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Reznor announces trilogy of NIN EPs

Nine Inch Nails announced that their 2016 "Not the Actual Events" EP was the first of a trilogy, according to an email to fans from lead singer, Trent Reznor.

"Did you know 'Not the Actual Events' was the first part of a trilogy of related EPs that will be released about 6-8 months apart? Now you do," he wrote in the message.

If the band is on schedule, the second EP should arrive around July 23, ahead of the iconic industrial rock band's first scheduled tour date at FYF Fest in Los Angeles. The final EP would come out by the end of 2017.

So far, fans have little reason to doubt NIN's release schedule. When Reznor proclaimed that new Nine Inch Nails music would arrive in 2016, he delivered on his promise with Not the Actual Events, which was released digitally Friday ahead of its "physical component" version.

Reznor also hinted at plans for 2017 in an interview with Rolling Stone last year. "That will be part of the reveal," Reznor said.

Source: Rolling Stone



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HILLOL returning to stage after 12 years

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Adnan Faruque Hillol has garnered much popularity for his roles on TV, but like many of his contemporaries, he began his acting career in theatre. The artiste was affiliated with theatre troupe Desh Natok since 1995, where he worked for over 10 years. After busying himself with small screen projects, the actor took a break from theatre. However, after 12 years, the artiste is to return onstage in a production by Desh Natok, titled "Nittopuran".

Hillol will don the role of Arjun. Rehearsals for the play are currently underway. "I have acted in this production a number of times before," stated the actor. "However, it is a new experience returning to theatre after so many years, and I am having a wonderful time."

On his passion for theatre, the actor said, "Theatre taught me to act; the stage is my acting school."

The actor is also working new TV plays to air on Eid. He is working with

director Shahiduzzaman Selim for a play titled "Robinhood Asheni Tai". Hillol will also appear in a venture titled "Babugiri", directed by Alvi Ahmed.

Hillol is also working in a new tele-film titled "Chuti'r Ek Din". On a quirkier note, the artiste is traveling to Sylhet the following week to shoot for a new play that will be produced in the local Sylheti dialect.

Aside from the small screen, the versatile actor is also appearing in a

new commercial for a sunflower oil brand. The TVC will feature model Tahsin opposite him.

The busy star is currently a familiar face in drama serials. "Life in a Metro" is currently airing on ATN Bangla, and "Ful Mahal" is telecast on Banglavisión. Hillol is also in "Corporate", which is airing on Desh TV. "I am also in two more new drama serials," revealed Hillol, "Shoshur Aloy Modhu'r Aloy" is airing on Nagorik TV, and "Tirigiri Tokka" on Duronto TV."

Shakib flies to Switzerland to film for "Rongbaz"



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leading Dhallywood actor Shakib Khan has been quite busy with his recent big-screen ventures ahead of Eid, when the film market heats up. Shakib left for Switzerland yesterday, to film a song for his upcoming film "Rongbaz".

"We will be filming in Switzerland and Italy," the actor told The Daily Star over the phone. "We are trying to get some picturesque locations in the songs; I really think it will be a good piece of work."

Shakib plays the titular character in "Rongbaz", with Bubly cast opposite him. The Shamim Ahmed Rony-directed film has completed most of its principal photography.

"I am usually immersed in whatever work I am doing at the moment, and currently that is 'Rongbaz'. My fans are my biggest support, and I hope they will like it," Shakib added.

Shakib Khan and the cast and crew are set to return home on June 16.

Shraddha begins prep on Saina Nehwal biopic

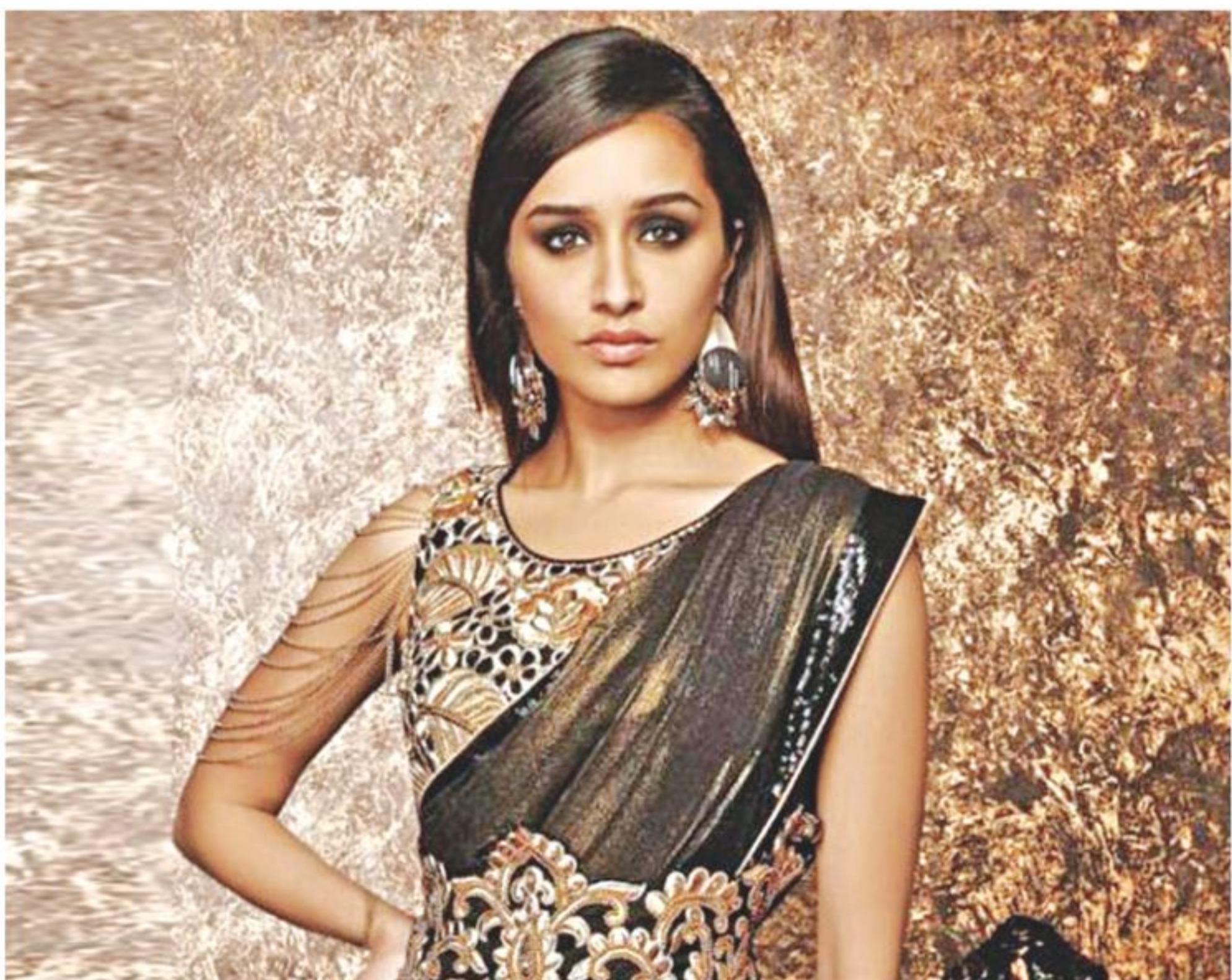
Bollywood actor Shraddha Kapoor, who played a host of sports in school, from football, basketball and handball to long jump, is finally set to put all that extensive practice to good use. The 30-year-old actress began off preparation for writer-filmmaker Amole Gupte's biopic on Indian badminton ace Saina Nehwal.

While speaking to Mumbai Mirror a month ago, Shraddha had shared: "I'm sure it's going to be my most difficult film yet, as Saina has spent her whole life playing badminton and in the next few months, I have to get close to the standards she's set." The actress, who recently wrapped up shooting for Apoorva Lakhia's

Haseena Parkar biopic, had also revealed that she plans to spend a lot of time with Saina to learn everything about her as part of her prep.

Meanwhile, Amole's prep for the Bhushan Kumar-produced film has been just as extensive. After spending a year-and-a-half on research, flitting between Mumbai and Hyderabad, Saina's hometown, Amole had told Mirror, "Besides meeting Saina's close associates, I gathered videos of her to understand her personality. I've also been to the National Sports Club of India (NSCI) to watch her play."

Source: Mumbai Mirror



Nasiruddin Yousuff



Shabnam Ferdousi



Amitabh Reza

Film screenwriting workshop at Shilpakala

Enrollment for Moviyana-FFSB event closes today

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Federation of film Societies Bangladesh (FFSB) and Moviyana Film Society are jointly holding a five-day film workshop at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA), beginning tomorrow. The workshop will focus on screenwriting for film and preparing projects for national and international film grants.

Film personalities Mosiuddinn Shaker, Nasiruddin Yousuff, Akram Khan, Amitabh Reza, Shabnam Ferdousi, Prosun Rahman, Wahid Tareq, Abid Mallick and Masum Reza will facilitate the workshop. Belayet Hossain Mamun will conduct the workshop.

The extensive five-day workshop will be held on June 9, 10, 16, 17 and 18,

and will continue from 10am-8pm every day.

Today is the last day to enroll in the workshop. Interested participants can enroll in the workshop from 4pm to 8pm today at the room no. 701 of the National Theatre Hall of BSA. A copy of National ID, a passport size photo and registration fees are the requisites for enrollment.



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