

<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Theatre Play: Khona Troupe: BotTala Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, BSA Date: Mar 29 Time: 7pm</p> 	<p>Solo Painting Exhibition Title: Peace by Shahabuddin Ahmed Venue: Gallery 2, National Art Gallery, BSA Date: Mar 19- Apr 18 Time: 11am-8pm</p> 	<p>Solo Art Exhibition Grey Contours Artist: Soma Surovi Jannat Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka Date: Mar 23-April 5 Time: 3-9pm</p> 	<p>Painting exhibition Title: "Chitrer Dibbowroth" Artist: Syed Shamsul Haque Organiser: Bengal Foundation Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct Date: Mar 23-April 5 Time: 12 noon- 8pm</p> 	<p>Solo Art Exhibition Drawing & Thinking, Thinking & Drawing Artist: Dhali Al Marmoon Venue: Kala Kendra Date: Mar 10-31; Time: 5-8pm</p> 
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Anjan Dutt's biography published in Dhaka

ROKON SHAHRIAR

Surrounded by die-hard fans, seminal Indian singer-songwriter Anjan Dutt tirelessly signed autographs in Dhaka on Tuesday, as a biography on him, titled "Anjanjatra", was launched at the capital's Bishwa Sahitya Kendra. Some fans came with guitars and ukuleles to be autographed on by their favourite singer, while some others were busy taking selfies with him.

Anjan Dutt flew in from Kolkata to launch the book, written by Sajad Hussain on true stories of Anjan's life and brought out by new publishing house Chhapakhanar Bhoot.

Sajad Hussain opened the ceremony with a few words on how he roped in Dutt as subject for his book. "The first name that came to my mind while choosing a person to write a biographical book as the first publication of Chhapakhanar Bhoot was of Anjan Dutt. I was fortunate that he was not as busy after shooting of his upcoming movie. It was a rare experience to travel all the way together with Anjan Dutt from Kolkata to Darjeeling to break the ice and dig down into his life. I grabbed his plan for a Darjeeling trip together as a means of sharing the stories. He was more open to me than ever in Darjeeling, his birthplace," said Sajad.

"Anjan Dutt appeared with his 'Shunte Ki Chao' album and drew me towards his soft melody during the early 90s; I was mad for songs like 'Tomake Chai'," said writer Anisul Hoque, speaking at the event.

Anjan Dutt then came on stage, and



Dutt (2-L) along with other guests at the book launch.

began by welcoming questions from the audience resulting in an enthusiastic question-answer session. Excited to see his biography published from Dhaka, Anjan Dutt expressed his wonder over the fact that the bigger half of his fans are from Bangladesh. He said, "Sajad is the best interviewer I have ever met. Sometimes I was shaky to share personal matters, but eventually I surrendered to

Sajad's approach," he said. He urged all to read the book to know a real Anjan Dutt, and said he would not mind if anybody felt hurt or honored to know the real stories.

Chhanda Dutt, wife of Anjan Dutt said, "The reason of my excitement today is that Anjan's biography is being published in Bangladesh, the country of my maternal uncle." She expressed her grati-

tude to all for the arrangement.

Fariha Rubayat, the publisher of the book, said, "A long cherished dream of mine came true by the inauguration of Chhapakhanar Bhoot with launching of Anjanjatra." She greeted the audience for being the readers of the very first publication of the house.

The writer is a contributor at The Daily Star.

Shakib Khan enters the YouTube realm

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shakib Khan, Dhallywood's undisputed superstar, is now entering a new arena of entertainment: the digital one.

The actor launched his YouTube channel yesterday on his birthday, named 'Shakib Khan Official', in a programme at a city hotel. The channel, which will run under the content platform of Bongo BD, will feature audio and video songs, trailers, promos and behind the scene videos of Shakib's films.

Talking to The Daily Star ahead of the channel's launch, Shakib said "I'm starting the channel to do something good, and I hope to get everyone's support for it."

Shakib, who has just returned to the country from filming "Bhaijan Elo Re", and has immediately gotten busy with new film "Super Hero". The Ashiqur Rahman-directed film will see him paired up with Shabnam Bubby.

Shakib Khan is set to travel next to Scotland, to film a song for "Bhaijan Elo Re", in which he will be seen romancing Kolkata's Srabonti.

His film "Chalbaaz" is currently awaiting release, while the actor is also working on "Chittagaiya Pola Noakhaila Maiya", "Captain Khan" and "Operation Agneepath".



Students of Chhayanaut and Nalanda School render songs at a programme organised by Chhayanaut marking Independence Day. A documentary titled "Kothaye Tomar Alokdhenu" was also screened.

TV WATCH | "Meghe Dhaka Shohor" on ATN Bangla

A CORRESPONDENT

A new TV series titled "Meghe Dhaka Shohor" airs on ATN Bangla tonight, at 8:30pm. Written by Rudra Mahfuz and directed by Sakhawat Manik, it casts Abul Hayat, Dolly Zahur, Dr. Enamul Haque, Shampa Reza, Apurbo, Urmila, Sazu Khadem, Nayeem, Tania Hossain, Lutfur Rahman George, Azmeri Haque Badhan and Dr. Ejaz.

The story of the play revolves around a joint family that has kept up to its traditions at times of familial nuclearisation in the mechanical city of Dhaka. Mr. Rashid lives with his wife, four sons and three daughters-in-law in the house, who all have their own perspectives of life, dreams and wishes.



Amitabh, Rishi Kapoor bring father-son combo in "102 Not Out" trailer

Amitabh Bachchan and Rishi Kapoor showed that there is still a lot left in them, as the makers of "102 Not Out" released the film's trailer on Wednesday, and it's nearly three minutes of sheer fun, according to Hindustan Times.

The trailer begins with a 102-year-old father, played by Amitabh Bachchan, who is full of life and wants to be the oldest person alive on earth. Rishi Kapoor plays his 75-year-old son who is living a dull life without much to look forward to. Most of the household decisions are taken by the father who has a boisterous and overpowering personality. The twist in the tale comes when the father suddenly

announces that he is going to send his son to an old-age home and he is doing so happily.

Umesh Shukla, who has delivered the thought-provoking yet entertaining film "Oh My God" in the past, returns to direction with "102 Not Out", boasting an original story.

The film has been produced by Sony Pictures, SPE Films India, Treetop Entertainment and Umesh Shukla's Benchmark Pictures. It will hit the screens on May 4.

Source: Hindustan Times



Kapoor and Bachchan play quirky characters in the film.

NEWS bytes



WEEKND dropping new album on Friday?

After Cardi B caused tremors on social media with her album announcement on Monday night, Billboard reports that another megastar is ready to rock the industry with a project of their own very soon.

On Tuesday night (March 27), The Weeknd posted a screenshot on Instagram of a text conversation. The cryptic message reads, "Should we drop Friday? I'm indifferent to be honest." The ambiguous post has fans salivating at the sheer possibility that the crooner is ready to drop a new record or album, considering Friday is the day new music is traditionally released.

Sources tell Billboard that The Weeknd is in fact working on new material. "This project is Abel taking it back to his roots," reveals our source.

In 2011, The Weeknd rose to prominence with his masterful release "House of Balloons". He quickly gained a legion of fans and devotees because of the mixtape's melancholic lyrics and seamless production.

Next month, The Weeknd will serve as a headliner at Coachella alongside Eminem and Beyoncé.

Source: Billboard

RDJ unveils full "Doctor Dolittle" cast

Rami Malek, Octavia Spencer join high-profile list

Robert Downey Jr. unveiled the full cast of his star-studded "The Voyage of Doctor Dolittle" on Tuesday. Rami Malek, Octavia Spencer, Kumail Nanjiani, Craig Robinson, John Cena, Marion Cotillard, Carmen Ejogo, and Frances de la Tour will voice roles in the Universal film.



The project stars Downey, while Selena Gomez, Tom Holland, Emma Thompson, and Ralph Fiennes had been previously announced as voice cast. Jim Broadbent, Antonio Banderas, and Michael Sheen will portray live-action characters.

Joe Roth and Jeff Kirschenbaum produce for their Roth/Kirschenbaum Films alongside Susan Downey for Team Downey.

Universal acquired the movie, which will be directed by Stephen Gaghan from a screenplay he wrote from an earlier draft by Tom Shepherd. It's based on the character from the 1920s series of children's books by Hugh Lofting, in which a Victorian-era physician opts to treat animals instead of humans because he's able to speak with them.

Lofting's character was portrayed by Rex Harrison in the 1967 musical "Doctor Dolittle", which won Oscars for best original song and visual effects. Eddie Murphy starred in the 1998 film "Doctor Dolittle" and its 2001 sequel, which cumulatively grossed more than \$470 million at the worldwide box office.

The film hits theatres on April 12, 2019.

Source: Variety