

WHAT'S ON

Theatre Festival
38 Years of Dhaka Padatik
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: Mar 9-16
Time: 7pm



Art Exhibition
Shohomama
Venue: Daily Star Bengal Arts Precinct & Gyantapas Abdur Razzak Bidyapeeth
Date: Mar 2-16
Time: 11am-7pm



Group Art Exhibition
Us Women
Organiser: EMK Center
Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi
Date: Mar 8-22
Time: 9:30am-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Oil Head
Artist: RA Kajol
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, H-7, Rd-13 (New), Dhanmondi
Date: Mar 09-18, Time: 3-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Remembrance 71
Artist: Shah Mainul Islam Shiplu
Venue: La Galerie, AFD, Dhanmondi
Date: Mar 02-14; Time: 3-9pm



Rtv revisits 'Nagorik Gaan' of golden era

A CORRESPONDENT

Since last December, satellite TV channel Rtv's regular musical programme "Ei Raat Tomar Amar" started airing in a new format, themed on songs of the golden era of Bangla songs.

With the objective of selecting best Bangla 'Nagorik' songs from the '40s to '70s by viewers' choice, the programme has already telecast 39 songs of the '40s and 59 songs of the '50s performed by renowned and upcoming singers of the country, including Subir Nandi, Shaheen Samad, Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury, Timir Nandi, Khairul Anam Shakil, Ferdous Ara, Sujit Mustafa, Badsha Bulbul, Dinat Jahan Munni and more.

The programme is being aired on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30pm.



The actress in a still from "O Rani", the recently-released song from the film.

Mim turns journalist for "Pashan"

Saikat Nasir's film to hit theatres March 23

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bidyha Sinha Mim-starrer new film "Pashan" releases on March 23. Popular Tollywood actor Om has donned a role opposite Mim, who will be seen as a female journalist in the movie. "This is a new experience as I slip on the role of a journalist. The role was a challenging one; but I enjoyed playing it," said Mim.

Saikat Nasir has directed the Bangladesh-India joint production film that also includes Misha Sawdagar, Mizu Ahmed, Shimul Khan and Bipasha Kabir in the cast. "I hope the filmgoers will come to the movie theatres as it is a film based on action, comedy and fun," added Mim.

As part of the film's promotional campaign, a dance number from the

film, titled "O Rani", was released on producer Jaaz Multimedia's Youtube channel on Monday.

At present, the actress is in India shooting for another joint venture film titled "Sultan". Popular actor Jeet is enacting the role of an advocate opposite Mim, in the film.

Mim's last big screen appearance came last month, opposite Shakib Khan in "Ami Neta Hobo".

ASK ME ANYTHING NISHO coming to The Daily Star's Facebook Live

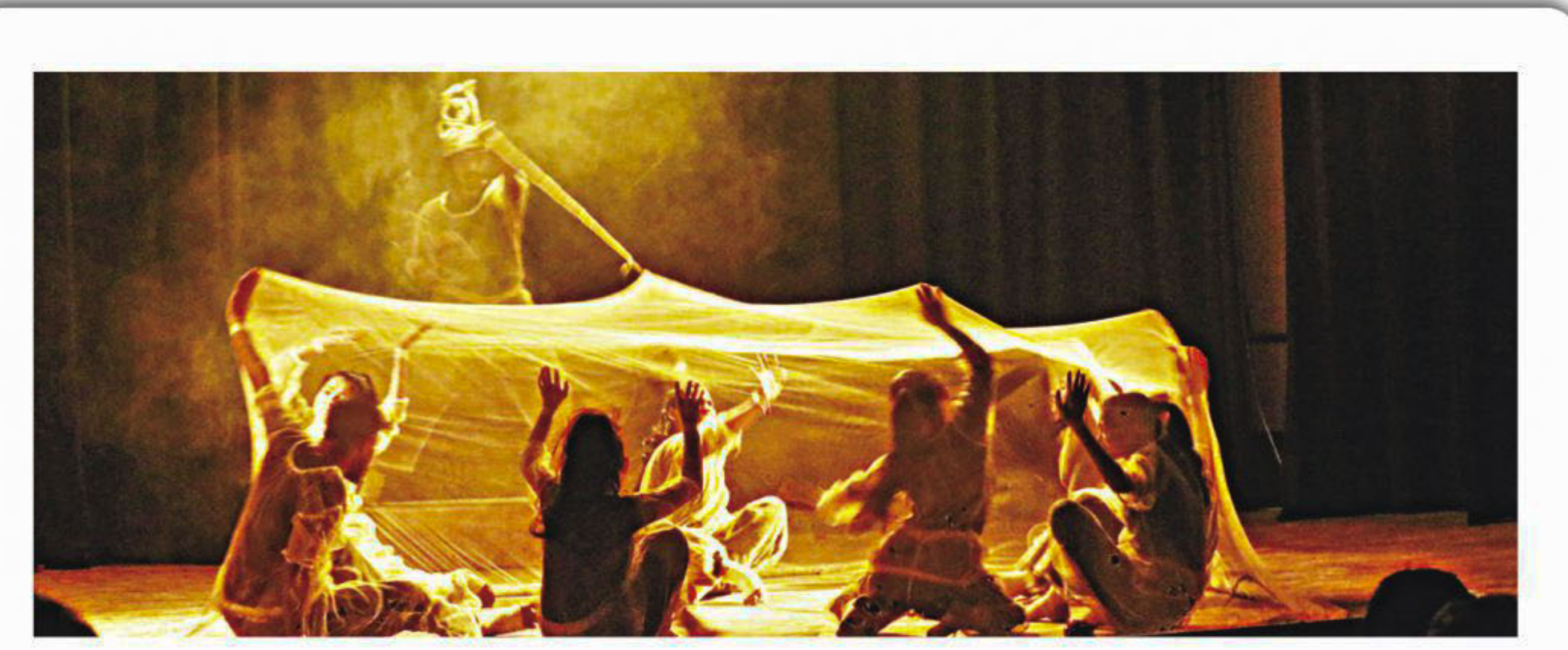
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Save the date! Afran Nisho, one of the most talented TV actors of the time, is coming to The Daily Star's monthly Facebook Live show 'Ask Me Anything' this Thursday, March 15.

Nisho will join fans of The Daily Star's Facebook followers for a live chat tomorrow at 7pm.

Beginning his career as a TV model in 2003, Nisho first ventured into acting with Gazi Rakayet's "Ghor Chhara" in 2006, and has made a name for himself with versatile roles, equally adept in comedy, drama, romance and even experimental roles – in plays like "Adhar O Alo", "Cholo Na Brishti'te Bhiji", "Lota Kombol", "Tattoo", "Ucchototo Hishab Biggan" and more.

Anyone subscribed to The Daily Star's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/dailystarnews>) can join the Facebook Live session, and pour in their love, adulation and questions to Nisho, which he will respond to.



A scene from "The Rebel Poet". PHOTO: STAR

JKKNIU students stage two plays in Rajshahi

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

The Theatre and Performance Studies Department of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKKNIU) in Mymensingh staged two plays in Rajshahi, as part of their Rajshahi tour, on March 10.

Upon invitation from Department of Theatre of Rajshahi University (RU), Masters students of Theatre and

Performance Studies Department of JKKNIU staged musical drama "The Rebel Poet" at the RU campus. The play, based on Kazi Nazrul Islam's "Rajbondir Jobanbondi", accompanied by dances with popular songs of the bard, drew a huge audience at the venue.

As part of their tour, the group also staged "Shajahan" on the premises of Puthia Royal Palace in Rajshahi, following an invitation from Puthia

Theatre.

The play, written by Dwijendra Lal Roy, was staged marking the 15th Lokonaty Utsab organised by Gram Bangla Theatre.

The plays were designed and directed by Mazharul Tokder, a teacher of JKKNIU's Theatre and Performance Studies Department. This was the second tour to Rajshahi of the students of the department and there was a warm reception from the audience.

Prachyanat's 50th staging of "Kinu Kaharer Thetar" today

On the 38th anniversary of Dhaka Padatik, Prachyanat will stage its production "Kinu Kaharer Thetar" for the landmark 50th time, at the National Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy at 7pm today.

The acclaimed play, written by Manoj Mitra and directed by Kaji Taufiqul Islam Imon, transports the audience to an imaginary country named Puttna, ruled by a fraudulent king.

The comedy moves forward with several humorous incidents that ultimately lead the audience to a crucial truth.

The play will also be staged at the 8th Theatre Olympics, hosted by India's National School of Drama (NSD) on March 21 and in Bhopal on March 23, according to a press release.

A team of 26 artistes of Prachyanat is due to leave Dhaka on March 19 for India.



Varun Dhawan impresses in first "October" trailer

Within a career span of just five years, Varun Dhawan has proven his acting mettle by taking up diverse roles and delivering spectacular performances, from the rich spoilt brat in "Student of the Year" to the rebellious in "Badlapur". And seems like the Bollywood young gun is set to put up another solid performance, in Shoojit Sircar's "October".

The makers of the film released the official trailer and it is quite captivating, as Times of India describes. An intense love story picturised by fabulous cinematography set against a winter backdrop, the film looks to bring typical

Bollywood romance flavours. But the plot seems to be plenty interesting, with Varun's character building some intrigue.

Varun's character, Dan, plays a luxury hotel housekeeper, who catches the fancy of a co-worker named Shiuli (played by Banita Sandhu). Hints of a budding romance are thrown in before a sudden twist spins the story in a very different direction.

Co-produced by Ronnie Lahiri and Sheel Kumar, "October" is set to release on April 13.

Source: TOI

"Little Fires Everywhere" lands at Hulu Washington, Witherspoon starrer gets straight-to-series order

Reese Witherspoon and Kerry Washington's limited series adaptation of "Little Fires Everywhere" has landed at Hulu with a straight-to-series order, a project that sparked a major bidding war across cable networks and streaming platforms.

Witherspoon and Washington will both star in and executive produce the project, which has received an eight-episode order. Liz Tigelaar will serve as showrunner, and is also set to write the adaptation. The series is based on Celeste Ng's 2017 bestseller of the same name. The book traces the fallout in a suburban Ohio community when a single mother and her daughter move into the town and a custody battle erupt over a Chinese-American baby.

Witherspoon and Neustadter became aware of the book prior to its publication. Witherspoon chose the book as her September 2017 book club pick and shortly thereafter it became a bestseller. Witherspoon then brought the book to Washington, and together

they approached Tigelaar to adapt it as a series.

This is the latest in a string of television projects Witherspoon is set to produce. She and Jennifer Aniston will star in as-yet untitled morning show drama for Apple, and she will executive produce "Are You Sleeping", co-produced by Chermín Entertainment with Octavia Spencer attached to star, also for Apple. She is also set to appear in the second season of the critically-acclaimed HBO series "Big Little Lies", which she also executive produces.

Washington has also tried her hand at producing, with the "Scandal" star set to executive produce the current ABC comedy pilot "Man of the House" starring Alyson Hannigan. She is also an executive producer on the Facebook Watch series "Five Points".

Source: Variety

