

GRAPE VINE

Culture Initiatives honors Satyajit Ray on its first day



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Recently launched with the aim of promoting prominent examples of films, music, art and theatre dramas that represent the rich culture of Bangladesh, Culture Initiatives is a brand new platform organized by The Daily Star. Hosted by the Chief of Culture Initiatives, Sadya Afreen Mallick, this new initiative plans on arranging quality discussion sessions and screening of culturally significant films. The first day of Culture Initiatives began with a special screening of the films of Satyajit Ray, hosted at The Daily Star Arts Precinct auditorium on Saturday, May 5. Present at the event were the filmmaker Akram Khan and Dr Zakir Hossain Raju, Professor at the Media and Communication Department of Independent University, Bangladesh. Alongside them, the participants engaged in a thorough discussion of the wondrous works left behind by the eminent filmmaker and author Satyajit Ray, in honor of his 97th birthday which was on May 2.



AHA RE

A Cross-border Love Story of Cooks!

After *Ekti Cinemar Golpo*, Arifin Shuvoo and Rituparna Sengupta are all set to find their ultimate true love - the love for food! Rituparna and Shuvoo will be seen in a movie named *Aha Re* where Shuvoo will play the role of a chef from Dhaka and Ritu will be portrayed as a home cook. It will be a cross boarder love story between two passionate cooks who connect through the art of making ordinary ingredients extraordinary! The film will be produced by Rituparna herself and directed by Ranjan Ghosh, whose last film *Hrid Majhare* was praised by audiences and critics alike. *Aha Re* will mark the third food film produced in Tollywood after *Swade Ahlade* and *Maacher Jhol*.



TEN TIMES the fun in 'Jibon Babur Chithi'

Mosharraf Karim's presence in TV dramas has never failed to amaze his audience. This time he is going to bring something more versatile for us. In a TV drama named *Jibon Babur Chithi*, Mosharraf is going to appear in ten different characters, including a station master, security guard, police officer and of course as a grown up man who longs for love. The main character is portrayed under the shadow of Jibananonda Das, who awaits Bonolota Sen. The chemistry between Jibananonda and Bonolota will be depicted through the letters he had dedicated to his beloved. The drama has been directed by Zahidur Rahman and will be aired on RTV during Eid. Mosharraf's characters have once again reminded us of veteran actors Sanjeev Kumar and Kamal Haasan. In *Naya Din Nai Raat*, Sanjeev Kumar played nine roles that represented nine human emotions. Kamal Haasan, who had always been known for trying out something new, amused his audience with *Dashavtar*, where he played ten roles at a time. Since Mosharraf has taken the same path, should we expect some classic films from him as well?

