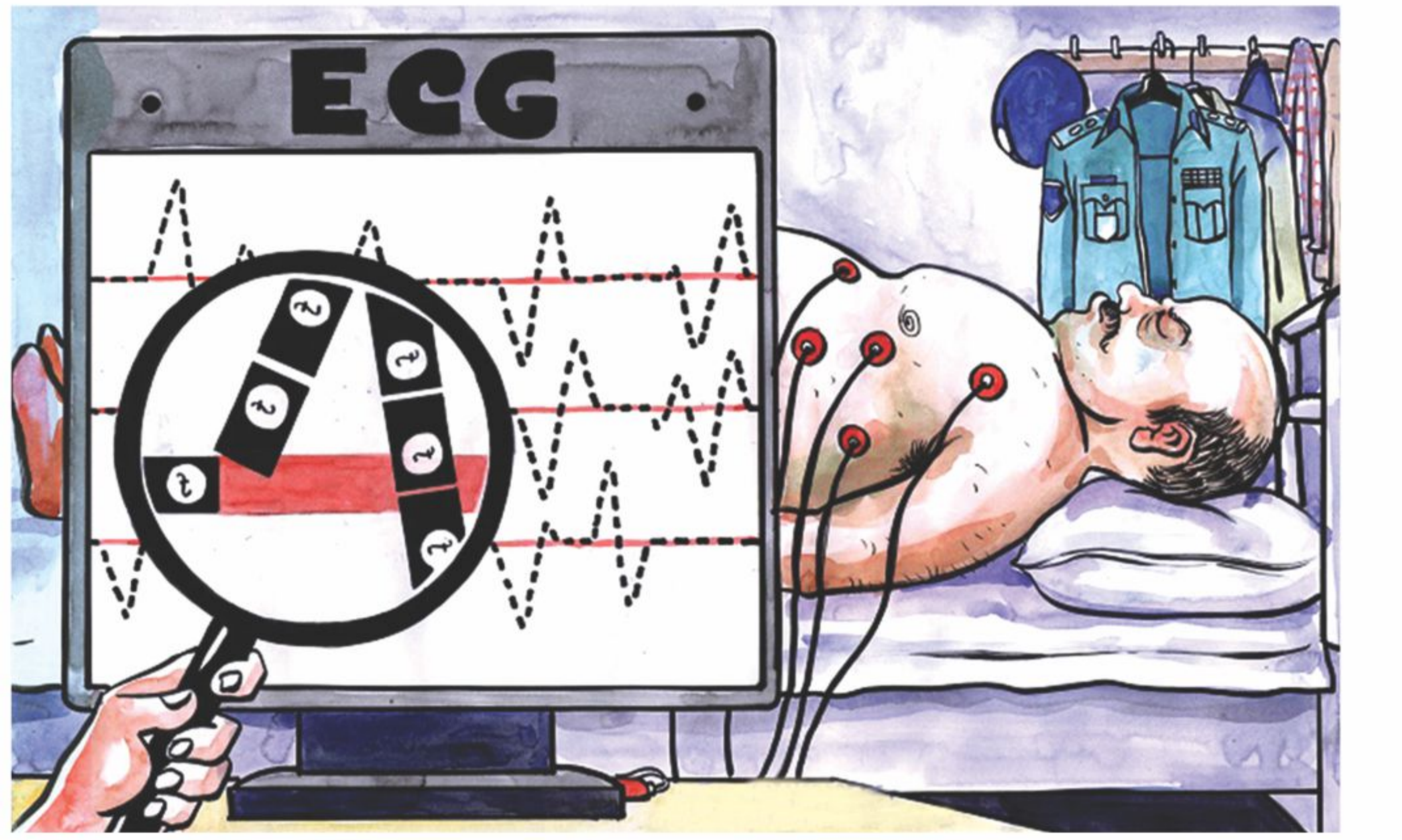


<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Group Painting Exhibition Title: Musings in Watercolor Venue: Edge Galleries, Gulshan-2 Date: Nov 26-Dec 15 Time: 10am-8pm</p>	<p>Solo Photography Exhibition In Limbo Photographer: Suman Paul Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi Date: December 10-21 Time: 9:30am-8pm</p>	<p>Cartoon and Photograph Exhibition Organiser: TIB Venue: Zainul Gallery, Faculty of Fine Arts (DU) Date: Dec 9-15 Time: 12-7pm</p>	<p>Solo Art Exhibition Title: Peace Artist: Proshanta Karmakar Buddha Venue: Gallery Cosmos Date: Dec 08-17 Time: 12am-8pm</p>	<p>Solo Art Exhibition Title: Projection of Identity Artist: A. H. Dhali Tomal Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, Dhanmondi Date: Dec 08-21 Time: 3pm-8pm</p>
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NEWS bytes

"I, Tonya" soars in opening weekend

Margot Robbie-starrer "I, Tonya" has launched with an impressive \$245,602 at four locations in one of the strongest platform openings of the year. The film has been receiving awards recognition for Robbie's portrayal of disgraced figure skater Tonya Harding and Allison Janney's performance of her mother LaVona. The dark comedy centers on Harding's involvement in the attack on rival figure skater Nancy Kerrigan — aimed at breaking Kerrigan's leg so she couldn't compete in the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway. Harding's participation would eventually lead to her being stripped of her 1994 national title and banned for life from the figure skating world. "I, Tonya" is directed by Craig Gillespie and written by Steven Rogers. Sebastian Stan stars as Harding's spouse Jeff Gillooly, with Caitlin



This cartoon by Prosun Halder won the first prize in the Group B of the cartoon competition. PHOTO COURTESY: TIB

Anti-corruption cartoon and photography exhibit underway

TIB's efforts to raise awareness

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 A cartoon and photography exhibition with the theme of anti-corruption is currently underway at the capital's Zainul Gallery (Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University) as part of Transparency International Bangladesh's (TIB) continuing efforts to engage the youth in raising awareness to say no to corruption. TIB introduced the anti-corruption cartoon exhibition back in 2006, and added the photography category in 2015, with this year's exhibition opening on International Anti-Corruption Day (December 9). Apart from being a tool for engagement, sensitization, raising awareness and developing a sense of

responsibility and commitment, the cartoons and photographs are also used in various communication materials for dissemination of anti-corruption messages in field-based civic engagement works on education, health, land, local government and climate change governance. A total of 57 cartoons and 23 photographs are on display at the gallery. This year, 273 cartoonists in two age groups (13-18 and 19-35 years of age) submitted 469 cartoons. Of them, 34 cartoonists will be awarded this year. The photography exhibition, in two categories (professional and amateur) saw 455 entries from 177 photographers. Farhan Labib Hossain, Dahir Al Hossain Mahi and Mahatab Rashid has

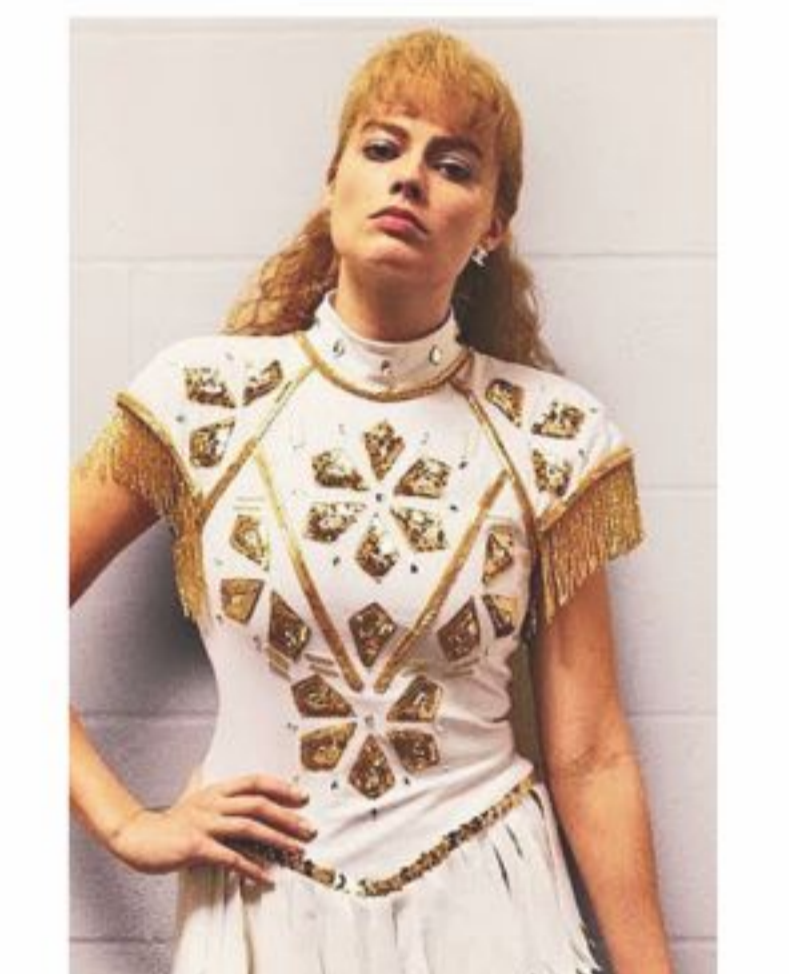
won the first, second and third prize in the age group 13-18 at the cartoon competition, while the 19-35 age group winners are Prosun Halder, Momi Tu Ur Rahman and Md. Naimur Rahman respectively. The photography competition winners are Md. Akhlas Uddin, Sony Rahmany and Mahfuza Anwar respectively. TIB has also published two books of compilations of winning cartoons, as well as producing an anti-corruption animated video and a video game in collaboration with the Bangladesh Cartoonists Association. The exhibition, which is the only largest and only regular cartoon competition/exhibition in the country, continues till December 15.

Poppy to play double role in her next

SHAH ALAM SHAZU
 Three-time National Film Award winning actress Poppy has signed on to work in a new film titled "Turn". Helmed by Shahidul Haque Khan, an enthused Poppy informed The Daily Star that there is much in store for the viewers in terms of her character and the film plot. Shooting for the film is scheduled to kick off at the beginning of next year. The actor is slated to appear in a dual role; as an ordinary woman, and a mentally disabled one. Poppy plays an actor in the film, which allows for the split characterization. "I am always waiting for challenging prospects," stated Poppy, "Turn" offers a beautiful story with a complicated protagonist. Poppy's last film venture was "Shonabondhu", and she is currently awaiting three movie releases titled "Shortcut e Borolok", "Jibon Jontrona", and "Dui Bhai er Juddho." "I play very different roles in each film, and the audience will find something new in each narrative," stated Poppy. The actor won her first National Film Award following her performance in "Karagar", directed by Kalam Kaiser. Her second win was for her role in "Megher Koley Rodh",



directed by Nargis Akhter, followed by another victory for the film "Gangajatra" helmed by Syed Wahiduzzaman Diamond. Despite her track record, Poppy is not among the most often-seen actors on the big screen. "I receive numerous film offers, but I'm very selective about the script, as well as the character I portray," she explained. That being said, the artiste has high hopes for "Turn". "I believe it does not matter how many films you take up as long as your performances are memorable, and that's why artistes are remembered," she said. Aside from a busy acting career, Poppy is also a working committee member of Bangladesh Film Artists' Association.



Carver portraying Kerrigan. Paul Walter Hauser, Julianne Nicholson, Bojana Novakovic, and Bobby Cannavale also appear in the movie. Another awards contender, James Franco's "The Disaster Artist" opened in a limited release last weekend with \$1.2 million at 19 locations. The comedy-drama finished fourth this weekend with \$6.4 million as it expanded. Source: Variety

Stage play about Harijans in M'Singh

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

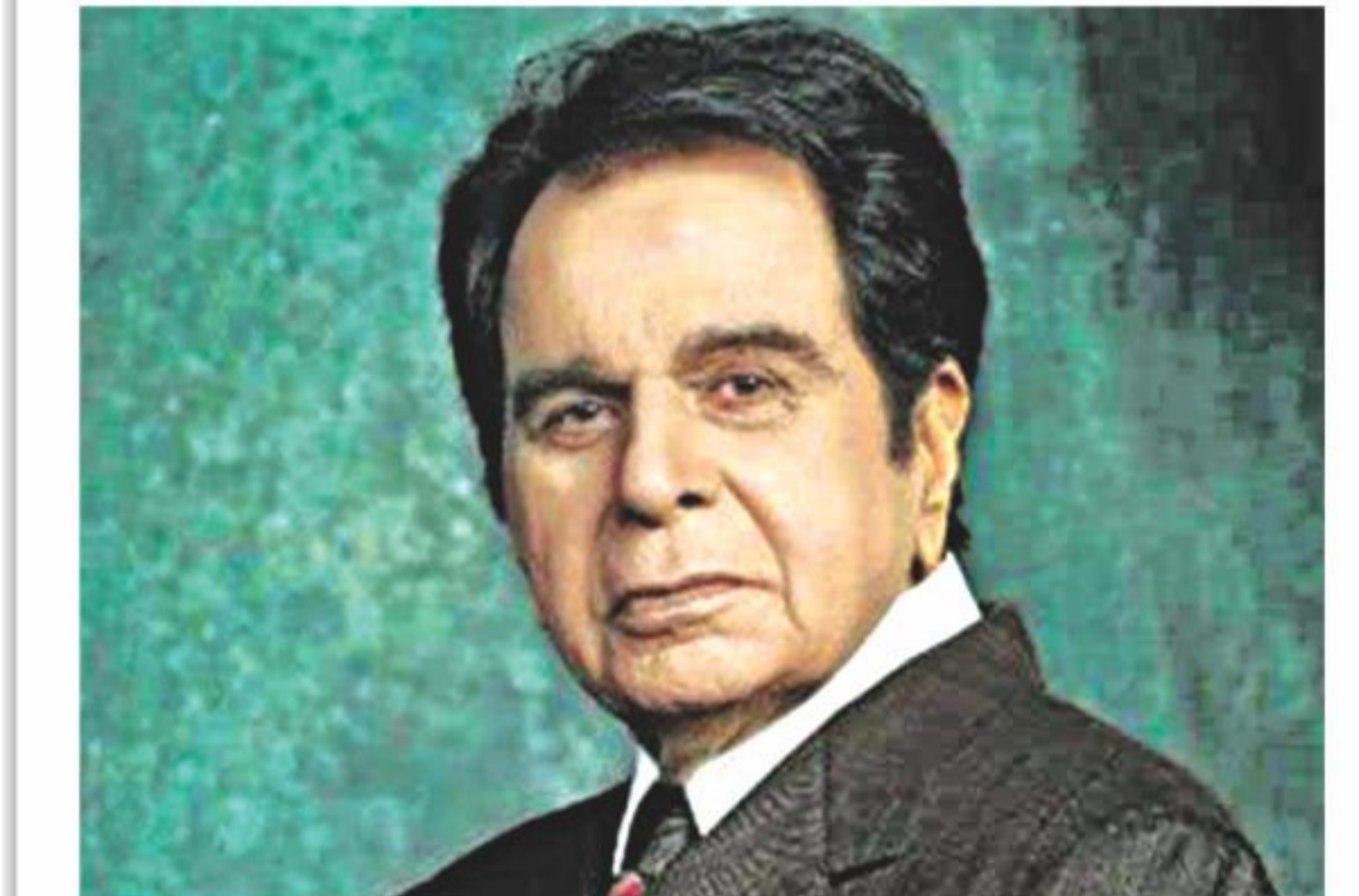
A play about the life and struggle of Harijans, a secluded caste of the Hindu community was brought on stage by Sareng Theatre, a prominent theatre troupe of Mymensingh over the past weekend. Written by Nizam Mallik Nizu, a journalist and writer, the play titled "Monkaya" was directed by Aminul Hasan, also a journalist. This was the second show of the play and 33rd stage performance of the troupe, said AKM Mamunul Haque Biplob, president of the group. The cast of the play were Sanchita Chowdhury, Delwar Kabir Dulal, Chaity Chowdhury, Amir Hossain, Sushmita Chowdhury, Anwar Hossain and Sayeeda Binte Hamid. About the play, Nizam Mallik said: "This is the first theatre production in Mymensingh on the struggle of Harijans, their inhuman conditions and also repression and



oppression by different quarters of the so-called civilized society. "The overwhelming response to the first show prompted us to stage the play again on Friday evening. Once again we received a very posi-

tive response and this inspires us to do more work on different social issues prevailing for centuries," said Nizam Mallik. Earlier, at a discussion marking the event, speakers pointed out that

not merely were the grief and sorrows of Harijans depicted in the play but their traditional festivals with dances also revealed their rich cultural heritage that had survived for centuries.



DILIP KUMAR TURNS 95

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

For Bollywood legend and actor Dilip Kumar, it was the same time of the year today but with a difference. Last year, he spent his birthday in a hospital in Mumbai but this as he turned 95 on Monday, the legendary Indian actor is at his home in Mumbai and may get a chance to be treated by his wife Saira Banu to a cake and his favourite delicacies: biryani and potentially some vanilla ice cream to celebrate the occasion at their home. Banu told the media that she is not planning any birthday party this time as Kumar is still recovering from a bout of pneumonia. "He loves biryani and that will be made for him but I will give him only a little as he is unwell. He is also fond of vanilla ice cream; I will ask the doctors if we can give him a little bit of that too. Then, of course, we will have a birthday cake. We will not have a grand birthday party as he is not keeping well. The immune system is not so good after he was down with pneumonia. I cannot let him exert now," she said. According to the actress-wife of Dilip Kumar, "He is not a materialistic man. He doesn't like expensive gifts. My one consistent gift to him every year is my love, which keeps intensifying." Banu said she feels blessed that so many people send their best wishes and pray for Kumar's well-being. "It is going to be his 95th birthday. I know lakhs of people wish and pray for his good health and it touches my heart. To see so much love and respect for his heart-warming, I thank the lord for being so kind." Dilip Kumar has been in and out of the hospital for the past few years. In December last year, he celebrated his 94th birthday in hospital where he was being treated for fever and a swollen leg. Recipient of Indian government's prestigious honours Padma Vibhushan in 2015, Padma Bhushan in 1991 and Indian cinema's highest recognition Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1994, Dilip Kumar is best known for his roles in films like "Madhumati", "Devdas", "Mughal-e-Azam", "Ganga Aur Jamuna", "Ram Aur Shyam" and "Naya Daur".

U2 leads album top-chart with "Songs of Experience"

Irish rock legends U2 achieves its eighth No. 1 album on the Billboard 200 chart, as the rock band's new "Songs of Experience" debuts atop the tally. The set bows with 186,000 equivalent album units earned in the week ending December 7, according to Nielsen Music. Of that sum, 180,000 were in traditional album sales.

"Songs of Experience" nets the biggest week for a rock album in 2017, both in terms of overall units, as well as album sales. The last rock set to log a larger frame was Metallica's "Hardwired... To Self-Destruct", which launched at No. 1 on the December 10, 2016-dated chart. The Billboard 200 chart ranks the most popular albums of the week in

the US based on multi-metric consumption, which includes traditional album sales, track equivalent albums (TEA) and streaming equivalent albums (SEA). The album is a companion album to the band's last studio effort, 2014's "Songs of Innocence". The latter title was initially released as a free download exclusively

through Apple's iTunes program on September 9, 2014. U2 last topped the Billboard 200 with 2009's "No Line on the Horizon", which bowed with 484,000 copies sold in its first week, according to Nielsen Music. In total, U2 has now led the Billboard 200 with "Songs of Experience", "No Line on the Horizon", "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb" (2004), "Pop" (1997), "Zooropa" (1993), "Achtung Baby" (1991), the "Rattle and Hum" soundtrack (1988) and "The Joshua Tree" (1987). It is also the seventh rock album to lead the Billboard 200 in 2017, following albums from The Killers, Foo Fighters, LCD Soundsystem, Brand New, Arcade Fire and Linkin Park. With it U2 is also just the fourth act — and only group — to have earned No. 1s in the 1980s, 1990s, 2000s and 2010s, following Janet Jackson, Bruce Springsteen and Barbara Streisand. Source: Billboard

