

WHAT'S ON
Group Exhibition
 Art For Life
 Organiser: Labaid Foundation
 Venue: National Museum
 Date: Dec 18-23; Time: 12-8pm



Bijoy Utsab
 Organiser: Sammilto Sangskritik Jote
 Venue: Shaheed Minar and Rabindra Sarobar
 Date: Dec 13-20
 Time: 4pm onwards

Solo Exhibition
 Microtears
 Artist: Dilara Begum Jolly
 Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct
 Date: Dec 12-Jan 9; Time: 12-7pm

Bangladesh Film Festival 2015
 Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
 Venue: National Art Gallery Auditorium, BSA
 Date: Dec 10-24; Time: 6pm

Solo Art Exhibition
 Artist: Kalidas Karmakar
 Title: Alluvial Realization
 Venue: Athena Gallery of Fine Arts/Uttar Badda
 Date: Dec 4-22
 Time: 10am-8pm

NEWS bytes



MONICA DOGRA bags "Changrez"

Singer-actress Monica Dogra, remembered for "Dhobi Ghat", has been cast opposite Bobby Deol in her first mainstream Bollywood film. Bobby, who has been laying low post-"Yamla Pagla Deewana 2", has reportedly given a go-ahead to "Changez", a dark action thriller expected to roll early next year. The actress confirmed, "I'm starting the New Year with shooting for 'Changez'. My role is feminist in its approach, but in a way you would least expect. For now, all I can say is that she's a bit of a badass. As far as working with Bobby goes; he's my type of guy — humble, kind, crazily handsome."

Source: **TNN**

"Art For Life" at National Museum

A CORRESPONDENT

A six-day art exhibition called "Art For Life", organised by Labaid Foundation was inaugurated on December 18 at Bangladesh National Museum.

Finance Minister AMA Muhiht inaugurated the art exhibition. The inauguration programme was presided over by Dr. AM Shamim, Chairman of Labaid Foundation. Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Chairman, Bishwa Shahitya Kendra was present as the special guest in the programme. Eminent artist Professor Samarjit Roy Chowdhury and Matiur Rahman, Editor, Daily Prothom Alo were also present as the guests at the programme.

The exhibit features works by Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, Kalidas Karmakar, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Biren Shome, Abdus Shakur Shah, Abul Barq Alvi, Alokesh Ghosh, Mohammad Younus,



Guests with the artists at the inauguration.

Ranjit Das, Dhali Al Mamun, Shishir Bhattacharjee, Dilara Begum Joly, Sheikh Afzal, Tayeba Begum Lipi, Nazia Andalib Preema and Azmir Hossain, among others.

This is an endeavor of Labaid Foundation with 200 paintings from 57 artists of the country. These paintings are a collection from three different art camps organised by Labaid between 2009-2015. The first art camp was

in January 9-11, 2009 in Saint Martin's island. The second art camp was held that same year in March at river Meghna. The third art camp was in May 7-11 this year at Bandarban.

The objective of the initiative was to give patients of Labaid Hospital a refuge from intense emotions associated with illness. The artists were directed to draw paintings on vivid landscapes, panoramic nature and colors of

life, so that the paintings have a good feelings to the patients and their attendants.

The other objective was to patronise the art and culture of the country. In these art camps, the participants were both the prominent as well as new artists. All the paintings collected from them are exhibited in the wall of Labaid Hospital premises, and visible the thousands of people who visit the hospital.

Lalon festival ends in Jhenidah



A Lalon devotee performs songs at the festival.

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

A three-day Lalon utsab (Festival) was held at Harishpur village under Harinakundo upazila of the district on the occasion of 125 death anniversary of mystic bard Lalon, from Thursday to Saturday.

Deputy Commissioner DC Mahub Alam of Jhenidah inaugurated the festival on Thursday morning. Jhenidah district AL secretary Saidul Karim Minto, Lalon researcher and Dhaka university professor of philosophy Dr. Anisuzzaman, another Lalon researcher and Kushtia university professor of Bangla department Abdul Mannan and Lalon Bishwa Shangha and Lalon research Foundation president Dr. Abu Ishaque were present at the function.

Besides, around 500 Lalon devotees and thousands of audience thronged the festival.

The discussants claimed that Harishpur is the birth place of Lalon Shah. They discussed the philosophy of Lalon's life and his musical life. They demanded a Lalon university and a Lalon academy here.

Aloke Kumar Sen
 A standout singer

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Aloke Kumar Sen is a classical vocalist and ghazal artiste. Born in a musical family of Narail, he was baptised in music by his parents Bhim Sen and Shantana Sen -- both renowned jatra artistes.

Sen completed both his B. Mus and M. Mus from the Department of Hindustani Classical Vocal Music at Shanto Mariam University of Creative Technology securing first class with first position in both the examinations. The artiste has been receiving tutelage in the genre under the guidance of noted classical vocalist and guru Anil Kumar Saha since 2008. Sen has also been taking classical lessons from Pandit Tushar Dutta.

Sen has a strong inclination for khayal and ghazal. He was invited by ICCR, India to per-



form at several ghazal programmes held in Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh and Nagaland of India earlier this year.

"Khayal represents the internal aesthetes of melodious imagination. It is rather than an imaginative song, as it is full of spirituality while ghazal is the medium of expressing the best literary essence through melody. All the forms of higher love, either human or spiritual, can be articulated through the metaphors of ghazal," asserted Aloke Sen.

Enlisted in both classical music and Nazrul Sangeet in Bangladesh Betar and BTV, he also regularly performs classical music, ghazal, and adhunik songs on private satellite TV channels and classical music festivals and conferences.

Besides, the artiste regularly performs thumri, bhajan, Nazrul Sangeet, film and adhunik songs.

"STAR WARS" headed for \$215M+ Box Office record



"Star Wars: The Force Awakens" will set a new opening weekend record of at least \$215 million in the US, estimates showed Friday evening.

The updated estimate from Disney places the seventh Star Wars movie about \$6 million ahead of current record holder, Universal's "Jurassic World", which opened at \$208.4 million earlier this year on the June 12-14 weekend.

"The Force Awakens" started screening on Thursday evening with hundreds of sellouts following months of massive marketing. Rival studios had been projecting an opening weekend above \$250 million since midday Friday, but Disney has opted for a cautious outlook, asserting in the early afternoon that the seventh Star Wars movie would top \$200 million and then pushing that to \$215 million in the late afternoon.

Disney also boosted its Friday estimate from at least \$100 million in the early afternoon to \$120 million by the late afternoon — smashing the opening day record of \$91 million for 2011's "Harry Potter and Deathly Hallows: Part 2". "The Force Awakens" started its US box office run in record-setting fashion with \$57 million in Thursday night previews — 31% above the \$43.5 million in previews for the final Harry Potter film. The film is playing at a total of 4,134 North American locations on Friday — a

record for a December opening. Disney also reported Friday that "The Force Awakens" had grossed \$72.7 million in two days from 44 international markets with the UK, Germany, Sweden and Norway generating single-day records. The film, which carries a production cost of at least \$200 million, opened in most other markets Friday.

That means "The Force Awakens" could also eclipse the international opening weekend record of \$316.1 million by "Jurassic World" — along with the dino movie's worldwide opening record of \$524.9 million.

Rentrak's survey of moviegoers showed 76% rated "The Force Awakens" at "excellent" along with 19% as "very good". The gender split was 70% male, 30% female; 51% of the audience was over 25.

"The Force Awakens," directed by JJ Abrams, stars Daisy Ridley and John Boyega in the key roles as Rey and Finn along with original "Star Wars" stars Harrison Ford as Han Solo, Mark Hamill as Luke Skywalker and Carrie Fisher as General Leia.

The movie is opening three years after Disney paid \$4.06 billion for Lucasfilm. "The Force Awakens" is set 30 years after the events of 1983's "Star Wars: Return of the Jedi".

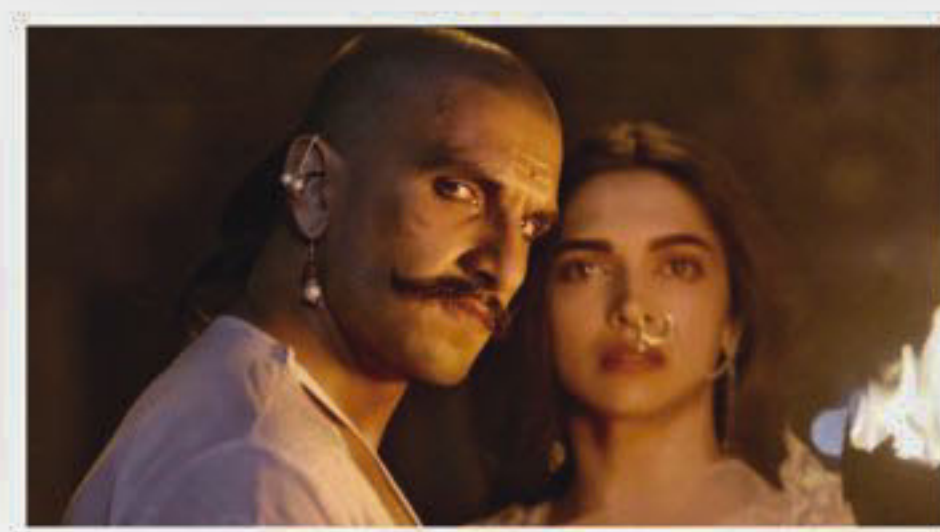
Source: **Variety**

"DILWALE" VS "BAJIRAO MASTANI" in Indian Box Office clash

As Rohit Shetty's romantic drama "Dilwale" battles it out with Sanjay Leela Bhansali's magnum opus "Bajirao Mastani" at the box office, reports hint that it is "Dilwale" which is leading the way if the opening figures are anything to go by. An analysis by Box Office India Box Office India claims that "Dilwale" has had a occupancy of 65% while "Bajirao Mastani" lagged behind at 30%.

Another Box Office India finding qualifies that "Bajirao Mastani" earnings are still below those of this year's biggest Bollywood blockbusters "Bajrangi Bhaijaan" and "Prem Ratan Dhan Payo".

However, "Bajirao Mastani", which stars Ranveer Singh, Deepika Padukone and Priyanka Chopra, has won praise from the



critics. In his review for NDTV, Saibal Chatterjee writes, "There isn't a dull moment in this colourful and dramatic film that embraces excess with unabashed abandon." Chatterjee says about "Dilwale", starring Shah Rukh Khan, Kajol, Varun Dhawan and Kriti Sanon: "The lead pair can together still generate a fair bit of pop and sizzle when the dice rolls in their favour in a rather uneven game that is an erratic cocktail of romance, action and comedy. The lead pair is all heart. The film they are trapped in is, unfortunately, utterly soulless."

Source: **NDTV Movies**



TV WATCH
"Kotha Kaje Mil Nai" on Ekushey TV

A CORRESPONDENT

Mega serial "Kotha Kaje Mil Nai" goes on air on Ekushey Television every Sunday and Monday at 9:30pm. Written and directed by Hasan Zahangir, the serial encircles Nasir

Uddin and his four sons. The serial satirically depicts the negative sides of society.

ATM Shamsuzzaman, Shahriar Nazim Joy, Siddiqur Rahman, Monira Mithu, Hasin, Ishana, Shahriar Nazim Joy and others are in the cast.

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