

JOLER GAAN looking for musicians

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Joler Gaan is looking for talented musicians to groom and potentially add to their lineup. The folk-fusion band posted a message on their Facebook asking instrumentalists who align themselves to the musical arrangements of the band, to get in touch with them. "We are looking for supporting musicians because circumstances call

for it," band leader Rahul Ananda told The Daily Star. "We are primarily looking to have three new musicians with us, groom them and play with them, and if they have the caliber, eventually, to play with us on stage. One of them will be a new instrument which I have designed," Rahul said, who has custom designed most of the instruments the band currently uses. "We have plans to work on some new compositions this winter with the instrument," he added.

"The purpose of having these musicians is so that we do not have to miss or cancel shows due to the unavailability of a member. We play so many dates around the country and even abroad, and if someone is somehow unavailable, it creates a bit of a pressure. The last show we played at Agartala, India (June 5 marking World Environment Day), I performed while being down with Chikungunya fever. My knees were shivering from the pain but I powered through it for two hours.

These things can happen. That is why we want to nurture some musicians who can play with us on stage in due time, so that the band is not hampered," Rahul explained. Joler Gaan is set to travel to Kolkata in the coming week, where they will play a solo show on June 17, and also at a concert on June 21 marking World Music Day. In between, the band will also perform at a live TV show for Akash Bangla.



ASK ME ANYTHING



FERDOUS coming to The Daily Star's Facebook Live

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Save the date! Celebrated actor Ferdous will go on a Facebook Live 'Ask Me Anything' session with The Daily Star subscribers, this Wednesday (June 14) at 4pm. Ferdous, in his nearly two-decade career, has won four National Film Awards, since breaking out with "Hothat Brishti" in 1998. His career has spanned over 200 films and work on the ramp and television as well - both as an actor and a host. His acting credentials have surpassed the boundaries of the country, with a number of film appearances in Kolkata, as well as a Bollywood film, "Mitti". Anyone subscribed to The Daily Star's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/dailystarnews>) can join the Facebook Live session at 4pm, and pour in their love, adulation and questions to Ferdous, which he will respond to.

Anup Bhattacharya in critical care

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Anup Bhattacharya, a musical director extraordinaire who composed a number of iconic Bangla songs, is in critical condition. He fell ill on Friday due to cardiac complications, and is currently on life support at BIRDEM in the capital. The artiste was rushed into intensive

care following a high fever and respiratory problems. He received initial treatment at Popular Hospital's HDU, before being admitted to BIRDEM. Anup Bhattacharya lent melodies to some of the most celebrated songs in modern Bangla music. "Boishakhi Megher Kache, Jol Cheye Tumi KaNdbe Ami Chai Na", written by Abul Hayat Mohammad Kamal and sung by Mohammad Rafiqul Alam,

and Mitali Mukherjee's "Shukh Pakhi Re Pinjira Tor Khule Dilam Aj" were tuned by him. Other popular creations include "Kichhu Bolo Na", "Amar Ek Janala Akash Chhara", "Na Bolo Na" and "Aguner Rongo Porabey Ongo" written by Mohammad Rafiquzzaman; "Konodin Kono Oboshorey" and "Bohudin Holo Bhengechhi Ghor" with lyricist Abu Zafar.



KATY PERRY'S "Witness" heading for Billboard No. 1



Katy Perry's latest album, "Witness", is on course for a No. 1 debut on the Billboard 200 chart, according to industry forecasters. Those in the know suggest the set, which was released on June 9 through Capitol Records, could launch atop the chart with between 200,000 and 225,000 equivalent album units earned in the week ending June 15. If "Witness" bows at No. 1, it will grant Perry her third chart-topper, following "PRISM" (2013) and "Teenage Dream" (2010). The Billboard 200 chart ranks the most popular albums of the week based on multi-metric consumption, which includes traditional album

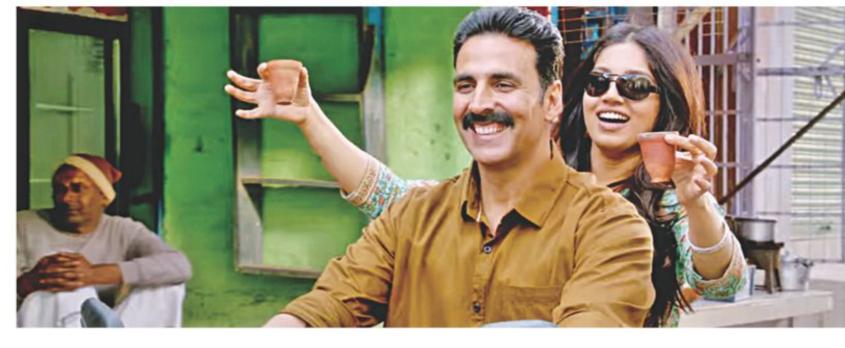
sales, track equivalent albums (TEA) and streaming equivalent albums (SEA). The top 10 of the new July 1-dated Billboard 200 chart (where Perry could debut at No. 1) is scheduled to be revealed on Billboard's websites on Sunday, June 18. If "Witness" starts with over 201,000 units, it will mark the largest week for an album by a woman since the November 12, 2016-dated chart, when Lady Gaga's "Joanne" bowed at No. 1 with 201,000 units. Of the estimated debut for the album, perhaps over 175,000 of that sum will be generated by traditional album sales. Perry's last album,

"PRISM", started with 286,000 copies sold. The album has already gained momentum thanks to the released videos of "Chained to the Rhythm", "Bon Appétit" (feat. Migos) and "Swish Swish" (feat. Nicki Minaj). Perry also went on a unique promotion strategy for her album, live-streaming her life on YouTube since Friday, where she has been seeing doing yoga, hosting parties, cooking with celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay and even opening up about suicidal thoughts she has had in the past in a therapy session. Source: **Billboard**

Akshay, Bhumi fight for love, toilets and more First trailer of "Toilet: Ek Prem Katha" is a hit

Akshay Kumar unveiled the first trailer of his much-awaited film opposite Bhumi Pednekar, "Toilet: Ek Prem Katha" on Sunday evening. The two main characters, Jaya and Keshav, get married but the bride soon leaves as her in-laws do not have a toilet in their house. The husband then takes it on himself to ensure that his entire village gets toilets. The trailer addresses various issues like gender discrimination, sanitation issues, and irrational traditional beliefs - all of it done with a dash of entertainment. The three-minute long video promises to be a thorough entertainer, fusing in humour, drama, and intense human sentiments brought to boil in a story that the movie says is inspired by

true incidents. The Bollywood fraternity responded with excitement and support for the film, with Karan Johar, Anil Kapoor, John Abraham, Ayushmann Khurrana, Athiya Shetty, Huma Qureshi, and Esha Gupta, among others, tweeting praises for it. Recently, Akshay Kumar (who won the National Film Award this year for "Rustom") met with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and shared the theme and title of his movie. Directed by Shree Narayan Singh, "Toilet: Ek Prem Katha" stars Bhumi Pednekar opposite Akshay Kumar. The film is scheduled for release on August 11. Source: **Hindustan Times**



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