

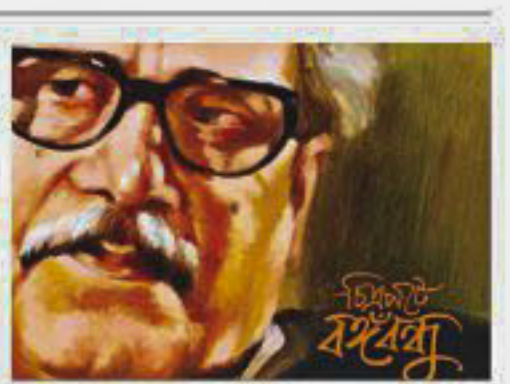
WHAT'S ON
Group Art Exhibition
 Title: Brave Heart
 Venue: Gallery Cosmos, 101, Gulshan Avenue
 Date: August 14-31
 Time: 11am-10pm



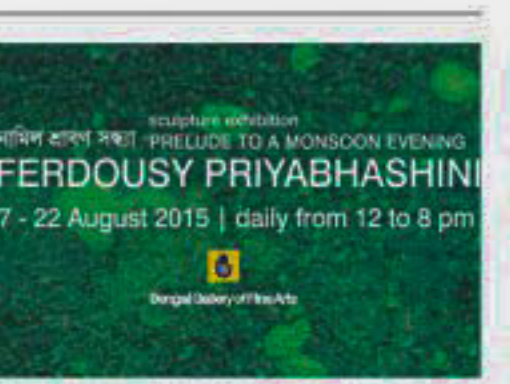
Concert & Musical Adda
 Megh-er Bhelaye Joler Gaan
 Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct
 Date: August 22
 Time: 6:30pm



Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: "Chitrapat-e-Bangabandhu"
 Artist: Kiriti Ranjan Biswas
 Venue: National Art Gallery, Shilpakala Academy
 Date: Aug 23-31
 Time: 11pm-8pm



Solo Sculpture Exhibition
 Prelude to a Monsoon Evening
 Artist: Ferdousy Priyabhashini
 Venue: Bengal Gallery
 Date: August 7-22
 Time: 12-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: Realms of Memory
 Artist: Bipasha Hayat
 Venue: Bengal Art Lounge
 Date: Aug 8-29
 Time: 12pm-8pm



IT'S TRUE!



Salman Khan is one of the few celebrities to start his own foundation to stand by the helpless kids and the destitute. Prior to the release of "Partner", he held a special screening for the kids. Every kid walked out of the cinema hall with a special gift in their hands after the event. Salman Khan has had a history of kindness to the less fortunate, to the point of distributing blankets to people who sleep on the streets at night.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

A look into the life and works of Zahir Raihan

FAHMIM FERDOUS
 Mohammad Zahirullah (better known as Zahir Raihan) lived only to be 37, but left his mark in the heart of every patriotic Bangladeshi with his works. He was born in a village in Feni, on this day in 1935. If he were alive, Zahir Raihan would have been 80 today.
 After moving back from Kolkata following the partition of 1947, Zahir Raihan obtained a post-graduate in Bengali Literature and began working as a journalist. After initially writing short stories (inspired by his brother, prominent litterateur Shahidullah Kaiser), Raihan ventured into films as an assistant with "Jago Hua Savera" (1959). He made his directorial debut with "Kokhono Asheni" in 1960. In 1964, he made Pakistan's first colour movie, "Sangam", and completed his first cinemascope movie, "Bahana", the following year.
 Zahir Raihan spent a busy decade in the 1960s, directing "Sonar Kajor" in 1962 (jointly with Kalim Sharafi), "Kancher Deyal" in 1963, "Behula" in 1966, "Anowara" in 1966, "Dui Bhai" in 1968 and "Jibon Theke Ney" in 1969.

Apart from films, Zahir Raihan was also an accomplished writer. His publications include "Surjya Grahan", "Shesh Bikeler Meye", the epic "Hajar Bochhor Dhore", "Arek Falgun", "Borof Gola Nodi", "Aar Koto Din", "Koyekti Mrittu" and "Trishna".
 It was the subject matter of his work, however, that separates him from his contemporaries; Raihan had strong nationalist beliefs, and it reflected sharply in his work. Some of his works stood icons of the movement of the-then East Pakistan that eventually culminated into the

struggle for independence. He was one of the first few to back the move of violating curfew on the fateful day of February 21, 1952, and wrote "Arek Falgun", a striking novel on the movement -- while in jail after being arrested in connection with the movement. His film "Jibon Theke Ney" is also a satirical depiction of the ongoing national movement, portraying an entire country through the story of a family.
 The Liberation War began when Raihan was the general secretary of Bangladesh Liberation Council of

Intelligentsia, and was making his first English film "Let There Be Light". He abandoned the project and made his most nota-



A scene from "Jibon Theke Ney", one of Raihan's most prolific films.



MEGH-ER BHELAYE JOLER GAAN

Musical adda at The Daily Star

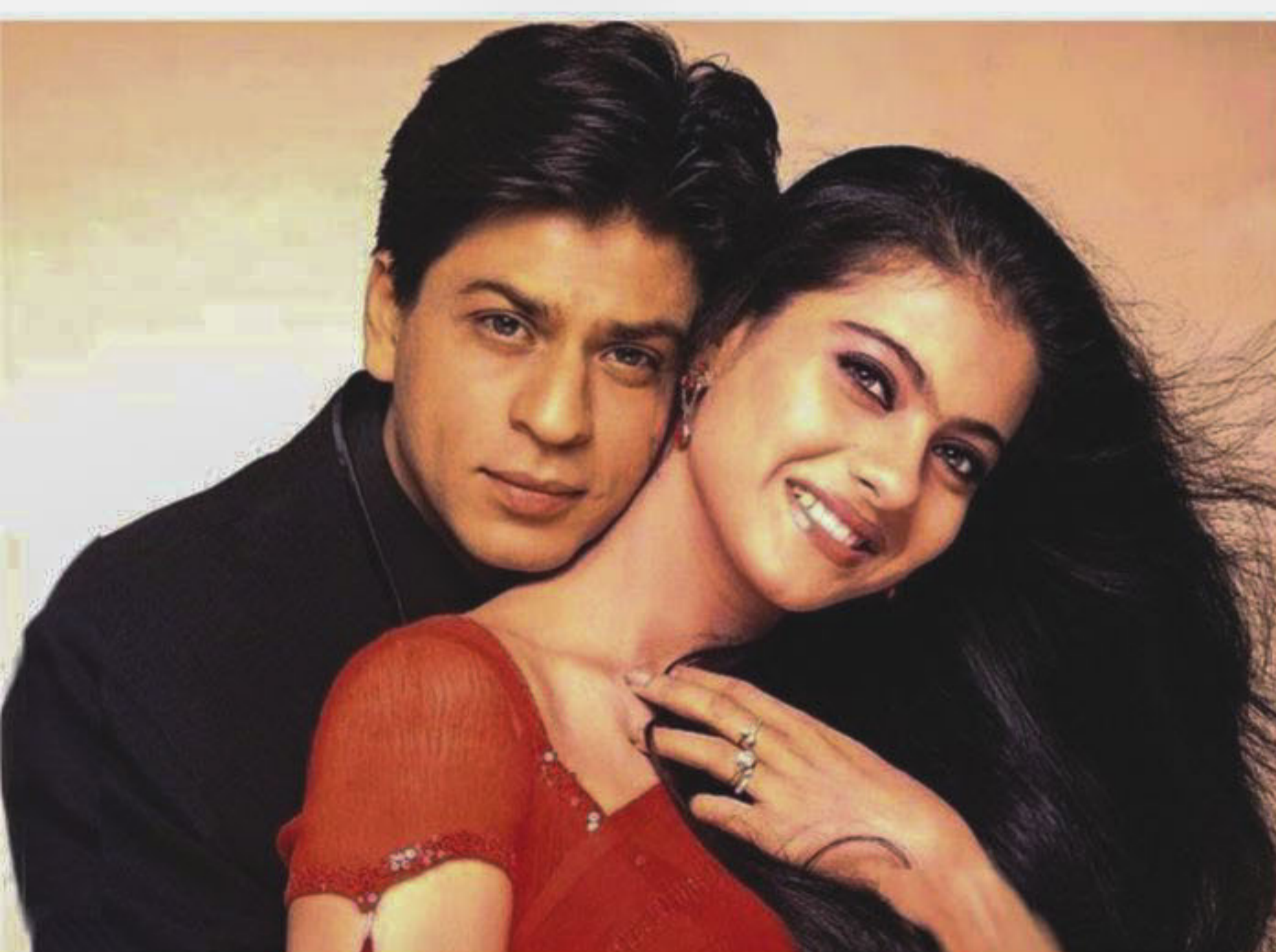
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK
 The songs of monsoonal tipper-taper have come to an end; now it is time to float on an autumnal cloudy raft of music. To augment your musical thirst and appease it in a melodic way, popular folksy band Joler Gaan is all set to drench music lovers in an unplugged musical adda titled, "Megh-er Bhelaye Joler Gaan". The Daily Star proudly presents a two-hour (6:30pm to 8:30pm) musical adda at The Daily Star- Bengal Arts Precinct on August 22.
 Apart from performing songs of soul and soil of Bangladesh, the band members will take part in a vibrant musical adda with the audience and The Daily Star family. Music lovers keen on participating in the programme, watch this space for updates on passes.



Mili and Mehzebien in MEGHEY DHAKA AKASH

A CORRESPONDENT
 Popular small screen actresses Farhana Mili and Mehzebien Chowdhury will be seen together in single-episode television play "Meghey Dhaka Akash".
 Written by Sadia Zafrin and directed by Nazmul Haq Bappi, shooting for the play recently wrapped up in the capital's Uttara. The play casts Mili as an interior designer, while Mehzebien will be seen as a visually

impaired girl.
 "I met Mehzebien for the first time on the set. Mehzebien is a talented actress and she will gradually do better," said Mili.
 About working with Mili for the first time, Mehzebien said, "Mili is a very helpful co-actress. Her personality impressed me and during the shooting she helped me like an elder sister."
 The play will go on air on ntv during Eid.



SRK-Kajol to romance in Iceland

Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol are totally going to leave the audience mesmerised with their next film "Dilwale".
 The actor duo is soon to take off to Iceland to shoot for a sensational romantic number. Back from Bulgaria, they'll be leaving for Iceland in the next couple of days and as per sources, this supposed song is going to be one of kind with romance like never before.
 Given that Kajol and SRK's chemistry

has always impressed the filmgoers, this song is supposed to be the hottest song of the year. However, with romance on one side, reports further suggest SRK will be seen performing some death-defying water stunts in the film.
 "Dilwale which" also stars Varun Dhawan and Kriti Sanon is all set to hit the screens on December 18 alongside Sanjay Leela Bhansali's "Bajirao Mastani".
 Source: Internet

NEWS bytes

Nina Dobrev bids adieu to "Vampire Diaries"

Nina Dobrev will not be returning to "The Vampire Diaries" for its seventh season this fall, and the star bid adieu to the series Sunday night at the Teen Choice Awards, delivering a heartfelt speech to her fans.
 "The last few months have been a big change for me," Dobrev said during her acceptance speech for Choice TV Actress: Sci-Fi/Fantasy. "Change. It's a scary word, or I used to think that, because it meant new beginnings. New beginnings with a future that was unknown. But change is necessary -- necessary for you to grow up and learn and to better yourself, because everything in life comes to an end."
 Dobrev, who starred on the hit show as Elena Gilbert for six seasons, also thanked creators Julie Plec and Kevin Williamson up onstage. "As this chapter of my life comes to an end, I look back and smile," Dobrev said to the crowd full of teens at USC's Galen Center in Los Angeles.
 Last week, CW president Mark Pedowitz told reporters that Dobrev is welcome back on the show if she ever wants to return.
 "The Vampire Diaries" returns with the seventh season on October 8.
 Source: Variety



PATHSHALA TO CELEBRATE WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY



STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Embracing their love for photography, Pathshala - South Asian Media Institute will celebrate World Photography Day (August 19) 2015.
 To mark the day, the institute has organised a five-day photography exhibition at its premises. Dr. Shahidul Alam, Principal of Pathshala will inaugurate the exhibition at 5pm today.
 A collaborative exhibition, titled "In Ambience" is curated by eight students of Pathshala. The exhibition takes inspiration from eight artists from different backgrounds and will exhibit their works by improvising with available materials. The

exhibition will feature various media, with photography enhanced by video and sound installations, and alternative prints.
 Apart from the exhibition, artist talks, open discussions, portfolio reviews, live music, and many other activities will take place in parallel with the exhibition. Artist talk by Mahbubur Rahman will take place at 6pm on August 20 while an open discussion by Dr. Shahidul Alam and Mahbubur Rahman will be held at 6pm on August 21. Another artist talk by AH Chanchal will be arranged at 6pm on August 22. A two-hour musical performance will also be held, starting at 7pm on the last day, August 23. The exhibition is open from 3pm to 8pm every day.

Nancy on MUSIC CLUB

A CORRESPONDENT
 Popular singer Nancy will sing live in Banglavisian's phono-live musical programme "Music Club". Aside from singing her popular numbers, Nancy will shed lights on different aspects of her caterer, personal life and future plans. In addition, the audience will be able to interact with the guest singer through phone calls.
 Produced by Nahid Ahmed Biplab, the show will air tonight at 11:25pm.



Bangladeshi designers at New York Fashion week



Brisbane-based eveningwear label for women, Nadz & Sabs, will walk the ramp for the Fashion Palette New York Fashion Week (FPNYFW) show on September 10 in New York. The Australian label is headed by two Bangladeshi girls -- designer Nadia Khan and marketing director Sabrina Rashid.
 Distinct for embellished outfits featuring detailed threadwork, beading and hand painting, the label is known for unique pieces for special occasions, says a press release. Nadia Khan said the spring summer 2016 range -- the Phoenix Collection -- draws on timeless materials and crafts to create something aesthetically

remarkable for today's woman.
 Co-founder and marketing director Sabrina Rashid said the runway show is an amazing opportunity to connect with people from the international fashion world and the label was for women who valued beautiful creations.
 The eveningwear label was founded in 2013 by the two friends who met socially.
 Fashion Palette will kick off New York Fashion Week -- a global event of high fashion prestige, where 20 of Australia's talented leading and emerging designers will present their latest collections to top US and international buyers, media, and industry insiders.