

**Group Art Exhibition**  
 Organiser: Samakal Shilpigosthi  
 Venue: Gallery Chitrag, H-4, Rd-6, Dhanmondi  
 Date: October 17-26  
 Time: 10am-8pm



**Duet Art Exhibition**  
 Artist: Farzana Rahman Bobby & Palash Biswas  
 Venue: Kalakendra: 1/11, Iqbal Road (3rd floor)  
 Date: October 13 - November 8  
 Time: 5-9pm




**Theatre Festival**  
 Organiser: Batighar  
 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
 Date: Oct 23-26  
 Time: 7pm



**Photography Exhibition**  
 Title: Joy's Journey  
 Artist: Joya Korem  
 Venue: The Mandarin, H-27, R-35, Gulshan 2  
 Date: Oct 16-22  
 Time: 3-9pm



**Group Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Three Generation  
 Venue: Athena Gallery, Uttar Badda  
 Date: October 17 - Nov 7  
 Time: 5:30pm



**QUOTES**



I am following nature without being able to grasp her. I perhaps owe having become a painter to flowers. Color is my day-long obsession, joy and torment. People discuss my art and pretend to understand as if it were necessary to understand, when it's simply necessary to love.

**CLAUDE MONET**  
 ON ART AND HIS INSPIRATION

# JYOTI'S Durga Puja plans

**SHAH ALAM SHAZU**

As the Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival for the Hindus in Bangladesh, approaches, stars of the entertainment arena are gearing up for the festivities. Jyotika Jyoti is one of those who love diving into the celebrations. She shared her Puja plans with The Daily Star:

"I will be in my native town of Mymensingh this Puja. Whenever I have the option, I prefer spending it with family in Mymensingh. I usually do not get to visit there throughout the year due to busy shooting schedules, but I plan my schedule ahead so I don't miss it this time of year."

"I love giving and receiving gifts in the festive seasons. I have bought a bunch of gifts for family and loved ones, and looking forward to getting some myself! As far as my own shopping goes, I got myself a sari."

"The best thing about Puja is getting to meet so many familiar faces at once, chatting and merry-making without a worry. And then there's the delicious food. I usually go to the temples, and pray that everyone stay well."

"The days of Durga Puja are nostalgic for me ... they take me back to childhood days."



# Music for the underprivileged Shelu Barua's noble effort

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Goutam Arindam Barua, popularly known as Shelu Barua, is an established singer known for Nazrul Sangeet and songs of yesteryears. The singer recently formed the "Shelu Barua Listeners' Club", through which he volunteers to teach music to the underprivileged. In a recent conversation with The Daily Star he talked about the initiative.

**What's the impetus behind this initiative?**

**Shelu Barua:** When I was teaching at the music college, I realised that there are many enthusiasts who cannot afford to learn music from professionals because of financial constraints. I felt like money shouldn't be a barrier for them. This led me to open the club.

**How does the club function?**

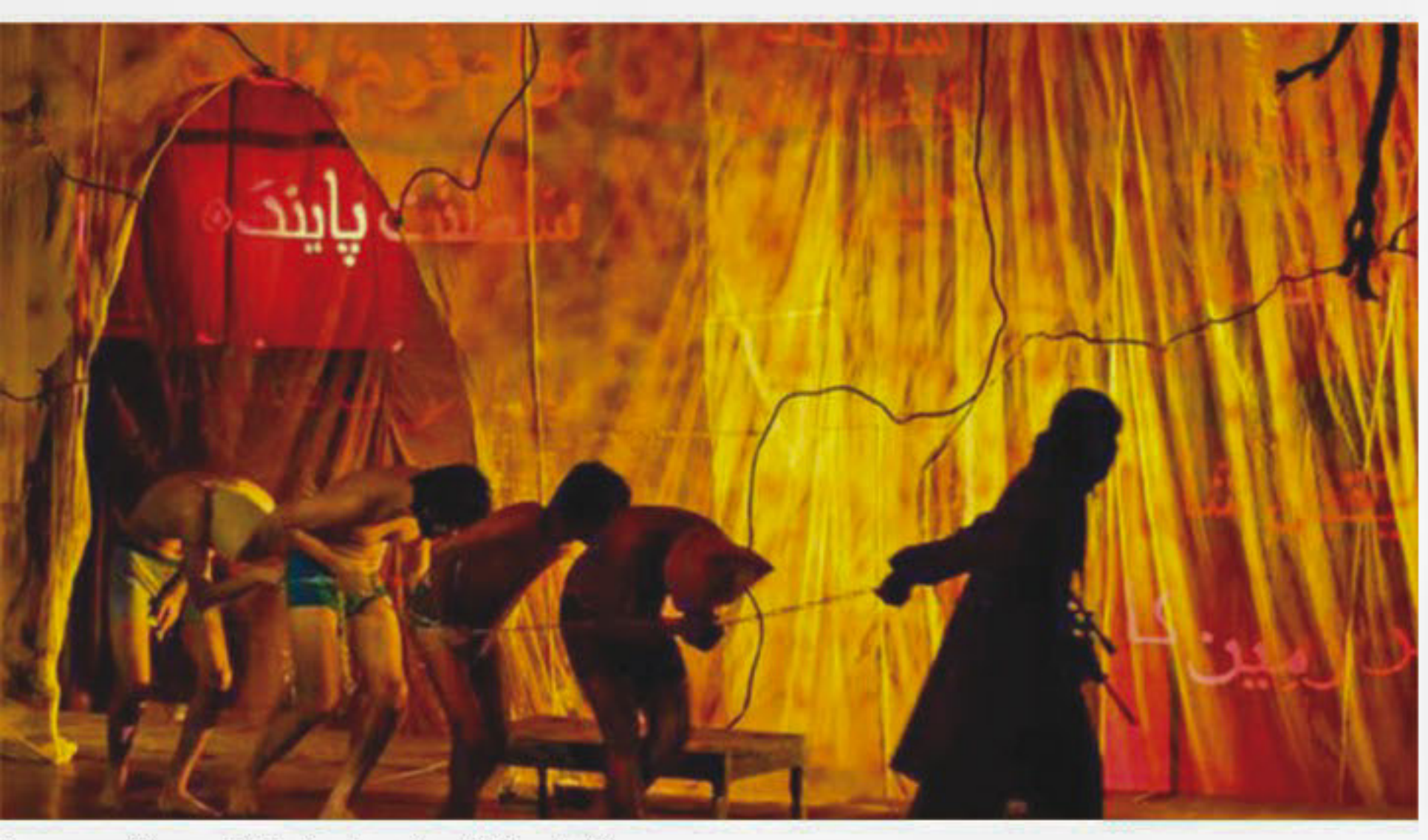
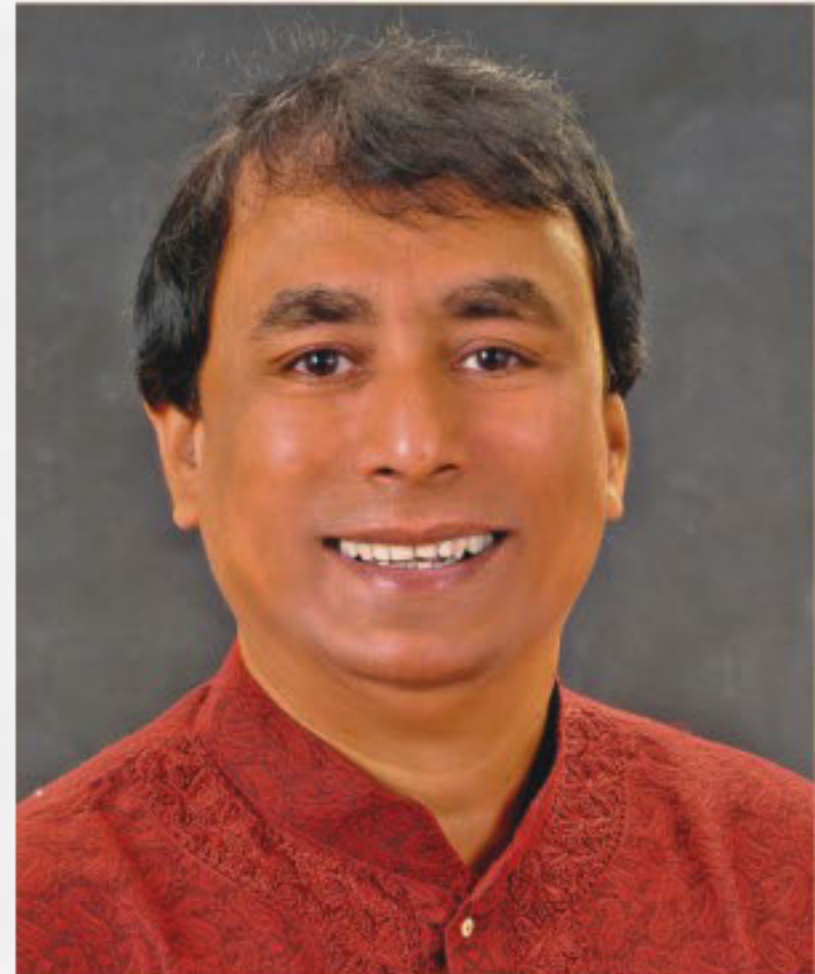
**Shelu Barua:** The club began its journey from my ancestral village in Chittagong. I have already conducted a workshop there for 20 participants and organised lessons for local music teachers. I will give basic training to the members of my club.

**What are you looking forward to?**

**Shelu Barua:** I have been running this club for six months. I am getting good feedback from listeners and fellow singers. I want to spread Bangla music across the world through this club. I will voluntarily teach music to the underprivileged. I have also invited other singers to join this noble cause.

**What's your ultimate musical dream?**

**Shelu Barua:** I want to spread my knowledge about music to newer generations. I want to teach them free of charge. If I can spread music, I will consider myself successful.



A scene from Batighar's play "Urnajal".

# Batighar's theatre festival to begin Oct 23

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Theatre troupe Batighar will organise a four-day theatre festival at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) from October 23-26. Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor will inaugurate the festival as chief guest on October 23 evening. Veteran thespian Ramendu Majumdar, Sara Zaker, and BSA director general Liaquat Ali Lucky will attend the inaugural ceremony as special guest.

Aside from seven plays by seven renowned theatre troupes, the fest will feature folk songs, kobi gaan, gombhira, and performances by Joler Gaan, Meghdol and Shorbonam at the open premises of BSA.

The participating theatre troupes are Nagarik Natya Sampradaya, Aranyak Natya Dal, Agantuk, BotTala, Batighar, Prachyanat and Prangonemore.

On the opening evening, Nagarik Natya Sampradaya will stage their much-acclaimed production "Dewan Gazir Kissa" at the Experimental Theatre Hall.

**NEWS bytes**

## GOOSEBUMPS tops Box Office



"Goosebumps" rode a wave of Clinton-era nostalgia to the top of the box office charts, as the adaptation of the popular children's book series earned \$23.5 million in its opening weekend.

That just edged out Fox's "The Martian", the science-fiction smash that was trying to be the number one picture for a third week in a row. The story of a stranded astronaut added \$21.5 million to its \$143.8 million haul.

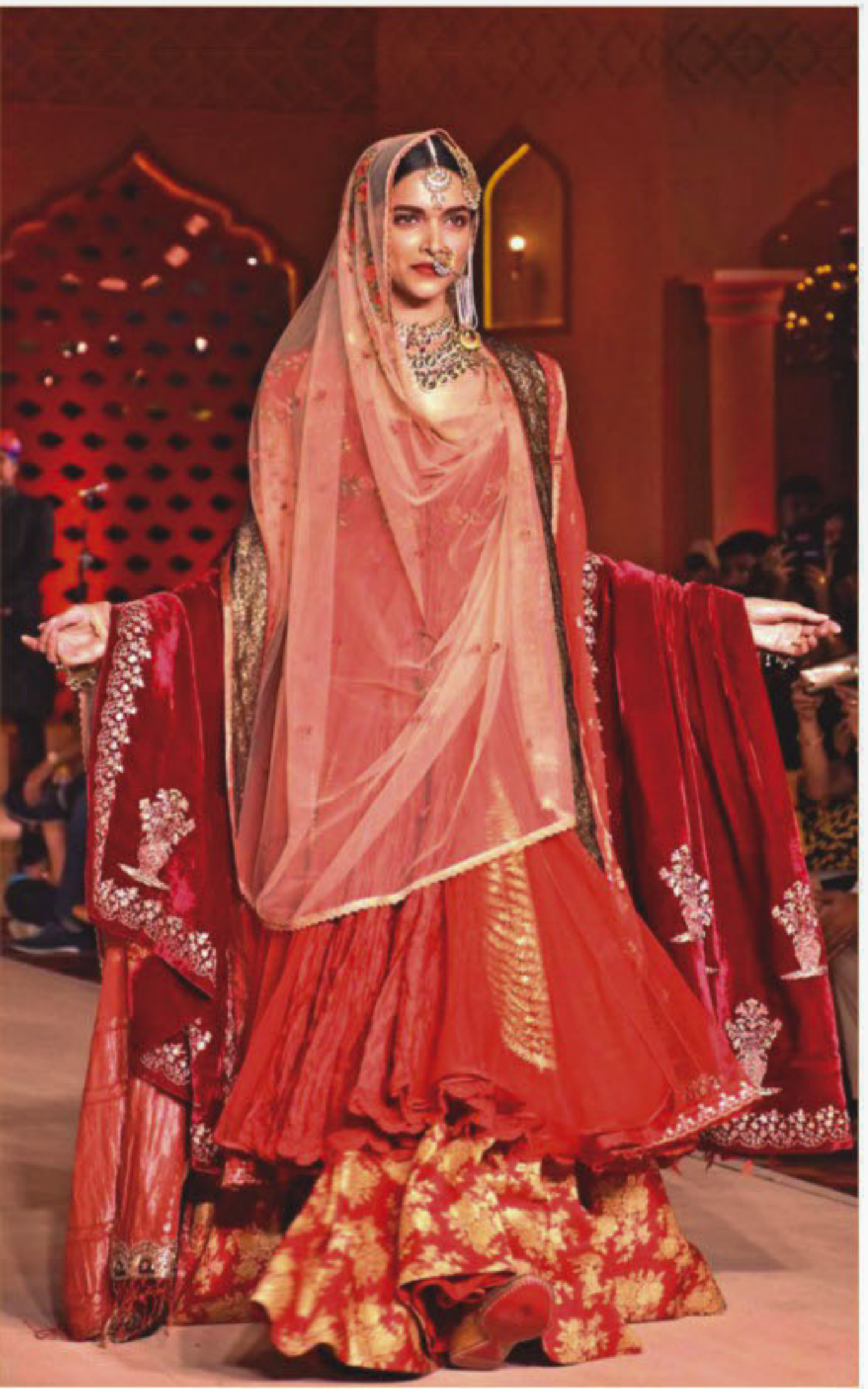
It was a crowded time at the multiplexes, as four new releases faced off for audiences' attention. Aside from "Goosebumps," the weekend's best performer was "Bridge of Spies", the Steven Spielberg Cold War drama that capitalised on good reviews and Oscar buzz by nabbing \$15.4 million. "Crimson Peak" fared less well. The Gothic romance from Guillermo del Toro proved too niche for mainstream crowds, falling flat with a \$12.6 million debut. "Woodlawn", the story of a high school football team that makes a playoff run after finding religion, was the weekend's other major wide release.

Source: **Variety**

# DEEPIKA walks the ramp as MASTAANI

Deepika Padukone can surely pull off any look that she has to don for a role. The actress looks resplendent as the Persian princess, Mastaani, in the film "Bajirao Mastaani". Her look was recently revealed at the song launch of the film. Soon after, the actress walked the ramp for Anju Modi, who is the brain behind Deepika's look in the film. Deepika looked every bit the royalty as she sashayed down the ramp in a red textured lehenga, complemented with a shawl in similar shades and a net dupatta that was draped over her head. In sync with the theme, Deepika also wore traditional jewelry such as jhoomar, paasa, neck-pieces and haath phool. Her look in the film is promised to be just as interesting.

Source: **TOI**



# Drama serial "Adarsha Lipi" on SATV

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Drama serial "Adarsha Lipi" goes on air on SATV every Monday through Wednesday at 8:40pm. Written by Matia Iqbal Hossain Chowdhury and directed by Hasan Morshed, the serial is about a strange school, with students of all ages.

A heavyweight cast including Mosharrar Karim, Aparna Ghosh, Intekhab Dinar, Monira Mithu, Shamima Naznin, Mukit Zakaria, Shaina Amin and Kochi Khondokar feature in the series.

# "The Force Awakens" reveals epic poster

A teaser artwork from JJ Abrams' "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" was revealed this past August, and now, just ahead of the new trailer release, the epic full poster has been revealed. Star Wars has a history of packing these posters with a tremendous amount of flashy imagery to dazzle the mind, and this was no different.

The newest trailer for "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" is set for debut on Monday night on ESPN (Tuesday morning Bangladesh time).



# Dance festival concludes in Pabna

**AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna**

A two-day dance festival for promoting classical dance, organised by Gontobbo, a leading dance organisation of the district, concluded on Saturday at the Pabna town hall premises, marking the 11th founding anniversary of the organisation. The festival featured a dance competition and discussion on the occasion.

Golam Faruk Khandaker Prince, lawmaker of Pabna-5 constituency, spoke as the chief guest on the concluding day of the programme, while president of the organisation Mst. Bodrun Nahar was in the chair.

The speakers focused the heritage of classical dance on the occasion. "Dance is one of the oldest forms of art. We have proudest heritage of classical dance but we are losing apart from the heritage due to western cultural influence" The speakers said.

Hundreds of dance artistes joined the dance competition. Golam Faruk Khandaker Prince distributed prizes among the performers. Earlier, dancers brought out colourful procession on Friday afternoon, marking the dance festival.