

Musical Soiree
Title: Star Melodies: Traditional Folk
Songs
Venue: The Daily Star Centre (Level 3)
Date: April 8
Time: 6pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Face-to-Face
by Moon Rahman
Venue: Kala Kendra, 1/11, Iqbal
Road (3rd floor),
Mohammadpur
Date: Apr 1-24, Time: 5-8pm



Syed Badruddin Hossain
Theatre Fest
Organiser: Padatik Natty Sangsad
(TSC)
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala
Academy
Date: Apr 5-11; Time: 7pm Daily



Group Art Exhibition
Title: Exhibition 2017
Venue: Gallery Chitrak, H-4, Rd-6,
Dhamondi
Date: Mar 28-Apr 20
Time: 10am-8pm



Group Mask Exhibition
Title: Mukh O Mukhosh-7
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, Rd-16,
Sec-4, Uttara
Date: Apr 8-18
Time: 11am-8pm



NEWS bytes

Legendary comedian Don Rickles dies

Abrasive comic Don Rickles, the honorary Rat Pack member and celebrity roast guest whose career spanned six decades, has died. He was 90.

Rickles died Thursday morning at his home in Los Angeles from kidney failure, his longtime publicist Paul Shefrin confirmed. He would have turned 91 on May 8.

Though he appeared in films and on television, Rickles' mainstay was always nightclub performances, appearing in Las Vegas and elsewhere into his late 80s. He also found late success as the



voice of Mr. Potato Head in the "Toy Story" films, which were exceptional box office performers, and popped up frequently on late-night talk shows.

The comedian's memoir, "Rickles' Book", was published in 2007. John Landis directed a documentary on Rickles, "Mr. Warmth: The Don Rickles Project", which debuted on HBO the same year. For his performance in the documentary, Rickles won an Emmy for individual performance in a variety or music program.

In May 2014 the funnyman was saluted by the likes of David Letterman, Jerry Seinfeld and Jon Stewart in the Spike TV special "One Night Only: An All-Star Comedy Tribute to Don Rickles."

Source: Variety



Marma girls perform traditional umbrella dance to mark the beginning of Biju.

PHOTO: STAR

Colourful Biju programmes begin in Rangamati

ANVIL CHAKMA, Rangamati

Rangamati Hill District Council organised different colourful program on the occasion of Biju on Thursday in Rangamati. Biju marks a host of celebrations of the indigenous people to usher in the New Year.

A rally was held in the afternoon from Rangamati College gate premises to Rangamati Cultural Institute. Barrister Raja Debasish Roy, Chakma circle chief, Brisho Ketu Chakma, chairman, Rangamati Hill District Council; Md Golam Faruk, Brigadier Commander of Rangamati Army; Santona Chakma, member of Rangamati Hill District Council and representatives of different indigenous communities joined the procession. Later, different cultural programmes were held by different indigenous communities.

The entire hilly district of the Chittagong Hill Tracts is in a festive mood to welcoming Biju, Boisu, Bishu, Bihu and Sangrai – all of them the indigenous cultures' adaptations of the Bangla New Year.

Indigenous people belonging to different communities say goodbye to the past year and celebrate the New Bangla Year with new hopes through various colourful programmes. The Chakma call it Biju, Tanchangya call it Bishu, Tripura call it Boisu and Marma call it Sangrai.

For Chakmas, the first day's celebration starts with Ful Biju. At the Ful Biju, Chakma people get up early, clean their houses and decorate them with flowers, and float flowers in rivers, canals and springs to seek blessings of God for peace and prosperity. Then in the evening time, they go to Buddhist temples and light candles.

The second day is called Mul Biju, when a special kind of delicacy called the

'pachon' is cooked. The last day, known as Goijja Pojja Din, is a day spent by the Chakmas mostly relaxing.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Adibasi Forum, CHT arranged programmes on the occasion from April 9-12, with a colorful procession to be brought out in Rangamati town.

The three-day programmes will be observed through events such as Ful Vajana, Ghila Khela, Boli Khela etc. The events will be held at Rangamati stadium.

A water festival, one of the most popular events of the Marma community during the season, will take place at Betbunia High School under Khaukhali upazila of Rangamati district on April 16.

Jaya-starrer "Bishorjon" wins Indian Nat'l Film Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The winners' list of the 64th Indian National Film Awards was announced on Friday morning, with Sonam Kapoor-starrer "Neerja", directed by Rani Madhvanji, was declared as the Best Hindi Feature Film. Akshay Kumar bagged the Best Actor award for his act in "Rustom" while Best Actress went to Surabhi Lakshmi for Malayalam film Minnaminungu. Kaushik Ganguly's film "Bishorjon" starring Bangladesh's very own Jaya Ahsan, was named the Best Bangla Film at the award. The film, also starring Abir Chatterjee from Kolkata, is set to release next weekend marking Pahela Baishakh.

Over 300 films vied for the highest honours in Indian film this year. The process to choose the best from Indian cinema began in mid-March. Filmmaker Priyadarshan was the chairperson of the jury in feature films category, while nationally-acclaimed cinematographer and writer Raju Misra was the chairperson in non-feature category.

Jaya also shared her excitement on social media on getting the news, posting a photo on Facebook with co-star Abir.



Jaya in a scene from "Bishorjon".

captioning it "Bishorjon wins the best Bangla film at the national awards of India. We're happy, and we share this happiness with you."

Alongside Jaya, who is playing the role of Padma and Abir Chatterjee, Kaushik Ganguly, renowned for making films like "Shabdo", "Apur Panchali" and "Arekti Premer Golpo", portrays a special role in it. The film is reportedly a love story between a Bangladeshi widow and an Indian man. Kalikaprasad Bhattacharya, the recently-deceased musician-composer, had done music for the film.

Jaya has been getting increasingly busy with big screen projects across the border, with releases like "Abaro", "Eagoler Chokh" (both directed by Arindam Shil), "Ekti Bangali Bhoother Goppo" (by Indranil Roy Chowdhury) and "Rajkahini" (by Sriji Mukherjee, which has just been remade in Hindi as "Begum Jaan"). Her latest big project in Bangladesh is "Debi", based on a Humayun Ahmed novel centering one of his most iconic fictional characters – Misir Ali. The film, that went on the floors last month, also stars Chanchal Chowdhury, Iresh Zaker, Animesh Aich and Sabnam Faria.

TV WATCH



"Mukhosh" on ATN Bangla

A CORRESPONDENT

New TV series "Mukhosh" will air on ATN Bangla tonight at 8pm. Written by Ahmed Shahabuddin and directed by Shahadat Hossain Sujon, it casts Tariq Anam Khan, Al Mamun, Saberi Alam, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Hillol, Nawsheen, Niloy, Shokh, Jayasri Kar Jaya and others.

The storyline revolves around the family of a business tycoon. Two brothers, Asif and Zahir, inherit a business empire from their father, but have major ideological differences. A third businessman Amzad Khorasani arrives in the scene and strange things begin to happen in the two brothers' businesses. A deeper look begins to unmask the real faces of a number of people.

Suchitra Sen's birth anniversary observed in Pabna

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Legendary film actress Suchitra Sen was recalled in her home district on Thursday marking her 86th birth anniversary, through several programs organised by different organizations.

District administration organised a programme at the ancestral house of Suchitra Sen in the Hem-Sagor lane of the district headquarter, where

The 'Suchitra Sen Sangrahashala' (collection of memorabilia) was inaugurated, fulfilling a long-cherished demand of the people of Pabna.

Additional deputy commissioner Ruhul Amin chaired the programme while prominent educationalist Professor Md. Kamruzzaman, journalist Abdul Matin Khan, secretary of Suchitra Sen Smriti Shanrakhshan



Parishad Proloy Chaki spoke, among others.

"We have officially opened the Sangrahashala at the house of Suchitra Sen, with various portraits of Suchitra Sen and her family members. There are also many photographs of the films of Sen." Ruhul Amin, the ADC said. He added that although the initiative is at a small level now, they have big plans to enrich the place with precious works and memory of Suchitra Sen.

Although the Sangrahashala was officially inaugurated on Thursday, it will be opened for

the people from April 10, the ADC added.

A discussion and film festival, organised by the Suchitra Sen Chalachitra Shangshad was held at the Pabna Press Club on the same occasion. President of the organisation, Jakir Hossain chaired the programme while renowned cultural activists Gonesh Das, Firoz Khandaker, Rezaul Karim Moni and Dr. Sarwar Jahan Fayed spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, Suchitra Sen Smriti Shangrakhan Parishad organised a discussion and cake-cutting ceremony at the Annoda Gobinda Public Library on the same occasion. Vice president off the organisation Dr. Ram Dulal Bhoumik chaired the programme.

The speakers in different programs focused the artistic excellence of Suchitra's performance in films. "Suchitra Sen, through her lovely performance touched the heart of the audience, and her performance is still alive to the audience," the speakers said.

Suchitra Sen was born on April 6, 1931 at Bangabari of Sirajganj. She passed her early life in Gopalpur Hem Sagor Len in Pabna town. The legendary film actress died on January 17, 2014 in Kolkata due to old age complication.

New trailer for Tupac biopic released

A new "All Eyez on Me" trailer has been released, of the long-in-development music biopic that looks at the life of influential rapper Tupac Shakur. Judging by the trailer, the film, directed by Benny Boom, will follow a standard cradle-to-the-grave narrative. The trailer shows Tupac as a child in church all the way to his death in 1996.

While some films about rappers have struggled at the box office (2009's "Notorious", which was about rapper Biggie Smalls, only grossed \$44 million worldwide), 2015 movie about N.W.A., "Straight Outta Compton" was a massive hit, scoring \$201 million worldwide.



and an Oscar nomination for Best Original Screenplay. There's definitely an audience that wants to know about these influential figures, and it will be interesting to see if "All Eyez on Me" can reach them.

The film opens June 16 and stars Kat Graham, Lauren Cohan, Hill Harper, Jamal Woolard, Danai Gurira, and Demetrius Shipp Jr. as Tupac Shakur.

Tupac Amaru Shakur, also known by his stage names 2Pac just Pac was an US rapper, record producer, actor, activist and poet, is consistently listed and ranked as one of the greatest and most influential rappers. During

the latter part of his career, Shakur was a vocal participant during the East Coast-West Coast hip hop rivalry, becoming involved in conflicts with other rappers, producers, and record-label staff members, most notably The Notorious B.I.G. and the label Bad Boy Records. On September 7, 1996, Shakur was fatally shot in a drive-by shooting at the intersection in Las Vegas, Nevada, and died six days later, at the age of 25.

Tupac was inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame this year (in a ceremony this morning Bangladesh time), in the first year of eligibility.

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