



Special "Tasher Desh" staging today at BSA

US-based troupe to perform Tagore classic

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Bangladesh Institute of Performance Arts (BIPA), a US-based organisation – in association with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) will stage Rabindranath Tagore's classic dance drama "Tasher Desh" at the National Theatre Hall of BSA today, dedicating to the memory of Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

A group of youths born and brought up in New York, USA will enact the play, in English (under the title "Land of Cards"). Anny Ferdous

has directed the play, along with dance direction and costume design. Nadim Ahmed has done the musical arrangement, with the songs sung by BIPA members and a number of up-and-coming singers of New York. A 20-member delegation has arrived from New York for the performance, and they will be joined by eight dancers from BSA and a number of child dance artistes.

BIPA was founded in New York in 1993, with a vision to continue practice and prosper of Bangla language and culture among the new generation of expatriate Bangladeshis. Bangla language, music and dance trainings

are given in three branches of BIPA in Queens and Brooklyn, NY, along with hosting of cultural programmes. BIPA artistes have performed Bangla songs and dance at various programmes at public libraries, museums, and UN programmes.

BIPA's "Land of Cards" has been praised in the USA among audiences of various nationalities and ages. This is the second collaboration between BSA and BIPA; the first was 2015's "Noibedyo". The staging is part of the organisation's yearlong celebration of its upcoming silver jubilee next year.

TV WATCH

Environmental tele-film "GaNyer Naam-ti Palashpur"

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A special tele-film focused on the environment, "GaNyer Naam-ti Palashpur", will air today at 2:45pm today on Channel i. Written by Tushar Kanti Sarkar based on concept by Mukit Mazumdar Babu and directed Harun Rusho, it casts Jayanta Chattopadhyay, Arman Parvez Murad, Wahida Mallik Jolly, Runa Khan, Bahata Nadi and Afreen.



Asif Akbar swinging '60s in new video

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There was a time when National Award winning singer Asif Akbar's albums dominated the audio market. In an era where people listen to all their music online, music marketing has undergone drastic changes to keep catering to people's desires. More musical artistes today veer towards the making of music videos for artistic, visual interpretations of song lyrics, which are more popular with listeners today. Asif Akbar has now jumped on that bandwagon, bringing a little surprise for viewers in the coming week: as a '60s film star.



Gaanchill Music released a one-minute video promo of the song on YouTube on August 11 of "Shada Ar Laal" -- a peppy, upbeat song that sees Asif making a quintessential '60s fashion statement - bright shirt, bell-bottom trousers, long hair, shades and a scarf around the neck, along with film star Poppy dancing and singing along in a vibrant, bursting-with-color video full with energetic dancers in the background.

The video is set to release on August 22, but the promo itself has racked up over 100,000 views within the first six days, showing early signs of an upcoming hit. The audio was released on the same day as the promo, on Bioscope and GP Music.

"Shada Ar Laal" is composed and arranged by Autumnal Moon, while Asif Iqbal has written the lyrics. The music video is helmed by Toufik Ankur.

"When the idea first struck me, I thought long and hard about how to execute it. I think the video will allow viewers to see me in a different way, with the costume and hair styling relevant to the time period," Asif told The Daily Star.

Hairstyling competition commences at TDS

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"Streak-Anandadhara Hairstyling Competition", a star-studded hairstyling contest featuring talented beauty bloggers and photographers commenced at The Daily Star Centre on August 17, and will go on until August 18. The event features renowned models, actresses and artistes who will act as a canvas for the beauty bloggers and photographers competing to win the first prize.

The models for the event include the likes of Nabila, Bhabna, Shahtaj, Swagata, Jyoti, Ruma, Hera, Doyel and Liza. The beauty bloggers will be judged by Afroza Parvin and Kamrul Islam, and the photographers will be judged by Prito Reza and David Barikder. The event is sponsored by Streak, and the wardrobe sponsored by Rong Bangladesh.



Tom Cruise breaks ankle, MI6 production halted

"Mission: Impossible 6" will halt production in London for between six weeks to three months to give Tom Cruise time to recover from an on-set injury, according to four people with knowledge of the situation. The actor hurt himself doing stunt work for the film last week-end. Cruise broke his ankle,

'Mission: Impossible' film, Tom Cruise broke his ankle while performing a stunt. Production will go on hiatus while Tom makes a full recovery, and the film remains on schedule to open July 27, 2018. Tom wants to thank you all for your concern and support and can't wait to share the film with everyone next

Henry Cavill, and Rebecca Ferguson. Many of these actors are also slated to start filming other projects as soon as "Mission: Impossible 6" wraps in the fall. Paramount is also concerned that any delay could also negatively impact the release and filming of Cruise's "Top Gun" sequel, which is set to premiere in July 2019.

TMZ released video on Sunday morning of the actor attempting a leap across a building gap, only to fall short, smack into the wall and walk away with a limp. After pulling himself onto the platform that he slammed into, the actor attempts to run, but stumbles. The crew then uses the pulley system to pull him back to the first platform, where they assist the actor off-camera.

Cruise has long prided himself on doing his own stunts, even defying studio bosses and insurance companies in order to give his films' signature set pieces a greater realism. For his recent reboot of the "The Mummy", the actor did 64 takes of a plane crash sequence in zero gravity, and for the fourth and fifth "Mission: Impossible" movies, he hung off the Burj Khalifa and clung to the wing of a moving plane.



Paramount confirmed, and may have also hurt his hip, one individual close to the production said. He was scheduled to see his doctor this week, said sources close to the production, after which the studio will determine how long shooting will be delayed.

In a statement, the studio said, "During production on the latest

summer." One person affiliated with the film suggested that the production could still wrap on time if the focus is put on post-production elements and scenes with Cruise are left for the end of the shoot, reports Variety. But any production stoppage could cause headaches for other cast members such as Simon Pegg,

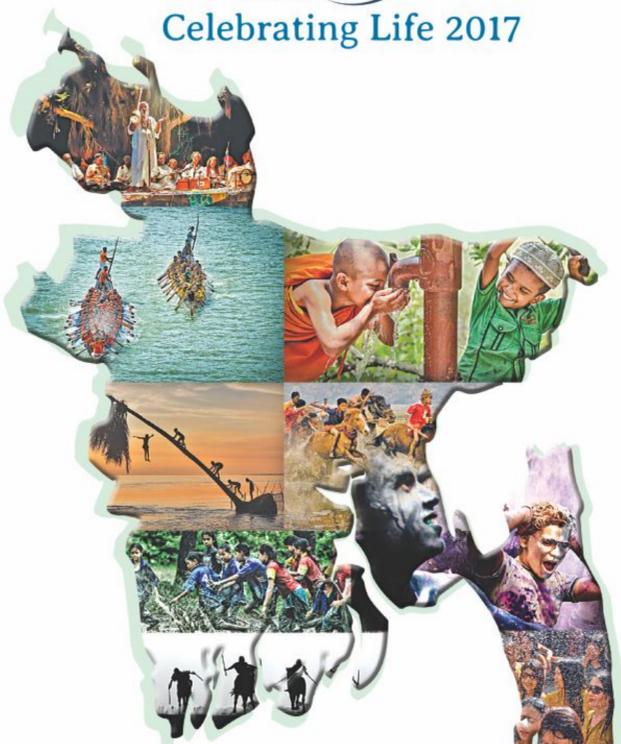
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