

TRUE LEGEND NEVER DIES...

Nazrul Sangeet exponent Sudhin Das passes away

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Eminent Nazrul Sangeet exponent and artiste Sudhin Das passed away at the Apollo Hospital in Dhaka about 8:30pm on June 27 (Tuesday), according to family sources. The Ekushey Padak-winning singer-composer was 87. Sudhin Das had been suffering from old-age complications for a long time. Doctors put him on life support when he was brought to the hospital, after his condition deteriorated on Tuesday morning.

Sudhin Das, a revered Guru, dedicated his entire life to promote and practise Nazrul Sangeet. He took the responsibility of formulating Nazrul Sangeet *swaralipi*, and his devoted efforts helped bring back the authenticated notations in the arena of Nazrul Sangeet. His contributions will never die and the present and upcoming generations will owe him for the immense job he accomplished single-handedly.

Eminent Nazrul researcher Professor Emeritus Rafiqul Islam along with renowned Nazrul Sangeet Artistes -- Shaheen Samad, Dalia Nausheen and Sadya Afreen Mallick -- shared fond memories with the legendary singer. Excerpts:

"Sudhin Das is the son of a reputed musical family of Comilla. Initially he practised Classical Music and rendered Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Sangeet and *adhumik* song. When he was enlisted in Dhaka *Betar* (Radio) during Pakistan era, he rendered these musical genres. Alongside, he composed tunes for *adhumik* songs. An undisciplined situation was noticed regarding Nazrul Sangeet in Kolkata due to Nazrul's illness and the ramification of 1947 partition. Where earlier an absence of musical discipline was noticed in Nazrul songs, today it is harmony which underpins the presentation of his compositions. He started the painstaking job of creating *swaralipi* following the gramophone records those were published when Nazrul was well. At first, he did the job at Nazrul Academy. After Nazrul Institute was established, he completed most of the *swaralipi* of 50 volumes following original gramophone records. He was the

head of certification council. Consequently, to a large extent, a disciplined situation has come back regarding Nazrul Sangeet. Sudhin Das whole-heartedly dedicated his life till the end. Singers of West Bengal, India, now follow the *swaralipi*, published by Nazrul Institute. I watched Nazrul's Islamic songs aired on different channel this Ramadan. Everyone now follows original gramophone record *swaralipi*. All the credits go to Sudhin Das for this," said Professor Rafiqul Islam.

"I am deeply shocked at the demise of my Guru Sudhin Das. It is a great loss for Nazrul

I was baptized in music under his tutelage. Sudhin Da and *Boudi* (his wife Nilima Das) would come together to teach me classical music, Nazrul Sangeet, Rabindra Sangeet and *adhumik* songs," recalled renowned Nazrul Sangeet artiste Dalia Nausheen.

"Sudhin Das, my mentor, has almost single-handedly worked painstakingly to authenticate the original notation of Nazrul Sangeet, the 'swaralipi'. For his untiring commitment, he has achieved a revered status both at home and abroad. He has been awarded the Ekushey Padak, Nazrul Gold Medal, Nasiruddin Gold



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Sangeet and for us all, the entire Nazrul Sangeet artistes," said eminent Nazrul singer Shaheen Samad. "Pioneering Gurus like Sudhin Das, Sohrab Hossain, Sheikh Lutfar Rahman, Anjali Roy have left us one after another. The blessings that I got from him are beyond words to express. I am feeling profound pain seeing the shocking state of Nilima Das, Sudhin Das' wife. May Almighty give his bereaved family members enough strength to bear the loss," she added.

"Through the demise of my music Guru Sudhin Das, a glorious chapter has come to an end. My mother would learn music under him.

Medal, Zebunnessa-Mahbubullah Trust Gold Medal and the Altaf Mahmood Gold Medal," said renowned Nazrul Sangeet exponent and singer Sadya Afeen Mallick.

Sudhin Das' body will be taken to his residence in the morning of June 29, and Nazrul enthusiasts will pay homage to the singer at 10am at Nazrul Institute, informed Golam Kuddus, president of Sammilito Sangskritik Jote. Later, people from all walks of life will pay their last tributes to him at Central Shaheed Minar from 11am to 12:30pm. His crematorium will take place at Postogola.

Veteran actor NAZMUL HUDA BACHCHU passes away



A Correspondent

Prominent television and film actor Nazmul Huda Bachchu passed away at the age of 79 yesterday at 4:14am. After a heart attack, the veteran artiste was rushed to Square Hospital where he breathed his last.

Born on July 11, 1938 in Magura, Nazmul Huda Bachchu began his career in music, and went on to become a singer and music director. The artiste graduated from Dhaka University in 1958 where he studied Political Science, and found his ground as an actor by directing and acting in small productions at SM Hall. As a student, Bachchu garnered popularity as a singer on the radio. He was a music director for many productions over the years, including "Lalon Fakir'er Natok", and more. In 1961, he provided vocals for the song "Obhimaan Korona" in the Mustafiz-helmed film "Harano Din". In the following years, he did playback for a number of films including "Jowar Elo", "Chanda", "Phir Milenge Hum Dono", "Kar Paape", and more.

He made his first foray into television with the drama series "Chacha Bhatija", before stepping into the world of film with the Babul Chowdhury helmed "Aakabaaka". Other notable roles in film include "Jowar Elo", "Chanda", "Sareng Bou", "Gangchil", "Suurjodighol Bari", "Srabon Megher Din", "Behula Lakhinder", "Runway", and more. He made his last film appearance in "Oggatonama", directed by Tauquir Ahmed. His final television role was in the single episode play titled "Shadai Lal Rong", directed by Tanveer Hossain Probal. The play was aired last year during Victory Day (December 16).

Nazmul Huda Bachchu was laid to rest at the Banani graveyard after his namaz-e-janaza at the Gulshan Azad Mosque. He is survived by three daughters, and his wife.

SHAKIRA plots "El Dorado" world tour

Shakira will embark on a world tour this fall in support of her new album, "El Dorado", with a North American leg scheduled for January 2018.

The trek begins with a European leg in November with a North American run scheduled to follow in January. Additional dates in Latin America will be announced soon.

The North American leg of the "El Dorado" tour kicks off January 9 at the Amway Center in Orlando, Florida with shows scheduled in Washington DC, New York, Toronto, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles and more. Shakira will wrap up the tour on February 10 at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Tickets for the tour go on sale June 30 at 10 am local time via Shakira's website.

The Colombian pop sensation released "El Dorado" in May, previewing the record with a handful of singles including her hit "La Bicicleta", "Nada", "Comme Moi", "Déjà vu" and "Chantaje". This is Shakira's 11th album and follows her self-titled 2014 effort.

Source: Rolling Stone



TV WATCH



"Ekti Paribarik Prem Kahini" on ntv

A Correspondent

As part of their Eid programmes, ntv is airing a seven-episode miniseries "Ekti Paribarik Prem Kahini" at 6:50pm daily. Written and directed by Mohammad Mostafa Kamal Raj, the show boasts a star-studded cast including Chanchal Chowdhury, Mishu Sabbir, Pran Roy, Peya Bipasha, Amirul Haque Chowdhury, Wahida Mallik Jolly and others.

The story revolves around an unruly youth Dipu who is sent to Naila's house by a big-time gang leader of the city to evict them. Naila asks for seven days to leave the house. But then Dipu's father, in search of a potential wife for Dipu, goes to Naila's house later that day.



"Mahiner Neel Towale-ta" on Rtv

A Correspondent

Seven-episode comedy drama series "Mahiner Neel Towale-ta" is being broadcast on Rtv at 11:45pm, as part of the channel's seven-day Eid celebrations. Written and directed by Sagor Jahan, the play casts Mosharraf Karim, Tisha, Nadia Nadi, AKM Hasan, Faruq Ahmed and others.

The play surrounds a towel that Tisha and Nodi, who play sisters in the play, find lying on the beach at Cox's Bazar. Mosharraf sees them picking up the towel but when he asks them about it later, they say they have thrown it away. Even after the sisters offer Mosharraf to buy a new towel, Mosharraf insists he wants that specific towel, and goes on a hunt for it.

"Tubelight" is one of Salman Khan's lowest Eid releases



Bollywood superstar Salman Khan, who is known for lighting up the box office during the festival of Eid, got a flickering start with his new film "Tubelight". The Kabir Khan-directorial only managed to rake in Rs. 64.77 crore, making it the actor's lowest opening weekend release in the past few years, say trade experts.

The film, which released on June 23 and collected Rs 21.15 crore on its opening day, didn't register any major hike in the subsequent two days and remained steady over the weekend.

Trade analyst Taran Adarsh, who described the film as a "disappointment",

shared the opening weekend collections of Salman's last few releases during Eid on Twitter.

"Tubelight rests on a thin plot... Screenplay lacks the power to enthrall and mesmerise... Emotions plenty, but few moments stand out," Adarsh wrote.

Trade expert Komal Nahta said that the film has performed "below expectations".

The film also features Sohail Khan, the late Om Puri, Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, Yashpal Sharma and Chinese actress Zhu Zhu. Shah Rukh Khan makes a cameo in the film.

Source: Hindustan Times