

WHAT'S ON

**Pushpo O Mongol Int'l Theatre Festival**  
Organiser: Aranyak Natyadal  
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: Oct 22-28; Time: 7pm



**Theatre**  
Court Martial  
Troupe: Theatre Art Unit  
Venue: Mahila Samity Auditorium  
Date: Oct 26  
Time: 7pm



**Duet Art Exhibition**  
Title: Diversity in Duality 2  
Artists: Abdus Shakoor Shah & Ranjit Das  
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery  
Date: Oct 13-27  
Time: 3-8pm



**Musical Soiree**  
An Evening of Geet & Ghazals  
Artist: Manzurul Islam  
Venue: AFD, Dhanmondi  
Date: Oct 27  
Time: 6:30pm



**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
Title: Mrittika Maya by Samar Majumder  
Venue: La Gallery, AFD  
Date: Oct 13-26  
Time: 3-9pm



## "A Pair of Sandal" at Naples Human Rights Film Fest

Josim Ahmed's iPhone-shot short documentary on Rohnigyas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Freelance journalist and independent filmmaker Josim Ahmed's short documentary "A Pair of Sandal" has been selected at the ninth edition of the Festival del cinema dei Diritti Umani di Napoli (Naples Human Rights Film Festival) to be held next month in Naples, Italy.

The documentary, shot on iPhone, was inspired by a striking image that

also gives the four-minute film its title. Josim Ahmed tells The Daily Star: "We have been planning and doing groundwork for a full-length documentary on the Rohingya crisis for about a year, and we were just scouting locations and taking pictures for documentation in late August when the latest Rohingya exodus had begun. I saw a little child holding up a pair of sandals towards the sky, and it struck me as very allegorical. So my friend and I decided

to shoot some footage with our iPhones, and put them together to show the plight of these ill-fated people, particularly the children."

Acclaimed sound engineer Ripon Nath has provided the background scores and designed the sound for the short and Farid Ahmed is credited as writer. It has no voiceovers or interviews, just some striking footage put together with open captions.

The film was submitted to the Naples

Film Festival committee after the deadline, but the organisers were impressed enough with the film to waive the deadline for the film. It will now compete at the documentary short competition of the festival. The film has also been submitted to the International Film Festival Rotterdam, and is awaiting the final selection.

Josim Ahmed's short film "Daag" premiered earlier this year at the short film corner of the Cannes Film Festival.

## "Doob" to premiere in Kolkata today

A CORRESPONDENT

Mostafa Sarwar Farooki's Bangladesh-India joint-production film "Doob" ("No Bed of Roses") will premiere today at the INOX Theatre at Quest Mall in Kolkata, India.

Earlier on October 22, Farooki posted on his Facebook page that instead of Dhaka, the film will be premiered in Kolkata. He included an explanation of why the film is being premiered in Kolkata.

"The film is a joint production of India and Bangladesh. The film has four main actors, two from Bangladesh and two from India. The director and screenwriter are from Bangladesh. The cinematographer, editor, music director are all Bangladeshi. The story

is Bangladeshi. The locations are in Bangladesh. Shooting was also done in Bangladesh. Now our Indian producers have asked if the premiere is in Bangladesh as well, what do they get?"

"Their statement seems reasonable to us. We have decided to keep the spirit of a joint production film, so the premiere will be held in Kolkata, on the evening of October 26."

Irrfan Khan, Nusrat Imrose Tisha, Parno Mitra, Mostafa Sarwar Farooki, and the film's producers will be present at the premiere.

On October 27, the film will be released in theatres in Bangladesh. In addition to Bangladesh and India, "Doob" will be released in Australia, USA, Singapore, Italy, and France.



## GIRIJA DEVI

PASSES AWAY AT 88

The queen of Thumri bows out



A CORRESPONDENT

Vidushi Girija Devi, the quintessential Thumri Queen of the Seniya Banaras gharana of Indian classical music, passed away on Tuesday night in Kolkata of cardiac arrest. She was 88.

Girija Devi had been suffering from various old-age complications, and had suffered two heart attacks in recent times, hospital authorities informed The Daily Star's Kolkata correspondent.

Born on May 8, 1929 in Varanasi, India, Girija Devi is credited with elevating the profile of Thumri, bearing the flag for the Purabi-ang style of rendition, while also performing folk and semi-classical styled kajri, chaiti, holi, jhulan, bhajan and tappa. She was awarded the Padma Shri in 1972, Padma Bhushan in 1989 and the Padma Bibhushan (2016). She performed in Bangladesh at the inaugural edition of the Bengal Classical Music Festival, and again in 2016. She was scheduled to perform at the MTV India Music Summit in Jaipur on October 27, alongside Pt. Jasraj.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Ram Nath Kovind tweeted condolences and tribute to the legendary artiste, as did India's most eminent musical personalities, including Lata Mangeshkar, Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, Shubha Mudgal, Javed Akhtar and Pankaj Udhhas. Pt. Ajoy Chakrabarty, Ustad Rashid Khan and Bickram Ghosh also mourned the singer's death.

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