


**WHAT'S ON**  
Solo Painting Exhibition  
Title: Pleasant Journey  
Artist: Professor Nasreen Begum  
Venue: Gallery Chitrag  
Date: May 15-29  
Time: 10am-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition  
Title: Notation, Reconstructed  
Artist: Kazi Ghiyasuddin  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts  
Date: April 18-May 26  
Time: 12pm-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition  
Artist: AH Dhali Tomal  
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, Rd-13, H-7, Dhanmondi  
Date: May 1-May 14  
Time: 12pm-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition  
Title: Painted Love  
Artist: Dilruba Latif Rosy  
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka  
Date: May 4-12  
Time: 3-9pm; 9am-12pm on weekends



Group Masks Exhibition  
Title: Mukh O Mukhosh-6  
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, Rd-16, Sector 4, Uttara  
Day: May 10-20  
Time: 11am-8pm



**NEWS bytes**

**Natalie Portman in new biopic**

Natalie Portman is slated to take on the role of the first Jewish female Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, in an upcoming biopic. According to Deadline, The Academy Award winner recently nabbed the starring role in "On the Basis of Sex", a biopic about the life and career of Justice Ginsburg. Marielle Heller, who recently received critical acclaim for her directorial debut "Diary of a Teenage Girl", is reportedly in talks to direct the politically charged film. Filming for "On the Basis of Sex" is on track to begin



**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

After a long break, popular actor-director Tauquir Ahmed is working on a new film, titled "Oggatonama". The cast of the film has already been finalized. Acclaimed actors Shahiduzzaman Selim and Mosharraf Karim will be seen as the protagonists. This is the first time the two actors will be sharing screen space. "Oggatonama" will go on the floor on May 25. Shahiduzzaman Selim will play a manpower agent while Mosharraf Karim will don the avatar of a police sub-inspector. About the film, Shahiduzzaman Selim said, "Whenever I get a good script I devote myself to acting." Mosharraf Karim, meanwhile, said "I have played various roles in my life but this will be the first time I will play a cop in a film. Tauquir Ahmed is a brilliant actor and director." The film also casts Abul Hayat, Nipun, Fazlur Rahman Babu, among others.



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF NOVERA AHMED Art exhibition at JKNIU**

AMINUL ISLAM, *Mymensingh*  
In memory of Novera Ahmed, a leading sculptor of Bangladesh, a three-day open art exhibition at Bottola on Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKNIU) campus in Trishal will conclude tomorrow. Novera studied in Kolkata and acquired a diploma in Design on Modeling and Sculpture from Camberwell College of Arts in London in 1955. She died on May 6 at a hospital in Paris at the age of 85. The Fine Arts Department's teachers and students of JKNIU organised the exhibition. Thirty-six artworks by teachers and students of the department were on display at the exhibition. Talking to this correspondent, Tapon Kumar Sarker, head of Fine Arts Department said, "We organised the exhibition to pay tribute to the first woman sculptor of the country who brought a new dimension to this field." Earlier, a discussion was held where speakers said Novera, one of the pioneers of modern sculpture, will be remembered for her outstanding work with Hamidur Rahman on the original design of the Central Shaheed Minar.



**Celebrating the Bard Tagore birth anniversary in Shahzadpur and Kushtia**

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPLU, *from Shahzadpur, Sirajganj*  
A three-day Rabindra festival at the Shahzadpur Kachharibari in Sirajganj marking the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore concluded on Sunday. A discussion

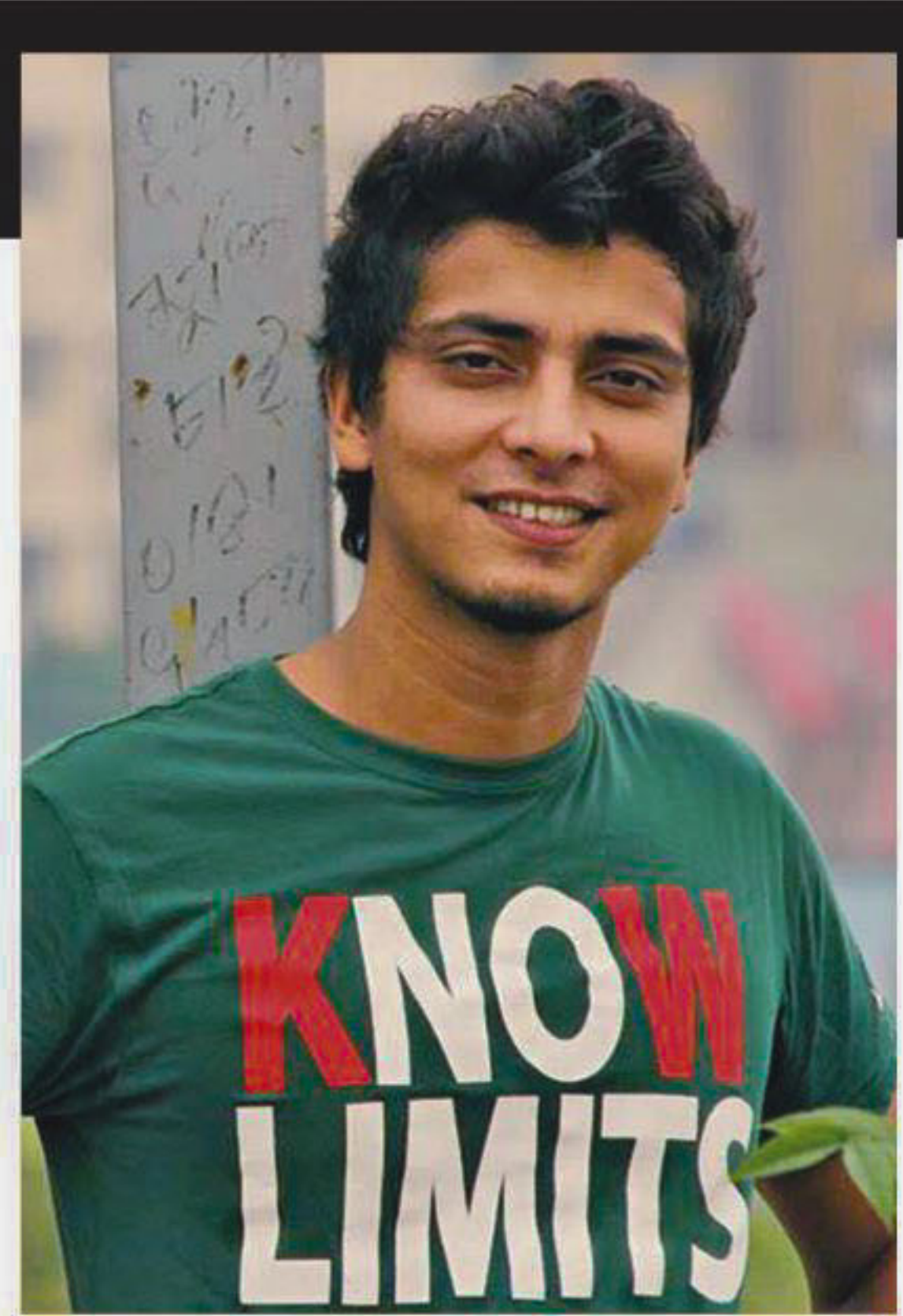
and cultural programme were the highlights of the festival. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the Rabindra festival on Friday. Sirajganj Deputy Commissioner Billal Hossain chaired the concluding programme while noted Rabindra researcher Nasim Uddin Malitha presented the keynote paper

on the life and works of Tagore. Speakers said that despite being the landlord of Shahzadpur estate, Rabindranath Tagore was the first to promote communal harmony here. Artists from Sirajganj Shilpakala Academy along with local artists performed Rabindra sanheet, dance and recited poems.



Artistes perform at the event in Kuthibari. PHOTO: STAR

AMANUR AMAN, *Kushtia*  
A three-day celebration of Nobel Laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore's 154th birth anniversary ended on Sunday night at the Shilidaha Kuthibari, also known as Rabindra Kuthibari. Kushtia district administration supported by Ministry of Cultural Affairs arranged the programme. Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu inaugurated the programme as chief guest. The event included a discussion, cultural programme and Rabindra Mela. Around 26 cultural organisations from the district took part in the cultural programme. Kushtia film society also presented six films based on the life and works of the poet.



**Sayeem Sadat passes away**

A CORRESPONDENT  
Promising actor and model Sayeem Sadat passed away in the capital in the early hours of yesterday, after suffering a stroke. Sayeem was the model for print, billboards and TV Commercials, including for various telecom operators. He also acted in tele-films such as "Bhalobasha 101" and "Vitamin T". He was working as an assistant director at a production house, and was a known face in the advertisement industry. Tragically, Sayeem had got married just six days ago

**IT'S TRUE!**

Jennifer Lawrence was born August 15, 1990 — the first girl to be born on her dad's side of the family in 50 years. She grew up on a horse farm in Louisville, Kentucky, where her parents raised unbroke stallions because they were cheaper. Her family didn't believe in "seeking medical treatment." She was hit by a car at 18 months and deformed her tailbone after being thrown from a horse. Neither incident warranted a trip to the doctor's office.



**SHUVO on DS Café**

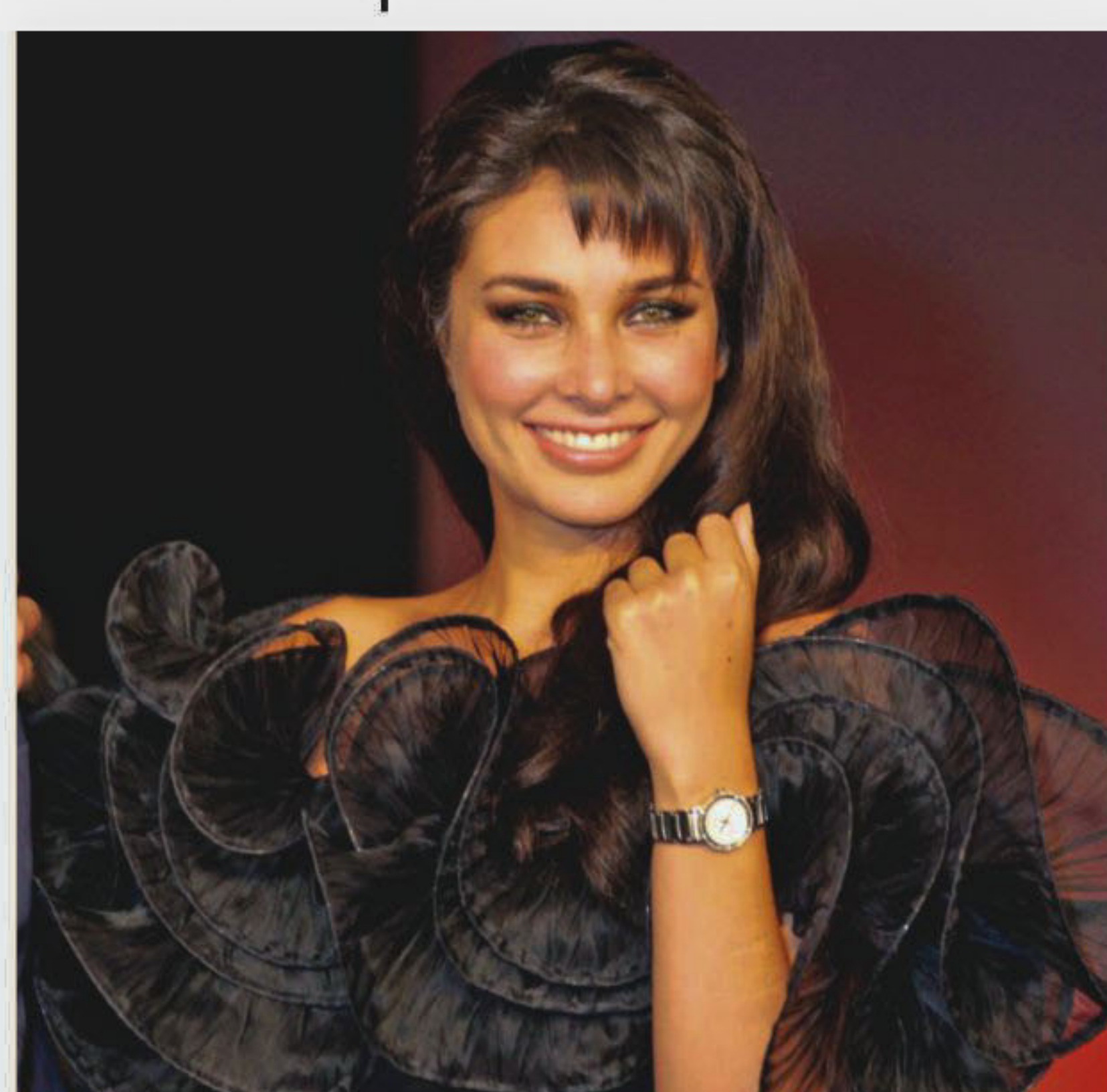
DS Cafe is a great place to touch base with renowned cultural celebrities. This month, popular actor Arifin Shuvo features on the hot seat, and will respond to all your questions between 4-5pm at The Daily Star Centre tomorrow, on May 13. Readers, have a field day talking to Shuvo over the telephone and finding out all about him. The best question will be highlighted in the transcript. Call 01711623915 and 01711623917 to speak to Shuvo.



PHOTO: RIDWAN ADID RUPON

**Lisa Ray to perform stunts in "Ishq Forever"**

Actress Lisa Ray, who plays a secret agent in "Ishq Forever", will be seen performing stunts in the romantic entertainer. She says she is excited to play an 'action-oriented' woman on screen and is working hard for it. Ray has been undergoing rigorous training sessions since a month with Grandmaster Shifuji to get her act rights. The actress wants to ensure that her comeback turns out to be a treat for her fans. "I'm so excited to play a strong, action-oriented woman on screen. Training with Master Shifuji was not just about mastering the physical moves but also about the confidence and mind training it takes to be a warrior. Shifuji has trained many women in self-defence and we both believe strongly in female empowerment, which is part of bringing my character to the screen," Lisa said in a statement. Produced by Ajay Shah, Harry Gandhi and Shabbir Boxwala, "Ishq Forever" is being shot in Cape Town, South Africa. The film, directed by Sanjay Dayma, will release in November.



**Ishita's 'Why Not?' opens**

A CORRESPONDENT  
Actor Rumana Rashid Ishita is all geared to open her restaurant 'Why Not?' at Kamal Ataturk Avenue in Dhaka. It has taken her a hectic two months to get her ambitious project off the ground. Said Ishita, "In my view 'Why Not?' is a great name for a restaurant. Although 'Why Not?' will start its journey in a small way, I am very thankful to Shahriar Nazim Joy for helping me get the project going." Ishita also added that 'Why Not?' started its journey from May 11, fulfilling her cherished dream.

