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USHERING IN MONSOON

SSSG holds "Borsha Utshab" at FFA

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To usher in the season of monsoon, cultural organisation Satyen Sen Shilpi Goshthi (SSSG) organised Borsha Utsab 1424 yesterday at Bokultola, Faculty of Fine Art (FFA), University of Dhaka.

The programme started at 7 in the morning. With a choral rendition of Nazrul song "Megher Domru Bajey", artistes of Bonhishikha welcomed the season of rain. Artistes of Ponchobhashkar and SSSG presented choral Tagore songs "Rimjhim Ghono Ghono Rey" and "Esho

Shyamalo Sunduro" respectively. The programme also included performance of solo songs, group dances, poetry recitation and discussion.

Dancers of Nrityajan, Nrityaksha, Nrityamchon, Bulbul Lalitakala Academy and Bangladesh Academy of Fine Arts performed group dances set on the songs "Mon Mor Megher Shongi", "Rimjhim Ghono Deya Boroshey", "Pata Jhora Brishti Bon-e", "Churir Taal-e Thoi Thoi" and Pagla Hawar Badol Din-e respectively.

Prominent and promising singers Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury Moyna, Shama

Rahman, Abu Bokor Siddique, Mamun Zahid Khan, Sanjoy Kabiraj and others rendered monsoon melodies at the programme.

Rafiqul Islam, Shimul Mustapha, Maskur-e Sattar Kallol and others recited poems.

The programme also included a discussion. Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique, vice chancellor of University of Dhaka, Golam Kuddus, president, Sammilito Sangskritik Jote and Manzar Chowdhury Sweet, general secretary of SSSG, spoke at the event. Professor Nigar Chowdhury, vice president of SSSG, presided over the programme. Later, the organisers distributed saplings among children.

Jagoroni Theatre to premiere "Rajar Chithi"

AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH, Savar

Savar-based theatre group Jagoroni Theatre is set to premiere their 15th production, "Rajar Chithi", at the Centre for the Rehabilitation for the Paralysed (CRP)'s auditorium at Savar on the outskirts of the capital today at 7pm.

Mahfuzi Hilali has written the play, and Debadish Ghosh has directed it.

Sharon Saha, Baharul Islam, Shoeb Hasnat Mitul, Yeasmin Shamim, Rafiqul Islam Rani, Kazi Fahad, Shahjib Gosh, Mahamuda Yeasmin Shumi, Shahanaz Akter Shimum, Ripa Hawlader, Rejwan Rimon, Bidhan Bishwas, and Bipasha Saha

are in the cast.

The play revolves around Haridas Basak, an ardent fan of Rabindranath Tagore. In 1939 he writes a letter to Rabindranath, who replies to the letter and it changes his life. Haridas devotes himself to art and literature. In 1947 at the time of Partition, when many Hindu families leave for India, Haridas decides to stay at the address where Tagore wrote him to. Even further down the line at the Liberation War of 1971, his house is burned down and he comes back looking for that letter. The Pakistan Army confronts him as they hear Rabindranath's name.



NEWS bytes



JLaw's "Mother!" to release in September

Paramount Pictures has moved its Jennifer Lawrence thriller "Mother!" forward by a month to September 15 from its previous October 13 release date.

The studio confirmed the date change Thursday but did not elaborate. It's possible that "Mother!" could be premiered at the Venice Film Festival, which opens on August 30, or the Telluride Film Festival, which opens two days later, or even at the Toronto Film Festival, which opens September 7.

"Mother!" is directed and produced by Darren Aronofsky along with Scott Franklin and Ari Handel. It co-stars Javier Bardem, Michelle Pfeiffer, Kristin Wiig, Domhnall Gleeson, and Ed Harris.

Lawrence and Bardem portray a couple whose relationship is tested when uninvited guests arrive at their home, disrupting their tranquil existence.

Lawrence starred last year in "Passengers" and as Raven Darkholme-Mystique in "X-Men: Apocalypse". Her other upcoming thriller "Red Sparrow", directed by "Hunger Games" helmer Francis Lawrence, is set for a March 2 release from Fox. Lawrence has been nominated for Academy Awards for "Joy", "Winter's Bone" and "American Hustle", and won for "Silver Linings Playbook" in 2012.

Source: Variety

Linkin Park's Chester Bennington dead at 41



Linkin Park frontman Chester Bennington has committed suicide at age 41. TMZ first reported that Bennington hanged himself at his Palos Verdes residence on Thursday, after which the LA County coroner confirmed to Associated Press that Bennington had died.

Linkin Park bandmate Mike Shinoda tweeted "shocked and heartbroken, but it's true. An official statement will come out as soon as we have one."

The band's most recent album, "One More Light", topped the Billboard 200 earlier this year.

Linkin Park's massively popular 2000 debut, "Hybrid Theory", introduced the world to their immaculately produced hybrid of alt-rock, metal and rap. Its follow-up, 2003's "Metropolis", became the first of the band's six chart-topping albums. Over the course of seven studio albums and a collaborative EP with JAY-Z, Linkin Park established itself as one of the biggest and most influential rock bands of the 21st century. The band has sold 27.8 million albums in the US, according to Nielsen Music.

In addition to Linkin Park, Bennington formed Dead by Sunrise in 2005, who released one album, "Out of Ashes", in 2009. Bennington also teamed up with Stone Temple Pilots after Scott Weiland's departure for one EP, "High Rise", in 2013, and performed with the band till 2015.

When his close friend and fellow musi-

cian Chris Cornell, lead singer of the bands Soundgarden and Audioslave, killed himself this past May, Bennington honored him on Twitter and performed at his funeral. Ironically, Bennington's suicide came on the day that would be Cornell's 53rd birthday.

As a co-writer of Linkin Park songs, Bennington explored themes of personal conflicts, angst, sorrows and inner chaos that made the band's songs relatable to a global audience. With songs like "In The End", "Crawling", "Numb", "Somewhere I Belong" to name just a few, Bennington

became an alt-rock icon of sorts in the 2000s. On "Crawling" — one of the band's defining singles which went on to sell more than 11 million copies in the US, he said it was "about feeling like I had no control over myself in terms of drugs and alcohol." His songwriting was a close reflection of his personal ups and downs, including the divorce of his parents at a young age and being molested by another man in his early years.

"If it wasn't for music I'd be dead," he said in an interview with Rock Sound. "One hundred percent."

Bennington had a photoshoot planned with his band at Hollywood the day he took his life, and the band had also released a new single, "Talking to Myself" the same day. Linkin Park had also just finished filming an episode of the show "Carpool Karaoke" recently.

A slew of artistes from all genres of music also shared tributes to the rocker on social media. "I am in tears. Chester just told me how happy he was....he was a sweet and talented man..." said Nikki Sixx, cofounder of Mötley Crüe.

Katy Perry, Chance the Rapper, Steve Aoki, Paramore's Hayley Williams, Imagine Dragons, Nickelback, Ryan Adams, Korn founder Brian Welch, British rock group You Me at Six, DJ group Cash Cash and pop group One Republic were among the dozens of artistes paying tributes. "Gonna miss you," Fred Durst, the singer from Limp Bizkit, captioned a photo of the two artists on Instagram. Pop singer Rihanna called Bennington "Literally the most impressive talent I've ever seen live! Vocal beast!"

"Chester... You and the guys all influenced an entire generation," tweeted Pharrell Williams, who had performed with Linkin Park as part of band NERD. "Rock and roll will never fill the space he left," said Ryan Key, the former lead singer of Yellowcard.

Compiled by a correspondent



Ajay Devgn reveals first look of "Taanaji"

Ajay Devgn will now be donning the role of the unsung warrior of glorious Indian history Subedar Taanaji Malusare, who fought alongside Chatrapathi Shivaji Maharaj.

The actor took to Twitter to announce his upcoming film, "Taanaji - The Unsung Warrior" and shared the first look poster of his movie.

"He fought for his People, his Soil & his King Chhatrapati Shivaji. The unsung warrior of glorious Indian history, Subedar Taanaji Malusare," Devgn cap-

tioned the photo.

He revealed in the previous tweet that he has been working on this for a long time.

The "Drishyam" star is presently gearing up for the release of the Milan Luthria-directorial "Baadshaho" which is slated to release on September 1. Apart from this, he will also be seen in Rohit Shetty's "Golmaal Again".

Source: Hindustan Times

TV WATCH

"Paris er Chithi" on Channel i

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Channel i is bringing new sights to its viewers by airing "Paris er Chithi", a new drama series filmed and produced in Paris, France. The series is written by Faruk Ahmed and helmed by "Laltip" director Swapan Ahmed. The main cast includes Rihdi, Samia Othoi, Alvee, Emon, Sohel Khan, Sabir Ahmed and more. The play will air every Saturday and Sunday at 7.50pm, starting tonight.

The narrative highlights the plight of Shovon, whose uncle resides in Paris. Shovon is greatly influenced by his better off uncle and endeavours to please him by following all his advice. This lands him into hardship, as his uncle's suggestions for him to become a model, actor, cricketer and singer end in failure. As a last resort, his uncle arranges for him to move to Paris illegally, and the tale unfolds thence.

