

Nazrul Award 2017 conferred

Ferdous Ara, Fatema Tuz Zohra and Leena Taposhi honoured



Ferdous Ara



Fatema Tuz Zohra



Dr. Leena Taposhi Khan

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This year's Nazrul Award was conferred yesterday to three reputed Nazrul singers and researchers - Ferdous Ara, Fatema Tuz Zohra and Dr. Leena Taposhi Khan. Like every year, the Cultural Affairs Ministry and Nazrul Institute honoured the artistes working to disperse the work of Nazrul among the masses and award them with the prestigious award. On getting the award, Ferdous Ara says, "Any award is a source of encouragement for anyone. The fact that the Cultural Affairs Ministry and Nazrul

Institute have selected me for this award not only makes me very proud, but also shows that I now have a larger responsibility towards Nazrul and the people of my country. This award encourages me to work harder and better."

Fatema Tuz Zohra, on the other hand, says "This award is special. It is only for those who work with Nazrul, and to anyone who does, this award means a lot to them. Obviously, as a Nazrul singer, I want Nazrul to keep getting recognition and through getting this award I once again get that opportunity. I believe since I began singing, I have been carrying out

my responsibility towards Nazrul. I have tried throughout my career to highlight and bring popularity to his lesser-known songs. I never gave Nazrul the respect and recognition for my own fame or fortune; I did it solely out of passion. And it is with passion that I choose to move forward along my journey. I am very thankful to the government of Bangladesh and Nazrul Institute for thinking me apt for this award."

Singer and Researcher, Dr. Leena Taposhi Khan has been selected for the award considering her research work on Kazi Nazrul Islam. "I feel extremely

happy and proud. In a country where Muslims were not allowed to practice culture and sing, we now have Honour's, Master's and PhD degrees on music and singing. I feel that through this award, the nation has opened another door for me to disperse Nazrul among the youths through academic research and thorough studying. For any Nazrul artiste, I believe this is the highest recognition, so I am very thankful for this prestigious award."

The award ceremony was held yesterday at the Bangladesh National Museum, marking the 41st death anniversary of the Rebel Poet.

Eid celebrations at Fantasy Kingdom and Foy's Lake

Theme parks Fantasy Kingdom and Water Kingdom, situated in Ashulia near Dhaka, and Foy's Lake Amusement World located in the heart of Chittagong, draw a large number of people on vacations, and Eid-ul Azha is no different. They offer various rides and other recreational activities for friends and families to enjoy and unwind, according to a press release.

During Eid, the parks are decorated with colourful balloons, ribbons and other decorative items. Concerts and DJ shows will also be arranged at Fantasy Kingdom and Water Kingdom at the parks for visitors.



Liza on Facebook Live at The Daily Star today

Join ASK ME ANYTHING at 8pm

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The day is here. Celebrated singer Sania Sultana Liza will come on a Facebook Live 'Ask Me Anything' session with The Daily Star subscribers today, August 28, at 8pm. The versatile singer is one of the most-sought after live singers for stage shows, lends her voice regularly to film songs alongside her original songs, and is also a TV host by hobby.

Anyone subscribed to The Daily Star's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/dailystarnews>) can join the Facebook Live session from 8pm, and pour in their love, adulation and questions to Liza in an hour of informal chit-chat and interaction.



Swift sets YouTube record with new song

The lyric video for Taylor Swift's latest single "Look What You Made Me Do" has already broken the record for most watched lyric video within 24 hours. Following its release on Friday, August 25, the video amassed more than 19 million views on YouTube inside the first day.

The title previously belonged to "Something Just Like This" from The Chainsmokers featuring Coldplay at 9 million views in 24 hours.

Swift released the first single off her sixth studio album "Reputation" at midnight early Friday morning, complete with a lyric video spoofing the animation style of "Feud" (which itself was an homage to the work of Alfred Hitchcock).

Despite the world record, a teaser for the accompanying "LWYMMMD" music video has managed to spark some controversy in just one day's time. Shortly after the official teaser of the clip dropped, Beyoncé fans began pointing out similarities between Swift's new

video and "Formation".

However, music video director Joseph Kahn quickly refuted those claims on Twitter.

Following the denial, Kahn — who also directed Swift's "Blank Space", "Bad Blood", "Wildest Dreams" and "Out of the Woods" videos — went into further detail regarding the video's shooting schedule.

A full music video will debut during MTV's Video Music Awards on Sunday, hosted by Katy Perry. As of 3pm Bangladesh time on Sunday, the lyric video for "Look What You Made Me Do" had over 32 million views.

Source: Variety

Tele-film "Ekratri" to air this Eid

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Directed by Mazharul Islam, and scripted by Tabarak Hossain, "Ekratri" will be aired on RTV on the fourth day of Eid-ul-Azha. The TV play will star Mahfuz Ahmed, Sadia Islam Mou, Runa Khan, Maznun Mizan and more.

The story explores the troubled relationship between Taslima Sarker and her husband Tahsan Sarker. Taslima is a typical rural wife. When she comes to the city with her husband, she becomes suspicious of his every move. Tahsan is driven to the wall and the pressure of being a corporate only adds to his misery.

As an escape, Tahsan gets into a relationship with his secretary Nilu. The plot deepens.



Tabu snubs Sushma Swaraj biopic rumours

Actor Tabu has refuted rumours that claim she has been approached by makers of Uzma Ahmed's biopic, which is directed by Dhiraj Kumar. There were reports which suggested that the actor will play the role of Indian Minister of External affairs, Sushma Swaraj.

"I have no idea why filmmakers who have not approached me give out false news of me being approached for their movies when I have not even been contacted or made aware of a certain project. This has also happened in the past. In fact, in some cases, some really big and established production houses have taken the liberty of using my name for a project without as much as my consent," Tabu said in a statement. Uzma is an Indian citizen who was forced to

marry a Pakistani nationalist at gunpoint. After Swaraj vowed to get her back to India, she returned to the country on May 25 this year.

According to Pinkvilla, the actor has also slammed the practice of using a celebrity's name to promote films.

"I think this is clearly done to hype their projects and to create insecurity among other actresses who may be approached for the role. This is a poor practice and people should stop using my name in vain. Honestly, it shows them (filmmakers) in poor light when I issue a denial like this. Unfortunately, they leave me with no choice because no one has bothered to even check with me," said Tabu.

Source: Hindustan Times



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