



Two PRIYANKA GOPE albums in the pipeline

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Two solo adhunika albums of accomplished singer Priyanka Gope are in the pipeline. An album produced by G-Series will be available in the audio market next February. Samuel Haque has written eight songs, including "Chand Janala Ghum-er Ghor", "Nobo Mallika" and "Ghum Noy Dhyani Noy" while Faisal Ahmed composed songs for the album, the title of which is yet to be decided.

Another adhunika song album, "Anurag", will be available in the market soon. Mojahidul Haque Lenin has written and composed songs for the album while Ibne Razon is arranging music for it.

"The album 'Anurag' is full of musical diversity as it will contain raga-based songs, western melodies, cabaret song, Manna Dey-styled songs and more. It is an experimental work and I hope the audience will enjoy the album," said

Priyanka Gope.

The album includes songs like "Jeje Jeje Kichhu Kotha", "Jonakira Ghumiye Porechhey", "Meghla Chadore Dhaka" and "Aurhohin Kotha". The singer, a lecturer at the Department of Music of University of Dhaka, is adept at versatile songs like classical, semi-classical, raga-based melodies, Nazrul Sangeet, Rabindra Sangeet and more.

"Though I am recording adhunika songs for my upcoming albums, I believe music lovers will find those interesting as I have recorded the tracks with interweaving classical shades. Through this, I am trying to discover myself anew. Many expect me to render only classical songs, but I think to generate average audiences' interest towards classical music is equally important. My venture aims to meet this end. I want blessings from all for my upcoming album," concluded Priyanka Gope.

Tanjina Toma to perform at IGCC today

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Tagore singer Tanjina Toma will perform at a solo musical soiree today (December 11) at 6:30pm at Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC) in Gulshan.

Toma, an alumnus of Chhayanaut, was trained under exponent gurus, including Waheedul Haq and Dr. Sanjida Khatun. The artiste regularly performs on stage and satellite TV channels of Bangladesh and India.

The artiste will set off the soiree with a patriotic song "Aji Bangladesh-er Hridoy Hotey" and wrap up with "Jodi Tor Daak Shune", after reciting the English translation of the song by former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Toma hopes to perform an array of songs composed by Panchokobi (Tagore, Nazrul, DL Roy, Atul Prasad and Rajanikanta).

Toma's first album "Modhu Jamini" was released in 2011, and the second one "Jibon Kotha" was released by Cozmic Harmony, Kolkata in May 2013. G-Series released her album "Khuje Berai" in May 2014 featuring songs and recitation from various plays of Tagore. Most recently, SAREGAMA (former HMV) in Kolkata released her album "Tumi O Ami" and UD Series Kolkata released her latest album "Tomar Shongey". She is a member of Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shammilan Parishad and Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha.



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NIPUN'S BIG SCREEN RETURN

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Two films of National Film Award winning actress Nipun -- "Shovoner Shadhinata" directed by Manik Manabik and "Swargo Theke Norok" by Dr Arup Ratan - are set to be released this month.

"Shovoner Shadhinata" is a film for children based on the Liberation War. In the movie, Nipun plays the sister of Shovon.

On the other hand, "Swargo Theke Norok" is about the dark world of drugs that wreaks havoc on young peoples' lives.

"The plots of the two movies are very different," Nipun told The Daily Star.

"In 'Swargo Theke Norok', I play a drug-addicted ramp model who is later able to come out from that life," she said.

Besides the two projects, the actress has signed a new film "Bayanno Theke Ekkator", directed by Delwar Jahan Jhantu. Ferdous is her co-artiste in the movie.

On December 20, Nipun will fly to London to celebrate the New Year with her daughter Tanisha, who studies there.



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On December 9, marking the first International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime, Liberation War Museum arranged a programme at its premises. The event featured a discussion, recitation and play. In the evening, Padatik Bangladesh staged their Liberation War-based play "Poramati". Written by Babul Biswas, the play has been directed by Dr. Irin Parveen Lopa.

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International Art Exhibition in Mymensingh



AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A two-day international art exhibition with artworks by 16 young artists of Bangladesh and China began at Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala (art gallery) in the town on Wednesday.

Bangladesh-China Friendship Center (BCFC), Bangladesh National Museum and Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Bangladesh jointly organised the exhibition titled "International Young Artist Art Exhibition".

Of the total 16 artists, seven from Bangladesh and nine from China joined the exhibition with their 31 artworks drew on different aspects of lives and nature in China, sources said.

The Bangladeshi artistes are: Mohammed Ibrahim and Sajol Chandra Nath of Chittagong University; Mustahida Rehoman Kiron and Sumon Kumar Sarker of Rajshahi University; Md Anisul Haque of Dhaka University; Shapla Singha of Khulna University; and Bakul Mia of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University in

Mymensingh.

The young artistes from different institutions of China are: Zhou Lingzi, Huang Liyou, Shi Jinsong, Peng Yi, Zhu Fulin, Dai Yongqiang, Qing Kejun, Ding Hong and Ling Jian.

Talking to this correspondent, Bakul Miah said, seven artistes from Bangladesh were selected through a competition to visit China this year. We joined exhibitions, workshops, and view-exchange meetings in China and also visited different historical places during the 15-day tour in July this year.

The exhibition, first of its kind in Mymensingh, was organised on the basis of our China tour, said Bakul.

Yang Shichao, Charge d'Affairs, Embassy of China inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest.

BCFC's president M Delwar Hossain, its general secretary HM Jahangir Alam Rana, chairman of the exhibition organizing body Engr M Abu Taher and deputy keeper of the art gallery Dr Bijoy Krishna Banik also addressed the opening session, among others.

"I was born to play Bajirao"... Ranveer Singh

Actor Ranveer Singh, who will soon be seen in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's "Bajirao Mastani", said that he always wanted to play the role of a warrior onscreen.

The film casts Ranveer as Maratha leader Peshwa Bajirao I, Deepika Padukone as his warrior queen Mastani and Priyanka Chopra as his first wife Kashibai.

"At a critical stage of my career, I have given more than one year to a project and haven't done anything else. Also, I went bald. This project has taken so much time. You could do three films meanwhile. It's a big gamble. It's a risk. But, somewhere I knew that it would pay off. It will be worth the effort," Ranveer told the Press Trust of India.

"When I decided to do it, a lot of well-wishers asked me if I was sure about doing the film. And now that the trailer is out, they see it and understand why I did it," added Ranveer.

The actor said that he always wanted to play a warrior and a gangster onscreen.

"I always wanted to play the character of a 'yodha' (warrior). I also want to play a gangster. But in my eighth film, I got a chance to play a 'maha yodha' (great warrior). It is a moment of joy. My name is Ranveer and it means warrior. I think I was born to play this part. I like the genre of historical drama. So, I was waiting to do a film like this. I was excited about it," said Ranveer.

"When I heard the script, I understand that

it's a challenge as there are war sequences, emotional drama and the canvas is huge. All of this is going to be difficult and will require a lot of hard work. There is no simple day. In Sanjay Leela Bhansali's film, everything is grand and huge. Getting ready used to take two and a half hours," added Ranveer.

Ranveer also said that there is no formula for success. "Nobody has a formula to know what is going to be a success or what is not going to be a success. You should trust your creative instincts. I was very excited about this film as it's a powerful story," said Ranveer.

"Bajirao Mastani" is scheduled to release on December 18.

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