

# Shilpacharya's birth anniversary celebrated in Mymensingh

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Marking the 103rd birth anniversary of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin, seven-day programmes were held in the town Friday afternoon.

Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala (art gallery) organised a discussion at its auditorium. The celebration also included a seven-day painting exhibition by the children of Zainul Charupith, folk-fair and cultural programmes.

Famous artist Prof. Hashem Khan, chairman of Bangladesh National Museum Board of Trustees attended the programme as chief guest.

Architect and art critic Md Rabiul Husain, member of Bangladesh National Museum Board of Trustees; Prof Afzal Rahman, head of Bengali Department of Netrakona Govt College; eminent photographer MA Taher and Nihar Ranjan Das, deputy general manager of BSCIC were special guests.

Additional deputy commissioner (Education and ICT) of Mymensingh Sheikh Mohammad Belayet Hossain presided over the event. The art gallery also organised an art competition for the children on December 22 marking the occasion.

Children of different educational institutions of Mymensingh town and its outside took part in an art competition. Some 130 children from first to tenth grade participated in the competition in four groups.

The subjects of the competition included

"Portrait of Shilpacharya", "Winter Morning", "War of Liberation" and "Open Choice". Mukul Datta, deputy keeper of the art gallery inaugurated the competition. Mohammad Abdur Rouf, principal of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Fine Arts Institute; and artists-Badal Chakraborty, Kamruzzaman Swapon, Neel Komol and Habibur Rahman were present on the occasion.

The guests distributed prizes among the winners of art competition and certificates among all the participants.

Zainul, one of Bangladesh's art father figures, was born in Mymensingh on December 29 in 1914. He studied at Mritunjay

School in Mymensingh and at Government School of Art in Kolkata and graduated with a first class degree in 1938. After graduation he joined the same institution as a teacher.

Since his boyhood, Zainul was more interested in drawing than studies and was greatly inspired by the river Old Brahmaputra and its surrounding countryside that was later reflected in a series of his watercolor drawings, paying earnest devotion to the river.

The sketches on Bengal famine of the 1940s are probably his most characteristic work. He is revered with honour as Shilpacharya (Great Teacher of the Arts) in Bangladesh for his artistic and visionary qualities.



PHOTO: STARS

## Alicia Vikander, Gal Gadot, Chris Hemsworth among '18 Golden Globe presenters

Alicia Vikander, Carol Burnett, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, and Shirley MacLaine are among the stars set as presenters for the 75th annual Golden Globe Awards telecast on January 7.

Additional celebrity presenters for the award night include: Emma

Watson, Kerry Washington, Seth Rogen, JK Simmons, Edgar Ramirez, Sharon Stone, Amy Poehler, Ricky Martin, Chris Hemsworth, Greta Gerwig, Halle Berry, Kelly Clarkson, Darren Criss, Penelope Cruz, Gal Gadot, Hugh Grant, Neil Patrick Harris, Christina Hendricks, Isabelle Huppert, and Sarah Jessica Parker.

The three-hour ceremony at the Beverly Hilton will be hosted by Seth Meyers and air live on NBC. Vikander is a two-time Globe nominee, most recently for 2015's "The Danish Girl", for which she won a supporting actress Oscar. Burnett has five Globe trophies, the last of which came in 1978 for her work on CBS' "The Carol Burnett Show".

MacLaine has been a Globes darling for decades. The first of her six wins came in 1955 when she was voted "most promising" female newcomer by Hollywood Foreign Press Association members. MacLaine was also feted with the og's Cecil B. DeMille lifetime

achievement kudo in 1998.

Next month's Globes tele



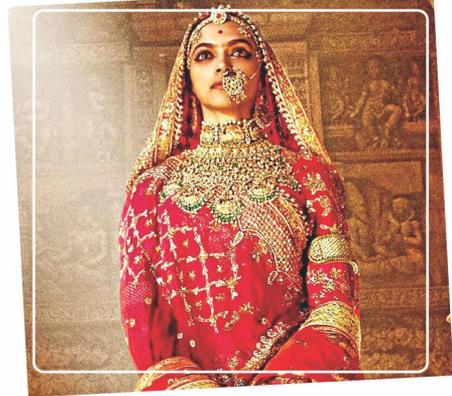
cast might be a more somber affair than in years past.

It will be the first live awards event to air

since the turmoil in Hollywood erupted in October with sexual harassment allegations leveled against powerful men including Harvey Weinstein

n, Kevin Spacey, Louis CK, Dustin Hoffman, and others.

There's also a budding social media push to encourage women to wear black to the ceremony in a sign of solidarity with women who have come forward with



## Indian censor board clears "Padmavati" with UA certificate

### Title change likely for Bhanjali's Deepika-starrer

Sanjay Leela Bhanjali's much-talked about film starring Deepika Padukone could be called "Padmavat" instead of "Padmavati", as it is one of the suggestions made by India's Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) to the makers of the film. The film is said to be based on the epic sixteenth-century poem "Padmavat" by poet Malik Muhammad Jayasi.

The examining committee constituted by the CBFC, popularly known as the Censor Board, had a meeting on December 28 where it decided to give the film the UA certificate with minor modifications. However, some TV channels ran the news that the board has suggested for 26 changes in the film including a change in the title.

"Padmavati" ran into trouble right from the beginning when its director Sanjay Leela Bhanjali started shooting in Jaipur in March-April this year with Deepika

Padukone, Ranveer Singh and Shahid Kapoor in pivotal roles. Bhanjali was slapped and assaulted on the film's sets by the members of Karni Sena who staged an angry protest at Jaigarh fort in Jaipur where Bhanjali was shooting for the film. In a video that went viral, protesters were seen running amok, damaging cameras and other shooting equipment while raising slogans and spewing abuses in Hindi.

Later, many Rajput groups had staged violent protests, allegedly over rumours that Bhanjali included a romantic scene between the queen and Alauddin Khilji, the Delhi emperor who attacked Mewar's capital Chittorgarh. Their protests intensified after the release of the film's trailer on October 9. Currently, five Indian states have banned the film from releasing.

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