

**WHAT'S ON**

**Bangladesh Cultural Festival**  
Venue: Nandanmancha, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: Jan 1-18  
Time: 4:30pm daily



**Solo Exhibition**  
Manifestation of the Human  
Artist: Md. Mainuddin  
Venue: La Galerie, AFD  
Date: Jan 2-18; Time: 3-9pm



**Musical Night by Yasmin Mushtari**  
Organiser: Amra Surjomukhi  
Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, BNM  
Date: January 5  
Time: 5pm



**Photography Exhibition**  
World Press Photo 15  
Organiser: Drik  
Venue: Drik Gallery  
Date: Dec 27-Jan 8  
Time: 3-8pm



**Musical Soiree**  
Praner Khela  
Organiser: Bengal Foundation  
Artist: Ashok Kumar Sarkar and Laiza Ahmed Lisa  
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya  
Date: Jan 6; Time: 6pm



### NEWS bytes

#### Coldplay releases trippy "Birds" video

"Happy New Year, everyone. Here's the video for 'Birds,'" Coldplay's Twitter alerted fans Saturday. The grainy, Marcus Haney-directed video was filmed at the California landmark Salvation Mountain, a paint-covered hill created by the late artist Leonard Knight. In an interview with Rolling Stone, Chris Martin called "A Head Full of Dreams" the band's "hippie album," and the new video cements that theme: To match the colorful, psychedelic and spiritual "visionary environment" where the video was filmed, the "Birds" video is kaleidoscopic, mesmerizing and - like the track's titular creatures in flight - always in motion.



The booklet for "A Head Full of Dreams" featured a photograph of the band atop the art piece, and it's likely the bulk of "Birds" was filmed during that shoot. The song marks the second video off the Super Bowl 50 halftime performers' new album, following their jungle dance party for "Adventure of a Lifetime".

Source: Rolling Stone



Aupee Karim leads a group dance.

## Amin Jewellers awards luminaries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amin Jewellers, a prominent jewellery house, stepped into its 50th year recently. Marking the 50th anniversary of the company, Amin Jewellers arranged an award giving ceremony and cultural programme at the Hall of Fame of Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital on January 2.

Finance Minister AMA Muhiit, Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor, Amin Jeweller's chairman and former lawmaker Kazi Sirazul Islam were among the distinguished guests at the

programme. Vice-chancellor of Dhaka University, Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique was the head of jury.

Celebrated singer Runa Laila performed songs at the event, while seasoned actress-dancer Aupee Karim danced solo in sync with patriotic songs. Noted singer Fatema Tuz Zohra also performed at the programme which featured musical performances by singers Imran and Porshi, and a group dance by actress-dancer Shokh and a troupe.

Twenty seven luminaries from different fields received Lifetime Achievement Awards. They received three lakh taka cash

and a gold medal each.

The awardees include freedom fighter Kakon Bibi, Professor Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, politician Tofael Ahmed, BRAC chairman Fazle Hasan Abed, poet Mahadev Saha, artiste Runa Laila, artist Murtaja Baseer, Dwijen Sharmar, artist Mustafa Manwar, Nayakraj Razzak, litterateur Syed Shamsul Haq, litterateur Hasan Azzul Haq, and novelist Humayun Ahmed (posthumous) among others.

The programme also featured documentaries made on the lives of the award recipients. An audience of 2000 enjoyed the programme.

## ANJAN'S hosts Jamdani exhibit

A CORRESPONDENT

Fashion house Anjan's is holding a 15-day exhibition at its outlets, displaying the heritage of Jamdani, a traditional fabric of the country. Noted artist Hashem Khan researcher Hamida Hossain and Chandra Shekhar Saha, among others, inaugurated the exhibition at the brand's Banani showroom on January 2.

Hashem Khan termed Jamdani a special asset of Bangalee life, and called for upholding the heritage. CEO of Anjan's, Shaheen Ahmed said the exhibition aims to uphold the craft of Jamdani and salute the weavers who make it. Chandrashekhar Saha meanwhile observed that Jamdani became a supplementary of Muslin, and has become a symbol of regal status and the craftsmanship of Jamdani weavers.

The exhibition, which will continue till January 16 at Anjan's outlets in Banani, Baily Road, Jamuna Future Park and Chittagong's GEC intersection, features various designs of saris, along with jewellery, home textile, panjabi and salwar kameez.

This is Anjan's third exhibition of Jamdani fabric.



Guests at the exhibition.

## Juhi Chawla wants to work with all the Big Khans!

Shah Rukh Khan and Juhi Chawla have featured in memorable films like "Yess Boss", "Raju Ban Gaya Gentleman" and "Darr" and the actress said that she cannot wait to pair up with her close friend again.

The duo, whose onscreen chemistry and real-life friendship is adored by many, last worked together in 2005 film "Paheli". Since then they have made special appearances in each other's films.

The onscreen pair of Shah Rukh and Kajol made a comeback last year with "Dilwale". When asked when can fans see SRK and Juhi together, the actress told PTI: "Next time you interview Shah Rukh, why don't you ask him this? If I have my way, I would work with him this year. It is about finding that script and that maker, who will say, 'Okay let me put you both together'. But I would love to work with him again."

Juhi, 48, said she would like to collaborate with another superstar Aamir Khan, with whom she made her Bollywood debut in "Qayam Se Qayamat Tak".

"Aamir and Shah Rukh are my favourite co-stars. I have grown in my career with them. I would love to work with Aamir," she said.

Juhi was quick to add that she should first do a film with Salman Khan as the two have never shared screen space.

"Actually, I should work with Salman. We have never worked with each other. That would be fun."

Juhi will be next seen in "Chalk n Duster", co-starring Shabana Azmi and Divya Dutta. The movie will release on January 15.

Source: PTI



## Aparna-Mosharraf in MISFIRE

A CORRESPONDENT

Mosharraf Karim and Aparna Ghosh, two of the busiest TV stars of our time, are pairing up in a single-episode TV play "Misfire". Written by Mesbah Uddin Sumon and directed by Himel Ashraf, shooting for the play wrapped up recently.

About the play, Mosharraf said "I've worked with Himel Ashraf before. He has a knack for telling a complete story, and this was no different. Aparna has done very well in it, too." Aparna, on the other hand

remarked "It's always great to work with Mosharraf, because I feel like I have a lot to learn from him."

The director meanwhile informed that the play will air on a satellite channel soon.

Mosharraf and Aparna are also currently seen in TV series "Adarsha Lipi", under Hasan Morshed's direction. Mosharraf has his upcoming film "Oggatonama" (directed by Tauquir Ahmed) awaiting release, while Aparna is also gearing up for her next big-screen project - "Bhubon Majhi", co-starring prolific Kolkata-based actor Parambrata.

## QUOTES

"It was tough for me to work under Farhan and it was tough for me to work with him as an actor. Farhan has grown up in front of me. It was just wonderful to be in his company. He was a director there (Lakshya) and an actor here (Wazir). But during the making of this film, there are points that he may have viewed as a director and brought it up. That's very interesting."

-- Amitabh Bachchan, on working with Farhan Akhtar at different capacities



## Blanchett, Damon top Palm Springs Festival awards

Oscar hopefuls Cate Blanchett and Matt Damon were among the winners at Palm Springs Film Festival, with Damon saying director Ridley Scott deserved an Academy Award.

Damon, who starred in Scott's film "The Martian", said of Scott: "I hope that this is his year."

"Carol" star Blanchett thanked the festival for giving its honourees "a moment of glory" even if "we are not nominated for any other award."

Depp, who won the achievement award for actor for "Black Mass", joked about making a lengthy acceptance speech, saying: "I hope you guys are planted well in your seats, this is going to take about 35 minutes. Maybe 37. We'll just wing it shall we? Yeah, I'm going to take 45."

Damon, who was given the chairman's award, added that he thought Scott already had an Oscar for best director - for "Gladiator", which won five Academy Awards in 2001 - but he had lost out to Steven Soderbergh's "Traffic".



Blanchett (C) and Damon (R) pose with Ridley Scott.

Blanchett joked as her achievement award for actress was presented by Brooklyn star Saoirse Ronan: "Thank you, Saoirse, you can get off the stage now. You're too young, talented and gorgeous. It's all me."

Ronan won the international star award for actress and told the audience

of around 2,000 people that since she was recently given a prize by actor Ryan Gosling, "everyone can pronounce my name."

Michael Fassbender, who starred in "Steve Jobs" as the Apple co-founder, paid a light-hearted tribute to his co-star Kate Winslet. "Kate, you had my back

from day one and yes, I did hold on to you longer than I should. Your wicked sense of humour and just maternal nature kept everyone's spirits buoyant and that's not to mention your acting ability. You're a class act and I owe you big time," he said.

Brie Larson won the breakthrough performance prize for starring in the thriller "Room".

Alicia Vikander won the rising star award for "The Danish Girl" while director Tom McCarthy was awarded the visionary prize for "Spotlight". Rooney Mara took the spotlight award for actress for "Carol" while the actor spotlight award went to Bryan Cranston for "Trumbo".

"The Big Short" won the ensemble performance award.

A total of 11 awards are given at the international festival's gala evening, but the recipients are told beforehand if they have won, which Blanchett said was "a relief".

Source: BBC