Haq, while Sudip Chakroborthy has directed the play. "Macbeth" casts Shakhawat Shimul, Syeda Shamchi Ara, Hamidur Rahman Pappu, Moshirur Rahman, Javed Patwary, Jony, Rasel, Joy, Ikram, Shubha, Tanmoy, Lemon and Jewel.

**New serial TINI ASH BEN on Banglavisision**



A CORRESPONDENT

New drama serial "Tini Ashben" will go on air tonight on Banglavisision at 8:15pm. Written by Kazi Shahidul Islam and directed by Maruf Mithu, the play encompasses social problems and their effect on our lives. The characters in the play await an unknown man who will solve these problems. Mosharrif Karim, AKM Hasan, Farhana Mili, Hasin Rowshan, Shirin Alam, Jhuna Chowdhury, Tarik Swapan and others are in the cast.