

WHAT'S ON

Amar Ekushey Book Fair
Organiser: Bangla Academy
Venue: Suhrawardy Udyan & Bangla Academy Premises
Date: Feb 1-28
Time: 3-9pm (Sun-Thurs), 11am-9pm (Fri-Sat)

Classical Guitar Concert
Flaming Acoustics
Organiser: AFD
Venue: Nouvelle Vague, AFD
Date: Feb 17
Time: 6pm-7:30pm

CD Lunching Ceremony
Title: Bhul Kore Bhalobeshechi
Singer: Fahmida Nobi
Venue: Bengal Boi
Date: Feb 15; Time: 7pm

Subtext
Organiser: Bengal Foundation Arts Programme
Venue: Gyantapas Abur Razzak Bidyapeeth
Date: Feb 4-24
Time: 11am-7pm

Solo Painting and Craft Exhibition
Title: Beautiful Anger
Artist: Rubina Akhter
Venue: Gallery Twenty One
Date: Feb 7-23; Time: 12pm-8pm



Cast and crew of the film at the press conference.

PHOTO: STAR

Anwara Bahar Chowdhury's birth centenary observed

ROKON SHAHRIAR

Noted educationist, writer and cultural activist Anwara Bahar Chowdhury's birth centenary was observed on February 13 at the Sufia Kamal Auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum.

The evening began with the screening of a documentary made by Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury on the life and achievements of his mother Anwara Bahar Chowdhury. Nasreen Shams, eldest daughter of Anwara Bahar Chowdhury, then sang "Tumi Kon Kanoner Phool", followed by Sadi Mohammad's rendition of "Tumi Ki Keboli Chhobi". Shama Rahman sang "Modhuro Tomar Shesh Ja Nai Pai".

Prominent personalities remembered Anwara Bahar Chowdhury and her achievements and sacrifices at the memorial programme. "Anwar Bahar Chowdhury helped create a culturally rich nation by patronizing women's education and motivating cultural activities for

teacher; "Only then we could see how much she did for the society," he said.

"Anwara Bahar Chowdhury was one of those persons who did for the society more than they did for themselves," said Professor Dr. Anisuzzaman. The struggle she had to undergo taking care of her husband and eminent political personality Habibullah Bahar Chowdhury - who was ailing for thirteen years - and looking after four children was remarkable, he added.

Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury concluded the programme with recitation of a poem by Anwara Bahar Chowdhury and thanking all who attended the event.

Born on 13th February in 1918 to a noble Muslim family, Anwara Bahar Chowdhury became a torch-bearer of female education. After obtaining a BA degree with first division and then passing BT, a graduation in teaching she started her career as a teacher. She worked as the headmistress of four prominent schools - Sakhawat Memorial Girls' School in



Guests at the memorial programme.

PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

them," Professor Rafiqul Islam said.

Pranotosh Bandyopadhyay, a social worker from West Bengal, India said he was happy as the celebration of Bashanta had coincided with Anwara Bahar Chowdhury's birthday celebration.

Professor Dr. Parvin Hasan said: Anwara Bahar Chowdhury was a simple person, yet did remarkable work for the society. She maintained a family bond despite her busy life as a teacher and social worker.

Mafidul Haque proposed that an alumni association be formed by those who got Anwara Bahar Chowdhury as a

Kolkata, Kamrunnesa Girls' High School in Dhaka, Bangla Bazar Government Girls' High School in Dhaka and Vidyamoyee Girls' High School in Mymensingh. She also worked as a Special Officer for Women's Education in the Education Directorate. Chowdhury became Secretary of Anjuman-e-Khawatin-e-Islam, or the All Bengal Muslim Women's Association established by Begum Rokeya. She was one of the founders of Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts (BAFA), and wrote books for children. Her collection of poems, "Amar Chetonar Rang" was published just before she passed away on October 27, 1987.

TANVIR MOKAMMEL

announces new film

"Rupsa Nodi'r BaNke" to chronicle life of a leftist politician

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Eminent Bangladeshi filmmaker Tanvir Mokammel is all set to begin work on a historical feature film titled "Rupsa Nodi'r BaNke" (English title "Quiet Flows the River Rupsa"). The filmmaker announced his latest big screen project in a press conference at the Bangladesh Film Institute on Tuesday.

The film, which chronicles the life of a leftist politician who was killed by Razakars during the 1971 Liberation War, will begin principal photography later this month in Khulna, and will also shoot in Dhaka Central Jail, Tangail and Comilla. The film is expected to complete production in July and is slated for a December 2018 release, Mokammel

informed at the press conference.

The film, which has a government grant of 50,00,000 taka, is also running a crowd-funding campaign to raise another 46,00,000 taka to fulfill its budget. The two-hour film has cast Zahid Hossain Shovon, Ramendu Mazumdar, Khairul Alam Sabuj, Ataur Rahman, Chitralekha Guha, Keramat Mowla, Jhuna Chowdhury, Rajib Salehin, Naziba Basher, Masum Basher, Bijon Sarkar, Baishakhi Ghosh and others in its various roles.

Uttam Guha will be the chief assistant director and art director for the project, while Syed Sabab Ali Arzu and Rana Masud are assistant directors. Arzu will also direct music for it, while Mahfuzur Rahman Khan will serve as DOP, and Chitralekha Guha as cast-

ing and costume director. Adnan Ahmed Imtiaz will serve as executive producer for the film, which is being produced under the banner of Kino-Eye Films.

Tanvir Mokammel, an Ekushey Padak laureate with nine National Film Awards to his credit, is equally prolific as a feature and documentary filmmaker and has a penchant for historical films. His most notable works include features "Nodi'r Naam Modhumoti" (1995), "Chitra Nodi'r Paare" (1999), "Lalsalu" (2001), "Lalon" (2004), "Rabeya" (2008) and "Jibondhuli" (2014), while some of his most remarkable documentaries include "Smriti Ekattor" (1991), "Karnaphuli'r Kanna" (2005), "1971" (2011) and his most latest work "Seemantorekha" (2017).

NEWS bytes



Swift shakes off copyright lawsuit

Taylor Swift's song about players playing and haters hating doesn't infringe on an earlier work addressing the same catchy behavior, a California federal judge ruled Tuesday.

The songwriters behind 3LW's 2001 hit "Playas Gon' Play" sued Swift in September, claiming "Shake It Off" infringes on their lyrics. At the time, a rep for the superstar said the complaint was nothing more than a ridiculous money grab.

US District Judge Michael Fitzgerald granted Swift's motion to dismiss the suit but is giving plaintiffs Sean Hall and Nathan Butler one shot to amend their complaint by February 26.

There's no dispute over whether Hall and Butler owned their lyrics, or that Swift's team had access to the song. There's also no allegation of copying the underlying musical composition. So Fitzgerald's analysis centers on whether there is substantial similarity between protectable lyrics.

Fitzgerald seems unconvinced Hall and Butler will be able to change his mind in the future, but he's allowing them to amend their complaint in case they intend to allege other similarities between the two works.

Source: Variety

National Anthem competition held in Pabna

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

An exceptional competition of singing the National Anthem among the students was held at the Ishwardi upazila nirbahi office in Pabna on Monday, to promote proper singing of the anthem in educational institutions.

Students of all educational institutions located in Ishwardi municipality and the seven unions of the upazila participated in the competition held at the upazila parishad auditorium. Participants performed national anthem in solo and chorus.

Among primary schools, Gokulnagar government primary school; Sara Marwari School and College in secondary level; and Ishwardi Government College became champion for chorus performance of the National Anthem.

Ishwardi upazila nirbahi officer Nasrin Akter chaired a discussion, while vice chairman of Ishwardi upazila parishad Mahamuda Begum, and three union parishad chairmen spoke on the occasion.

The speakers stressed on the need to sing National Anthem flawlessly for the sake of upholding the spirit of nationalism.



PHOTO: STAR

Tessa Thompson

to play notorious jewel thief Doris Payne

Fresh off of her role as a bounty hunter in "Thor: Ragnarok", Tessa Thompson is set to portray another renegade in an upcoming project for Lionsgate's Codeblack Films: notorious jewel thief Doris Payne.

Thompson will both star in and co-produce the film about the now-87-year-old jewel thief, who has reportedly committed countless robberies and whose criminal career has spanned six decades, The Hollywood Reporter confirmed Tuesday. Codeblack's Jeff Clanagan will also be producing after the company acquired Payne's life rights.

Payne has shoplifted from high-end stores since the 1950s, often by posing as a well-off woman who wore designer handbags and was armed with a back-story. She has used at least 32 aliases, according to a recent count, 11 different Social Security numbers and nine different passports to pull off her crimes. Most recently, in 2017, Payne was caught shoplifting \$86.22 worth of merchandise from a Walmart in Georgia while wearing an ankle bracelet from a previous arrest.

Her life has previously been the subject of the 2013 documentary "The Life and Crimes of Doris Payne", from Treehouse Moving Images.

Thompson can be seen in the upcoming Alex Garland-directed sci-fi film "Annihilation", as well as the in-the-works sequel to the 2015 film "Creed", directed by Steven Caple, Jr., and IFC Films' road comedy "Furrough" alongside Melissa Leo.

Source: Hollywood Reporter

SANJAY DUTT

is back as a gangster

Sanjay Dutt returns as the gangster in "Saheb Biwi Aur Gangster 3" and the look is ever-too-familiar for his fans. The actor, once an industry leader in such roles, and he doesn't disappoint on his return. Looking intense, he sits on a plush sofa, looking away from the camera in the first look of the film.

Revealing the first look of Sanjay Dutt from the film, makers of the film also announced the release date for the film - that also stars Chitrangada Singh, Jimmy Shergill and Mahie Gill. The film will hit theatres on July 27.

Sharing the news, trade analyst Taran Adarsh tweeted, "#SahebBiwiAurGangster3 to release on the eve of Sanjay Dutt's birthday: 27 July 2018."

The film is the third in the "Saheb Biwi Aur Gangster" franchise by Tigmanshu Dhulia. The first film, made in 2011, saw Randeep Hooda essaying the negative role while Irrfan Khan was roped in for the next one. Dutt will now play the negative role in the third film.

Sanjay Dutt made a name for himself playing grey characters in films such as "Khalnayak" (1993), "Vaastav" (1999), "Kaante" (2002), "Musaafir" (2004) and "Agnepath" (2012).

Source: Hindustan Times

