

WHAT'S ON

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



Bengal Sangskriti Utshab
Organiser: Bengal Foundation
Venue: AMA Muhith Sports Complex, Sylhet
Date: Feb 22-Mar 3
Time: 4pm onwards

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Theatre
Play: Crutch-er Colonel
Troupe: BotTala
Venue: Mahila Samity Auditorium
Date: Feb 24-25
Time: 7pm



Concert
Jatra Biroti Live Sessions
Venue: Jatra Biroti, Banani
Date: Feb 23-25
Time: 7pm



Theatre Festival
3rd Ekushey Natyotshab
Venue: Suhrawardy Udyan
Date: Feb 1-28
Time: 4pm




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"Last birthday with my father was unforgettable" ---Tisha

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

With a few acclaimed film performances behind her, versatile actor Tisha is a celebrated face in the showbiz world. With a successful modeling career as well as being an actor of the big and small screens, her popularity has been growing steadily over the years. Today marks a very special day for the star as it is her birthday, and in a recent conversation with The Daily Star, Tisha shared her plans for the occasion, as well as memorable birthday stories.

"To be honest, I don't have big plans for the day. It is a day that fills me with great joy every year, but I've stopped having grand celebrations since the demise of my father. While he was alive, we would make big plans and have fun together.

"When father was alive, we would begin festivities the day before which would continue to the next day. All birthdays were a two-day celebratory occasion, and I will never forget how we observed it each year.

"The last birthday I spent with him is something I shall never forget. He gave me an apartment as a birthday present, and that was his last grand gesture for me. My father's absence is a constant painful reminder, and I miss him all the time. However, in my heart I feel his presence, blessing me from afar. I miss him the most on my birthdays.

"Since my marriage, my husband (filmmaker Mostofa Sarwar Farooki) goes out of his way to make each birthday memorable. Last year, he tried his hardest to surprise me, but his plans were foiled when I found out. I found it quite funny, but his efforts touched me. He gives me

wonderful presents every year which I love.

"There were times when my birthdays coincided with shooting schedules. My husband bought a cake and waited for me at home which meant a lot to me. We cut the cake together when I returned home, and the wait was worth it.

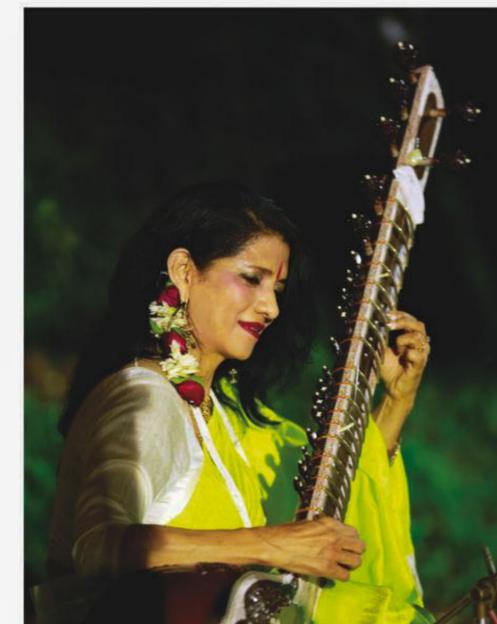
"Although I love receiving presents, nothing makes me happier than someone keeping me in their prayers on the day. It doesn't take a lot to make me happy.

"My childhood birthday celebrations are still etched in my mind. On those days all my friends from school were invited and we would have a lot of fun and games. My parents would arrange an elaborate meal and it was all quite grand.

"I'd like to share something interesting outside birthdays. When I was a child, I wanted to be a doctor when I grew up. I don't regret it as my goals changed over the years and I aspired to become a painter, and then a dancer. Now finally, I am an actor, and I believe this was the destiny God intended for me, and I am very content with what I have.

"I don't believe in planning for the future, as no one knows what will happen 10 or 20 years down the road. I live for the present, and it is more important to be a good human being. If you commit yourself to doing good, good things will happen.

"I would like to leave my fans with one wish. I hope that you all keep me in your prayers on my birthday, and be charitable to others, especially those that are less fortunate. Nothing will make me happier than this."



Alif Laila's solo sitar recital at Charukala

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Noted expatriate sitar artiste Alif Laila captivated music lovers in a solo recital held recently at the base of the empty pond of Faculty of Fine Art (FFA), University of Dhaka. Indian tabla artiste Sudhir Ghorai, a disciple of Pandit Anindo Chatterjee, accompanied the sitarist. FFA authority organised the concert.

The concert was a tribute to the Dhaka Art Institute (now FFA), from where Alif Laila completed her BFA in 1981.

The unique setting of the concert, in the empty pond grounds, and the beautiful atmosphere of nature created a special appeal to the music lovers. The concept was materialised under the direction by noted artist Professor Nisar Hossain, Dean of FFA.

Alif Laila started off her musical flight with playing Raga Hameer on teentaal and adadha teentaal. She later played Raga Basant in madhyalaya and drut teentaal followed by a jhala. The artiste wrapped up with presenting a Khamaj dhun revolving around many Bengali songs.

Alif Laila was born in Dhaka, where she began the formal study of sitar under Ustad Mir Qasem Khan, nephew of the legendary Ustad Allaudin Khan. She further continued under the tutelage of Partha Chatterjee, Krishna Bhatt and Kushal Das. She is an accomplished painter as well. Laila has toured worldwide and performed music at numerous prestigious venues. Her DVD, "Hridayaragam" was featured in the Women's History Month at the Smithsonian in 2008 and "Strings of Resonance" was nominated for the Best Classical Music Award in Bangladesh in 2010. She has collaborated with artistes of South Indian classical music, jazz, saxophone and percussion, and has composed music for cello and dance. Her music ventures beyond the realm of the traditional Indian classical. Her audio-visual sitar concert with her watercolour paintings was presented in major venues the USA, the UK and Bangladesh. In February 2015, she founded her music school "Sitar Niketan".

Artist Ashim Halder Sagor presented his performance art piece "Sometimes, Something about Nothing" at the two-day (February 17-18) National Performance Art Festival. The festival, held at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA), featured 14 performances. People's Theatre Association, with assistance from the BSA organised the festival.



Another honour for LATA MANGESHKAR

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Playback singer Lata Mangeshkar has been honoured with the 'Legendary Award' by Brand Laureate.

Bangladesh's Nobel Laureate and Grameen Bank founder Mohd Yunus is among the past recipients of the Brand Laureate Award that recognises world-class achievement in branding among individuals and companies.

"Heartfelt thank you to "The Brand Laureate" for honouring me with the "Legendary Award" 2017," 87-year-old Lata Mangeshkar posted on her Twitter handle alongside the pictures of the award.

Among others honoured by the award in the past are former South African president Nelson Mandela, Indian businessman Ratan Tata, late Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, Facebook CEO Marck Zuckerberg and F1 ace Michael Schumacher.

In 2012, Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan was honoured with the Brand Laureate Award for his contribution to Indian cinema.

SARA ALI KHAN to debut in Karan Johar film

Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan has confirmed that her daughter Sara Ali Khan will be making her debut in the Indian film industry under director Karan Johar.

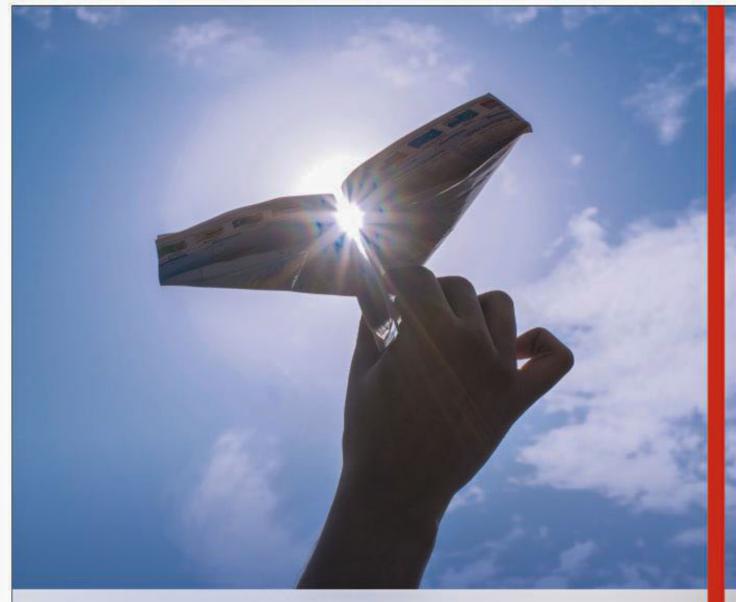
For a while now, Sara's name has been attached with several films, including Dharma Productions' "Student Of The Year 2", Karan Malhotra's next and also the "Fault in Our Stars" remake. But now, although Saif didn't divulge details of the film Sara's been signed on for, under Karan Johar's banner, he confirmed that it will indeed be Johar who will be mentoring her, reports DNA.

"I am very happy to see Sara doing whatever she has her heart set on. We talk constantly and she discusses whatever she wants to and I give her my advice. But eventually it is her decision," Saif told Pinkvilla.

When asked about her film with Karan Johar, Saif made it official, "I think she is going to. I am very happy she is working with Karan Johar because I think he is brilliant with newcomers and he will launch her correctly. He is a very intelligent and a passionate filmmaker and he understands films. I am very pleased that she is with him."

A source had only recently also revealed to Hindustan Times that Sara Ali would be replacing Disha Patani in "Student Of The Year 2", opposite Disha's rumoured real-life boyfriend Tiger Shroff.

Source: **DNA India**



HSBC - IBA Business Case Competition 2017

The HSBC - IBA Business Case Competition is designed to encourage university students to apply their knowledge to real life business scenarios and unleash the power of their potential. This year, universities will get to nominate their best teams and these selected teams will get to compete in various exciting rounds.

Champion, First Runner-up and Second Runner-up teams of the Bangladesh finale will receive trophies of honour and cash prizes worth BDT 100,000, BDT 75,000 and BDT 50,000 respectively. The Champion team will attend the Regional Grand Finale in the Hong Kong SAR*.

How to participate

- Contact your university / institution's student activity authority and submit your name / team's name
- Universities can select and register maximum four teams made up of four members each
- Team registration open from **16 - 23 February 2017**
- Competition is open to full-time undergraduate business school students studying in Bangladesh

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