



SoUMITRA CHATTERJEE gets Legion of Honour

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 Veteran Bengali actor Soumitra Chatterjee has been chosen for France's highest civilian honour, Legion of Honour, (Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur) for his outstanding contributions to cinema and theatre, three decades after this recognition was conferred on master director Satyajit Ray.
 Chatterjee, 82, is the first Bengali actor to have been selected for the Legion of Honour. Among early recipients of the honour are Satyajit Ray in 1987, star maestro Pandit Ravi Shankar (2000), Bollywood veteran Amitabh

who also lent his voice to a poem in Karim's other film "Baatighar" on Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman.
 Chatterjee made his debut in Ray's "Apar Sansar", the final film of the famed Apu trilogy and went on to act in several other movies by Ray including "Deb"; "Aranyer Din Ratri"; "Ashani Sankar"; as detective Feluda in "Sonar Kella" and "Joi Baba Felunath"; "Hirok Rajar Deshey"; "Ghare Bairey"; and "Ganashatru".
 Chatterjee received Indian cinema's highest recognition Dadasaheb Phalke award in 2012 for his lifetime contribution.



Yaatri set to release new album

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 Yaatri, who took the Bangla pop music scene by storm with their relatable lyrics and simple melodies with their album "Daak" in 2006, are all set to make a return after over a decade.
 Topu, who solidified his position as an urban pop artiste with that album and has been releasing music on and off in the interim, is set to release the self-titled album later this month, primarily on the RadioG android app and on online streaming, followed by a physical CD release.
 The album is set to feature eight tracks, including a revamped version of their hit "Ke Daake", this time featuring Sagar Baul. The song was released as a single earlier and got a fairly good response. Anila, who produced a big hit with Topu with the song "Anupur", also features in a new song titled "Jabe Ki Chole". The same song will also have a solo version by Topu in the album.
 The current lineup of Yaatri is Topu (vocals, guitars), Romel (keys), Khalid (drums), Shams (bass) and Shetu (guitars).



First teaser sees "Black Panther" unleashed

Black Panther was unveiled in the first teaser trailer for the upcoming Marvel movie. The trailer for the film debuted during Game 4 of the NBA Finals on Friday night.
 The footage gives fans the first look at such big stars as Lupita Nyong'o (Nakia) and Michael B Jordan, as well as Chadwick Boseman, who play the titular Black Panther. It also previews a sprawling Wakanda — and the political turmoil inside of the region.
 The film follows Roseman's T'Challa, who was introduced in "Captain America: Civil War" and returns to Wakanda after the death of his father, the king of the nation. "You are a good man with a good heart, and it's hard for a good man to be a king," warns a voiceover.
 "Black Panther" reigned supreme in the first poster for the film, which was also released by Marvel on Friday. The first look at the film featured the titular hero perched on his throne in Wakanda.
 Boseman plays T'Challa, the king of a fictional, technologically-advanced African nation, who must take over the throne after his father's murder. When an old adversary (Michael B Jordan's Killmonger) reappears, T'Challa is forced to rally his allies and release the full power of Black Panther in order to protect his kingdom and the fate of mankind.
 Danai Gurira, Martin Freeman, Daniel Kaluuya, Angela Bassett, Forest Whitaker, Andy Serkis and Sterling K Brown also star in the film. The superhero tentpole is directed by "Fruitvale Station" and "Creed" filmmaker Ryan Coogler.
 "Black Panther" hits theatres on February 16, 2018.



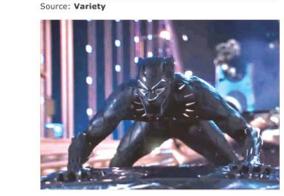
"Astha" on ntv tonight

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 "Astha", a new drama serial on ntv, airs tonight at 8:15pm.
 Written and directed by Ejaz Munna, the serial stars AJ Mansur, Sazu Khadem, Kushum Shuker, Urmila Sraboni Kar, Sabila Nur, Irfan Sajjad, and more.
 The storyline: In Chittagong, Ayan, married for three years, live in Shayanta. Sana is bored and lonely while Ayan is busy at work.
 Unexpectedly, on the eve of their wedding anniversary, Ayan's family pays them a surprise visit and learns about Ayan's imminent transfer to Dhaka. They are eager that the family live together in Dhaka — with the exception of Ayan and his mother. But Ayan, for his own reasons, wants to maintain a distance from his family. The serial unfolds as Ayan embarks on a new journey. The series air every Saturday and Sunday.

Bhabna stayed on a 'Char' for four days

Shah Alam Shauza
 Popular face on the small screen, Ashna Habib Bhabna has a tight schedule ahead of Eid. A few of her one-hour dramas, a six-episode play and one tele-film will be aired on different private TV channels this time on the occasion.
 Under the direction of Animesh Aich, the tele-film "Mayaboti" was shot on a char on the river Padma.
 "I have played the title role in the tele-film. I had to stay on the char for four days for its shoot. It has a different plot altogether and I am sure it will appeal to the audience," the actress told The Daily Star.
 Bhabna has worked with Chanchal Chowdhury in the six-episode play "Chhotok" directed by Masud Sezan. She plays the role of an underprivileged girl suffering from cancer. She will soon shoot for another six-episode series named "Japani Visa".
 Recently, she wrapped up shooting for one-hour Eid plays "Chuddi", directed by Imrul Rafat. She plays the role of an old town resident, fluent in the dialect of Purnam Dhaka.
 Apart from this, the actress completed shooting for "Life is Colourful" with Mosharraf Karim, by director Sagar Zahan and "Bhuboner Honey-moon" and "Hotel Bilash Bahul" under the direction of Animesh Aich. The plays were shot in Cox's Bazar. Mosharraf Karim and Shazu Khadem are her co-artists in the two plays. Besides, she will shoot two more Eid plays directed by Nuzhat Alvi, under the production of SA TV.
 On Eid shopping, she said "I'm yet to go shopping due to a hectic shooting schedule. A few days ago, I went to Kolkata and shopping there but I plan to do some more shopping on chand raut. I love shopping overnight before Eid."
 "During shooting, I take tiffin on set. On rare occasions, I eat soft chut at a restaurant," she disclosed.

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Disha Patani confirmed to co-star Tiger Shroff in "Baaghi 2"

Disha Patani has been roped in to star opposite Tiger Shroff in "Baaghi 2", confirmed filmmaker Sajid Nadiadwala. The makers revealed that the first screen test of Tiger and Disha together convinced them to zero in the actress for the Baaghi sequel.
 "When we did the look test of both of them together, we were struck by their chemistry and about Disha being the perfect choice for the role. I am really happy with my cast and very excited to kick start the project with them," Nadiadwala said in a statement. 2016's "Baaghi" featured Shradha Kapoor opposite Tiger Shroff.
 Tiger Shroff and Disha Patani are rumored to be dating and have co-starred in "Befikra", a music video by the Meet Bros.
 "Baaghi" was the first time Tiger and Shradha were cast together, in which the 30-year-old actress also featured in a number of action sequences. For the sequel, director Ahmed Khan wants the fight scenes to have a different in flavour from the first one. Tiger will train for his revamped role under the guidance of special martial arts director Tony Chin. The fitness enthusiast and martial arts expert will also undertake extensive training in Bak Mei, Choy Li Fut and Wing Chun and different styles of Wushu. Tiger will reportedly head to Hong Kong in July and train there for a month.
 Disha Patani made her Bollywood debut with the 2016's "MS Dhoni: The Untold Story". Indo-Sino project "Kung Fu Yoga" remains her last film. Meanwhile, Tiger Shroff is finishing the remaining parts of "Munna Michael" and also has the Bollywood remake of "Rambo" in the pipeline.

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