

Dhupchhaya observes SHAMSUR RAHMAN'S death anniversary

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Dhupchhaya Sahitya Ashor, a literary and cultural forum, observed the 9th death anniversary of pioneering modern poet Shamsur Rahman on Monday.

The organisation undertook a day-long elaborate programme at its office in Shankipara to mark the day. The event included a discussion on the life and work of the poet as well as poetry recitation.

A discussion was held. Professor Sarder Abdus Sattar, an eminent academic and researcher of Bengali Literature, was the

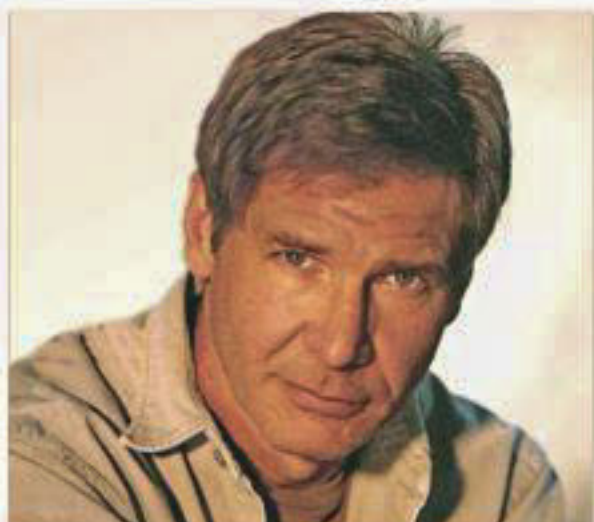


chief guest. Poets-Fayez Ahmed, Maqsoodul Alam and Hasan Jamil took part in the discussion with Professor Afzal Rahman of Bengali Department at Govt. Ananda Mohan College in the chair.

Terming Shamsur Rahman as a 'blessed son of modern poetry', the speakers said, the readers learnt about the history of different democratic movements of the country through his writings.

Poet Rubina Azad entertained the audience with her mesmerising presentation and performance in the recitation session from the poems of Rahman.

IT'S TRUE!



Hollywood actor Harrison Ford is an accomplished carpenter and applied the craft as a way to supplement his income when his earlier movie roles weren't bringing in enough to support his family. His carpentry work eventually landed him his first starring film role. In 1975, Ford was fitting a door of a movie set, when George Lucas asked him to help out by reading lines written for the male lead of Star Wars. Lucas was eventually won over by Ford's portrayal and cast him as Han Solo.



FAHMIM FERDOUS

Fans of Arnob have been hungry for new music from the eclectic musician for a while, and although he has released an album, "Khoob Doob" recently, because of his fundraising approach for the album (box set with artworks at 800 taka), many of his fans have not heard the songs.

With his growing popularity across India, Arnob has now collaborated with two musician-songwriters of Kolkata, Pradyut Chatterjea and Prasanta Sarkar, to produce a new song, "Tui Bolle". Arnob posted a teaser of the song on his Facebook page, the full version of which is available on international

platforms like iTunes, Amazon and Spotify, but not yet available on a Bangladeshi platform. However, the artiste has resorted to a bold, experimental method to reach out the song to his audience, asking on Facebook to pay just 20 taka via mobile-based transaction service BKash to get the song on email, until it is available on a local platform.

Arnob also posted on Facebook enthusiastically about his feelings of making "Tui Bolle". He said: "After a long time..someone else made me feel 'this is my song'. To sing.. To feel.. To think.. traveling time..! Thank you proshenjiti.. proddyuti.. For reminding me of myself.. how I was like n all my small little feelings.. Bojhate giye bojha hoye jawa..

Arnob releases "Tui Bolle" Singer terms track "a walk down memory lane"

N go back to my music..to express !! Thank you! For giving me this chance.. To walk around down the memory lane.." [sic].

He also defended his methods to distribute the song, admitting that it's "not the professional way", said it's not about the money he is looking for, rather the support, and that he was happy to be receiving it. He also hoped no one would upload it anywhere, and urged his fans to try to understand that "what we are trying to do here to be independent. You guys made us what we are. It's your responsibility to protect us!" He also termed the audio industry "on the verge of collapse" and urged for its reconstruction by ensuring that the artiste's interests are secured first.

SOHANA SABA moves full throttle ahead

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Sohana Saba is now a popular face in television plays and cinema. She came into the spotlight after the release of her films. She recently appeared in a Kolkata-based film for the first time, and in a recent conversation with The Daily Star, she spoke about her new project and other subjects. Excerpts:

Tell us about your Tollywood debut.
Saba: "Shoro-ripu", directed by Ayon Chakraborti, will be released in December probably. Tollywood heartthrob Indranil is cast opposite me in the film.

How did you get cast in the film?
Saba: Some of my works for the silver screen here were noticed by film critics in Kolkata. That gave me the space



to work in the project. And what are the films that you have done so far?
Saba: My first was "Aina", directed by Kobori. The audience received it warmly. Then I did "Khelaghar", "Chandragrahan" and "Priotomeshu".

How was your experience of working there?
Saba: They are much more professional than us. There they reach the shooting spot within 6 to 7 o'clock -- from production boy to everyone -- and shooting begins within half an hour. The shooting also came to an end just at 5:00pm every day.

Tell us about your character in the film?
Saba: I play the role of a highly ambitious woman. I don't want to give away the whole storyline, though (smiles). You are also working in a multi-starrer in Bangladesh, named "Dour". When will shooting for that film begin?
Saba: After Eid-ul-Adha, it will be shot in Dhaka under the direction of Murad Parvez. Parts of it will also be shot abroad.

What is the next interesting character your fans will see you in next?
Saba: I am playing the role of RJ in my upcoming drama serial "Radio Jockey O Kotipoy Golpo", also directed by Murad Parvez. It will be aired on ATN Bangla soon.

How many plays are you doing this Eid-ul-Adha?
Saba: Recently, the shooting for the play "Chaturanga" was done. Some others are in the pipeline.

Radhika Apte to pair up with Rajinikanth

Radhika Apte has always been an ardent fan of Tamil superstar Rajinikanth. Her dream of working with Rajini is now turning into reality, with "Kabali".

To be directed by Pa. Ranjith, the film will feature Rajinikanth in the role of a gangster. However, the rest of the cast is still being finalised.

Apte has a collection of Rajinikanth's movies, her favourites being "Baasha" and "Shivaji".

Radhika Apte has been appreciated for her performances in movies like "Badlapur" and recently released "Manjhi - The Mountain Main". She also won accolades for the Sujoy Ghosh-directed short film "Ahalya".

Source: **Indian Express**



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"Shishirer Sporshe Gatha", an album of Nazrul Sangeet by singer Shusmita Anis, was launched in Kolkata on August 18 through a ceremony. A number of distinguished guests including Kazi Nazrul Islam's daughter-in-law Kollyani Kazi; grand daughter Anindita Kazi; singer Nirmola Misra; Arindom Kazi; Soikat Mitra, Mansi

Shusmita Anis launches album in Kolkata

Mukhopadhyay, Shusmita Goshami attended the event held at Kolkata Press Club. Shusmita Anis, the niece of legendary Nazrul artiste Feroza Begum, dedicated the album to the loving memory of her aunt.

The album, featuring 10 Nazrul songs, and music composed by Ibrar Tipu was earlier launched in Dhaka under the banner of New Music Paradigm Company.

Nadia and Dinar in "Obosheshey Kachhe Eshe"

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Popular television actors Nadia Ahmed and Intekhab Dinar have paired up for single-episode television play, "Obosheshey Kachhe Eshe". The play recently wrapped up shooting in the capital's Uttara.

The play, directed by Jamal Uddin Jamil, also casts Azad Abul Kalam in a key role.

"Obosheshey Kachhe Eshe" is a sequel of single-episode TV plays "Obosheshe Bhalobeshy" and "Obosheshe Nishpotti". The play comes as the third installment in the series.

About the play, Intekhab Dinar said, "This sequel is the outcome of the success of its previous installments. I feel good to be a part of it. Nadia is undoubtedly a very talented actress and an awesome co-actor."

Nadia echoed Dinar saying, "Even though this is a sequel, I hope the audience will enjoy it more than the previous ones."

The story encircle married couple of Nadia and Dinar. Dinar plays a lazy husband who is reluctant to work but his wife cannot tolerate this and keeps fighting with him over the matter.



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NEWSbytes

Perry's "Teenage Dream" sells 3 million

Katy Perry's second Capitol Records album, "Teenage Dream", floated past the 3 million US sales mark, according to Nielsen Music. The former No. 1 album sold another 1,000 copies in the week ending August 13. The set was released in 2010, debuted atop the chart, and has spent 224 weeks (and counting) on the list. It spawned five No. 1 singles on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, equaling the record set by Michael Jackson's "Bad" for the most No. 1 Hot 100 hits from one album.

On the latest Billboard 200 chart (dated Aug. 29), Luke Bryan's "Kill the Lights" album opened at No. 1 in the week ending August 13, followed by also-arriving Dr. Dre, who saw his Compton set launch at No. 2.

The Billboard 200 chart ranks the week's most popular albums based on their overall consumption. That overall unit figure combines pure album sales, track equivalent albums (TEA) and streaming equivalent albums (SEA).

Source: **Billboard**



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