

WHAT'S ON

**Photography Exhibition**  
Marking 91st Birth Anniversary of Tajuddin Ahmad  
Venue: Gallery Twenty One, 751, Satmasjid Rd, Dhanmondi  
Date: Jul 23-Aug 22, Time: 12noon-8pm




**Lalon Songs Performance**  
Venue: National Art Gallery Plaza, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: August 11-13  
Time: 7:30pm



**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Artist: Salma Abedin Prithi  
Venue: Kalakendra, 1/11, Iqbal Rd, Mohammadpur  
Date: August 12-30  
Time: 5-8pm



**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
Artist: Proshanto Karmakar  
Venue: Bay's Gallery, Radius Centre, 57, Gulshan-1  
Date: Jul 30-Aug 30  
Time: 12am-8pm



**Group Art Exhibition**  
Title: "Shilper Aloye Bangabandhu"  
Venue: Gallery 3, National Art Gallery Plaza, BSA  
Date: August 1-31  
Time: 11am-8pm




# 75th death anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore

## District Shilpakala Academy stages "Surak"

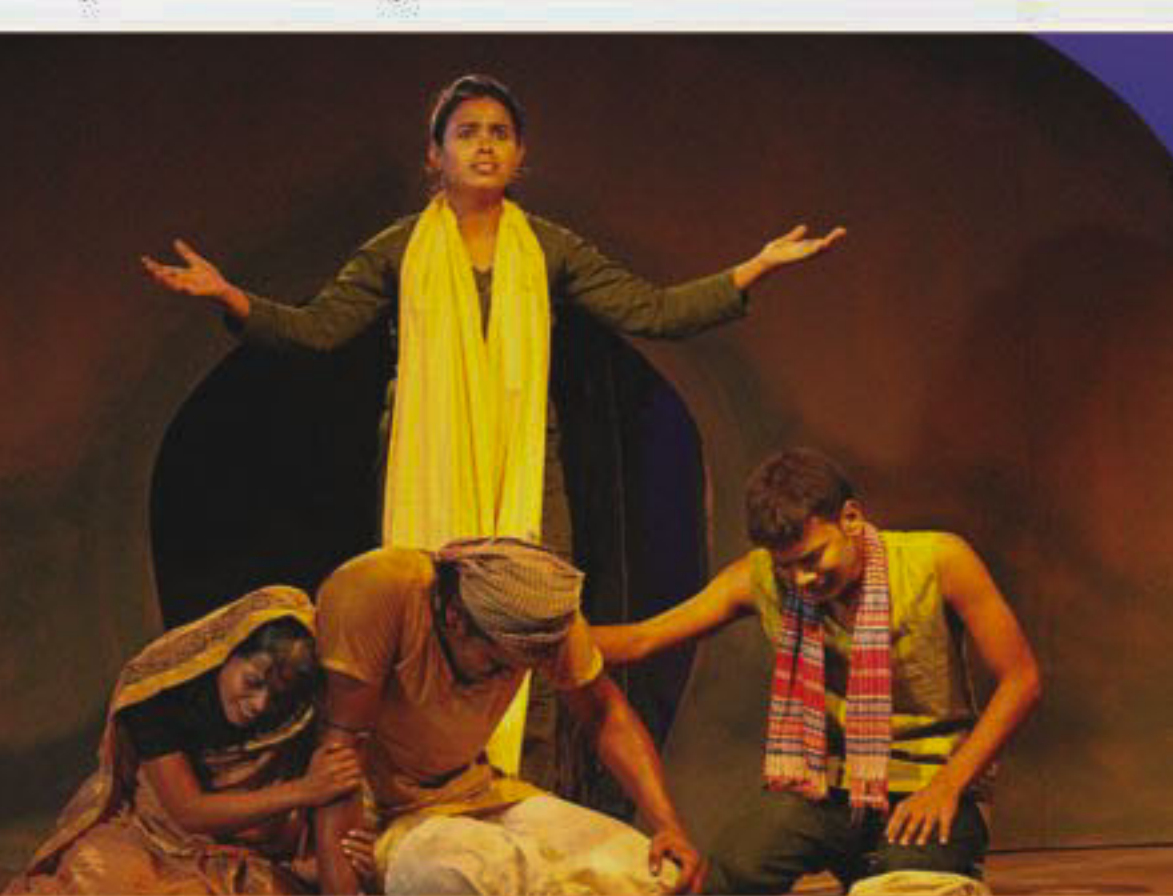
SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barisal

District Shilpakala Academy, Barisal, staged a play "Surak" on the occasion of the 75th death anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore at Ashwini Kumar Hall in Barisal City on August 7 and 8.

"Surak" is written by Sahaman Maisan. The direction and planning is by Hasanur Rashid Maksud.

The play is set in Akhitar, a village in Bangladesh. The story focuses on the discrimination of the girl child.

"This was a totally experimental play about a serious social issue," said Maksud. "The main theme is about cruelty and humanity," he added.



A scene from the play. PHOTO: STAR

# Tagore remembered at JKKNIU

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

The Music Department of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKKNIU) in Trishal upazila organised a cultural show marking the 75th death anniversary of Nobel Laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore on Wednesday evening (August 10).

The artistes rendered the most popular songs of the bard with great applause from the capacity packed Theatre Hall auditorium of JKKNIU.

The artistes of the department joined the rendition of solos and choruses. Poetry recitation that interspersed the

song, made the evening more enjoyable. Earlier, a discussion on the life and works of the poet was held.

Vice-chancellor of the university Prof Dr. Mohit Ul Alam was the chief guest. Treasurer of the university Professor AMM Shamsur Rahman, Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad Mymensingh's president Professor Monjurul Alam of Bangladesh Agricultural University; Ahmed Shakil Hashmi and Professor Md Jahidul Kabir of Music Department addressed the discussion, among others.

Professor Mosharrat Shobnam, the

head of the Music Department presided over the session.

The Bengali Department of the university also organised a cultural programme and a discussion marking the death anniversary of the bard at the same venue on August 9.

The artistes of the department took part in the cultural programme that included rendition of Tagore songs and a poetry recitation session.

Dean of Arts Faculty Professor Md Mahbub Hossain and Professor Md Sahabuddin of Bengali Department also spoke on the occasion.

The speakers said greater appreciation of the writings of Tagore, especially his songs, will enrich our knowledge of Bengali Literature.

More tours to places gripped with the memories of Tagore will inspire the younger generation to about the bard, his work and contribution, they also said.

They urged teachers, students and artistes of the university to be dedicated to Tagore, a poet who cultivated all branches of Bengali literature. They also termed Tagore as the greatest of great poets of all times.



**REMEMBERING TAREQUE MASUD AND MISHUK MUNIER**  
Programme and film screening at Shilpakala

Marking the fifth death anniversary of noted filmmaker Tareque Masud, cinematographer Mishuk Munier and three other film production crews, Federation of Film Societies of Bangladesh (FFSB), Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Projonmo '71 will jointly arrange a programme at the National Music and Dance Centre auditorium of BSA on August 13, says a press release.

The programme will begin at 4:30pm with the screening of Tareque Masud's feature film "Runway" followed by the lighting of mongolprodip in memory of the departed. The programme will also include a discussion.

# Kamar Ahmad Simon leads Open Doors Hub

On August 10 the Open Doors Hub programme concluded, with the announcement of winners after five days of activity for eight emerging producers, says a press release. The 2016 edition sees the launch of a three-year cycle that Open Doors will devote to eight countries in southern Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The prizes conferred aims to support production and development.

The winners are: the winner of a Production Grant (30,000 CHF) is "Day after Tomorrow" by Kamar Ahmad Simon, Bangladesh; Production Grant (20,000 CHF) "The Red Phallus" by Tashi Gyeltshen, Bhutan; CNC Prize (8,000 Euro) "Season of Dragonflies (Ihyalincha)" by Abinash Bikram Shah, Nepal.



Kamar Ahmad Simon (5-R) with other awardees at the film festival. PHOTO: COURTESY



# TISHA plays a genie

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Popular actress Tisha acts in a new TV play titled "Jim and Genie". Written by Rupantar, the play is to be aired on Boishakhi TV on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha.

Tisha dons the role of Genie in the play, directed by Muntasir Bipon. Shatabdi Wadud is Tisha's co-star. Mukul Siraj acts in the play, among others.

Tisha appears in the play in various guises -- an ordinary girl against an exotic Arabian backdrop, set in a time far from the present. "The story of Jim and Genie is beautiful and I feel really happy with my role," said Tisha.

The play is about a youth who stumbles upon a magical bottle from which a girl -Genie- emerges. The youth then asks the girl to fulfill his three wishes. The genie agrees and events unfold from that point on.

Muntasir Bipon describes the play as "romantic fantasy."

# All-female cast for 'Ocean's Eleven' offshoot

An all-female offshoot of 'Ocean's Eleven' is in the works. According to The Hollywood Reporter, seven of the eight main roles have already been cast for the upcoming 'Ocean's Ocho' caper film.

Gary Ross, who cowrote the script with Olivia Milch, will helm the film. As with the reboot franchise's previous movies, 'Ocean's Ocho' will be a star-studded affair. Rihanna is among the stars to have signed on to the Warner Bros. movie, along with Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett, Anne Hathaway, Helena Bonham Carter, Mindy Kaling and rapper/actress Awkwafina, THR confirmed. There is still one spot remaining to round out the principal cast.

As Deadline reports, Steven Soderbergh, who helmed 2001's 'Ocean's Eleven' remake and sequels 'Ocean's Twelve' and 'Ocean's Thirteen,' will produce 'Ocean's Ocho.' The film is slated to begin production this October in New York.

'Ocean's Ocho's' cast announcement follows on the heels of this summer's all-female reboot of 'Ghostbusters', which caused a stir amid fans of the original male version.

SOURCE: ROLLING STONE



Cate Blanchett, Rihanna, Helena Bonham Carter

# Aamir Khan and Amitabh Bachchan to act in 'Thug'

Actors Amitabh Bachchan and Aamir Khan will team up for the first time in Yash Raj Films' next project, to be directed by Vijay Krishna Acharya. The film has reportedly been tentatively titled *Thug*.

Early reports suggested that the makers of *Thug* were in talks with Hrithik Roshan, who apparently turned the film down due to some reservations. Subsequently, it was speculated that Deepika Padukone and Nawazuddin Siddiqui were joining the cast. However, it seems that Bachchan and Aamir will co-star in the film.

In spite of their distinguished filmographies and string of admired performances, the two actors have never worked together before and now that their names being attached to the film, *Thug* is being touted as a bigger project than it would otherwise be.

*Thug* is being described as an action-adventure, inspired by novelist Philip Meadows Taylor's 1839 book, *Confessions of a Thug*. Set in the pre-Independence era, it chronicles the widespread 'thug' culture of that time.

SOURCE: NDTV

