

150-YEAR OLD TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL IN BOGRA

MAMUN-UR-RASHID, Bogra

The 150-year traditional "Poradaho Mela" was held in the presence of thousands of people at Golabari area under Gabtoli upazila in Bogra district on Wednesday followed by a Bou mela for women at the same location on Thursday.

Locals said that the mela is also called "Jamai Mela" and relatives, specially the son-in-laws of the area, are invited by the locals and relatives.

Different variety of fish, furniture, sweetmeats, toys, agricultural tools and fruits were being sold at the mela. A circus and entertainment have also been arranged at the mela by the organisers.

Large fish such as Baghair, Katla, Silver carp, Kalbaush, Boal, Ruhi and other fish were the main attraction at the mela and furniture, toys and cosmetics were selling in a big way. Organisers said that at least at Tk. 6-7 crore will be generated at the mela from the sales of these items. Lakhs of people from the surrounding 20 villages and surrounding upazilas turn out to enjoy the mela.



Shuvo gaining momentum early in 2017

"Premi O Premi" releases today

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Arifin Shuvo-starrer "Premi O Premi" is set for nationwide release today. The actor is caught up in a whirlwind of activities prior to the film's release, and now he is preparing to leave for Bangkok to shoot for his next film "Dhat Teri Ki". In both films, Nusraat Faria is the female lead opposite Shuvo.

Despite his rapidly-moving career, Shuvo remains modest. "I try to not raise my expectations or become too excited. I love my work, and I always try to give it my all. From that point of view I would say 'Premi O Premi' is a good film."

When asked how hopeful he is about the film's release the actor stated, "To tell you the truth, my director and producers are extremely happy with the film, and that makes me very happy. It goes without saying how hopeful I am for the viewers to like it too."

The actor also shared a few words about his experiences working with Faria. "She works extremely hard and is exceptionally good at delivering dialogues. She has done an excellent job in this film."

Shooting for this film was not without its tribulations. The locations of the film were diverse and remote, where the crew had to work under trying weather conditions in Rangamati and Bandarban. "Shooting for the film has certainly taken its toll on all of us, but it has all been worth it," said Arefin Shuvo.

Shuvo's career witnessed big strides in 2016. His film "Niyoti", directed by Zakir Hasan Raju released in West Bengal, which kept him away in Kolkata on an extended stay. When he returned, "Niyoti" was released in Bangladesh to great success at the box office. Shuvo also paired up with Tisha for the actress' first 'commercial' film - titled "Ostitto". His subsequent film "Musafir" also met widespread success, and his popularity soared to new heights as "Chhuye Dile Mon" was screened in theatres in Assam, Tripura, and West Bengal in India. He also spent a busy time filming for projects like "Premi O Premi" and "Dhaka Attack", while also doing a cameo in the blockbuster "Aynabaji".



WHAT'S ON

Ekushey Book Fair
Organiser: Bangla Academy
Venue: Suhrawardy Udyan
Date: February 1-28
Time: 3-8pm

Chobi Mela IX
Title: Transition
Venue: BSA Art Gallery, Northbrook Hall, BAFA, Beauty Boarding
Date: February 3-16

CHOBIMELA
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF PHOTOGRAPHY BANGLADESH 2017

Asian Curatorial Forum
Organiser: Bengal Foundation
Visual Arts program
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: Feb 9-11
Time: 10:30am-5:30pm

Group Print Exhibition
Chhapai Chhobi-3
Venue: Galleri Kaya
Date: Jan 28-Feb 10
Time: 11am-7:30pm

Classical Vocal Music Soiree
Artist: Anil Kumar Saha
Organiser: IGCC
Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum
Date: Feb 11; Time: 6pm

Documentary Screening
Documentary: "Threads" by Cathy Stevulak
Venue: H-23, Rd-4, Baridhara
Date: Feb 11
Time: 6:30pm



TAREEN

upbeat about the future

A CORRESPONDENT

Versatile actress Tareen is busy shooting TV serials. In "Lamp post" written and directed by Sagar Jahan; "Amader Hatkhola" written by Brindabon Das and "Google Shobjaney" written by Prasin Rahman and directed by Himel Ashraf she dons the role of Ava, Meherjan and Shiuli respectively. Actors Mosharraf Karim, AKM Hasan, Saju Khadem, Arfan and Salauddin Lavloo play opposite her in the serials. Shooting is currently taking place across different locations in the country.

"Nowadays TV serials have gained popularity as short TV plays and telefilms are seen less frequently--- and it has become easy for me to choose my assignments. The scripts of all three plays are very interesting and have a natural flow which allows me to work with ease," says Tareen.

Besides her busy schedule, Tareen, vying for the post of vice president is upbeat about the election of TV actors and artistes scheduled to be held today. An active member from its inception and associated with acting for three decades Tareen hopes to continue to work for the welfare of the association.

Madonna confirms adopting twin girls from Malawi



Madonna has officially confirmed her adoption of twin girls from Malawi.

The pop icon posted on her Instagram account Wednesday, a photo of herself hand-in-hand with her new daughters, stating that she is "overjoyed that they are now part of [her] family."

According to a court document obtained by The Associated Press, Madonna said she will keep the children's birth names in order to preserve their Malawian identity. Additionally, a Malawian caretaker will help ease the transition to the

United States by accompanying the children in their travel.

The singer has previously denied rumors that she was in the southern African country to complete an adoption process, claiming she was there for charity work. Her organisation, Raising Malawi, works to improve the lives of impoverished and underprivileged children.

Madonna has four other children, two of whom she adopted from Malawi almost 10 years ago.

Source: **Billboard**

BERLINALE 2017

"Star Wars" spoof in the works from "Scary Movie" team

Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer, the duo known for the parody films including the "Scary Movie" franchise, "Epic Movie" and "Vampires Suck", will next take on the iconic Star Wars franchise with their latest film, "Star Worlds Episode XXXIV=MC2: The Force Awakens the Last Jedi Who Went Rogue".

Friedberg and Seltzer will write and direct the Star Wars spoof, which is eyeing a Fall 2017 shoot.

Covert Media's CEO Paul Hanson is producing the film alongside Broken Road Productions' Todd Garner. Covert Media also is financing the project, and launching worldwide sales in Berlin.

"Jason and Aaron are a powerhouse duo who have proven time and time again that they are fully tapped into what audiences love," said Hanson. "Their fearless take on pop culture has us beyond thrilled to tackle the world's most popular franchise with the two of them leading us into a galaxy far, far away."

"Star Worlds" is the second project announced under the two-year first look deal between Covert and Broken Road. The partnership is currently working on the underwater action thriller "Resurface", which will be directed by Paul Franklin.

Along with writing "Scary Movie", Friedberg and Seltzer wrote and directed 2008's "Disaster Movie", 2010's "Vampires Suck" and 2014's "Best Night Ever".

Source: **THR**

