

Nazrul death anniv observed in Barisal

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The observance of 41 death anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam in Barisal ended in the week prior to Eid.

Participants of the programme paid heartfelt tributes to the Rebel Poet for his revolutionary role in life, literature and culture of the nation. To mark the day, Nazrul Sangskrity Jote (NSJ) Barisal organised a discussion on life and works of the poet and staged cultural functions with songs, recitations, dance and by him or based on his works at Ashwini Kumar Hall. Ziaul Haque, Chairman of Barisal Education Board, inaugurated the programme.

DC of Barisal, Md. Habibur Rahaman was present at the programme as chief guest. Papi Jesmin, NSJ president presided over the meeting. Among others, Sanjida Masud and Gopal Krishan Guha Ripon addressed the programme.



Guests light candles to begin the programme.

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EID TV WATCH



"Mismatch" to air on Rtv

A CORRESPONDENT

Written and directed by Imraul Rafat, Eid special television play "Mismatch", will air tonight on Rtv.

Starring popular actors Safa Kabir and Jon Kabir, the play revolves around two individuals named Abir and Faiza. About the play, Safa said, "I play a character that comes face to face with a lot of crises. I haven't done a play like this one before, where the audience will get to see me very much in love. Shooting with Jon has been a wonderful experience. I hope the audience enjoys our work."

"Mismatch" airs tonight at 10:05pm.

"Golper Manushera" on Desh TV



A CORRESPONDENT

Desh TV will air single-episode TV play "Golper Manushera" at 9:35pm tonight, as part of their Eid entertainment offerings.

Written and directed by Asad Zaman, it stars Shahadat Hossain, Mousumi Nag, Selim Ahmed and Hasnat Ripon.

The story is about a working man, Afzal Hossain, who delves too deep into the stories he reads. Sometimes the lines between fantasy and fiction begin to blur. He suddenly realizes that a story he is currently reading is very similar to his real life, and that terrifies him. In the story, while the husband is off to work, the wife engages in an affair with another man. The couple then decides to steal the husband's property and hire a hit-man to kill him and all of this starts becoming true in Afzal's life.

All the characters of the story begin to play in his life as he wonders if all this is real or a fantasy like the stories he reads. Or, is reality actually much better than this, where there is a possibility that his wife Ruma has something wonderful in store for her fantasy-fiction reading husband.

Doob set for October 27 release

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"Doob" is ready to surface, finally. Mostafa Sarwar Farooki's much-anticipated Bangladesh-India joint production "Doob", (English title "No Bed of Roses") will see its wide release in India and Bangladesh on October 27, the director informed yesterday. The film may release in Australia and Singapore in the same day as well, and some more countries may be included in the list in coming weeks. However, the producers have also booked September 15 for a 'very limited release', possibly to fulfill Oscar submission criterion for this year.

Produced by Jaz Multimedia and Eskay movies, starring talismanic Indian actor Irrfan Khan (who is also co-producing) it in the lead and directed by Mostafa Sarwar Farooki, the film had been stuck in a limbo for a long time, after a government film review committee for joint venture productions revoked its no-objection certificate of the film, a day after issuing it in February this year. The film eventually got its censor certificate last month, but by that time it had done a round of the festival circuit - being screened at the Shanghai International Film Festival and the Moscow International Film Festival (where it won the independent Kommersant Jury Award). From those screenings, the film has garnered high praise from top international film magazines like Variety, The Hollywood Reporter and Screen Daily.

"Sometimes words are not enough to express yourself, and a big sigh is what I feel like sums up my feelings," Farooki told The Daily Star about the release date. "A film that contains nothing vulgar, anti-society or anti-state had been held up for so long, and finally it is releasing to the audience who will understand the story better than anyone, is just a big relief for me."

Farooki also explained why they chose the date. "We wanted to make sure Irrfan can be here for the premiere, and he currently has a number of projects going on. Tisha (Nusrat Imrose Tisha, who plays one of the central roles in 'Doob') and I will be on the second leg our festival circuit tour with the film from the end of this month, and it will be a long tour spanning four continents, so considering all of this was the best date for us."

The trailer of the film will be out in the next two weeks, the director also informed, adding that the only song of the film, and other promotional material, will follow. The film's premiere will be attended by Irrfan Khan, and a contest is in the pipeline for the general audience to attend the premiere with the cast and crew.

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MJ's "Thriller" screens in 3D at Venice

Director John Landis says he is still upset by Michael Jackson's death, but a Venice Film Festival screening dedicated to "Thriller" is a chance to celebrate the musician's life.

An enhanced version of the landmark Landis-directed music video, Michael Jackson's "Thriller 3D", is screening alongside a behind-the-scenes documentary that has never been shown in cinemas before.

Landis told reporters in Venice on Monday that Jackson's 2009 death was a tragedy that robbed the world of a brilliant performer. He said: "I was horrified, and I'm still upset about it."

Landis says the backstage documentary about the 1983 video shows Jackson "happy and joyous" and at his creative peak. He says "it's a celebration of Michael I didn't expect, and very emotional for me."

Source: Billboard



Madhuri set to release first English music album

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For years, Bollywood actress Madhuri Dixit has set the hearts beating with her dancing skill.

And now she is set to make debut as a crooner, coming out with her first-ever English language music album "The Film Star".

The EP will be launched with the debut single, "Tu Hai Mera", a special ode from Madhuri to her fans for all the love and support she has received from them over the years and continues to even today.

Music has been a part of my being from the very beginning. I was pretty clear that I wanted to kick-start this new chapter with a sense of celebration and gratitude for my fans who have offered their unrelenting support and all their love no matter what," she said.

So what better way to mark on this journey than by celebrating their appreciation and added the dive.

The new track is a fusion of classical Indian folk music with western pop lyrics and beats, bringing together the East and the West.

"We were able to create something that really speaks to your soul. Our hope is that the audience will appreciate all the hard work our team has put into the project and that it moves them as much as it has affected us," Madhuri added.

"INDIANA JONES 5" will not star Shia LaBeouf



In a surprise to probably no one, "Indiana Jones 5" will not be "Indiana Jones and the Adventures of Indy and Mutt". Indeed, Steven Spielberg and Harrison Ford's return to the franchise with "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" introduced Shia LaBeouf's Mutt as Indy's long-lost son, and the film's ending even had a nod towards Mutt picking up the whip and hat if/when Indy decides to retire. But in speaking with Entertainment Weekly, writer David Koepp who's penning the screenplay for "Indiana Jones 5" confirmed that LaBeouf's character is not involved in the sequel.

Not only was "Crystal Skull" divisive to the point that Spielberg and Co. likely don't want to include any specific threads in its sequel calling audiences' attention to "Crystal Skull", but LaBeouf's audience got pretty publicly candid with his thoughts on the film, which Spielberg was none too pleased to hear. At one point in time Spielberg somewhat mentioned LaBeouf as a young talent, backing him, the star of "Disturbia" and "Transformers", but the two seemed to have had a falling out after "Crystal Skull".

As "Indiana Jones 5" moves along, LaBeouf

isn't the only Indy veteran not involved in the sequel. Koepp previously revealed that George Lucas, who famously dictated the story ideas for all four other Indiana Jones movies, isn't involved in the upcoming one, making it the first sequel where Lucas didn't originate the story.

The film has a July 10, 2020 release date next film and Koepp hopes it will be Spielberg's next film after he releases his drama "The Post" this December.

Source: Collider