

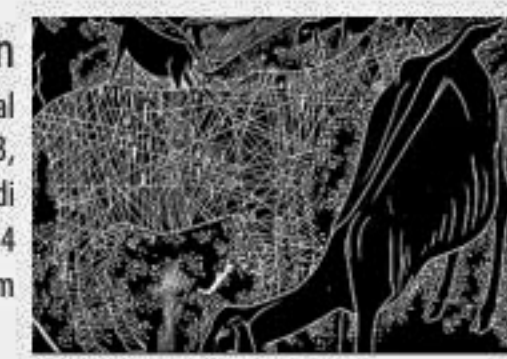
WHAT'S ON

Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: Pleasant Journey
 Artist: Professor Nasreen Begum
 Venue: Gallery Chittrak
 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: Shipangan Gallery, Rd-13, H-7, Dhanmondi
 Date: May 1-May 14
 Time: 12pm-8pm



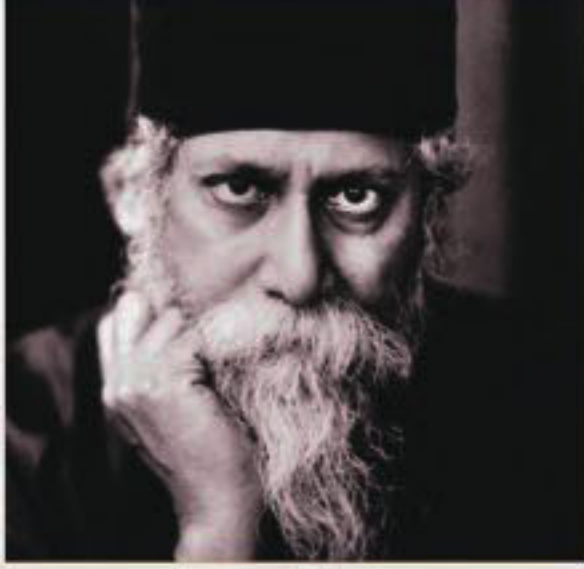
Stand-up Comedy Show
 Performers: Naveed Mahbub and Parvez Sumon
 Venue: Caspian, 3rd floor, RM Centre, 101 Gulshan Avenue
 Date: May 14
 Time: 7:30pm

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

Tagore statue in Belgian University



Belgium's most prestigious and largest university in the city of Leuven, 26 km from Brussels, has honoured India's world renowned poet, artist and humanist Rabindranath Tagore by erecting his statue in the university premises.

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) presented a sculpture of Tagore to the City of Leuven and India House Leuven. It was erected in the Literary Garden of the Faculty of Arts in the Catholic University of Leuven in an inaugural ceremony to mark Tagore's 154th birthday.

Luk Draye, dean of the Faculty of Arts, in his welcome speech described Tagore "as a freedom fighter and bridge builder between cultures and peoples. And one of India's most exquisite and versatile artists". "We are standing here at a place where Tagore would have felt at home," he said.

Mohamed Ridouani, alderman of Leuven, said "this bust of Tagore is a symbol in many ways."

Source: IANS

RUNA-KALYAN'S "HOLIDAY" ON CHANNEL I TODAY

The actors recall Nepal's experience

A CORRESPONDENT

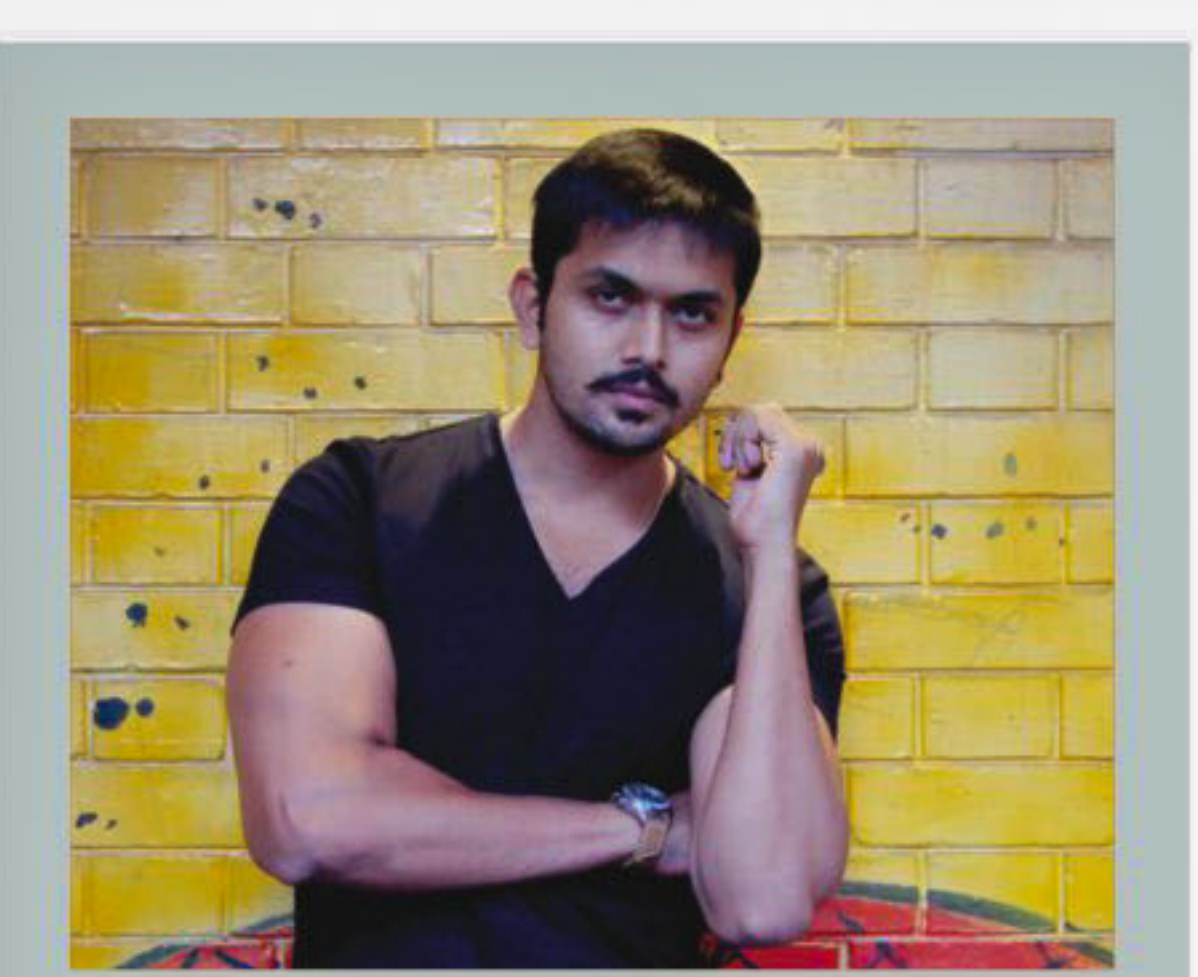
Shahriar Nazim Joy's telefilm "Holiday", which was shot in Nepal just a day before the nightmarish earthquake shook Nepal and the entire region, will air on Channel i today at 2:30pm.

Runa Khan and Kalyan Corraya flew to Nepal to shoot three plays and telefilms but had to return after finishing "Holiday" because of the tremor. They were trapped in Kathmandu for a couple of days as the communication system was severely disrupted at the time. The telefilm is shot in Dhulikhel Nepal.

About her experience of shooting in Nepal, Runa Khan said, "We shot the telefilm from April 22-24. The next day we faced the nightmarish tremor. It is my first work with Joy bhai. I am grateful to him for giving me such a good role."

Kalyan said, "There are memories associated with this telefilm. I can still relieve the horror. I hope the audience will like our work."

The telefilm is the love story of a married couple.



SHUVO on DS Café

DS Cafe is a great place to touch base your favourite cultural celebrities. Today, popular actor Arifin Shuvo features on the hot seat, and will respond to all your questions between 4-5pm at The Daily Star Centre.

Readers, get Shuvo over the telephone and find out all about him. The best question will be highlighted in the transcript.

Call 01711623915 and 01711623917 to speak to Shuvo.

Azad products award Ratnagarva Mothers



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On International Mother's Day, Azad Products in line with previous years, honoured mothers of accomplished personalities

with "Ratnagarva Ma Awards".

A total of 36 Ratnagarva Ma (mothers of outstanding personalities) - 25 in the regular category and 11 special category -- received awards at the ceremony held at

Hotel Sonargaon in the capital on May 10. Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal handed over the awards to the mothers.

Noted singers Fahmida Nabi, Samina Chowdhury and Ridwan Chowdhury attended the event along with their mother Begum Rashida Chowdhury who received Ratnagarva Ma award.

Expressing her feelings after the event, Fahmida Nabi said, "Our mother nurtured us, allowing us freedom and we are ever indebted to her. I cannot express in words how grateful we are to her."

Among others, distinguished guests, State Minister for Home Affairs Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, educationalist Rafiquddin Ahmed, former principal of Viharunnesa Noon School and College, Hamida Ali and singer Ferdous Wahid also attended the event.



Nushrat Faria to debut in film

A CORRESPONDENT

Popular model Nushrat Faria will be seen alongside acclaimed actress Mousumi in her debut film "Premi O Premi". Mousumi has signed up with production house Jaaz Multimedia and SK Movies to appear as a guest character in the film.

"The story intrigued me. I will play a small but important role in the film. It's my first tie up with Jaaz and I hope the film is good," said Mousumi.

Faria is happy to work alongside an actress of Mousumi's stature in her debut film. "By far this is the greatest achievement for me. I hope to learn a lot from her," said an elated Faria.

Directed by Abdul Aziz and Ashok Pati, shooting for the film will begin on June 12 in Scotland.

IGCC to present Shyama

On the occasion of the 154th birth anniversary of Tagore, Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC) will present Tagore's dance drama "Shyama" by Warda Rihab and students of IGCC at the Bangladesh National Museum Main Auditorium today (May 13), says a press release.

Tagore's dance drama "Shyama" is a unique rendering of a Jataka tale on which he first wrote a narrative poem titled "Parishodh". The script and the

story were made into dance drama "Shyama" in 1939 which was met with instant success. "Shyama" is essentially a profound romantic tragedy with love and frustration, love and sublimation and self-centred love and retribution at its core.

Warda Rihab, Manipuri dance teacher of IGCC, Dhaka, is the dance director, dancer and set and costume designer of this performance.



IT'S TRUE!

Captain America has become a very public face for Marvel comics, billed as the "First Avenger" and known as the moral center of Marvel's universe. The only problem with that is that Marvel didn't create him. He was actually created by Joe Simon and Jack Kirby, the latter of whom later helped Stan Lee create heroes such as the Fantastic Four, the Incredible Hulk, Thor, and the X-Men. The first Captain America comic debuted in 1940, when many Americans were hungry to enter World War II. Captain America didn't make his Marvel debut until The Avengers No. 4, complete with the now-familiar back story about being frozen in ice.



Freida Pinto IN "THE JUNGLE BOOK"

Freida Pinto will reportedly not be walking down the coveted red carpet at the Cannes Film Festival, the reason being a big project that the actress has recently signed. According to a report, Freida Pinto is all set to join the cast Andy Serkis' The Jungle Book. The report quoted a source as saying that the "Slumdog Millionaire" star has worked with Andy earlier and was keen on being a part of his directorial venture again. She was even more elated to play a part in "The Jungle Book" as it is a fond childhood memory that she cherishes. The film is expected to go on the floors in South Africa and will also star Benedict Cumberbatch, Christian Bale and Cate Blanchett, among others.

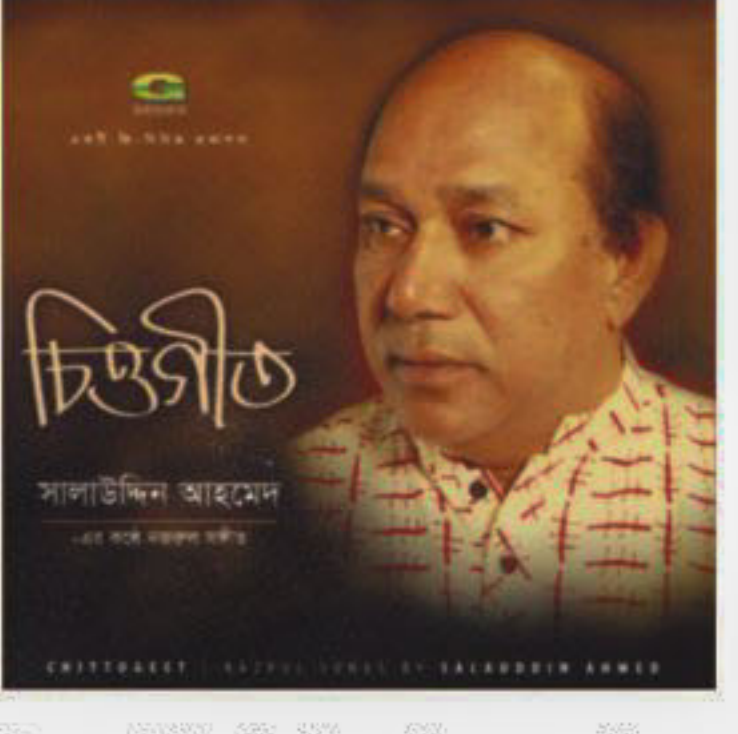
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Salahuddin Ahmed's solo album Chittoget un veiled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Noted Nazrul Singer Salahuddin Ahmed's ninth solo album "Chittoget" was launched on May 10 at Café Thirty Three, Baily Road in the capital. Dr. Rafiqul Islam, Emeritus Professor and chairman of Nazrul Institute Trustee Board, unveiled the album as chief guest.

Ikram Ahmed, executive director of Nazrul Institute and Khilkhil Kazi, granddaughter of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam and a member of Nazrul Institute Trustee Board, attended the event as special guests. Poet



Rezauddin Stalin, director of Nazrul Institute emceed the ceremony.

Salahuddin Ahmed has recorded Nazrul's kavyageeti,

raga-based melodies, love songs, ghazal, kajri, shyama sangeet and more for the album. The album features ghazals -- "Ashlo Jekhon Phuler Phagun" and "Eki Sur-e Tumi Gaan Shonaley"; kavyageeti "Bhul Korey Jadi Bhalobeshey Thaki" and "Phul Phaguner Elo Morshum"; a kajri "Sakhi Badhlo Jhulonia"; a lesser known shyama sangeet "Dekhe Jarey Roop Rani Ma" and raga-based classics including "Oi Ghar Bholano Sur-e".

Following the launch of the album, the artiste performed Nazrul Sangeet from the album and on request from audience.



Noted Tagore singer Sadi Mohammad receives Rabindra Award-2015, conferred by the Bangla Academy, for his outstanding contribution to the practice of Rabindra Sangeet. Professor Sanat Kumar Saha also received the award for his contribution to the research of Tagore. Bangla Academy arranged the programme on May 10 in celebrating Tagore's 154th birth anniversary.