

## DILIP KUMAR recovering from ill health

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Indian film legend Dilip Kumar, who has been hospitalised due to dehydration, is recovering well, his wife-actress Saira Banu said yesterday. The 94-year-old actor was admitted to Lilavati Hospital in suburban Bandra in Mumbai yesterday due to dehydration and urinary tract infection.



"He is doing much better than yesterday. But he will be in hospital today. The doctors here are taking good care of him," Saira Banu said.

Kumar is known for performances in films like "Andaz", "Aan", "Madhumati", "Devdas", "Mughal-e-Azam", "Ganga Jamuna", "Kranti", "Karma" and others. His last film was "Qila" that released in 1998.

Known as the tragedy king of Bollywood, Kumar was honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, India's highest award in cinema, in 1994 and the Padma Vibhushan, the country's second-highest civilian award, in 2015.



## "Bhoyongkor Sundor" releasing today

'Prepared for all kinds of reviews', says Animesh Aich

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"Bhoyongkor Sundor", one of the most anticipated films of the year, is opening in cinemas across the country today, albeit in a limited release for the first week. Animesh Aich's psychological thriller starring Parambrata Chatterjee and Ashna Habib Bhabna (who debuts on the big screen) is bowing in eight major halls and multiplexes in Dhaka, and a handful of theatres in other districts. The film premiered at the Star Cineplex in the capital last evening.

Asked about the smaller release, direc-

tor Animesh Aich said "We could have released it in many more halls, but we wanted to first see the response in the major theatres. If they do well here and the interest among people pique, we will eventually release it to more theatres," he said. "It's always a bit of a tension, before the release of the film. But I am hopeful. There will be journalists at the premiere, who will share their reviews. Facebook has made it easy for the general audience as well to express their reaction. We will get good reviews, and maybe some bad ones. I am prepared for both," the director said. He, however said that the

response to the music and the trailer have been very positive on social media so far.

Based on Kolkata-based author Mati Nandy's "Joler Ghumi O Bokbok Shobdo", the film also stars Syed Hasan Imam, Farhana Mithu, Lutfar Rahman George, Faruq Ahmed, Dihan, Allen Shubhro and Samapty Mashuk alongside Bhabna and Parambrata. The film's music was launched recently, which feature four songs -- by Chirrkutt, Momtaz, Tahsan and Elita, and Adit and Shoyeb.

The film is produced by A Square Film Company.

## WHAT'S ON



**Painting Exhibition**  
Title: The Skin of a Living Thought  
Artist: Nargis Poly  
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka  
Date: August 4-16  
Time: 3-9pm

**Musical Soiree**  
Songs of Lalou and Radharaman  
Organiser: BSSSP  
Venue: Music & Dance Auditorium, BSA  
Date: August 4; Time: 6:30pm



**National Art Exhibition 2017**  
Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Venue: National Art Gallery, BSA  
Date: Jul 26-Aug 14  
Time: 11am to 8pm

**Solo Sculpture & Art Exhibition**  
Title: "Rhythm of Clouds" by Ferdousi Priyabhashini  
Venue: Gallery Shilpakala, H-7, Rd-13 (New) Dhanmondi  
Date: Aug 4-18; Time: 3-8pm



**Group Art Exhibition**  
Title: Charcoal  
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, Rd-16, Sec-4, Uttara  
Date: Jul 28-Aug 11  
Time: 11am-8pm

**Tagore Death Anniversary**  
Organiser: Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi sangstha  
Venue: Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium, Public Library  
Date: August 8-5; Time: 6pm



**Musical Soiree**  
Singer: Kamal Ahmed  
Organiser: Bangladeshi National Museum  
Venue: Begum Sufia Kamal Auditorium, BNM  
Date: August 6; Time: 7pm

## Padatik to stage "Paicho Choror Kissa" today

A CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Padatik will stage its popular production "Paicho Choror Kissa" at the Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy today. The play is based on a folk tale from the greater Khulna region. Kazi Chapal has collected the stories, dramatised and directed the play.

The comedy zooms in on a shrewd person named Paicho. All the villagers know him as a thief, while Paicho just puzzles people through his mysterious activities. To follow the essence of a folk tale, the play has been adapted into a pala form where a narrator, through song and dance, tells the story of Paicho. A group of people help the narrator, from the backstage. Mythical elements such as story of a king and his daughter have also been incorporated in the play.



## BHUMI PEDNEKAR to play a dacoit in her next big screen venture

It was reported a couple of months ago that Bollywood director Abhishek Chaubey is following up his 2016 drug-drama "Udta Punjab" with a project revolving around Chambal dacoits and is set in the 1970s, with Sushant Singh Rajput in the lead. Now, Times of India reports that the film, produced by Ronnie Screwvala, will have Bhumi Pednekar as his leading lady.

"Like Sushant, Bhumi too plays a dacoit. She plays his love interest and gave the nod a month ago. The film will be shot in the Chambal ravines and will roll early next year. Abhishek and his team has already begun scouting for locations," TOI quoted a source close to the development as saying.

Sudip Sharma, who has co-written the film with the 40-year old filmmaker, had earlier said that he had visited Chambal for the initial research and met some reformed dacoits from the time.

"Some of them have more than 80 murder charges on them. Everyone has heard horror stories about the dacoits of Chambal but I've realised the reality is quite different from what Hindi films portray. We aim to capture that reality," he said.

Bhumi, who made her Bollywood debut with 2015 rom-com "Dam Laga ke Haisha", is on a roll. Besides the forthcoming "Toilet: Ek Prem Katha" with Akshay Kumar and "Shubh Mangal Savdhan" with Ayushmann Khurrana, the 28-year-old actress will also feature in Zoya Akhtar's next which is part of an anthology of four shorts directed by her, Karan Johar, Anurag Kashyap, and Dibakar Banerjee.

Sushant, who has just returned from a trip to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), is prepping up for Sanjay Puri Singh Chauhan's space-adventure "Chanda Mama Door Ke". He will soon kick off Abhishek Kapoor's "Kedarnath" with Saif Ali Khan and Amrita Singh's daughter Sara Ali Khan.

Source: TOI



## TV WATCH



## "Bhalobasha Tarporo" on ntv

A CORRESPONDENT

Single-episode play "Bhalobasha Tarporo" will air tonight on ntv at 9:05pm. Written and directed by Mahmud Didar, the play casts Sajal, Swagata, Nayar Razi and Kazi Shuvo.

The play revolves around Harun who has come to Dhaka with his wife, in the hope of securing a government job. But the simpleton is swindled and loses all his money, land, property and even his wife's jewellery. But he hides all of it from his wife, pretending to go to work every day, until he faces a bigger crisis.

## Tele-film "Baranday Noyontara" on Channel 9

A CORRESPONDENT

Goutam Koiri-directed tele-film "Baranday Noyontara" airs today at 3pm on Channel 9. The tele-film stars Tariq Anam Khan and Zakia Bari Mamo in the lead roles.

In an old building that houses the Bonbanga hotel, manager and proprietor Osman Gani lives alone. Since his first

wife died and his second marriage fell apart, Osman lives a solitary existence though the hotel gets a steady stream of visitors due to an archaeological attraction nearby. A young girl comes to the hotel one day, and Goni foresees that she will be murdered in the hotel. The mysterious plot remains to unravel.

