

# "Nazrul unites humanity in a collective sense"

-- Sujit Mustafa

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Renowned Nazrul Sangeet artiste Sujit Mustafa is the general secretary of Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad (NSSP). The artiste-organiser in his mission of uniting and motivating young artistes of the country has initiated activities in the entire divisional, district and 500 upazilla level branches of Bangladesh. He has so far reached out to 482 schools across the country, mentoring students for Nazrul's patriotic songs. He also publishes "Chakrabak", a regular monthly on our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, and distributes copies among the students.

"There are twelve aspects of Nazrul's conscience and philosophy: humanity, love, collectivism, an exploitation-free social system, women's freedom, restructuring education, war against superstition, as well as the promotion of modernity, morality and freedom. If we can disseminate these ideologies to every school of the country, we will definitely have more conscious generations in the days ahead," hopes Sujit Mustafa.

"Living in an era of globalisation and satellite invasion, we cannot project our culture properly; rather we are being

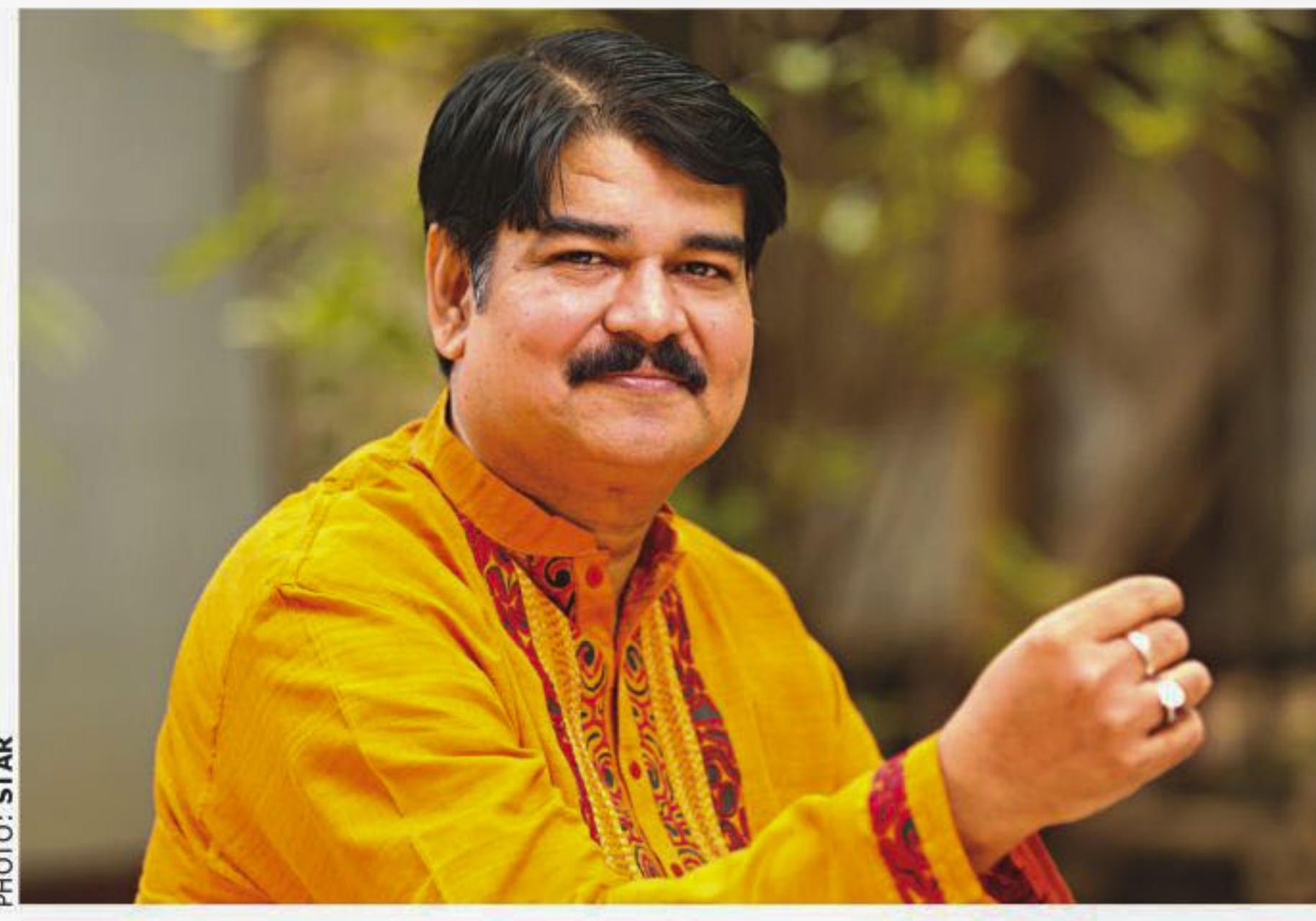


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marginalised. We must raise our voices to stand upright. The mass media has a great role to play on this front. Again, Dhaka-based artistes are busy with their own projection, lobbying, networking; on the other hand, the talented young artistes across the country are submerged in despair. That's why we are reaching

towards them to project their talents," asserts the singer.

NSSP has so far honoured eight eminent personalities with Nazrul Padak. Searching 60 underexposed Nazrul Sadhok from across the country. Apart from holding programmes and competitions marking Nazrul birth and death

anniversary, NSSP has been regularly arranging musical programmes every Tuesday at their Dhaka office for the last three -and- a -half years. Relatively young artistes get priority to perform , while many noted singers attend as audience. "We find and listen to the best singers from district and upazila level and try to project them nationally by providing platforms on stage and TV channels. We also help them produce and release their solo albums," mentioned Sujit Mustafa.

Nazrul is a poet of unity. Divisive forces who misinterpret Nazrul or Nazrul Sangeet do injustice to Nazrul's ideology. Rising above mundane personal interests, we should all unite in Nazrul's memory," says the singer.

"I do practise Nazrul Sangeet and want to disseminate his songs, literary creations and philosophy amongst all. It will not benefit Nazrul; rather we will be benefitted collectively. Someone has to take the responsibility of nourishing our art, literature and culture to thwart social decay, to educate tomorrow's nation builders and to build a better society. To meet this end, our collective effort is a must and more people should respond to the greater cause," concludes Sujit Mustafa.



Padatik Nattya Sangsad (TSC) stages their new play "Gohonjatra" today (July 11) at Experimental Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Written by Rubayet Ahmed, the hour-long monologue is directed by Sudip Chakroborthy and voiced by Shamsi Ara Sayka. The play is based on the dangers of intolerance, violence apart from global political issues and peoples' desire for peace and freedom.

## TV WATCH

### "Tomake Ar Pai Na" on ATN Bangla



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"Tomake Ar Pai Na" will air on the fifth day of Eid on ATN Bangla at 11:50pm. Adapted from Faria Hossain's novel, the telefilm is directed by Sheikh Rana and casts Niloy, Shokh, Manob Bandopadhyay and more.

The story follows Sajib and Shoma, who meet after several years. Sajib has become a successful entrepreneur, much to Shoma's surprise. Their love affair tragically ended years ago due to Shoma's father's opposition to her marrying the financially unstable Sajib. Sajib is now happily married whereas Shoma has remained single after the heartbreak. The story then takes many twists.

### Eid special show "Uttar Akash"

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On the occasion of Eid, Banglavisión will air a special show, "Uttar Akash": featuring four gifted personalities from Netrokona region.

Hosted by Asad Chowdhury, poet Nirmalendu Goon, poet Helal Hafiz, engineer Mustafa Jabbar and musician Bari Siddiqui will discuss the history, tradition, culture and environment of their hometown Netrokona.

Banglavisión will air "Uttar Akash" today at 4:30pm.



### Ghran Baba on Channel i

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On the fifth day of Eid, a new TV play titled "Ghran Baba" will air on Channel i at 9:35pm. The play is scripted by Ronob Ikram and directed by Sazzad Shumon. Cast

members include Purnima, Irfan Nisho, Abdullah Rana and more.

The story is about the curious case of a man with a very sensitive nose. He is obsessed with smells around him, and is found to be sniffing everything and everyone in sight, which invariably puts him in

awkward positions. His power also brings him the ability to predict the future of the people whom he has sniffed. However, he soon piques the curiosity of a journalist who runs an article on him, as well as the daughter of a wealthy man.



## Spice Girls tease reunion in new video



In honour of the 20th anniversary of the U.K. debut of their debut single, "Wannabe," the Spice Girls released a YouTube video teasing a reunion with Melanie "Mel B" Brown (Scary Spice), Geri Halliwell (Ginger Spice) and Emma Bunton (Baby Spice), sans Victoria Beckham (Posh Spice) and Mel C (Sporty Spice).

The trio has apparently dubbed itself GEM — the initials of the three pop stars — and launched a new website. "You've stood by us for 20 years, and we want to say a big thank you," Halliwell says in the video.

Last month, speculation arose that the iconic girl group would replace Beckham and Mel C in an upcoming reunion. The video seems to confirm that the trio will, indeed, continue as such.

"We want to celebrate and have a party, and when we do, you're all invited!" the girls enthusiastically shout.

No specific information has been released as to how or when the party will commence.

Source: **Variety**

## DEEPIKA PADUKONE to star in Bhansali's Padmavati

After much speculations, Deepika Padukone may have been finalised for Sanjay Leela Bhansali's highly ambitious project Padmavati along with Ranveer Singh.

Music director Shreyas Puranik, who was supposed to work for Bhansali on the movie, confirmed with a tweet that Deepika would star in the film, Pinkvilla reported.

After the success of Ram Leela - Goliyon Ki Raasleela and Bajirao Mastani, the upcoming project, which is supposedly based on tyrant emperor Alauddin Khilji's obsession for Padmavati, the queen of Chittor, will mark the third collaboration of Sanjay-Deepika and Ranveer.

Reportedly, Prakash Kapadia, who earlier scripted Bajirao Mastani, has reportedly been roped in to write Padmavati.

The shooting of the movie will go on floors in September.

Source: **Hindustan Times**

