

WHAT'S ON


Rabindra Mela
 Organiser: Channel i
 Venue: Channel i premises
 Date: May 8
 Time: 4:30-8pm



Art Exhibition
 Intimate Fears
 Artist: Anisuzzaman Sohel
 Venue: Bengal Art Lounge
 Date: May 7-June 4
 Time: 12-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
 Retrospective
 Artist: Abdus Shakoor
 Venue: Shilpangan Gallery
 Date: May 1-15
 Time: 12-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
 Summer in Colour
 Artist: Nobo Kumar Bhadra
 Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
 Date: April 29-May 14
 Time: 3-9pm



13th National Children's Theatre Festival
 Organiser: People's Theatre Association
 Venue: Shilpakala Academy
 Date: May 6-12; Time: 7pm




The iconic Kachharibari will buzz for the next three days.

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Three-day festival begins today in Shahzadpur Kaccharibari

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPI, from Shahzadpur, Sirajganj

The Shahzadpur Kaccharibari wears a festive look today, Baishakh 25, the birth anniversary of Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore. A three-day programme including a discussion and cultural events are the high points of the 155th birth festival of Tagore at the Kaccharibari, official sources said.

Cultural Affairs minister Asaduzzaman Noor and health minister Mohammad Nasim will inaugurate the festival at the Rabindra Kaccharibari on Sunday

May 8, according to the upazila administration.

Artists from Dhaka and Kolkata give music and dance performances at the festival. A fair will also be organised at the high school premises of the Shahzadpur upazila.

"People of Shahzadpur wait for Baishakh 25 to observe the traditional Rabindra festival. It is the largest traditional festival for the people of Shahzadpur. Like other years, upazila administration has taken preparation to organise the festival and fair," Md. Shamim Ahmed, the Shazadpur Upazila Nirbahi officer, said.

Tagore's grandfather Prince Dwarkanath had bought the estate in Shahzadpur from Zaminder Rani Bhabani of Natore in 1840, long before the poet's birth. The poet got the responsibility to maintain the estate, and visited Shahzadpur. He last visited Shahzadpur in 1901.

Despite being the landlord of Shahzadpur estate, Rabindranath loved and patronized poor farmers in this region. "Tagore donated 1200 acres of farming land in his estate for the ultra-poor farmers of Shahzadpur for cattle farming," Nasim Uddin Malitha, Tagore researcher, told The Daily Star.

MOTHER'S DAY

The joys of Motherhood

Today is Mother's Day, a day to celebrate and honour motherhood. In line with other countries, people in Bangladesh are also celebrating the day. Shah Alam Shazu from Star Arts & Entertainment caught up with singer Beauty and actor-model Badhon to gauge their feelings on motherhood.

Every day is a mother's day ... Beauty

Becoming a mother is my greatest achievement ... Badhon

On Mother's Day, I wish all mothers in the world a happy and healthy life. I pray for their wellness. I didn't have any idea about the joys of motherhood until I became a mother. A mother spends countless sleepless nights taking care of her children. She happily sacrifices a lot for them.

Since the day I became a mother, my life has revolved around my child. I cannot think of anything without my son Rayat. I am a first time mother, and the joy of embracing motherhood is matchless.

I wish all mothers live happily with their children. I don't like the idea of limiting Mother's Day to a small boundary. I believe every day is a mother's day.



A mother is the greatest human being in the world. There's no one who can replace a mother. As I am a proud mother, I know how it feels to have a child. Of all the achievements of the life, becoming a mother is the greatest of all.

The feeling of being a mother is above every other feeling in the world. The responsibility of becoming a mother is not limited to just giving birth. A mother has to take care of everything about her child; she has to make sure that her children are growing up to be good human beings.

My daughter Michelle Amani Sarwar has just started going to school. She is very caring and obedient. My daughter is my world. She is the most precious thing in my life. When she comes to me, I forget my every sorrow.

On Mother's Day, I would like to pay tribute to every mother in the world. I love my mother and I love my child.



Musical Premier League launched | A fresh approach to reality TV



Guests present at the press conference pose for a group photo.

PHOTO: STAR

A CORRESPONDENT

Channel i yesterday announced the launch of a new musical reality show -- 7Up Musical Premier League (MPL) -- at a press conference held at its premises. The three judges who will be part of this show are renowned names of Bangladeshi music fraternity, Shakila Zafar, Bappa Mazumder and Partha Barua.

On behalf of Transcom Beverages Limited, Gollam Quddus Chowdhury, MD and CEO, Khurshid Irfan Chowdhury, deputy managing director and Arif Hossain, marketing manager were present at the

event. Also present were Morshed Alam, executive director, Asiatic Mindshare Bangladesh; Iresh Zaker, executive director, Asiatic 360 and Faridur Reza Sagar, managing director, Channel i.

"Although we have seen a lot of musical contests and talent hunt programmes in the past, 7Up MPL would be a reality show with a difference and a refreshingly new programme design," said Iresh Zaker. He further added, "The wide acceptance and popularity of the Cricket Premier League format and programme design shaped the concept of MPL."

7Up MPL would be open for participation

to people from all across Bangladesh. There would be eight divisional teams with eight renowned musicians as the team leaders. The team leaders would get to form their respective divisional teams through regional auditions, selecting three promising singers from each division. The eight divisional team leaders will be popular singers Sabbir, Mahadi, Sandipan, Pervez, Sajjad, Nishita Barua, Dithi Anwar, Putul and Konal. The main event for 7Up MPL will take place in Dhaka and will go on air in Channel i from July 14, The show will be telecast every Thursday and Saturday at 7.50pm.

RUPCHANDA-THE DAILY STAR SUPER CHEF MASUM BIDS FAREWELL

OSAMA RAHMAN

On the rickety ride back to the hotel from the studio, Shaheda Yesmin, one of the judges, finally broke the enveloping silence. "He could have made a sushi out of it," she said, her voice seemingly burdened with emotions.

Masum's departure had put the judges in a somber mood. Chef Tazammul Haque nodded in agreement. "I expected so much more from him but his lack of practice with deshi cuisine finally cost him," Shaheda Yesmin continued. Masum was a crowd favourite and secretly or openly, a lot of people were rooting for him.

Masum's unexpected elimination had caused quite a stir. As his name left the judge's mouths reluctantly, for the last time, an intense discussion sparked between the show's director Wahidul Islam Shuvrov and Shoeb Asaduzzaman, the Head of Marketing of BEOL. "We have just lost our last male participant," a cameraman casually remarked. However, the implication of his words was immense. Masum was the last of the men remaining and there was an unspoken hope that perhaps he would finally break the duck and Bangladesh would have its first male Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef. Masum's exit was met with a feeling of deflation that perhaps Portugal fans could relate to when the golden generation of Luis Figo came and went without so much as a slight glimmer of gold. The last man had fallen.

Facing the mystery box, Masum already seemed a little

nervous for the first time in the competition. When the mystery ingredient was revealed to be a gourd, Masum may have known that his time was finally coming to an end. A final flourish was mustered but it evidently was just not enough to win the round for the talented chef. "Why am I here? To win. What is my strategy? To be me because I feel I am one of the bests at what I do," Masum had said earlier when queried about his expectations. Like Muhammad Ali, Masum talked a big game and on his day, he really seemed unrivalled. But

the mystery box proved to be too big a hurdle to jump and Masum fell hard.

But where the end of one star was revealed, another star's status was solidified. Runa Laila did what no one could have even imagined and prepared one of the best shondesh or sweets with her gourd. The dessert expert's dish was greeted with much acclaim, with the judges commending her on her innovation and even asking her for the recipe. With this round, Runa has become the next player to beat and the others must be wary of

this silent enigma going into the next round.

Tonight, Umme Kulsum and Jebunnesa, last year's winner and runner's up respectively will return to the Super Chef kitchen. They will each lead a team in the upcoming group challenge as team captains and be challenged to make the best iftar. The losing team will have to fight it out amongst themselves for the coveted safe spot. Who will stand and who will fall? Tune into Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef tonight at 9:00 pm on ntv to find out!



Chef Tazammul consoles a dejected Masum.

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QUIZ-02

This renowned actor plays a major role in Captain America: Civil War, he was born in June 13, 1981. Name the actor.

Winners of Quiz 01

1. Riaz Mahmud, Shegun Bagicha
2. Abul Hasnat Foysol, Uttara
3. Asfaqur Rahman Suzon, Mohammadpur
4. Nuzhat Jahanara, Tikatuly
5. Arony Mohit, Dhaka University
6. Rabul Islam, Shyamoli
7. Monibuzzaman, South Kallyanpur
8. Jisan, Gulshan 1
9. Kazi Hasinur Rahman, New Circular Road
10. Nafis Mostafa, Shahbagh

TEAM CHALLENGE WITH IFTAR RECIPES

On this episode, top 8 participants will be divided into two groups. And the surprise of the episode will be our very own, very talented previous season's champion Dr. Umme

Kulsum and 1st Runner Up Jebunnesa Khan. They will be leading the teams and guide them to prepare the dishes. As the Ramadan knocking at the door, the participants have to prepare special Iftar items this time. Two groups team up and plan to bring the healthy Iftar dishes together.



Do you think our SuperChef 2015 champion Dr. Umme Kulsum's guidance can make her team win? Or our very talented, the traditional cooking expert, Jebunnesa Khan's team will be able to beat the team of last year's champion? They both said, they felt nostalgic coming to the kitchen again and couldn't be happier than this. They were very excited to fight

the battle once again and this time with the troops. For the audience, this is not only a fun episode of the competition but also a learning opportunity. So don't miss out the episode and the chance of learning unique Iftar recipe ideas!



Watch Every Saturday and Sunday 9PM

only on ntv

Repeat time is Sunday & Monday 1:10 pm