

WHAT'S ON
Group Painting Exhibition
 Title: Sublime Beauty of Lands and Rivers
 Venue: La Galerie, AFD, Dhanmondi
 Date: July 15-20
 Time: 3-9pm (Mon-Thur) & 9am-12noon & 5-8pm (Fri & Sat)

Bharatnatyam Recital
 Organiser: Kolpotaru Ensemble
 Venue: Chhayanaut Auditorium, Dhanmondi
 Date: July 16
 Time: 6:30pm

Group Photography Exhibition
 Title: Chittagong Hill Tracts: People and Nature
 Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi
 Date: July 15-19
 Time: 3-8pm

Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: "Enigma" by Sayed Fida Hossain
 Venue: EMK Centre, Midas Centre Building (9th Floor), H-5, Rd-27, Dhanmondi
 Date: July 16-28; Time: 10am-8pm

Asian Cinema Retrospective 2016
 MoviYana Film Society & BSA
 Venue: Int'l Digital Cultural Archive Room, Nat'l Theatre Hall, BSA
 Date: Jul-Nov (Fri & Sat)
 Time: 3-8pm

NEWS bytes

Rihanna's concert canceled after attack in Nice

Rihanna's concert in Nice, France, has been canceled following the Bastille Day attack in the French Riviera city that killed at least 84 people and injured upwards of 100 more. Rihanna was in Nice at the time of the attack, but her representative confirmed to Billboard that "she's safe." Christian Estrosi, the former mayor of Nice and current president of the PACA region, tweeted the news on Thursday. He also announced that the Nice Jazz Festival has also been canceled, and that flags would be flown at half mast in the city on Friday. Rihanna was set to play at the Allianz Stadium in Nice Friday night as part of her Anti World Tour. She's next schedule to perform Sunday night at the Commerzbank Arena in Frankfurt, Germany. A Bastille Day celebration turned fatal Thursday when a 15-meter truck drove into a crowd that had gathered for fireworks. The driver of the vehicle, which also had explosives and weapons inside, was killed.

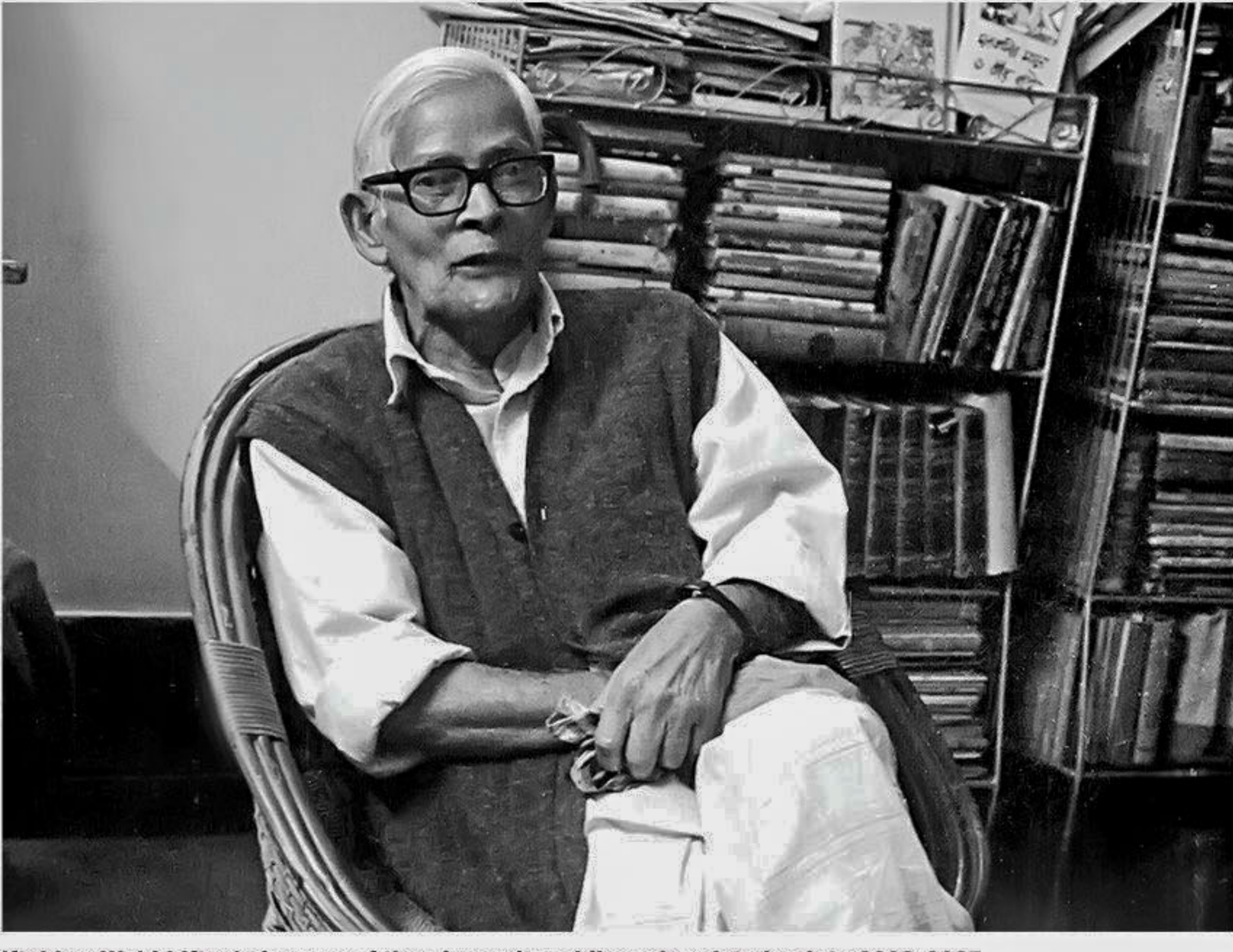


Watch out for Priyanka

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi
 Bollywood actress Priyanka Chopra, who has featured in American TV show "Quantico" and Hollywood film "Baywatch", has said that she wants to break the stereotype about Indian actors in Hollywood and does not just



want to be known as "spooft" there. "You admire qualities of people...I admire a lot of people and I imbibe their best qualities. You have to find what is unique about you and the best version of yourself," she added. The 33-year-old actress feels grateful to have been accepted in Hollywood and she now plans to create opportunities for Indian actors abroad. Asked what her next plan is, she says she doesn't know as she has never planned her career. "I am very instinctive. I go by what comes my way. I don't know what is next but it will be something creative," she added. Referring to media speculation about a rift in her friendship with Bollywood co-star Deepika Padukone, Priyanka said there is no change in the equation between them and maintained both of them are still pals. Priyanka said she was not worried if India's Censor Board would clear "Baywatch" in which she plays a negative role. Directed by Seth Gordon, "Baywatch" is based on the 1989 TV series of the same name. It will air next summer. "I did "Aitraaz", "Saath Khoon Maaif"...I enjoy playing the villain and that's why I did "Baywatch". But it's a comedy film," she said.



Iftexkar Wahid Iftex's images of the pioneering philosopher date back to 2002-2005.

A Philosopher's Portrait

Iftex's photo exhibit ends at Zainul Gallery

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A weeklong solo photography exhibition titled "A Philosopher's Portrait", featuring portraits and other images of eminent philosopher and political scientist Sardar Fazlul Karim, concluded yesterday at Zainul Gallery, Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka.

Talented portrait photographer Iftexkar Wahid Iftex had captured the different moods of the pioneering philosopher during 2002-2005. Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor of University of Dhaka inaugurated the exhibition. Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon attended the ceremony as chief guest while eminent educationist Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman and noted economist Professor M.M. Akash were special guests.

Iftex, an acolyte of noted photographer Imtiaz Alam Beg, has a photographic career spanning over two decades. This is Iftex's sixth solo exhibition. In his previous exhibits, the photographer showcased both creative and portrait photographs including those of renowned media personality Shykh Seraj under the title "Son of the Soil" as well as on internationally famous Bangladeshi painter Shahabuddin Ahmed under the title "Shahabuddin The Painter, The Fighter".



'La La Land' trailer pays homage to Hollywood musical

Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone are falling in crazy, stupid love all over again in the first trailer for "La La Land." In the film, from director Damien Chazelle, Stone plays Mia, an aspiring actress who serves coffee while she waits for her big break. Gosling is a jazz musician who scrapes by playing in dark and dingy bars. They try to make their relationship work while facing the pressures of making it big in Hollywood. The trailer recalls the high water marks of the homage-to-musicals genre: Woody Allen's "Everyone Says I Love You", Francis Ford Coppola's "One from the Heart" and Martin Scorsese's "New York,

New York", with its contemporary setting and explicitly artificial sets. The trailer does not contain any dialogue, but shows snapshots of Stone and Gosling dancing, walking, taking auditions and looking into each other's eyes. The montage ends, as any good one does, with a kiss. In addition to its co-stars, the film's cast also includes J. K. Simmons, Finn Wittrock, Callie Hernandez, Rosemarie DeWitt, and Meagen Fay. "La La Land" is set to open the Venice Film Festival on August 31, and hit theaters on December 2.

Source: Variety

NUSRAT FARIA making waves

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Nusrat Faria is a relatively new face in filmdom but she has already made waves with her new film, "Badshah" released in Kolkata and Dhaka this Eid. Nusrat talked about her film and career plans to The Daily Star:

What response have you had to "Badshah"?
 Faria: It has been doing extremely well at the box office. Viewers are flocking to watch it and the movie theatres are spilling over. This is very rewarding for me as an actress.

Where is "Badshah" being screened?
 Faria: The film has been screened in 150 cinema halls in Kolkata, and around 50 in Dhaka.

Jeet is your co-star in the film. Are there a few words you'd like to share on your experience of working with him?
 Faria: Jeet is well-loved in Kolkata and this is my first time working with him. He is a fine actor and very helpful towards his co-stars. I have learned a lot, thanks to him. Before starting any scene, he used to give me pointers and we would discuss things over.

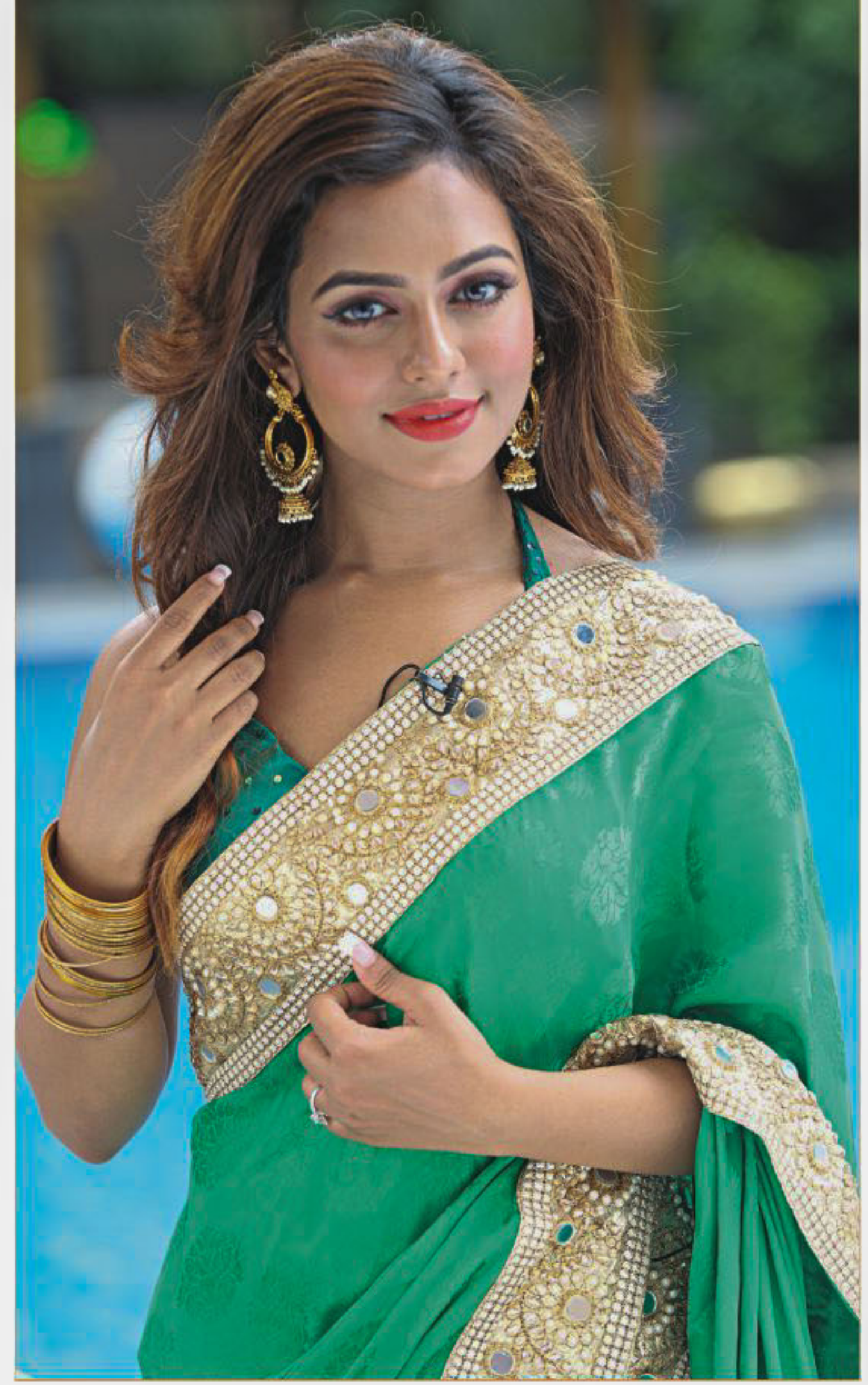
Have you watched yourself on screen?
 Faria: I haven't, as movie theatres are very crowded at this time. However, I am traveling to Kolkata soon, and I hope to watch it in theatres there.

Have you worked in any other films?
 Faria: I have recently worked on "Premi O Premi." Arefin Shuvo is my co-star in the film, directed by Zakir Hossain Raju. I have not worked on this kind of film before, and I am very hopeful about it.

Your work spans two countries so far. Is there a remarkable difference between working at home and abroad?
 Faria: I have not noticed any marked difference, as we are all Bangladeshis.

How did you spend the Eid holidays?
 Faria: I spent Eid with my loved ones at home and did not travel. I also spent a lot of time on Facebook and Twitter. It was a holiday spent in serenity and I quite enjoyed it.

Do you have any future goals set for yourself?
 Faria: I do not want to work in the traditional fold. I am constantly challenging myself and would like to set new trends in our society.



BARSHA MANGAL UTSHAB HELD IN THAKURGAON



QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon
 Barsha Mangal Utshab was held on Thursday evening at Lokayan Museum premises at Akcha village in Thakurgaon sadar upazila. The programme included renditions of Tagore, modern and folk songs themed on monsoon. The soiree began with a choral song "Borisho Dhora Majhe Shantiro Bari", followed by "Esho Nipobon-e", "Pagla Hawar Badal Dine", "Ei Je Gari Dhoria Jan Garial" and more. Following the Barsha Mangal Utshab, at a discussion the speakers said that the beauty of monsoon is incomparable. The discussants also said that Rabindranath presents a vivid picture of the country's six seasons, especially the monsoon, in his songs. Lokayan Museum, an initiative of ESDO, organised the well attended programme. Lokayan Chairman Muhammad Shahid Uz Zaman said in his speech, "We have taken a different initiative to preserve objects that represent the lifestyle of our common people, like farmer's hat, fishing materials, ploughs, indigenous weapons used for hunting, local musical instruments, documents of agreements between landowners and farmers, and rural attire."

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