## 10 AARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### WHAT'S ON



Group Art Exhibition

**Photo Exhibition** 1971: Emergence of a Nation Venue: Art Gallery, Shilpakala Date: March 19-26 Time: 2pm-8pm





Solo Art Exhibition Title: Journey with Wreckage 2 Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise

Discussion





Photography Exhibition Out of the Box 6 Organiser: TTL Venue: Drik Gallery Date: Mar 25-27; Time: 3-8pm



### "Diti was an actor with good soul" ...Farooque





#### SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Farooque, the once-powerful actor of the silver screen, presented his audience with numerous hit films. During his screen time, he shared space with many actors, and Diti was one of them. Diti and Farooque together had a number of memorable films. In a recent chat with The Daily Star, Farooque reminisced on his co-actor.

"I could go on about Diti and it would be a volume of books. I am shocked; I am heartbroken to learn about her death," said the actor.

"We did a number of films together. She was the heroine in the film 'Shuud Ashol', which was my production. Narayn Ghosh Mita was the director, and during the shooting I noticed a rare talent in Diti. She acted with total dedication.

"And the most important part was that, Diti was an actor with good soul. If an artiste does not possess a refined

mentality, I would not call them an artiste. But Diti embodied all the qualities that an artiste should have. She was a big star, and a human being of great stature.

"Just before Diti was diagnosed with cancer, some of the popular faces from film arena gathered my home for a party. Diti was not there, but someone from my home called her. Diti was upset to hear that we were hanging out without her.

"Diti would keep her colleagues close, and treat them like her family members. She was very close to me, and I was like a member of her family. Today she is not among us, and this hurts me more than everything else.

"I am gradually losing my close people from the film arena. I cannot take this and it hurts badly."

"Diti was a cool-headed person, and had very good sense of humour. When she lost her husband, Diti brought up her children with great care and love. Besides, she continued her passion in acting."

#### SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Multiple National Film Award-winner Champa worked with Diti in several projects. Recalling Diti, Champa expressed her sorrow at the death of the popular actress of '90's.

"I felt very sad for her. I still can't believe Diti is not among us anymore. Why life is so short-lived and why did she have to leave us so early?"

"There was a time when we dominated the film industry. Even then, Diti was never jealous of my success. Not only that, she never even felt proud for her position. We were so friendly that others thought we came from the same family.

"To become a skilled artiste, you need to be passionate and dedicated. It's not possible overnight. Diti was an experienced artiste but she left us all so early. If only she lived longer, she could have contributed more to the industry.

"In her last days, we hardly met but we were very attached. Although we co-acted

### "Why did she have to leave us so early?"

### -- Champa



in only a few films, we were very close.

"Once we had to stay at the same shooting location for the film 'Bhai; that also cast Iliyas Kanchan and Manna. It was an outdoor shoot. My room was opposite to Diti. There was a door between the rooms. After wrapping up the shooting, we would chat along for hours together. There are many fond memories of the film. She was gorgeous and elegant. During shooting, I would often stare at her and told her how beautiful she was!

"Once Diti told me that she wanted to produce a film under the direction of her daughter Lamia. She also informed that we would work together in the project.

"I shot an Eid programme for a satellite channel at Diti's home. We were the anchors of the programme. I was very nervous of being an anchor but Diti assured me that I could do it. This is how Diti always extended a helping hand for her coartistes.

May Almighty bestow peace upon her departed soul."

# SONAKSHI

# draws inspiration from 'fantastic' Konkana

Sonakshi Sinha, who feels fortunate to share screen space with actor Konkana Sen in her upcoming film "Akira", believes that acting with a personality like the latter is very inspiring.

Konkana, who has become very choosy about scripts and has disappeared from silver screens, was last seen in Jaydeep Sarkar's short film "Nayantara's Necklace", is soon set to appear in "Akira". "She is a fantastic actor and amazing person to work with. When she is with you in your frame, you automatically get inspired to do better in your work because of the work she has

done in past and the

kind of actor she is.

It was a very good experience with her," Sonakshi told ANI when asked about her experience of working with the actress.

Sonakshi, who was present in the national capital for India's launch of sports apparel brand New Balance, will be seen in a different avatar for the AR Murugadoss' film. She has also taken self-defense classes to give realistic feel to her character in the film and feels that every girl should learn a form of martial arts. Apart from "Akira",

Sonakshi will be next seen



# Oloshpur on Rtv



### A CORRESPONDENT

Drama serial "Oloshpur" airs every Thursday to Sunday at 9:05pm on Rtv. Written by Muhammad Mamun-ur-Rashid, the drama serial is directed by Al Hazen.

The story is located in the fictitious land of

Oloshpur, inhabited by a group of lazy people engaged in unproductive activities. There are only two working persons in the land.

Dolly Zahur, Anisur Rahman Milon, Fazlur Rahman Babu, Lutfar Rahman George, Arfan Chowdhury, Mousumi Hamid, Chitralekha Guha, Nadia and others are in the cast.



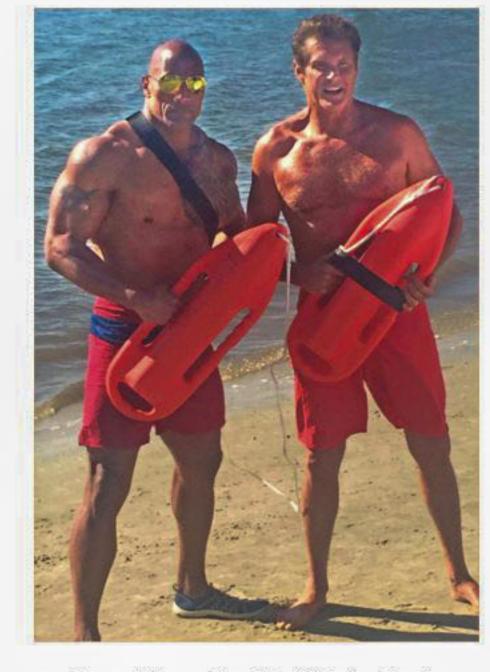
Bangladesh National Museum (BNM) opened the "Shadhin Bangla Betar Kokkho" at its 38th gallery room on March 23, with assistance from Channel i. Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor, secretary of the ministry Begum Akhtari Momtaz, and Channel i MD Faridur Reza Sagar were present there, among others. BNM DG Faizul Latif Chowdhury delivered the welcome address. The gallery will serve as a tribute to the Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra (SBBK), and give viewers access to SBBK sound clips, news, songs and other memorabilia.

## NEWS bytes

## Hasselhoff in new 'Baywatch' set photos

As Dwayne Johnson and Zac Efron continue Instagramming first look photos and behind-the-scenes set pics from Baywatch, David Hasselhoff becomes the centerpiece in a new batch of images. The actor originated the role of Mitch, now played by The Rock in this reboot, and it's still unclear exactly who Hasselhoff will be playing. By the looks of these pictures, though, it involves jumping back into his famous swim trunks.

"Which is Mitch?" Hasselhoff wrote on Twitter along with two photos from the set. Johnson confirmed The Hoff's casting in Baywatch a couple of weeks ago in an Instagram video. "There ain't



no Bay without The Hoff," The Rock exclaimed, while Hasselhoff shouted through FaceTime, "I was born ready."

The film adaptation of the vastly popular 90s TV show centers on Johnson's Mitch Bucchanon, a by-thebooks lifeguard who must team up with a young hothead named Matt Brody (Efron) in order to stop an oil tycoon from destroying their beach. Priyanka Chopra plays a villain in the film, which also stars Alexandra Daddario as Summer and Kelly Rohrbach as CJ Parker (originally played by Pamela Anderson).

Directed by Seth Gordon (Horrible Bosses), Baywatch is scheduled for release on May 19, 2017.

Source: Collider

