

WHAT'S ON

Cultural Event

Title: Bonhishikha's 12th Anniversary

Organisation: Bonhishikha

Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library

Date: November 26; Time: 5:30pm



Group Print Exhibition

Title: Nature Quest

Venue: Gallery Cosmos, H-115, L-6, New DOHS, Mohakhali

Date: Nov 10-30

Time: 11am-8pm



Solo Painting exhibition

Title: Memories Beyond Time

Artist: Syed Jahangir

Venue: Abinta Gallery of fine arts

Date: Nov 11-Dec 01

Time: 10am-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Mystery of Innocence

Artist: Khandkar Nasir Ahammed

Venue: Gallery Chittrak, Rd-6, H-4, Dhanmondi

Date: Nov 24-Dec 8

Time: 10am-8pm



Group Art Exhibition

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Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka

Date: November 17-28

Time: 3pm-8pm



What is Moushumi Hamid up to now?

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One of the busiest actors of her time, Moushumi Hamid is not afraid to demonstrate grit. She is often seen in the shoes of challenging, unglamorous characters, fitting seamlessly into the narrative. The actress is to portray yet another new role in a new play set against the tumultuous backdrop of the Independence War.

Titled "Natoker Juddho, Juddher Natok" and helmed by Sumon Anwar, the self explanatory narrative centres on the iconic March 7 speech delivered by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Out of the thousands roused by the speech is a small town theatre troupe, who decide to stage a play using the event as their central theme. But their aspirations are tested when war breaks out, and their lives become endangered.

"Viewers will see me in a completely different guise. I am doing my best to do the role the justice it deserves," stated Moushumi.

The actress is also involved in a few drama serials currently on air in various TV channels. She plays a role in the BU Shuvo helmed "Life in a Metro," "GaNye Maaney Na Apne Morol" directed by Al Hazen, and "Time" directed by Aniruddho Rasel.

Moushumi Hamid teamed up with director Sumon Anwar again in a play titled "Shukhi Mirganj". Again playing an unconventional role, Moushumi Hamid stated, "The play is about a village, and the lives led by its people." The actress is also slated to begin shooting very soon for another new play by the director titled "Idiot".

"I have worked with Sumon Anwar in a variety of plays, all of which allowed me to explore different facets of acting by portraying different characters. My work has been well received, and I have even played a bandit in one play," she elaborated.

Moushumi's career also extends towards modeling and films, but acting credits in the latter number only a few. However, her performance in the award winning "Jalaler Golpo" garnered accolades at home and abroad. "I receive many film roles, but I will choose a venture when the script appeals to me," she added.



Exhibition of paintings by Shilpacharya concludes

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A 15-day art exhibition of paintings by master artist Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin concluded in the town on November 22.

Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala (art gallery) organised the exhibition themed "Zainul Abedin: An Artist and Art Work" at its hall.

The exhibition featuring the maestro's art work was the first of its kind, said sources.

Teachers and students of eminent educational institutions of the district invited to the exhibition thronged the venue in hundreds.

The educational institutions included Bangladesh Agricultural University, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Fine Arts Institute, Bidhyamoyee Govt Girls School and Mymensingh Zila School

A total of 19 replicas of the original paintings were displayed at the exhibition.

The ever memorable art works sketched by the maestro included subjects such as famine, rural women, snake charmers, beauty of river and nature, storm, tidal upsurge and its victims, farmers, fishermen and Freedom Fighters.

During the exhibition, a video on the life and work of the artist was also screened.

Veteran artist Jugul Kishore Taluker, one of the visitors said, he had an opportunity to meet with Shilpacharya on many occasions and his simple lifestyle and great art works influenced him like many young artists of that time.

Such exhibitions will allow the younger generations to learn about the artist and his world famous works, said Jugul Kishore.

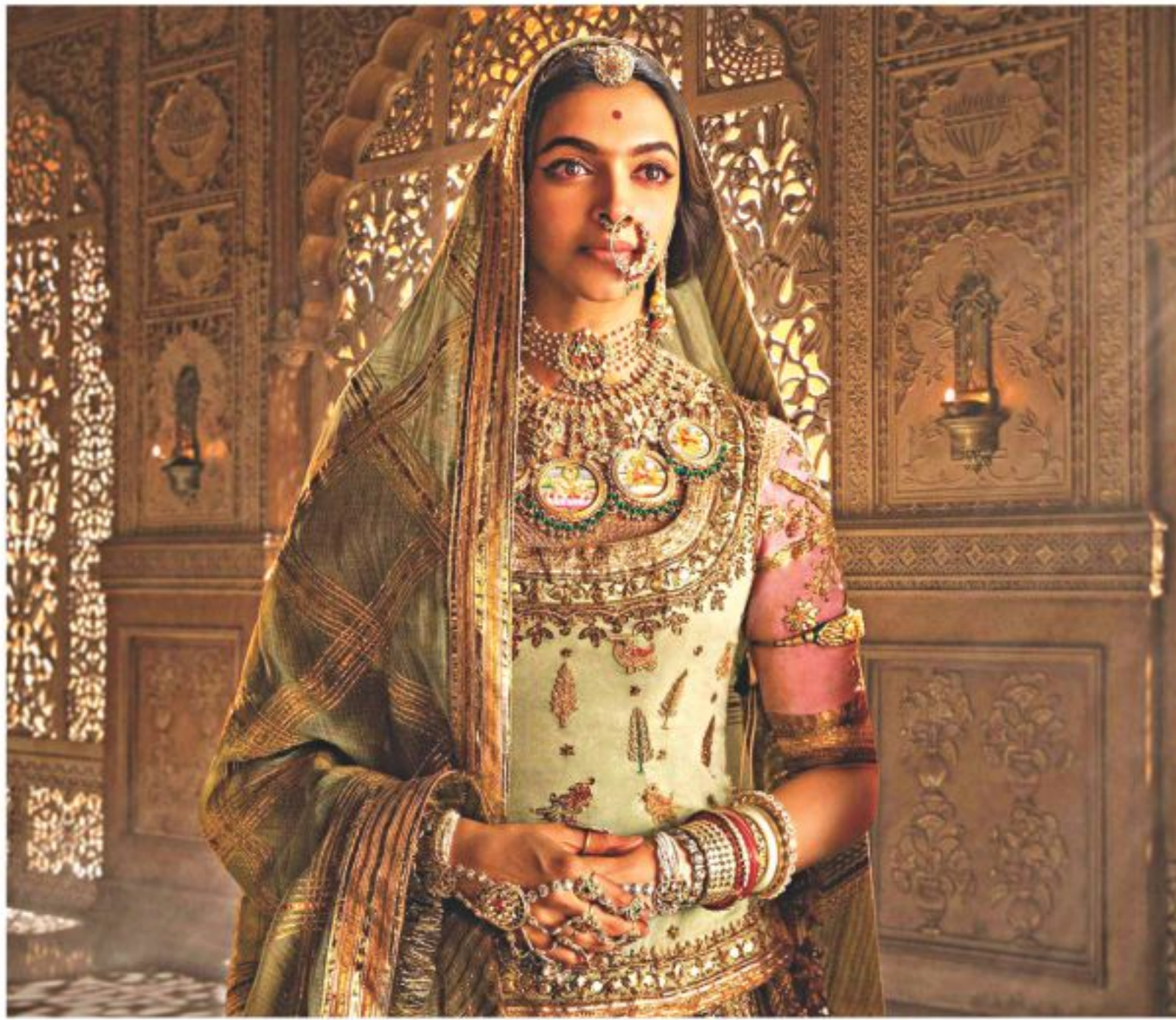
Earlier Mukul Datta, deputy keeper of the art gallery inaugurated the exhibition.

Mohammad Abdur Rouf, principal of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Fine Arts Institute; district cultural officer Arzu Parves; assistant director of district Shishu Academy; artiste Badal Chakraborty; and Sarwar Jahan were present at the inaugural ceremony.

Mukul Datta said they were heartened by the responsive visitors.

"We hope to organise exhibitions regularly and display paintings by master artists of the country including SM Sultan, Qayyum Chowdhury, Shahabuddin Ahmed, Quamrul Hassan, Safiuddin Ahmed, Rafiqun Nabi and Murtoza Bashir to encourage local painters," said Mukul Datta.

Film industry plans 15-minute blackout in support of PADMAVATI



Amid protests against Sanjay Leela Bhansali's upcoming film "Padmavati", the Indian Films and TV Directors' Association (IFTDA), along with 20 other bodies of the film and television industry, is planning a 15-minute blackout in support of the film and "to protect the right to freedom of expression of creative individuals".

Confirming the plan, Ashoke Pandit said: "We will keep showing our support for 'Padmavati' and SLB (Sanjay Leela Bhansali) because it is the basic right of a creative person to tell a story in his own way. Sanjay is a responsible filmmaker, and making a film on history is not something easy for him but a big responsibility. To express our solidarity (with the film), we are gathering on Sunday for a 15-minute blackout where all shooting

units in Mumbai will put off lights and no shootings will take place."

Earlier this month, IFTDA, along with several other cine bodies, came together in support of "Padmavati".

The controversy started with the assumption that there are some intimate scenes between Rajput queen Padmavati and Alauddin Khilji, which could hurt the sentiments of the Rajput community. Thereafter, the Rajput Karni Sena started a protest and threatened the makers of the film to stop its release.

The members of film and television industry will be joining the blackout protest, titled 'Main Azaad Hoon', on November 26 at the Film City main entrance starting 3.30 p.m.

Source: TOI

"Dhaka Attack" goes global

A CORRESPONDENT

After breaking sales records in Bangladesh, the Dipankar Dipon helmed "Dhaka Attack" went onto create waves across international waters. The film is currently being screened in 32 cities belonging to 14 countries across the world.

Four members of the film crew including lead actors Arefin Shuvo and Mahiya Mahi, director Dipankar Dipon and scriptwriter Sunny Sanwar recently returned to the country after a 15-day stint traveling across Europe for the film's screening. The team visited Dubai, Paris, Rome, Ancona, Venice, Gallarate and Zurich to the excitement of the Bengali speaking community abroad.

On the response to the film, scriptwriter Sunny Sanwar stated, "When we saw how successful the film became in Bangladesh, we thought it fair to share it with the rest of the world. The film is being screened with the country's native language subtitles for everyone's enjoyment, but most importantly we wanted Bangladeshis everywhere to feel pride



and share the experience with their brothers at home. It was a great joy for us to witness Bangladeshis entering the cinema halls with their friends to watch the film."

On November 17 and 19, the film was showcased in London's Boleyn Theatre, and its resounding success has prompted the Bengali Film Club UK to screen it again on November 26. Club Director Shadhin Khusrro stated,

"After the success it fetched here, films goers from Cambridge, Oxford, and other places have sent in requests to screen the film in their towns. Though it is not entirely possible, we are looking into it."

The film has been screened in several more UK cities outside London, including Birmingham and Dublin. Beyond the UK, the film has reached Finland, Malaysia, Japan and South Korea.



Bengal Boi has hosted a cultural programme at their premises, featuring folk artistes and their instruments on November 24. The day included Lokogaan and Pala song renditions by Islam Uddin Bayati, Milon Bayati and their troupe, followed by an instrumental performance with Sobuj Ahmed, Shanto Ahmed, and Kamrul Ahmed on the tabla, violin and flute.

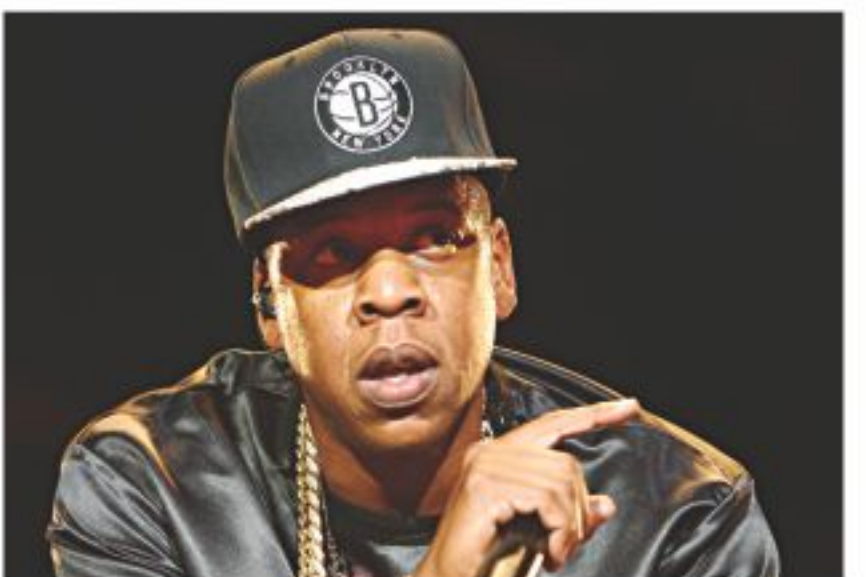
NEWS bytes

JAY-Z shares new music videos

JAY-Z surprised fans with a trio of gifts on Black Friday, sharing three new videos from his "4:44" album. Visuals for "Legacy," "Smile" and "Marcy Me" were released on his streaming service Tidal on November 24, at 4:44pm.

The video for 4:44's closing track, "Legacy," stars Susan Sarandon, Ron Perlman, Jesse Williams, Emile Hirsch and more. It examines the criminal justice system -- a hot topic Jay continues to speak about.

He recently wrote an op-ed in the New



York Times condemning the treatment of his friend and Roc Nation signee Meek Mill. "Probation is a trap and we must fight for Meek and everyone else unjustly sent to prison," he wrote.

The "Smile" video features Jay's mother, Gloria Carter, playing herself, with flashbacks of her as a young woman and mother, while "Marcy Me" shows a police helicopter chase.

The three new clips from "4:44" join the already released "MaNyfaCedGod," "Moonlight," "Adnis," "Kill Jay Z," "BAM," "The Story of O.J." and the title track.

Source: Variety

Cameras roll on "Gambit" next year

After years of anticipation, "Gambit" is finally going to escape development hell. Channing Tatum is still attached to portray Remy LeBeau, Gore Verbinski is attached to helm the long-awaited project, and a release date has now been set for Valentine's Day 2019.

A new report from Omega Underground estimates that, with the film aiming for a February 14,

2019 release, shooting is likely to begin in February and have principal photography run through July of next year. Much of the filming is expected to take place in New Orleans, Louisiana, with other locales such as Paris also possibly appearing as well.

The announcement of the February-July production schedule comes on the heels of other recent reports related to the overall plot

and ensemble of the "Gambit" solo movie. Specifically, it was recently announced that Lizzy Caplan had signed on for the film, though the exact character she will be playing remains unspecified. Aside from Caplan, James Franco is also potentially gearing up to play Jamie Madrox a.k.a Multiple Man in the film as well.

Source: Cinemablend

