

WHAT'S ON

17th Asian Art Biennale  
Bangladesh  
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: December 1-31  
Time: 11am-8pm

Solo Art Exhibition  
Title: Mercury Falling  
Artist: Mustafa Zaman  
Venue: Kala Kendra  
Date: December 9-Jan 4  
Time: 12pm-8pm

Performance Art Week  
Organiser: Bengal Foundation  
Venues: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct & Gyantapash Abdur Razzaq Bidyapeeth  
Date: Dec 27-30  
Time: 4pm-7pm Daily

Solo Photography Exhibition  
The Beauty of 18th  
Photographer: ATL Aakash  
Venue: Drik Gallery  
Date: Dec 26-28; Time: 3pm-8pm

Group Painting Exhibition  
Title: Joloi - 2  
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka  
Date: December 17-29  
Time: 3pm-8pm



Sadia Islam Mou

# THE YEAR ON BANGLADESHI TELEVISION

## Another eventful year on the small screen



Zahid Hasan

### SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Another eventful year of the television media has passed by. Like the previous year, a huge number of plays were made this year. Renowned artists continued their strong foothold in the media. However, some newcomers also made their mark. In between, the media saw new beginnings of some stars, and witnessed some break-ups too. TV artistes were also seen demonstrating this year with a number of demands. Here is a recap of 2016.

Popular face on the small screen, Nadia, tied the knot once again, and this time to actor Nayeem. Shokh and Niloy also got married this year. On the other hand, noted model-cum-actor Sarika divorced her husband. Sumaiya Shimu also got married this year.

Actor Prosun Azad was banned for one year, following a unanimous decision made by the Directors Guild following altercations and a social media spat with Rokeya Prachi. Although Tahsan is the man of music, he has been acting regularly on TV. He remained busy with TV projects, and a telecom operator TVC with Mim was also a hit.

Mosharraf Karim, Zahid Hasan,



Mosharraf Karim

Apurbo, Sajal and Arfan Nisho also passed a busy shooting schedule all the year round. Chanchal Chowdhury and Nisho were also seen with packed schedules throughout the calendar.

Among actresses, Sadia Islam Mou acted in a number of plays in 2016. On-screen couple Noble and Mou worked in the play and TVC after a long time.

Although Afsana Mimi was busy with direction, she appeared in a TV play. Shomi Kaiser also acted in a



Tisha

play. Besides them, Bipasha Hayat passed busy time writing TV scripts. She also did two dramas. Meanwhile, Asaduzzaman Nur was seen acting in a BTV play after many, many years.

Besides anchoring a TV programme, Swagata was seen playing role of the heroines in '70s and '80s.

Model-turned actresses Mehazabien, Arpana, Ishana and Urmila were all over the small screen. Mehazabien also took the role of a judge in reality show. Another



Sajal

Lux Superstar, Mamo also passed hectic times.

Popular actress Tisha also remained busy shooting TV plays and cinema.

Of the younger stars, Sabila Nur, Tawsif and Mishu Sabbir continued to impress with their performances.

Actor-singer Rahul Ananda and actress Nova narrowly escaped two tragic accidents.

Near the end of the year, veteran actress Suborna Mustafa came up with an announcement of doing a

film named "Gohin Baluchor".

Although Mahfuz was not seen active on the screen this year, a number of plays were made under his production house.

Like other years, magazine programme "Ityadi" entertained the audiences this year.

Many interesting events in the media took place all the year. Lux Superstar Faria left for a foreign country for higher studies. Mithila was honoured with Chancellor Gold Celled Award at this year's Brac University convocation. Mosharraf Karim, AKM Hasan and Shamim Zaman jointly started a business, and yesteryear film star Rozina acted in the play "Bibishab" after five years.

One of the most-hyped TV industry incidents came on November 30, when Federal of Television Professionals Organisation organised a grand rally at the Shaheed Minar premises in the capital to press several demands, including withdrawal of ads from Indian channels. The issue of foreign TV shows broadcast in Bangladeshi channels dubbed in Bangla was also an issue of heated debate, most particularly "Sultan Solaiman", for which there were demonstrations both in favor of and against its broadcast.

### NEWS bytes

## One dead in accident on "Padmavati" set

A painter working on the sets of the upcoming Bollywood period film "Padmavati", starring Deepika Padukone, Raveer Singh and Shahid Kapoor, fell to his death in a freak accident on Sunday.

"Mukesh Dakia, a resident of Moracha Pada in Aarey Colony, fell on his back from a height of 5 feet. He sustained severe head injuries," said a police official, according to a report in Mid-Day. He was declared



dead on arrival at Kokilaben Hospital in Mumbai.

A spokesperson from director Sanjay Leela Bhansali's production company said, "What took place was extremely unfortunate and completely unforeseen. We are making every effort to help the authorities. Our support and prayers are with deceased's family in this time of grief."

The film's art director assured everyone that proper safety precautions were taken on the film's sets and that no one could have foreseen "such a rare and unfortunate occurrence."

"Padmavati" is slated to release on November 17, 2017.

Source: **Hindustan Times**

## Britney Spears' death hoax spreads on Twitter

### Sony Music account hacked temporarily

Britney Spears is still alive.

The pop singer was a subject of an attack on Sony Music Global Twitter account Monday morning US time. The account, which has 614,000 followers, posted two tweets, which were later deleted.

The first read: "britney spears is dead by accident! we will tell you more soon," followed by another that tagged her official handle, "RIP @britneyspears".

"Britney is fine and well," Spears' manager Adam Leber told CNN. "There have been a few Internet clowns over the years who have made similar claims about her death, but never from the official Sony Music Twitter account. I assume their account has been hacked," he said. "I haven't spoken to anyone... as of yet but I am certain their account was hacked."



To add confusion to the story, OurMine, the infamous hacking group who most recently targeted Netflix and Marvel's Twitter accounts, took over Sony Music Global's account to say they didn't hack it and that Spears was still alive.

Their message read: "we saw a new IP logged in to the account a few minutes ago and the tweet is posted by a new IP so britney is still alive #OurMine."

Both the hacker's tweets and OurMine's have all been removed.

Sony Music issued a statement mid Monday that read: "Sony Music Entertainment's Twitter account was compromised. This has been rectified. Sony Music apologises to Britney Spears and her fans for any confusion."

Spears was born in 1981 and is part of Sony's RCA label, so at least that information was accurate in the tweets. She released her ninth studio album, "Glory", in 2016 and has a residency in Las Vegas.

The hoax followed the death of pop legend George Michael, who died Christmas day at the age of 53.

Source: **Variety**



## Drama "Poribrajok" staged

### Indian artistes perform in Bogra

MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogra

Arabindu Social Development Foundation of Bogra arranged drama show and dance performances at Shaheed Titu Millenayatan in Bogra on Saturday evening.

Artistes of Arabindu Anushilon Kendro and Arabindu Music College of Sheuri area of West Bengal of India performed the drama "Poribrajak" written by Swhoami Vivekananda, and dance performances.

Biddhayapoti Chakrabarty, Shurjit Das, Uzzal Malakar, Chompok Mukharjee,

Shuvendu Sarkar, Jogonath Banarjee, Mohatab Hossain, Monoj Roy, Shritikomol Biswash, Bishabroto Mukharjee, Partha Roy, Chandrika Biswash, Modhumoti, Joyanti and Ruma Shengupta and others were in the cast.

Ondrilla Shengupta, Antora Lodh, Tania and Modhumoti Chatraraj and others performed the dance numbers.

President and Secretary of Arabindu Social Development Foundation Dr. Bipul Chandra Roy, Kanchan Kumar Adikari spoke before the audience before the performances.

A large number of spectators enjoyed the programme with apt attention.

## Three-day street theatre fest in Mymensingh

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Twelve drama troupes from Mymensingh and adjacent region staged plays at a three-day Pathnatya Utsob (Street Theatre Festival) that began at Town Hall premises on Sunday evening.

The three-day festival, that concluded yesterday, was organised by Mymensingh Theatre Association and supported by Mymensingh Municipality. It was the 16th edition of the festival in Mymensingh, sources said.

On the inaugural day of the festival, Kongsha Theatre from Netrakona staged "Keramat Ali Canvasser", followed by "Raktakto Bornomala" by Mukhosh Natya Sangstha; "Aartnad" by Natyalok Samproday; and "Atmar Khobh" by Vision Natyangan.

The other plays of the festival are- "Cookpokkhi" by Bidrohi Natya Goshthi; "Madon Dakter Remand'e" by Theatre Sanglap; "Rakkhushi" by Shapla Theatre; "Harnad" by Jagoroni Natya Goshthi; "Baur" by Bahurupi Natya Goshthi; "Eder Dhorie Din" by Chhayanaunt Sangskritik Sangstha; "Gharshatru Barbar" by Mymensingh Lokokristi Sangstha and while "Agami" by Sareng Theatre.



## Bhabna's "Shakuntala" on New Year's Eve

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Reputed dance school Bhabna is set to stage their latest production "Shakuntala" on Saturday, December 31 at the National Auditorium of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. The dance-drama is based on a famous play penned by poet Kalidas titled "Abhigyan Shakuntalam" and has been directed by renowned Manipuri dancer, Samina Husain Prema.

The story is being depicted through a number of Kazi Nazrul Islam's songs, which have been picked to portray the narrative accurately. The play's choreography is primarily influenced by Manipuri, although it incorporates other Indian classical as well as folk dance forms.

Compositions of the Manipuri segments were overseen by Smt. Kalavati Devi, a living legend of Manipuri dance.

The play premiered on September 23 and was met with excellent reviews.

The script has been crafted by Alomoy Biswas, and narrated by eminent elocutionist Jayanto



Chattopadhyay. The music is directed and composed by Sumon Sarkar from Kolkata. Celebrated artistes Khairul Anam Shakil and Priyanka Gope sang for the lead roles, while a group of young and talented singers from Bangladesh voiced the chorus segments under the lead duos' guidance.

Notable artistes Dalia Ahmed, Shimul Mustapha, Tamanna Tithi, Debashish Chakraborty and Jayonta Das have narrated the dialogues for the play. The set and props were designed by Hadi Mirza. Light design was prepared by Reaz Mahmud.