

## NEWS bytes

### Nick Fury may return in Captain Marvel

In Marvel Studios' busy Phase 3, "Captain Marvel" will make her live-action debut, with her solo movie scheduled right between "Avengers: Infinity War" and "Avengers 4". Nick Fury, the connective tissue of the earlier MCU films, is rumored to be involved with the film, and it's for more than just a cameo. A new report claims that Samuel L. Jackson will co-star in Captain Marvel, though further details are unknown. Nick Fury first appeared in 2008's "Iron Man", and then provided support in five more movies. Christopher M from Omega Underground wrote on Twitter that it looks



like "Jackson will be co-starring in 'Captain Marvel' with an expected shoot date on January 8 next year in Atlanta. He also writes that this is not an official yet but that it's the prevailing word right now. 'Captain Marvel' is currently scheduled to release in theatres on March 8, 2019."

Source: **Cinemablend**



A still from Tareque Masud's "Runway", which was screened at the festival.

## Portugal South Asian Film Fest pays tribute to Tareque Masud

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The first edition of the Mostra De Cinema Sul Asiaica, or Annual South Asia Film Festival in Portugal, was held in Portuguese capital Lisbon, from June 30-July 2. The festival was dedicated to the cinema of Bangladesh and eminent Bangladeshi filmmaker Tareque Masud.

Villa Du Cinema, an independent international production company based in Portugal, organised the festival in order to promote South Asian films and to give the South Asian diaspora in Portugal a chance to watch films from home.

A total of six Bangladeshi feature-length films and one Indo-Pak production were screened at the fest, as was one

Spanish-Bangladeshi film, two Nepalese films, one Bhutanese film, and five Bangladeshi short films were screened at the three-day festival, held at the Cinema São Jorge complex.

The festival was supported and sponsored by Lusofona University, the Bangladeshi Embassy in Lisbon, CRIA Research Institute, and many more.

Production Director of the festival, Anna Paula Marou, said: "This festival gives a big opportunity to not only South Asian expatriates but also Europeans to view and experience good South Asian cinema. In this first edition, we have highlighted Bangladeshi cinema, and in the upcoming editions, we will highlight cinemas from other countries too. Villa Du Cinema is

working relentlessly to build a bridge between European and Asian cinema. Along with that, we are also trying to work on co-productions and post-production with these countries, as well as fix shooting locations for them in Europe."

At the festival, the Bangladeshi feature films presented were "Chaka" by Morshedul Islam, Abul Shaghat Emon's "Ijal er Golpo," "Aynabaji" by Amitabh Reza, Tauqir Ahmed's "Ogotomna," "Kishinokkhu" by Meher Afroze Shawon, and Tareque Masud's "Runway". The Bangladeshi short films at the festival were "Man With No Name" by Nuruzzaman Khan, Rajib Ahsan's "Puppet", "See You Again" by Rahman Monir, Abid Mallik's "Pooh" and Parvez Rajon's "Tareque Masud".

## Actor Golam Rafiq no more

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Octogenarian actor Mohammad Golam Rafiq died of old age complications at a private hospital in Mymensingh on Tuesday noon.

Rafiq, a veteran and diversified actor with a career span of over 44 years, drew curtains on his career in 1990. Rafiq acted in acclaimed stage plays, films, Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Radio productions.

He made his film debut with "Chawa Paowa" (1966) and played a cameo with legendary film actor Golam Mustafa.

Rafiq worked with many prominent artists including Anwar Hossain, Mithun Chakraborty, Utpal Dutta and Sobel Rana.

Rafiq also appeared in over 200 plays on stage and over 100 plays including serials on BTV.

Rafiq was enlisted as regular artist of BTV and Bangladesh Betar in 1966.

The artist continued his career in some 100 films till 1990. His films include "Ashirbad", "Bheja Chokh", "Master Samurai", "Dinkal" and "Bepora".

He was honoured by prestigious theatre groups and cultural organisations such as Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation, Udichi Shilpi Goshthi, Mymensingh Sheba Niketan and Mymensingh



Zila Parishad.

Mymensingh Zila Shilpakala Academy also honoured the artist with "Zila Shilpakala Academy Sammanona-2013".

"Golam Rafiq was once an inseparable part of Mymensingh theatre. We remember him as an iconic actor and a good soul," said Shahadat Hossain Khan Hillu, secretary of Bahurupi Natya Sangstha, a leading theatre group of the district.



A young dancer performs at the event.

PHOTO: STAR

## Tagore, Lalon, Nazrul and Promila recalled

(ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj)

A cultural function was held at Shivalaya Upazila parishad's auditorium in Manikganj on Sunday. The Nazrul-Promila Institute organised the daylong event in memory of Rabindranath Tagore, Lalon Shah, Kazi Nazrul Islam and his wife Ashlata Sen alias Promila Devi. The winners of Nazrul Talent Hunt-2017 were also awarded at the function.

Nazrul singers rendered solo songs while local artists performed dances, danders songs and recited from the poems.

Abdul Matin, deputy director of Local Government Division, was present at the programme as chief guest while Dr. Siddheswar Majumdar, former civil surgeon of Manikganj and Dr. Arshad Ullah, health and family planning officer of Shivalaya Upazila, were present as special guests in the first session.

## Arjun, Parineeti to reunite in upcoming YRF film

"Ishaqzaade" co-stars Arjun Kapoor and Parineeti Chopra are reuniting on screen for Dibakar Banerjee's thriller, "Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar". Producers Yash Raj Films (YRF) made the announcement via their official Twitter page.

The story of the film is about a man and woman, who represent two completely different Indias, and also deals with their love-hate relationship, according to the statement on the micro-blogging site.

Talking about the new project, Dibakar said, "This feels like my first film, again. I've had to unlearn everything I know to tell this story about a man and a woman who can't stand each other but can't survive without each other."

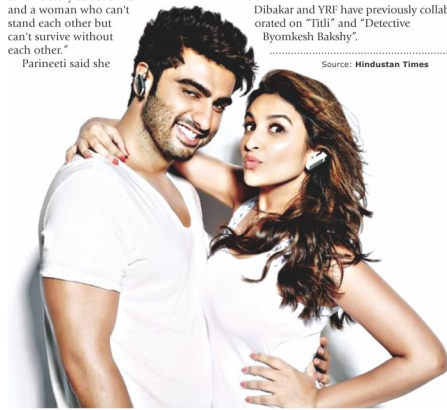
Parineeti said she

used to dream about working with Dibakar. "His films are so different and always make an impact. I am so ready to bite my teeth into this character and give the audience something intense!" she said.

Arjun, who made his debut with YRF, said it was great to come back to the studio. "It feels great to be back home at YRF working with Adi (Aditya Chopra) sir and Parineeti, my most amazing and first ever co-actor. Dibakar Banerjee is a name synonymous with being the torchbearer of evolving new age cinema that engages and entertains. I can't wait to work under his tutelage and vision."

Dibakar and YRF have previously collaborated on "Titled" and "Detective Byomkesh Bakshi".

Source: **Hindustan Times**



## Bon Voyage to Jaya

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National Film Award-winning actor Jaya Ahsan departed for USA yesterday following an invitation from Bangla Sammelan. The actor is slated to return in August after a month-long stay.

"Bangla Sammelan's activities are crucial in bringing together Bangladesh abroad, and it is a great honour to be a part of it," said the actor, who had previously traveled to the USA last year for similar purposes. Her last visit also earned her the award for Best Actress by the association. This year, a screening of "Bishorion" will be held. Helmed by Kaushik Ganguly, Jaya Ahsan plays the female lead alongside Abir Chatterjee in the film that won India's National Film Award for Best Bangla film.

Her travels include a layover in Kolkata where she will be accompanied by twenty artists to the same destination.

Her most recent ventures include a short film titled "Bhalobasher Shohor", and the full length feature film "Beauty Circus." She also recently wrapped up shooting for the film "Debi."

## Britney Spears causes chaos in Jerusalem

Britney Spears' arrival in Israel has caused quite the commotion. It's the pop star's first visit to the country and a tour of the holy sites in Jerusalem on Sunday was described by Israeli news outlets as a veritable mob scene.

While Spears' security detail was substantial, the Western Wall is a virtually accessible by foot. This presented a challenge for the singer and her team as they made their way through mobs of fans, press, and onlookers.

Spears was scheduled to perform at Tel Aviv's Yarkon Park on Monday night, the same outdoor venue where Justin Bieber and Aerosmith recently headlined and where Radiohead is due to take the stage on July 19. Prior to her Israel expedition, Spears had spent the last few weeks performing in Asia as part of her "Britney: Live in Concert tour."

Source: **Variety**

