

**WHAT'S ON**  
**Group Art Exhibition**  
 Title: "Art Against Terrorism - BRAVE HEART"  
 Artist: Ata Mohammad Adnan  
 Venue: Gallery Cosmos, H-115, Lane-6, New DOHS, Mohakhali  
 Date: August 19-31  
 Time: 12am-8pm

**Photography Exhibition**  
 Title: Faces, Places, Stories  
 Artist: Ata Mohammad Adnan  
 Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi  
 Date: Aug 13-31  
 Time: 9:30am-8pm

**Theatre**  
 Play: Pronoy Jamuna  
 Troupe: Subachan Natya Sangsad  
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy  
 Date: September 2, Time: 7pm

**Theatre**  
 Play: Mayur Singhason  
 Troupe: Aranyak Natyadal  
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy  
 Date: September 3, Time: 7pm

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

# Look out for Shagota



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**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 Shagota has been shooting for TV plays slated for release on Eid. On a more exciting note, the actor has recently returned from Nepal that was the location of a six episode TV play and a telefilm. Both are directed by Sakhawat Manik.  
 In the TV play, Shagota appears as a married woman who faces trials and tribulations on her trip to Nepal with her husband. The yet to be titled play is currently under post-production. In the telefilm, titled "Bhalobashar Ghran," the actor will appear alongside Zahid Hasan.  
 In Bangladesh, Shagota has teamed up with director Salauddin Lavlu in a TV play titled "Bhebe Chinte Prem." Shooting has begun in Pubail.  
 The actor stated, "Six years ago, I worked under Salauddin Lavlu in a TV play titled, 'Ustadji.' And now I am working with him again for this play which will be aired on Eid."  
 The actor will also appear in another yet to be titled six-episode TV play directed by Shumon and filmed in Old Dhaka. "My experience in this TV play has been extremely enjoyable, and I had fun playing a girl from Old Dhaka," said Shagota.  
 Aside from acting, Shagota will also make an appearance in an entertainment show to be aired by ATN Bangla during Eid, hosted by Shahriar Nazim Joy.  
 During the Eid festivities Shagota will travel to Qatar for three days where she will perform in a show.



A scene from the film.

# ISLANTILLA CINEFORUM FILM FESTIVAL

## "Under Construction" makes it to the top

**PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi**  
 Rubaiyat Hossain-directed Bangladeshi film "Under Construction" was chosen the winner at the ninth edition of the annual Islantilla Cineforum Film Festival on Saturday during the closing ceremony of the event in the city of Huelva in southern Spain.

The film's lead character, played by Shahana Goswami of India, secured the Best Actress award at the festival.  
 "Under Construction" is the story of a modern Muslim woman's struggle to carve out a future in urban Bangladesh and her quest to become independent.  
 The Audience Award for the Best Film and Best Short Film went to "The Island of Wind" by director Manuel

Menchon, and 'Once' co-directed by Maria Guerra and Sonia Madrid.  
 The RIVA award for best photography was secured by George Todria for "Lost Village" which also secured the jury prize for the best feature film.  
 Earlier this year, "Under Construction" won three awards at the Festival International des Cinemas d'Asie de Vesoul in France.

# Bangla Radio FM 95.2

---Bringing diversity  
 In conversation with  
 Shelu Barua



ZAIMA ZAHRA

Bangla Radio FM 95.2, a Reza Group concern, has begun commercial operations. With an aim to promote Bangla music and its roots, Bangla Radio has drawn up a clear strategy.  
 Unlike other channels, to go with the name it has decided to only broadcast Bangla music and related shows. Moreover, Bangla or a dialect of Bangla has been fixed for the radio jockeys to use instead of code-switch between Bangla and English, while connecting with the listeners.  
 Spokesperson of Bangla Radio, noted singer Shelu Barua told The Daily Star, "Our motto is to work with Bangla songs and most importantly Bengali culture. We believe that the radio plays a vital role in this direction and we can provide listeners a different flavour to their musical tastes. We are even planning to work with the new generation along with veteran singers."  
 On the channel's upcoming shows he added, "We have plans to celebrate the birth and death anniversaries of prominent and legendary artists. For example to celebrate Nazrul Jayanti, Bangla Radio has broadcast National Poet's songs and related shows, throughout the day. Not just this, our plan is to celebrate every artist in the Bangla music industry. We would like to highlight them, and to do this we will have special programmes, interviews and lots more."  
 "Most of the channels are slanted towards upcoming stars and this is where Bangla Radio breaks new ground. Our dictum is to broadcast shows for both the elderly and younger generation, so that everyone has the opportunity to explore all the genres of Bangla Music. We want our listeners to know that, not only we have Rabindranath Tagore or Kazi Nazrul Isalm we have many more talented and experienced artists than they could ever have imagined," he concluded.



# Krishoker Eid Ananda shot in Manikganj

**A CORRESPONDENT**  
 Shooting of one of the most popular entertainment programmes titled "Krishoker Eid Ananda" (KEA) has recently been completed in Manikganj's Joymondop. Directed and hosted by Shykh Seraj, the TV show will go on air during Eid-ul-Azha festival.  
 "This region has been selected for KEA as it's the most fertile region of our country, where the rivers Padma, Jamuna, Dhaleshwari and Ichhamoti flow across," said Shykh Seraj.  
 "The district also has a huge prospect for agriculture and a legacy for its cultural heritage. Hirallal Sen, considered the first-ever filmmaker in the subcontinent was born in this district. Language

Martyr Rafique, renowned filmmaker Khan Ataur Rahman and eminent litterateur Munier Choudhury were also born in Manikganj.  
 Many popular films were shot in Manikganj, from the 1950s to 1980s, featuring sturdy farmers, farmlands and riverine Bangladesh. To bring all these great happenings, KEA has worked quite in-depth and hence selected Manikganj as the shooting spot. The TV programme will definitely feature, as always, rural sports and untold stories of the region. Special stories filmed abroad will also entertain the audience along with a touching pastoral song performance by noted folk singer Momtaz. Krishoker Eid Ananda will go on air, on the second day of Eid-ul-Azha at 4:30 pm on Channel i.



# Cultural function held 40th death anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam



**ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj**  
 To mark the 40th death anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, Sangskritik Biplobi Sangha (SABIS) arranged a cultural function at its auditorium in Manikganj town on August 29.  
 The programme started with a rendition of a chorus song 'Dao Sourjo, Dao Dhairja' by the singers of SABIS. Sabrina Mamtaz Momo, Nasrin Ahmed, Kajol Pal, members of SABIS, enlisted singers Khorshed Alam, Rasel Mia, Zakir Hasan Khan Jewel and child singers Abrin Shad, Badhon Sarker, Swarna Sarker Shirin Akter, Saida

Rahman, Abir Hossain Olid, Samsi Sumaya rendered solo songs while Sunil Saha and Shyamal Karmaker assisted with tabla.  
 Earlier a discussion was held where the speakers said Nazrul was a symbol of non-communal consciousness. This was demonstrated in his writings like 'Sobar Upore Manush Satya, Tahar Upore Nai', 'Mora Ekti Brinte Duti Khushum'. He wrote 'Hamd O Naat' and 'Shyama' with equal élan.  
 Rebel Poet Nazrul was patriotic and advocated for liberty. He envisioned an exploitation free country and played a role in the anti-British movement through his writings like

"Bolo Bir Chiro Unnato Momo Sheer," and "Kara Oi Louha Kapat". Nazrul also promoted gender equality through his writings, and wrote for children as well.  
 On Monday evening, a local cultural institute named Nazrul-Promila Institute was formed in memory of the national poet and his wife Promila Devi, at Tewta Jamindar Bari premises, birth place of Promila, under Shivalaya upazila in Manikganj.  
 Mozammel Haque, head teacher of Tewta Academy, presided over the discussion. A cultural function was held after the discussion.

# Karan Johar entices viewers with new film

Karan Johar only directs a film every few years and the teaser of "Ae Dil Hai Mushkil" promises that the film, releasing four years after "Student of the Year," is going to be worth the wait.  
 Tuesday began with a bang in the form of an extended glimpse of "Ae Dil Hai Mushkil"'s characters - played by Ranbir Kapoor, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Anushka Sharma and Fawad Khan - and their lives.  
 There is romance but as the title suggests, matters of the heart are complicated, and so there is also heartbreak.  
 "Ae Dil Hai Mushkil" is apparently a remake of Yash Chopra's 1977 film "Doosra Admi", starring Rishi Kapoor, Rakhee and Neetu Singh in lead roles.  
 The film also stars Lisa Hayden. Shah Rukh Khan reportedly makes a special appearance.  
 Produced by Karan Johar's Dharma Productions, "Ae Dil Hai Mushkil" is set for a Diwali release, when it will clash with Ajay Devgn's "Shivaay."

Source: NDTV

