

WHAT'S ON

Bengal Classical Music Festival
 Organiser: Bengal Foundation
 Venue: Abahani Field
 Date: December 26-30
 Time: 6pm onwards



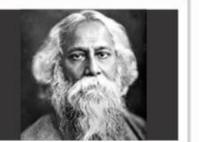
Solo Photography Exhibition
 In Limbo
 Photographer: Suman Paul
 Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi
 Date: December 10-21
 Time: 9:30am-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition
 Projection of Identity
 Artist: AH Dhali Tomal
 Venue: Shilpangan Gallery Dhanmondi
 Date: December 8-21
 Time: 12-8pm



National Rabindra Sangeet Festival
 Organiser: BRSSS
 Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Public Library
 Date: Dec 20-23, Time: 6pm



Solo Art Exhibition
 Beyond the Insignificant
 Artist: Tasadduk Hossain Dulu
 Venue: Kala Kendra
 Date: Dec 15-Jan 6
 Time: 5-8pm



NEWS bytes

Sheeran has a James Bond theme written

Fresh from the release of his middling collaboration with Eminem, Ed Sheeran says he has written a song for James Bond. In a recent appearance on Ireland's "The Late Late Show", the songwriter said that he's not only had his own theme for the franchise written "for about three years," but also that, oddly, no one in the movie industry has yet approached him about the opportunity.



"With Bond, I've had a theme tune written for about three years, just in case," he said jokingly. When asked about the song's title, he says he's "not going to say 'cause someone might steal it."

Ed Sheeran has had a good year, coming back from a hiatus to release his latest album "+" and was on the charts with songs like "Shape of You", "Castle on the Hill" and "Galway Girl". His most recent work released was in rap icon Eminem's latest album "Revival" with the song "River", to add to his list of studio and live collaborations of the year which included Beyonce and Taylor Swift.

Source: **Billboard**



TANZIR TUHIN forms new band Avash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tanzir Tuhin, the long-standing but now-former vocal of popular rock band Shironamhin, has formed a new band titled Avash. The popular musician made the announcement through a Facebook post with members of his new band - Suman (guitar), Raju (bass), Rinku (drums) and Shaon (keys).

Talking to The Daily Star, Tuhin said "I

have been away from music because of health issues, as per doctor's recommendation. When the doctor told me I can go back on stage, I found some friends and fellow musicians to start this new project."

About the band's activities, the vocalist said "We are jamming together now, and also working on our material. Hopefully by January or February you can hear us." Asked about his associa-

tion with Shironamhin, a smiling Tuhin said "I am with Shironamhin as a listener, just like you."

Tuhin, who had been the vocal of Shironamhin since its inception, announced on October 6 that he was leaving the band, due to internal issues. The band has recruited a new vocal, and released a new song titled "Jadukor" with the new lineup on December 7.

Mamo to spend birthday with mother



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Popular TV and film actress Zakia Bari Mamo, who is celebrating her birthday today, has cleared all shooting schedules for the day to have some time for herself.

Mamo plans to visit her mother on the occasion, and spend time with her. "My birthday is not just a special day for myself but also for my mother, because she became a mother through my birth. I want to be by her side on this happy day."

"I am glad I don't have any shooting schedules on the day. Usually I

cannot avoid a date on my birthdays, but it's good to have the day to myself," Mamo told The Daily Star.

The actor gets a lot of phone calls and gifts on her birthday, but doesn't have a special affinity towards any particular gift. "There is no bigger gift than blessings of loved ones," she says.

Mamo won a national film award with her debut film "Daruchini Dweep", and has since grown from strength to strength as an actor both on the small screen and big. The actress recently completed shooting for a film titled "Albanu" and is busy with a number of TV projects.

PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED



Sanjay Dutt begins shooting "Torbaaz" in Kyrgyzstan

Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt has begun filming for his new film "Torbaaz" in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. "New day, new film. Torbaaz," Sanjay tweeted along with two photographs.

In one, he is seen praying with folded hands in front of a picture of the Hindu God Ganesha. He is surrounded by the crew members of the movie.

The film's director Girish Malik had earlier revealed that there will be three leading ladies in the film, adding that some international actors were being sought after for two of the roles.

The action-thriller set in Afghanistan is a story about child suicide bombers. Sanjay Dutt will be playing a father to a young child in the film.

Source: **TOI, Deccan Chronicles**



DU Natya Sangsad traveling to India with "Kakcharitra"



A CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University Natya Sangsad, the only platform of the university's students' theatre practice, is traveling to India with their maiden production. The troupe left Dhaka for North Bengal's (India) Jhargram yesterday, where they will stage their production "Kakcharitra" on the closing day of the 'Anandan Natyamela 2017'.

The play, written by Manoj Mitra and directed by Shubhra Goswami, premiered on December 9 at the TSC Auditorium of Dhaka University (DU).

General Secretary of the troupe Rafiqul Alam Shabuj expressed hopes of staging the play at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and other venues after their return.

BBC orders Harvey Weinstein feature documentary

A closer look at Hollywood's dark underbelly

British public broadcaster BBC has ordered a feature-length documentary on Harvey Weinstein's rise and fall, including interviews with "the many actresses who have been brave enough to tell their stories" sexual harassment and assault scandal, as well as producers, directors, actors, agents, lawyers, journalists and others.

The 90-minute film, directed by Ursula MacFarlane ("Charlie Hebdo: Three Days that Shook Paris"), has the working title "Weinstein" and will air on BBC Two, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

Production company Lightbox and Emmy Award winner Jonathan Chinn said it wants the documentary to tell "the definitive story of Weinstein's career, fall from grace and Hollywood's culture of abuse."

Through the prism of Weinstein's career and the sexual harassment and assault scandal, the film will also look at

the history of Hollywood and "dive into the complex mix of money, power, exploitation and abuse that developed with the emergence of the studio system in the 1930s" to uncover "the culture of fear and abuse that permeates Hollywood."

Tom McDonald, head of commissioning, natural history and specialist factual at the BBC, said that the project "promises to be the definitive take on the Weinstein scandal."

The BBC didn't immediately set an air date, but the expectation is for the docu-



mentary to be broadcast in Britain some time in 2018.

The Weinstein scandal, which was exposed by early October reports published in The New York Times and The New Yorker, opened the floodgates for women, and men, to come forward and share their stories of sexual misconduct, harassment and assault. Salma Hayek recently added her name to the list of 80-plus accusers who have spoken out against the disgraced mogul.

Source: **THR**