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Katrina to do 'hardcore action' in next

Actress Katrina Kaif is teaming up again with superstar Salman Khan for the sequel of their smash hit "Ek Tha Tiger" and would be seen doing some hardcore action scenes.

The 2012 blockbuster was directed by Kabir Khan and produced by Aditya Chopra's Yash Raj Films (YRF).

"Though many top actresses were vying for the highly coveted role, it was Katrina who bagged it. The film is tailor-made for her to shine as she has been cast opposite Salman," sources said here. "She would do some hardcore action in the film for which she will begin training soon," they added.

The Kabir Khan-directed espionage drama film had Salman playing the role of an Indian spy, Tiger, while Katrina Kaif played the role of the Pakistani spy named Zoya.

The shooting for the sequel, "Tiger Zinda Hai", will begin in March and YRF has announced December 2017 as the release date. The sequel will be directed by Ali Abbas Zafar.

Source: PTI



Faria: A force to reckon with

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Model-turned-actor Sabnam Faria has been a force to reckon with in the country's show business. In her rather short career span, she has given a number of hit TV plays and television commercials.

She came to the spotlight through her first TVC for a Chanchur brand under the direction of Adnan Al Rajeev, and she never had to look back. Her second television commercial for a hair oil brand was also a hit. But it was an

ad for a dried spices brand that really set her career on a path, Sabnam told The Daily Star.

After success as a model, she started getting calls for TV plays. Her first tele-film, titled "@18 - Dourer Upor" was a massive hit. After its success, she took a brief break to focus on studies and family, and only returned after completing her graduation. Her major works include Redoan Rony's "Subornopur Beshi Dure Noye", and Mostofa Kamal Raj's "Chupichupi" and "Simin Roy Er

Prothikkha".

Her remarkable drama serials include "House No. 44", "Calling Bell", "Dost Dushman", "Jhalmuri" and "Samrat".

"I do not want to be heroine, but an actress. I want to play all roles from rural girl to a city dweller," Sabnam told The Daily Star. Here dream roles are of Labonno and Haimanti from from Tagore's "Shesher Kobita" and "Haimanti" -- and Lilabati, based on Humayan Ahmed's book of the same title.



Atharabari Zamindar Palace: Tagore's memory in shambles

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

As part of his Mymensingh tour, Tagore visited Atharabari Zamindar Palace in Mymensingh on February 19, 1926. He was there at the invitation of Promod Chandra Roy Chowdhury, zamindar of Atharabari in Ishwarganj upazila, and a student of Rabindranath Tagore at Shantiniketan.

However, despite its historical link with Tagore, the palace is at serious risk of ruin. Locals demand the renovation of the structure to keep alive memories of Tagore's visit 90 years ago. And there are many memories worth a recall. For instance, many know that Promod Roy arranged a grand reception for his beloved teacher at Atharabari Railway Station. Performance of traditional folk culture of Mymensingh region like jari and baul songs were also organised in honour of the poet. Eminent folk artists received much applause from the poet with their mesmerizing performance.

The zaminder presented the poet an honorary 'Golden Key' of the Kacharibari, adjacent to the main palace. The poet later opened the main door of Kacharibari which is

now in a piteous state. As the news of poet's arrival spread, people in hundreds gathered beside the railway tracks at Mymensingh's Gouripur and Ishwarganj to get a glimpse of the famous poet. Enthusiastic people also stopped the poet's train at Gouripur and Ishwarganj en route to Atharabari.

Poet Sohrab Pasha, Professor of Bengali Department at Ishwarganj Degree College said, negligence of a palace gripped with memories of Tagore's historic visit could not be taken lightly. He also urged the government to take immediate steps to protect the rest of the structure from complete ruin. "We are proud of the palace and want it protected," said. Md Abdullah Al Mamun, principal of Atharabari Degree College.

Officials of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs visited the structure six months ago but no steps have been taken to improve it, the principal informed.

Razib Kumar Sarker, upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) of Ishwarganj said the local administration requested the Department of Archaeology last year to oversee the palace's preservation. But there was no response, said the UNO.



The dilapidated Atharabari Kacharibari, devoid of all its glory. PHOTO: STAR



EID TV WATCH

"Eki Shonar Aloye" on Gtv

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On the fifth day of Eid ul Azha celebrations, Gtv will air a romantic TV play at 8:30pm directed by Chayanika Chowdhury and scripted by Masum Shahrir. Titled "Eki Shonar Aloye", cast members include Afsana Mimi and Azad Abdul Kalam, among others.

The plot revolves around a married couple who throw an anniversary party celebrating the first day they had fallen in love. The wife, played by Afsana Mimi, is a writer whereas her husband is a painter. Among the friends in attendance at the party is a young woman who works for a lifestyle magazine, and has an agenda to write a feature on the couple for the magazine's cover story.

New "Ae Dil..." song oozes Ranvir-Aish chemistry

After the romantic title track, "Ae Dil Hai Mushkil" has released a new song, titled "Bulleya". The song, which features Ranvir Kapoor and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, released on the web on Friday.

Aishwarya takes the plunge into risqué like never before, along with Ranvir, 33, in the Karan Johar-directed film. "Bulleya" focuses on Ranvir's role of a singer, and a montage of scenes he shares with Aishwarya play on. The snippets of Ranvir and Aishwarya's romance puts on show some intense, racy chemistry.

Ranvir's relationship with Anushka



Sharma, the film's third lead, is also juxtaposed in the song, as is a glimpse of the Fawad Khan, who makes a special appearance in the film.

Composed by Pritam, "Bulleya" has been sung by Amit Mishra and Shilpa Rao.

Other than Fawad, Shah Rukh Khan and Lisa Haydon also have cameos in the film.

Karan Johar returns as director after 2012's "Student Of The Year" with "Ae Dil Hai Mushkil", that releases on Diwali.

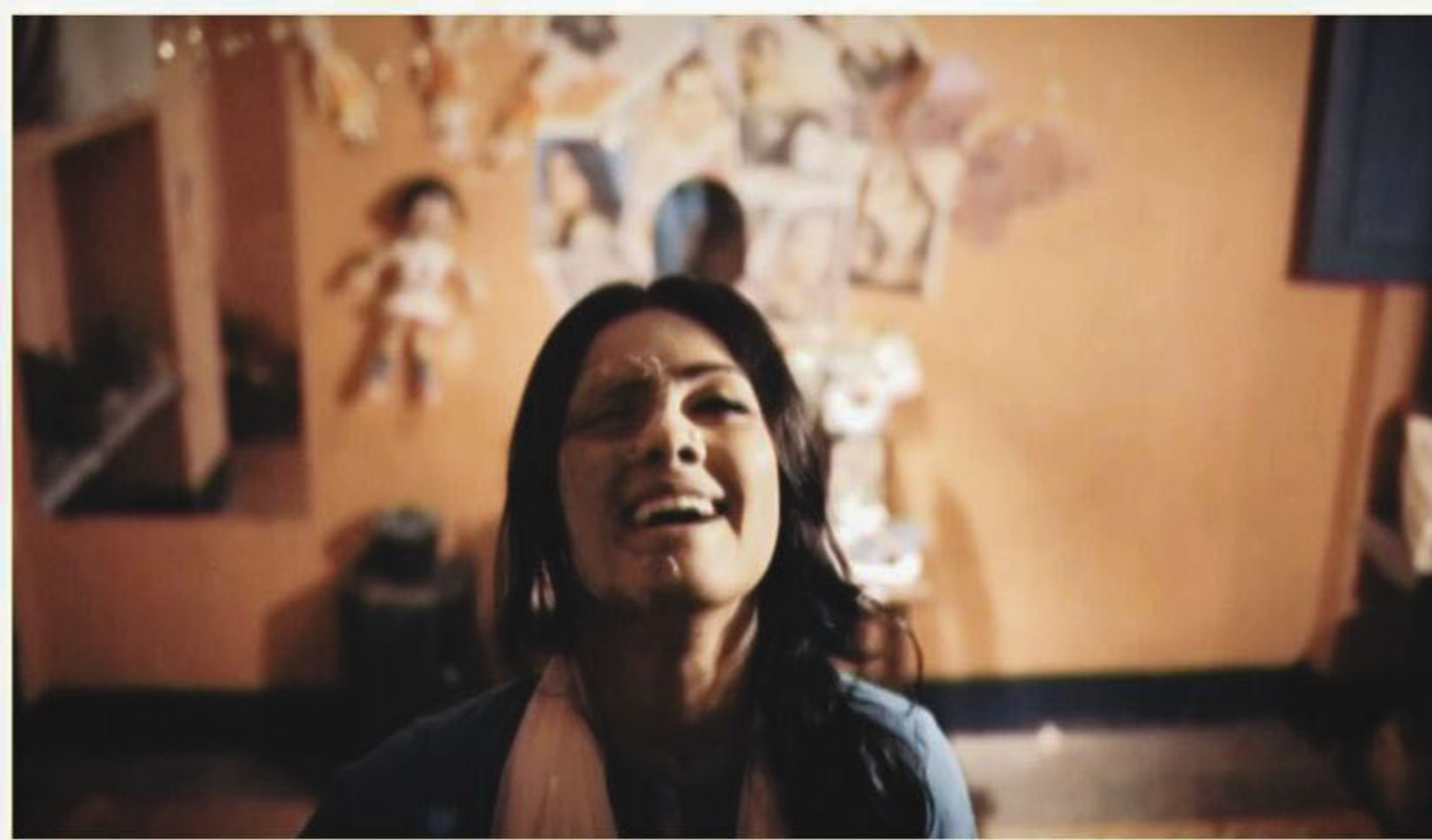
Source: NDTV Movies

"Gohin Shundori" on Banglavisión

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Banglavisión will air tele-film "Gohin Shundori" today on the fifth day of Eid festivals, at 2:50pm. Scripted and directed by Mahmud Didar, the tele-film stars Tisha, Maznun Mizan, Sayeed Babu, Shomapti Mashuk and more.

The story outlines the dilemma of a woman in the city, whose beauty causes a stir among the men she encounters in her day to day life. This causes her great distress, and she strives to escape their advances. The narrative takes on different twists and turns as the story progresses.



Palbasha releases new EP

A CORRESPONDENT

US-based Bangladeshi singer Palbasha Siddique, who has won the hearts of many with songs like "Jol Shopno" and "Bhalobashi Tai Bhalobeshe Jai", released an EP (Extended Play) titled "Palbasha 1.1", just ahead of Eid. ME Label (Mushroom Entertainment) released the EP, which contains four songs produced by four different composers. "Katena" features Sajid Sarkar, "Shondeho" has Prithwi Raj, "Tolpar" features Raihan Firoz and "Shudhu Obhiman" was made in collaboration

with Rumman Chowdhury.

A music video for "Tolpar" was also released on ME Label's Youtube channel.

The EP is dedicated to Palbasha's mother, as is evident from the cover which shows an old photo of her mother. "She is the 1.1 version of us. So it makes sense. It's about time I dedicate something to her in a legit manner," the singer said.

The EP is available for download and streaming on iTunes, Amazon, Spotify, Google Play, GP Music, Robi Yonder, Indian streaming platform Saavn, YouTube and more.



Margot Robbie to produce "Suicide Squad" spinoff

Warner Bros. is making sure Margot Robbie feels at home after her head-turning performance in David Ayer's "Suicide Squad".

The actress will be signing a first-look deal with the studio, to produce films through her production company, LuckyChap Entertainment.

One of her upcoming projects as part of the new deal will be a "Suicide Squad" spin-off film, which will not only star Robbie but will also include her as an Executive Producer. Even though she will star in the film, it won't be a solo project, as the film is rumoured to include other villains and heroes from DC's vast stable of characters, including names like Batgirl and the Birds of Prey.

In addition to the "Suicide Squad" spin-off, LuckyChap Entertainment is also producing "I, Tonya", a Tonya Harding biopic. Robbie will be starring as Harding. Robbie will also star in the upcoming "Queen of the Air", as well as the upcoming Vaughn Stein directed "Terminal".

The fact that Robbie is already producing on feature projects is impressive, and the Studio is smart to keep her in-house as much as possible.

Source: Comicbook.com

