


Remembering Kalim Sharafi
 Organiser: Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha
 Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Public Library, Shahbagh
 Date: October 31, Time: 6pm



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




Solo Exhibition
 Chromatic Delusions
 Artist: Maksudal Iqbal Nipa
 Venue: Bengal Art Lounge
 Date: Oct 31 - Nov 21
 Time: 12-8pm



Book Launch
 Modhu Shikari
 Writer: Karthika Nayyar
 Translator: Samim Azad
 Venue: La Galerie, AFD
 Date: Oct 31; Time: 3:30pm



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



NEWS bytes

Nicole Kidman to star in "Silent Wife"

Nicole Kidman will star in the thriller "Silent Wife" with "Unfaithful" director Adrian Lyne on board to helm from a script by Billy Ray. "Silent Wife" centers on a spouse who discovers that her husband is leaving her for a younger woman. She responds by beginning to plan his murder. Kidman was most recently seen "Queen of the Desert" and "Grace of Monaco". She's been loosely attached to the project since 2013. Lyne's previous credits include "Fatal Attraction", "Indecent Proposal" and "9



1/2 Weeks". The film is being produced by Lyne, Kidman, Per Saari's Blossom Films, Paula Mazur and Mitchell Kaplan's Mazur/Kaplan Company. FilmNation is introducing the project to buyers at the American Film Market. Source: **Variety**



Asaduzzaman Noor inaugurates the festival.

PHOTO: STAR

JYOTI bags role in short film at SRFTI

Shah Alam Shazu
 Jyotika Jyoti has bagged a leading role in a short film, to be produced by the prestigious Satyajit Roy Film and Television Institute (SRFTI). This is the first time a Bangladeshi actress is working in an SRFTI project. Titash Zia, who won the National Film Award for "Mrittika Maya" (2013), will be seen opposite Jyoti in the film, named "Faaki". Nazmus Sakib Himeel, a Bangladeshi director studying at SRFTI, is helming the project. "It's a massive opportunity for me," Jyoti told The Daily Star, informing that the shooting for the film will be held from November 2-6, in Kolkata. She also hoped of putting her best foot forward for it.



INDIA-BANGLADESH ALLIANCE THEATRE FESTIVAL AT RU

RU CORRESPONDENT

War criminals of the country -- who carried out atrocities during the Liberation War, should never be forgiven. If we show any sign of sympathy to them, ultimately we will show disregard to our liberation heroes, said Minister for Cultural Affairs Asaduzzaman Noor at Rajshahi University on Wednesday. "We have to move forward to uphold the spirit of the Liberation War," he added. Noor made these remarks at the inaugural ceremony of the eight-day Bangladesh-India alliance theatre festival organised by RU theatre department, in association with

the Indian High Commission to Bangladesh. Pankaj Saran, Indian High Commission, addressed the ceremony as chief guest with RU vice chancellor Prof Muhammad Mizanuddin in the chair. He said the theatre festival offered more than entertainment; it was also a cultural movement to bring our culture back on the right track. Remembering the contribution of RU to the country's higher education as well as during Liberation War, Noor in his speech expressed his satisfaction with the environment on the campus. Indian High Commissioner Pankaj

Saran termed the theatre festival as a sign of brotherhood, humanity and friendship between the people of the two countries. During his speech, RU VC Prof Muhammad Mizanuddin called on teachers and students of the university to hold more such festivals to spread the spirit of the Liberation War among the new generation. Among others, eminent writers Hasan Azizul Haque, director general of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Liaquat Ali Lucky and RU pro-VC Prof Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan spoke at programme. Meanwhile, Asaduzzaman Noor also inaugurated the Teachers-Students Cultural Centre of the university there.

Ariana Grande drops new single "Focus"

Ariana Grande has got into the Halloween spirit with a surprise of her own: the early release of her new song "Focus". The pop singer led a countdown for the new single, which became a trending topic on Twitter when it dropped an hour ahead of schedule. "Surprise!!!! it's here!!!!!" she informed her millions of Twitter followers overnight. The video, directed by Hannah Lux Davis (who helmed Grande's videos for "Bang Bang" and "Love Me Harder", followed soon after. Grande teased the sassy, horn-heavy tune earlier this week when she shared a snippet of its official video. She's also gone with a striking new platinum hairstyle for its cover-art. Produced by Max Martin, and written by Grande and Savan Kotecha, "Focus" is the first single off her forthcoming album, due in 2016. It is also available to purchase at iTunes. Grande will celebrate Halloween and the release of her new single at the "Ariana Grande World Premiere Event On The Honda Stage" at the iHeartRadio Theater in Los Angeles, California. Her performance will be streamed live worldwide on iHeartRadio, and will mark the live debut of "Focus". Source: **Billboard**



Raaga & Rhythm at Chhayanaut today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 The third session of the classical music concert titled "Raaga & Rhythm" will be held today (October 31) at Chhayanaut's main auditorium at 6pm. The event is being organised by Peshkar Cultural Forum and powered by Bhojnama. This session will feature both vocal and instrumental recital of Hindustani Classical Music: flute recital by Mriygunjoy Das with tabla accompaniment by Mir Naqibul Islam; vocal music performance by Tapash Datta with Ashoke Paul on table and sitar-sarod jugalbandi recital by Ebadul Huq Shaikat(Sitar) and Troilee Dutta (Sarod artiste from Kolkata). Mir Naqibul Islam will accompany the presentation on tabla. The procedure to obtain tickets for the event can be found on the Facebook page of Peshkar Cultural Forum.

Mili busy with PAGLA HAWAR DIN

A CORRESPONDENT
 Television actress Farhana Mili is busy shooting television serials. Aside from several single-episode plays, Mili has begun shooting for "Pagla Hawar Din". Written by Shubhashish Sinha, the serial is being directed by Farid. Imran is cast opposite Mili in the lead role. The serial is currently being shot in the capital's Uttara. Mili said, "The serial has an interesting storyline, and I have donned a new avatar. I hope the serial goes down well with hope the serial goes down well with the audience." "Pagla Hawar Din" will air on ntv this December.



IT'S TRUE!



Roger Daltrey, frontman of British rock band "The Who", made his first guitar from a block of wood, a cherry red Strat copy, and joined a band called "The Detours" as lead vocals. They told him he had to bring a guitar, and within a few weeks he showed up with it. When his father bought him an Epiphone guitar in 1959, he became the lead guitarist for the band. "The Detours" was later renamed "The Who" in 1964, and went on to sell 100 million records, with 18 Gold, 12 Platinum and 5 Multi-Platinum album awards in the United States alone.



Theatre fest in Dinajpur

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur
 A 25-day theatre festival opened in Dinajpur on Thursday evening, marking the centenary of Dinajpur Natya Samiti, which was founded in 1913. Eminent cultural personality Ramendu Majumdar inaugurated the festival by lighting 101 candles at Dinajpur Natya Samiti Auditorium. Foreign Affairs Minister AK Mahmud Ali was present as chief guest. Mirza Anwarul Islam Tanu, President of Dinajpur Natya Samiti, chaired the session. Ramendu Majumdar said a 100 year journey for any institutions globally is a prestigious for the country. He urged all cultural activists to work together for nursing such an organisation. After the inauguration, "Jamineer Shesh Sanglap" was staged by Dinajpur Natya Samiti. At the festival, 19 troupes including four from India's West Bengal will present plays, till November 22.

SRK and SALMAN to face-off on Eid 2016

The rumours that the Badshah of Bollywood and the Dabangg Khan will have a box office clash next year have been confirmed as Shah Rukh Khan-starrer "Raees" and Salman Khan's "Sultan" will be released together on Eid 2016. Talking about the clash, Farhan Akhtar, the producer of "Raees", said that this has happened in the past when there have been two big releases on the same day and both of them have done well, so this depends on the audience. He further said that it's the right of a filmmaker to release a film on a chosen date and he hopes that both of them will have enough followers and admirers. Farhan also explained that if a person makes a good film then it will work no matter which film it's chasing. He further added that if "Raees" and "Sultan" turn out to be good films, both will do equally well at the box office. Source: **Hindustan Times**

