

WHAT'S ON
Borshoboron 1424
 Organiser: Chhayanaut
 Venue: Ramna Botomul
 Date: April 14
 Time: 6:10am



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 Natya Sangsad (TSC)
 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
 Date: Apr 5-11; Time: 7pm Daily



Group Art Exhibition
 Title: Exhibition 2017
 Venue: Gallery Chittrak, H-4, Rd-6, Dhanmondi
 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



"MI6" begins production

"Light the fuse," tweeted "Mission: Impossible 6" director Christopher McQuarrie, announcing the start of production for the Tom Cruise-starring action flick. The tweet was accompanied with an image of a clapboard from set. Paramount's "Mission: Impossible 6" is the follow-up to 2015's "Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation" and sees the return of Cruise as Ethan Hunt. Plot details have been kept under wraps, but the film co-stars Rebecca Ferguson as Ilsa Faust, Henry Cavill, Vanessa Kirby and Alec Baldwin. McQuarrie has written and directed two other Cruise features — "Rogue Nation" and "Jack Reacher", and also wrote "Edge Of Tomorrow" and "Valkyrie". The filmmaker, who also wrote the script, is the first repeat director in the film series' two-decade history. He'll be producing alongside Cruise, Don Granger, JJ Abrams and Skydance Production's David Ellison and Dana Goldberg. "Mission: Impossible 6" is scheduled for release July 27, 2018.

Mosharraf-Purnima-Noble come together for Eid project



A CORRESPONDENT
 It is no easy feat to bring together Noble, Mosharraf Karim and Purnima on screen because of their differing schedules, but director Raihan Khan seized the valuable opportunity when he saw the chance. The trio, along with Nova will be cast together in a TV play scripted and directed by Raihan Khan titled "Jokhon Shomoi Thomke Daraye". The play will be aired during Eid-ul-Fitr. The play began filming on April 7 in Uttara. The narrative revolves around the household of a happy couple

— Apurba and Anwar (played by Purnima and Mosharraf Karim). Things take a turn for the worse when Apurba loses consciousness in an accident, and when she finally comes back to sense, her husband has aged to 70 years whereas she remains unchanged. Meanwhile, she becomes acquainted with a rock star named Faisal (played by Noble), who has feelings for Mithila (played by Nova). The play marks the first time Mosharraf Karim and Noble are working together. "I don't think there are any words to accurately describe Mosharraf's greatness in

acting. I am honoured to be able to work with such a talented cast," said Noble. Mosharraf Karim stated: "This is my first time on the screen with Noble and he is someone whose personality I have always admired." Previously in 2011, Noble and Purnima worked in a Raihan Khan directed tele-film titled, "Jodi Bhalo Na Lage Diyo Na Mon", based on a Humayun Ahmed story. Purnima also paired up with Mosharraf Karim in 2015 in the TV play "Prem Othoba Dushshopner Raat Din", directed by Tuhin.

Barisal gears up to welcome Bangla New Year

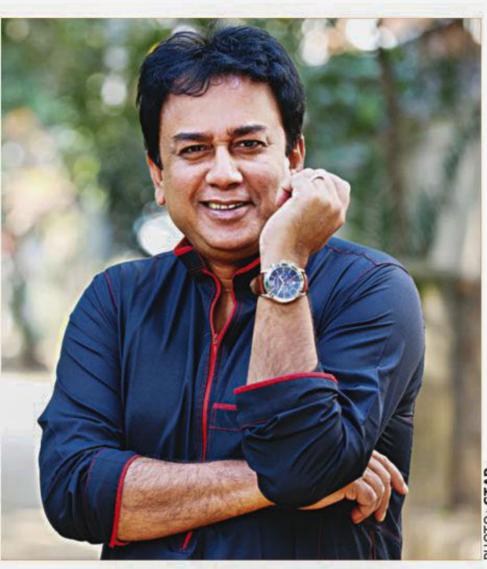
SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barisal
Preparations for Chaitra Sangkranti and Pahela Baishakh are going on full swing in Barisal city, with various colourful programmes and enthusiasm — to bid farewell to the outgoing Bangla Year 1423 (on April 13) and welcoming the New Year 1424 (April 14).

Volunteers of Charukala Barisal are working round the clock to organise the traditional Mongol Shobhajatra from Barisal City College compound at 8am on April 14, along with a "Rakhi Bandhan" (friendship ties) ceremony. Udichi's Barisal unit is also preparing to bring out a Mongol Shobhajatra from Brojo Mohun Bidyaloy (BM School) ground at 8am. A separate Mongol Shobhajatra will also be organised by district administration on Pahela Baishakh from Barisal Circuit House and from different educational institutions at different times, said Dr. Gazi Md. Saifuzzaman, deputy commissioner of Barisal. All the Mongol Shobhajatra rallies would end at their starting points after moving on city roads, carrying motifs of Bangla folk and daily life. Charukala Barisal will also arrange a two-day long Lokojo Sangskritik



Prodorshoni (folk cultural fair) and juvenile painting competition at Barisal City College ground, focusing on regional life, folk and heritage. Preparation and sale of handicraft items and performance of folk songs and plays like Jari, Sari, Royani, Hoyla and a painting exhibition will feature in the event. A three-day Baishakh Utshab along with Baishakhi fair and cultural programmes will also be arranged by Udichi at BM School ground. Shabdaboli Group Theatre at Barisal central Shahid Minar, Planet World Children Park and local businessmen at Hatkhola will arrange Chaitra Sangkranti (last day of the year) Utshab, Baishakhi Mela and cultural programme in the city from April 12-15. Kheyali Group Theatre will hold a cultural gathering and programme at their office premises to bid farewell and welcome Bangla year from April 13 evening to the early hours of April 14. Udichi Shilpi Goshthi and Sur Lahori Sangeet Bidyalay, Parantik Sangeet Bidyalay, Anirban Shilpi Gosthi have arranged cultural programmes on the morning of Pahela Baishakh, at BM School at Ashwini Kumar Hall premises respectively. Gano Shilpi Sangstha will perform cultural shows of folk songs and plays in front of Barisal Ashwani Kumar Hall on Pahela Baishakh afternoon. Local administration and law enforcing agencies have taken special measures for safety and security of the people. Undisrupted power supply has been ensured at programmes and fair grounds of Pahela Boishakh and related programmes; mobile patrol teams have been deployed and check-posts set up at sensitive and key points, said SM Ruhul Amin, metropolitan police commissioner of Barisal.

ZAHID HASAN in three ventures



STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Renowned actor Zahid Hasan is lauded for his versatility, and in recent months the actor-director has had a busy time directing, and acting in three drama series. Two serials are already on air with "Raju 420" telecast on ATN Bangla and "Vagabond" aired on Banglavision. The artiste is currently directing a third titled "Don", for which shooting wrapped up recently in Nepal. On his new venture, Zahid Hasan stated, "Don' combines incidents taking place in Nepal and Bangladesh, and I am playing the titular role. I know that viewers will greatly enjoy the narrative, which has many twists and turns." Zahid Hasan also dons the role of a shady yet well-meaning individual with a strong moral compass in "Raju 420". "My character cheats criminals out of their money and distributes their wealth to the poor and needy. The story is very compelling," he told The Daily Star. Hasan plays a socially marginalised role in "Vagabond", regarding which he stated, "My character, being a true vagabond, travels to far-flung places, and interesting incidents happen along the way." Despite being busy with various projects, the actor never fails to make appearances in special Eid TV plays, as well as directing his own. "Currently I am also making progress with new TV plays for Eid," he informed.



Indigenous artistes perform in an open-air programme as Biju festivities — celebrations of the Bangla New Year by indigenous communities in the Chittagong Hill Tracts — continue in the hilly districts.

Carrie Fisher to appear in EPISODE IX

Leia's journey will not end with December's "Star Wars: The Last Jedi", says Carrie Fisher's brother. Todd Fisher told the New York Daily News that he and Carrie Fisher's daughter, Billie Lourd, have given Disney and Lucasfilm permission to use recent footage of the actress in 2019's "Star Wars: Episode IX". She had already completed work on "The Last Jedi". "Both of us were like, 'Yes, how do you take her out of it?' And the answer is, you don't," said Todd Fisher Thursday at the TCM Classic Film Festival in Los Angeles. Fisher told the Daily News he was unsure of how big a role his late sister would play in "Episode IX", which remains shrouded in mystery and is being directed by Colin Trevorrow. "I'm not the only part in that equation, but I think the people deserve to have her," said Fisher. "She's owned by them." Last month, Disney CEO Bob Iger said "The Last



Jedi" was not being changed in light of Carrie Fisher's death. Sources previously told The Hollywood Reporter that Leia was originally to play a bigger part in "Episode IX" than in "The Last Jedi", which is directed by Rian Johnson. After rumors online suggested CGI would be used to include Leia in future films, Disney and Lucasfilm released a statement in January saying it had no plans to digitally re-create Carrie Fisher as Leia, as had been done in last year's "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story", which included a re-creation of how Fisher appeared in 1977's "Star Wars: A New Hope". Next week at Star Wars Celebration in Orlando, Florida, Mark Hamill is hosting a tribute to Carrie Fisher, and the first trailer for "The Last Jedi" is set to debut. Fisher and her mother, Debbie Reynolds, who died one day after her, were both honored with a public memorial in March.

Aditi Rao Hydari glams down for "Bhoomi"



Aditi Rao Hydari believes in pulling out all stops to look every bit the character she takes on. The actress, who has gone de-glam for her role as Sanjay Dutt's daughter in "Bhoomi", elaborates, "I'm not wearing any make-up in the film, not even mascara. I've been fortunate enough to work with directors and cinematographers who don't want me to use make-up. And I have no reservations about it because that's how I am off screen." While Aditi enjoys the liberating experience of going easy on makeup on screen, she maintains that she will do whatever the role demands of her. "Sometimes you need to be made up, sometimes you need freckles, sometimes you need a mole; sometimes you need prosthetics. Being true to the character is important, otherwise it will look like any other role and that's boring," she concludes. Produced by Bhushan Kumar and directed by Omung Kumar, "Bhoomi" will mark Sanjay Dutt's comeback after his incarceration in Yerwada Jail for illegal possession of arms. The film went on floors last April in Agra, but a release date it yet to be announced.