

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

Solo Art Exhibition
 Artist: Gulshan Hossain
 Venue: Athena Gallery of Fine Arts, AJ Heights, Cha 72/1/D, Uttar Badda
 Date: Jan 16-Feb 6
 Time: 10am-8pm

Solo Art Exhibition
 Title: "Less is More" by Asem Ansari
 Venue: Gallery Chittrak, Rd-6, H-4, Dhanmondi
 Date: January 15-31
 Time: 10am-8pm

Solo Art Exhibition
 Alluvial Soul- Soil- Symbol
 Artist: Kalidas Karmakar
 Venue: Nalinikanta Bhattacharya Gallery, Bangladesh National Museum
 Date: Jan 3-24
 Time: 9:30am - 7pm

Solo Painting Exhibition
 What I Talk About When I Talk About Life
 Artist: Shameem Subrana
 Venue: Gallery Twenty One
 Date: Jan 9-31; Time: 12-8pm

NEWS bytes

Adele, James Bay lead Brit nods

Adele looks set to take the limelight at this year's Brit Awards after being nominated for four trophies. Her multi-million-selling album "25" is up for best British album, while she has also been shortlisted for best British female,



single and video. Pop trio Years & Years and singer-songwriter James Bay have also been nominated for four awards each.

Elsewhere, Eagles of Death Metal are up for best international group two months after an attack on their gig in Paris.

Adele will face competition for Best British Album from Coldplay, Florence and the Machine, Jamie xx and James Bay.

Years & Years' number one "King" is on the shortlists for best British single and best video, while they have also been nominated for best British breakthrough act and group.

The best British group category has also embraced One Direction, Coldplay, Foals and Blur.

Elsewhere, Amy Winehouse has received a posthumous nomination for best British female following last year's release of the soundtrack to a documentary film about her life.

The ceremony will also pay tribute to David Bowie.

Source: BBC



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ZAHANGIR ALOM
 Human beings' journey from cradle to tomb incorporates numerous experiences – joys and sorrow, comfort and complexity, creativity and deconstruction, ideas and thoughts, fun and fantasy, dream and reality, conscience and coherence and so on.

Noted painter Asem Ansari's fourth solo exhibition, "Less is More", is on at Gallery Chittrak, and will continue till January 31.

Ansari renders his poetic feelings and imageries, artistic contemplations and conscience into canvases portraying the subtle essence of life and literature, saga of realism and surrealism and the romantic aura of mystique.

Evoking the aesthetic nuance and creative allusions of bards, masters and leg-

ends like Tagore, Jibanananda, Baudelaire, Picasso, Matisse, Paul Klee, Rothko, Arshile Gorky, Zainul, Quamrul, Kibria, The Beatles, Pink Floyd and Bob Dylan, Asem Ansari portrayed his own paintings in a rather poetic style.

Jibanananda lovers will excavate the cruxes of his poems "Haye Chil", "Aat Bochor Ager Ekdin" and "Kuri Bochor Por", in the paintings by the artist. Ansari attached titles to all his displayed paintings in a poetic way.

The artist adorably depicted the diverse facets of life and multitudes elements of nature belonging to Bangladesh. The artist's use of sober colours, aesthetic texture, tiny scribbles, lyrical compositions, magic of light and shades and some rare non-objectifying elements together with thought-provoking subjects and presenta-

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Asem Ansari's fourth solo at Gallery Chittrak

tion is a harmony and serenity of Bengal's idyll, life and essence. The cornucopia of romance and nostalgia reigns supreme in his works like "Shower in the green moon shadow" and "Like a Deja vu!!" His paintings (watercolour, acrylic, oil and mixed media) also speak of the serenading fallen leaves and the music of untainted nature.

The exhibition, dedicated to Loretta, Teea and Charu, was inaugurated on January 15 at the gallery premises with internationally reputed artist Monirul Islam as chief guest. Azizur Rahman, director, Pubali Bank Limited, attended as special guest while eminent artist Samarjit Roy Chowdhury presided over the event.

Asem Ansai completed his BFA from Govt. College of Arts and Crafts in 1972. He also has a penchant for filmmaking and photography.

Nadia and Nayeem tie the knot!

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

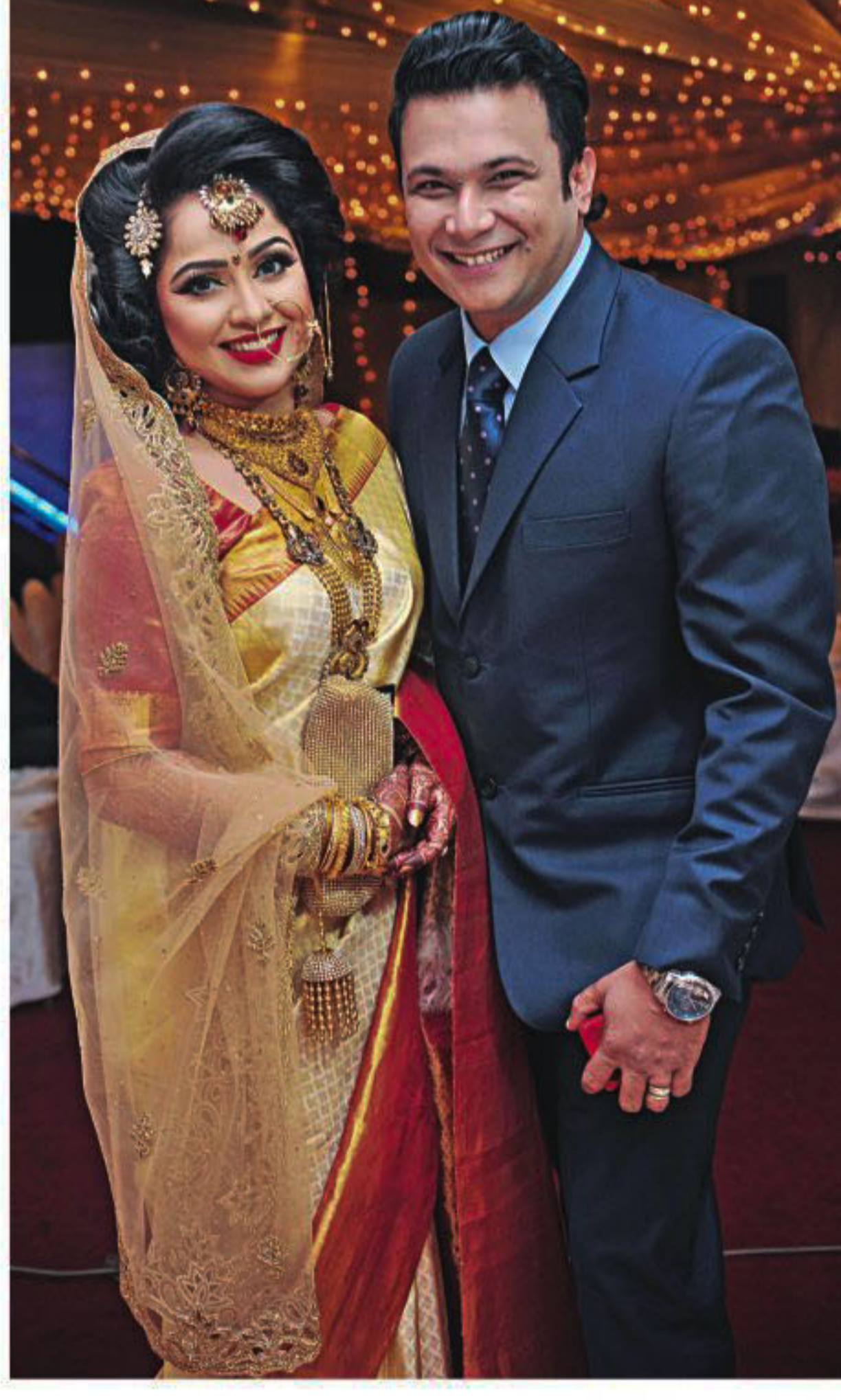
Nadia Ahmed has been in the TV industry for a while now, and has made a name for herself as an actress. Nayeem, who came to the showbiz after Nayeem, is also a popular face of the small screen now.

The two met while working in a TV drama, and that connection culminated in the duo tying the knot in matrimony on Thursday night, in a private ceremony.

According to sources, Nadia and Nayeem's parents were classmates at university, and the proposals were forwarded through the family.

The post-wedding reception ceremony was held at Gulshan Club on Friday, in presence of members of the showbiz fraternity.

The newlyweds sought blessings from their fans and well wishers on their new journey ahead.



Sounds of Life mesmerizes audience at EMK Center



A CORRESPONDENT

LiveSquare Entertainment and the Edward M Kennedy (EMK) Center in Dhaka jointly organised a concert "Sounds of Life" on January 15 at EMK Center in the

capital.

The concert featured some of the leading musicians of the present time. The music varied in genres — ranging from melodious pop to rock and heavy metal.

Rock band Owned kicked off the show

with several of their original songs as well as a number of well-loved covers, rousing the crowd with a powerful opening performance. The Brotherhood Project, comprised of Joy Shahriar and Parvez Sazzad, mesmerised the audience with their melodies.

Pop sensation Minar and his ensemble were onstage next, and performed several of his hit numbers before leaving the stage for popular rock band Indalo. The originality of Indalo's songs swayed the audience. In the last part of the show, AvoidRafa captivated the audience with his airtight performance. With a setlist covering original hit singles to covers, Rafa and his band rocked the crowd at EMK Center.

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