



Kathak dance graces Dhaka!

A Kathak dance programme was held at the Bangladesh National Museum located in the capital's Shahbagh this week. The programme featured Munmun Ahmed, an advocate of this dance form in Bangladesh and the students of the Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre. As previously revealed in a press release, the High Commission of India in Dhaka was the organizer of this event.

Munmun Ahmed, a teacher of Kathak dance at the India Gandhi Cultural Centre, has recently conducted a six-month course of Kathak dance at the premises of the High Commission of India. The dance programme preceded a certificate awarding ceremony for the Kathak dance students. The certificates were handed over to the receivers by our Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor and the Indian High Commissioner to Dhaka Harsh Vardhan Shringla.



Bangladeshi jury member at the Berlin International Film Festival 2018

Noted Bangladeshi film critic, President of the Rainbow Film Society and the Director of the Dhaka International Film Festival, Ahmed Muztaba Zamal, is going attend the forthcoming 68th Berlin Film Festival (Berlinale) as a FIPRESCI jury member. This is the third time he is assuming the role of a jury member at the festival.

Over the years, Zamal has attended many noteworthy film festivals like Cannes, Berlinale, and Venice as International, FIPRESCI and Netpac (Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema) jury. Zamal attended the Berlinale for the first time in 1998 as a FIPRESCI jury member. That year, his jury took a brave decision of promoting upcoming directors by awarding them instead of giving all the awards to one flawless film. The 68th Berlin International Film Festival will take place from February 15-25, 2018.

Basic Ali to court Peya Bipasha

The popular TV series aired on Channel i, Basic Ali, adapted from the cartoon strip by the same name which is regularly published in Prothom Alo, has been renewed for its third season. The new season has seen a few changes, including the previous director being replaced by Gautamkoiri. Additionally, Peya Bipasha has replaced Sabila Nur as the character of Riya, while actor Fahim has assumed the role of Magic.

The shooting of the first few episodes ended this week in Uttara. The remaining episodes will be shot in February. Sharier Khan, the cartoonist of Basic Ali said, "The new season will be more entertaining than the previous ones. This season will feature a lot of romantic scenes between Basic Ali and Riya. Basically, it's going to showcase how the due fell in love." The new season will be aired on 23rd February 2018.

