

<p><b>WHAT'S ON</b></p> <p><b>Borshoboron 1424</b> Organiser: Chhayanaut Venue: Ramna Botomul Date: April 14 Time: 6:10am</p> 	<p><b>Solo Art Exhibition</b> Title: Face-to-Face by Moon Rahman Venue: Kala Kendra, 1/11, Iqbal Road (3rd floor), Mohammadpur Date: Apr 1-24, Time: 5-8pm</p> 	<p><b>Theatre</b> Play: Durasa Organiser: Byatikrom Natya Gosthy Venue: Studio Theatre Hall, BSA Date: April 12; Time: 7pm</p> 	<p><b>Group Art Exhibition</b> Title: Exhibition 2017 Venue: Gallery Chittrak, H-4, Rd-6, Dhanmondi Date: Mar 28-Apr 20 Time: 10am-8pm</p> 	<p><b>Group Mask Exhibition</b> Title: Mukh O Mukhosh-7 Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, Rd-16, Sec-4, Uttara Date: Apr 8-18 Time: 11am -8pm</p> 
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# SHAKIB KHAN'S change of heart!

**Staff Correspondent**

A surprising turn of events witnessed Apu Biswas and her infant son on a live TV programme on Monday afternoon. The heart-felt and tragic tell-all interview captivated millions and gripped the attention of the media throughout the country. The event occurred after a two-year self imposed exile during which Apu mysteriously disappeared from the limelight.

The talk show featured the once highly sought actress Apu Biswas revealing that her son was fathered by film superstar Shakib Khan. The claim was later confirmed by the

father in question himself, who stated, "He is my son, but I will not take any responsibility for Apu."

The statement roused much controversy on social media, giving rise to speculations on the actor arranging a press conference on Tuesday morning. This rumour was rebutted by Shakib Khan, who said, "Why would I arrange a press conference when I was not the one to spread the news?"

However, the actor has had a change of heart and in a statement given yesterday said: "It had come as an angry surprise to me when Apu appeared on television with my son in that manner. However, I have made a deci-

sion; I would like for all of us to live as a family. This choice has been made deliberately on my own part, and I am not afraid of the consequences it will have on my career. My fans have been loyal throughout these years, and I have faith that they will stand by me now."

The issue of Apu and Shakib tying the knot had been under media speculation for the last two years, along with the grapevine news that the actress had been in India for some time to deliver her son. These claims were later cemented as fact by Apu Biswas in the momentous interview.

# A blend of nostalgia and architecture

**Staff Correspondent**

"91/2 House, Time & Memory" is the title of an architectural exhibition of a house designed in Dhaka (Dhanmondi 11/A) in the 1990s by architect Timmy Aziz for his mother who was moving back to her native city after living abroad for many years. The exhibition will showcase photographs, drawings, models and written stories of each aspect of the house that illustrate the context through material, crafts and local technologies.

The exhibit traces the narrative of how the designer's memories of his childhood home in Nilkhet come together with his conscious effort to respond to the cultural and material demands of Dhaka through his interactions with local architects, craftsmen and vendors.

The exhibition matches the personal narrative of building a house for one's mother with the philosophical experience of situating a building in context. Through locating his own preferences, the architect locates the nuances of architecture in Dhaka, the city of his childhood.

The exhibition opened on March 16 and continues until April 14. It is jointly organised by Saif Ul Haque, architect, Bengal Institute of Architecture, Landscape and Settlements, Bengal Foundation Visual Arts Program and ADD.

Timmy Aziz is an architect who has practised in the US, Europe and Asia. He studied Physics at Trinity College, Oxford University, and Architecture at The Architectural Association, London, and the Cooper Union, New York City, where he received his professional degree. He has taught at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, at Hampshire College, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and also taught as visiting professor at design schools in Xiamen, China in 2008. His work has been published in Domus, ArchTech, Interiors, the Japanese magazine I'm Home Design, and New York, New Faces of AIANY in 2002. He currently teaches at the Department of Architectural Design at the Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, Maryland.



A view of the exhibition.

## NEWS bytes

### MARIAH CAREY sets new label pact

Epic Records has recommitted to Mariah Carey, announcing Monday a new joint partnership between the singer's Butterfly MC Records and the Sony Music Entertainment label as well as a long-awaited studio album due out "later this year." Terms of the partnership were not disclosed.

The deal seemingly puts to rest rumours that Carey's recording contract was in jeopardy. The five-time Grammy winner was signed by Epic Records chairman-CEO LA Reid in 2016, with whom she worked on 2005's multi-platinum-selling album "The



Emancipation of Mimi". Carey launched her career at Sony's Columbia Records in 1990, when she scored the first of her five consecutive Billboard Hot 100 No. 1 hits ("Vision of Love," "Love Takes Time," "Somebody," "I Don't Wanna Cry," and "Emotions").

Said Reid in a statement: "To continue working with Mariah Carey at Epic has been another rewarding chapter of my career. Mariah's incomparable talents as a singer, with her vocal range that is nothing short of legendary, are matched by her brilliance as a songwriter, producer, and performer par excellence. Mariah's chart records have established her enduring place in music history. I look forward to building upon all of Mariah's success for years to come."

Added Carey: "I am putting my heart and soul into making more new music. I am so thrilled for this next chapter and to continue working with, and for, everyone that I love."



# Chirkut's poetry recitation programme at JU

**MD. ASADUZ ZAMAN, JU**

A recitation programme, titled "Mohuay Kabbogatha", was held at Jahangirnagar University (JU) campus on April 10 amid festivities and fanfare.

Chirkut, a literary based organisation of JU, organised the programme with the theme "Mohuar Gondhe Jhore Poruk Kobita".

The programme was launched at Mohua Tola, adjacent to New Arts Building. The programme was divided into two phases.

Renowned poet and translator Professor Ahmed Reza and popular fiction writer Akhter Hossain chaired the programme while Taslim Hossain conducted the event.

The programme featured poetry recitation, self-composed poetry reading, poetry recitation of small ethnic groups, and contemporary poetry thoughts.

Around 200 enthusiastic listeners, including teachers, students and various professionals, thronged the 'Mohuya Chatter' which wore a festive look with saffron colours.

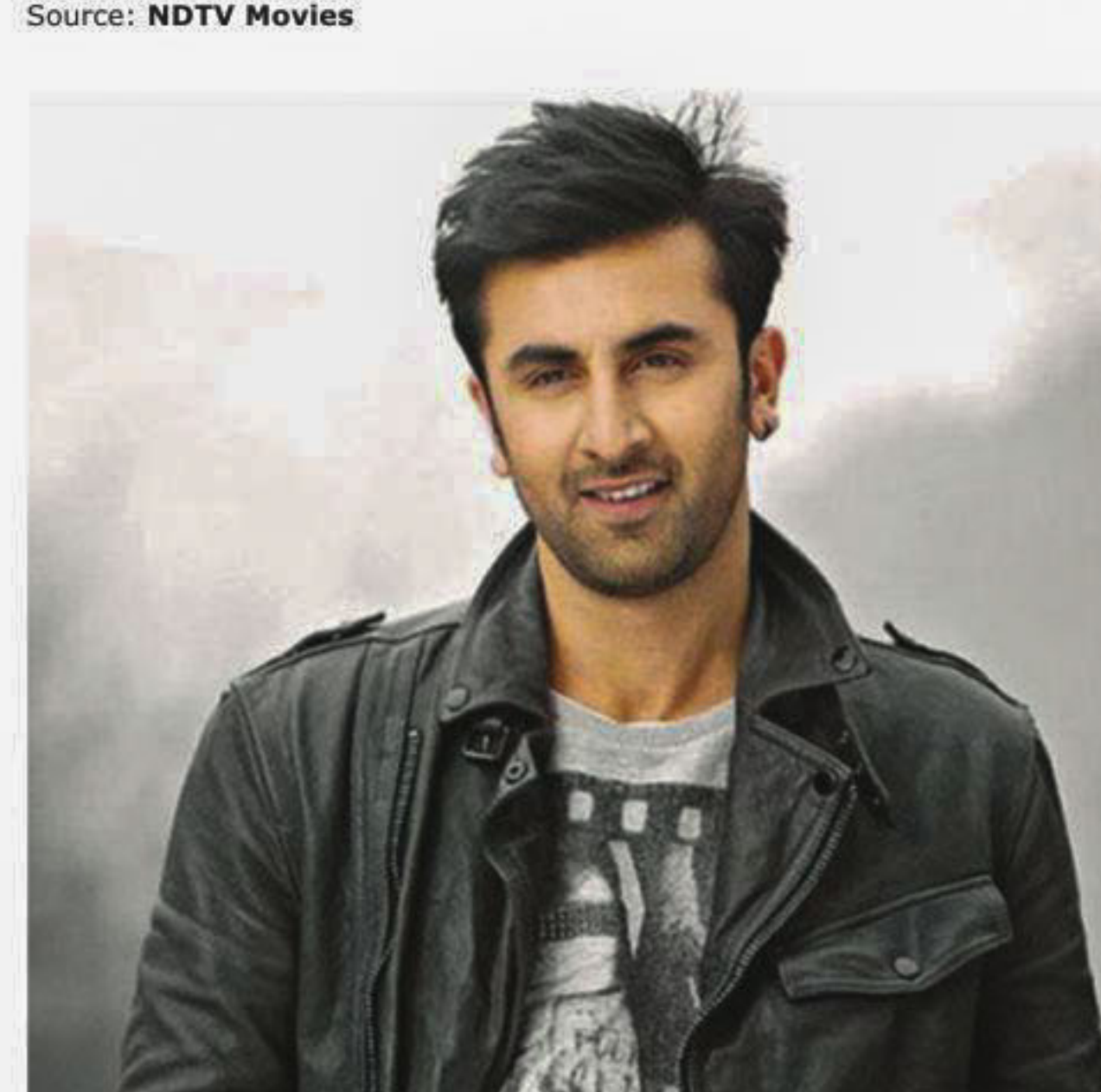
Among others poet Mostafiz Safi, Majid Mahmud, Khalid Hossain, Shoab Jibran, Shamim Reja, Mahub Aziz recited poetry.

# Ranbir Kapoor completes filming "Jagga Jasoos"

Ranbir Kapoor has completed filming "Jagga Jasoos", three years after it went on floors in 2014. The actor's fan club shared pictures from the film's sets on Tuesday and Ranbir looks thrilled, finally having completed the long pending project. "Jagga Jasoos," directed by Anurag Basu, is also the first film Ranbir has produced under Picture Shuru Entertainment, his own production banner. With Katrina Kaif as co-star, the film's first trailer released in December last year and was an instant hit among celebs and audience.

Ranbir Kapoor stars as a detective in search of his father, who had left him for reasons unknown when he was young. Ranbir's character (along with Katrina Kaif) finds himself in the middle of an animal smuggling racket of sorts and hence starts a tale of adventures and misadventures.

"Jagga Jasoos" has been filmed in Cape Town (Africa), Thailand and India. The film is expected to hit the screens this year. Earlier, "Jagga Jasoos" was set to release on April 7 but the director rescheduled the date. The film also stars Saswata Chatterjee, Sayani Gupta and Adah Sharma.



# NUSRAT FARIA gears up for film release

**Staff Correspondent**

The Nusrat Faria starrer "Dhat Teri Ki" is finally up for nationwide release on Pahela Baishakh. The actor plays a small-town girl named Shanti, and Arefin Shuvo joins her on screen as co-star.

"I have always played glamorous characters, and so viewers will see me in a new light in this role," stated Nusrat Faria.

The actor also pinned high hopes upon the film's release, believing that it will appeal greatly to the audience. She also expressed plans to attend the film's premiere with family members at a cinema hall.

Nusrat Faria and Arefin Shuvo have paired up in previous ventures before, with the last, "Premi O Premi", released on Valentine's Day earlier this year. "Shuvo is a very dedicated actor and working with him is always a pleasure," stated Nusrat Faria.

Recently, the actor returned from a shooting stint in Kolkata for the film "Boss 2," where she is starring alongside popular Tollywood actor Jeet. During her time in Kolkata, the actors shot scenes for songs that will be featured in the film.

On her latest venture Nusrat Faria shared, "I believe this film will be received well in both West Bengal and Bangladesh. The songs in the film are a hit and I have high expectations regarding its release."

