

<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Jazz & Blues Fest Dhaka Organiser: Blues Communications Venue: Infinity Rooftop, Le Meridien Hotel Date: Jan 29-31 Time: 6pm</p>	<p>BLUES presents JAZZ & BLUES X</p>	<p>Solo Painting Exhibition Title: Beautiful Bengal Artist: Mokhesur Rahman Venue: Shilpan Gallery, H-7, Rd-13 (New), Dhanmondi Date: Jan 28- Feb 10 Time: 3-8pm</p>	<p>Solo Sculpture Exhibition Title: Rhythm of Form by AAM Kaiser Hassan Togor Venue: Zainul Gallery, FFA, DU Date: Jan 25-31 Time: 11am-8pm</p>	<p>Album Launch Concert Band: Nonta Biskut Album: Tor-e Shohore Venue: Russian Cultural Centre Date: February 3 Time: 3pm</p>	<p>LAUNCHING CONCERT OF গোবর্ধন-সংস্কৃত BY বাসু বিক্রম</p>	<p>Int'l Children's Film Festival Organiser: Children's Film Society Venue: Various Date: January 24-30 Time: 10am onwards</p>
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Ramendu Majumdar receives the Lifetime Achievement Award; (below) Sadia Islam Mou leads a dance troupe to a glittering performance.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The sixth Lux-Rtv Star Awards was held in the capital's International Convention City Bashundhara this Friday, in a dazzling gala featuring glamorous performances and recognition of talents of our television industry.

This year's Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred upon eminent thespian Ramendu Majumdar.

Shahadat Hossain won the Best Actor award in the Single Episode Drama and Telefilm category, for Eid drama "Mon Tar Shonkhini". Noted actor Tariq Anam Khan won two Best Actor titles in two different categories, while Bipasha Hayat won the Best Actress award.

For the first time this year, the ceremony handed out a Lux Emerging Star

Award. Actress-model Nilanjana Neela won the award.

The star-studded event saw a number

of glitzy performances interjected between the award handovers.

Sabina Yasmin set off the perfor-



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

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ASK ME ANYTHING

Rahul Ananda Live at The Daily Star today!

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Save the date! Celebrated musician-artist-actor, the frontman of Joler Gaan and overall awesome human being Rahul Ananda is coming to the January session of The Daily Star's Facebook Live Ask Me Anything (AMA) session.

He will be joining the Live session to interact with the Facebook fans of The Daily Star (facebook.com/dailystarnews) at 7pm today, from The Daily Star Centre. You can ask him anything you want, or tell him something you have always wanted to, and Rahul Ananda will respond to all your comments.

NEWS bytes



JOHN HURT dies at 77

John Hurt, the Oscar-nominated British actor who starred in films like "The Elephant Man", "Midnight Express", "Alien" and the "Harry Potter" series over a career that spanned more than 50 years, died Friday at the age of 77.

No cause of death was immediately known, but Hurt revealed in 2015 that he was battling pancreatic cancer.

Hurt first came to prominence after appearing in the Best Picture Oscar-winning "A Man of All Seasons" in 1966. Hurt, who decided against a career as an art teacher to study at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts, would appear in countless TV and film roles, including roles in "Heaven's Gate", "The Hit", "The Osterman Weekend" and the 1984 adaptation of George Orwell's "Nineteen Eighty-Four", where Hurt played the novel's protagonist Winston Smith. Hurt's portrayal of imprisoned heroin addict Max in 1978's "Midnight Express" netted the actor his first Golden Globe and BAFTA win as well as an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor. Two years later, he appeared in what was his greatest role as the anguished John Merrick in David Lynch's "The Elephant Man". Despite wearing prosthetics and makeup that rendered the actor unrecognizable, Hurt again was nominated for an Academy Award, this time for Best Actor.

Source: THR

Lalon Utshab ends in Bogra

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A three-day Lalon Utshab (festival) ended at Shahardighi village of Koichor, in Bogra on Thursday night.

The festival was organised by Bogra Lalon Academy on its 7th anniversary. The event was inaugurated by Md. Ashrafuzzaman, ADC (General) of Bogra.

The chief guest was Joint Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of Bogra District Parishad Anowar Hossain, and presided over by the president of Lalon Academy of Bogra, Ikbal Hossain.

Performance by Farida Parveen, one of the leading exponents of Lalon songs, was the main attraction of the festival. Her superb presentation of Lalon songs charmed thousands of spectators on the last day of the festival.

Lalon followers from Kustia, Joypurhat, Sirajgonj, Natore and other locations joined the event.



Farida Parveen performs at the festival. PHOTO: STAR

Ognila coming back to TV

A CORRESPONDENT

TV actress Ognila had been out of the entertainment scene for a while, primarily because she had left the country to pursue higher studies. But the actress came back to Dhaka from Canada a few months ago. Although she is looking to make a comeback to the small screen, Ognila is being choosy over the kind of work she will do, and that is probably why she has not been seen in a TV project since her return.

However, slowly but surely, the actress is getting back into the groove. She will appear in two special TV plays made on the occasion of the upcoming Valentine's Day. One of the plays, "Prothom Dekhay Hridoyer Spondon" is being directed by Redoan Rony. In the other yet-untitled project helmed by Ashfaque Nipun, she will be paired up with Tahsan. There will be another leading lady in the play (possibly a love triangle), but that casting choice has not yet been finalised.

Ognila, who recently completed her Masters in Political Science from the University of Toronto, made her TV debut with "Swopnoshokot", directed by Abu Sayeed, and co-



starring veterans Abul Hayat and Sharmili Ahmed. However, her breakout role was in Giasuddin Selim's popular TV series "Biprotip".

Millie Bobby Brown to star in 'Godzilla' sequel

"Stranger Things" breakout Millie Bobby Brown is getting a monster hunter upgrade: from the Demogorgon to the King of Monsters. Legendary has recruited the young actress to star in their upcoming Godzilla sequel "Godzilla: King of the Monsters". The project is just ramping up, but it's off to a promising start with "Trick 'r Treat" and "Krampus" director Michael Dougherty on board to direct from a script he co-penned with Zach Shields.

"Godzilla" is Brown's first feature role and first major gig after earning a whole lot of love as Eleven in Netflix's smash sensation "Stranger Things". Brown earned Screen Actors Guild and People's Choice Award nominations for her breakout turn as the tiny telepathic badass, in addition to popping up just about everywhere with her adorable co-stars, from on-stage performances to late-



night sketches. "Stranger Things Season 2" kicked off production late last year and is slated to return in 2017.

The first "Godzilla" was helmed by Rogue One director Gareth Edwards and starred Aaron Taylor-Johnson, reuniting with his "Avengers: Age of Ultron" co-star Elizabeth Olsen, and Bryan Cranston in a story about the rise of the titular monster to defend humanity against a pair of deadly, radiation-fueled creatures,

dubbed MUTOs (aka Massive Unidentified Terrestrial Organisms). Plot and character details for "Godzilla 2" are being kept under wraps at this time, but Legendary's Comic-Con sequel announcement teased "more monsters to play with," fuelling speculation that the sequel might introduce fan favorite 'zilla rivals like Mothra, Ghidora, and Rodan.

Legendary's recently dubbed "MonsterVerse" will expand later this year, when Jordan Vogt-Roberts' "Kong: Skull Island" lands in theatres, reintroducing the iconic giant gorilla to the screen for the first time since Peter Jackson's 2005 spin on it. "Skull Island" lands on March 10, 2017, and "Godzilla 2" will follow on March 22, 2019, before the big beasts battle it out in "Godzilla vs. Kong" on May 29, 2020.

Source: Collider



A two-day indigenous cultural festival was held in the capital over the weekend, at the Bokul-tola of Charukola (Faculty of Fine Art, Dhaka University). Institute for Environment and Development organised the festival, that featured discussions and cultural performances by indigenous and Bangalee artistes, a painting session and adda. PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

"I'm not dying for a Hollywood project right now" ... Anushka Sharma

Anushka is no hurry to do a Hollywood project. With two box office hits last year - "Sultan" and "Ae Dil Mushkil", one upcoming film with Shah Rukh Khan and her own production, "Phillauri" in 2017, Anushka is in a happy space. Even when other Indian heroines such as Priyanka Chopra and Deepika Padukone are making a mark in American films and TV, Anushka says she's in no hurry to head West.

"I'm not actively working towards anything like that, and I feel things just happen. If something great comes up, I will give it a thought, but I'm not dying for it at the moment."

Asked if Hollywood has sort of become the next big thing for Indian actors, she says it's just an extension of what one does. "One can start working in any kind of cinema - whether it's Hollywood or Korean films or even regional cinema. It's about what interests you and where work takes you to do interesting roles and parts to play, which will define your ability



as an actor. And that's the only reason why I would sign any film, irrespective of where I am signing it." While a lot of Bollywood actors get to portray

Indian characters in Hollywood flicks, Anushka says she won't settle for anything if she's not convinced. "If something happens in which Indians are being represented in the way things are (in our country), I wouldn't want to do anything like that. The concept has to be really amazing, equivalent to an international show, and that might interest me and would be more suited."

All praise for her fellow actors Priyanka and Deepika who are wooing fans worldwide, Anushka says their achievements are real huge steps for Indian representation on the international scene. "It shows the popularity of Indian actors around the world. Hats off to the girls because it's not easy to just completely shift and go somewhere else, and start fresh with such zeal. It's something that they are handling so well and I have a lot of respect for what they are doing."

Source: Hindustan Times