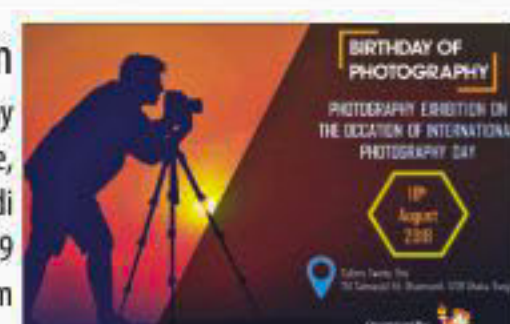


WHAT'S ON

An Evening of Storytelling
 Title: Amar Spreha
 Venue: Spreha Bangladesh, Dhanmondi
 Date: August 31



Photography Exhibition
 Title: Birthday of Photography
 Venue: Gallery Twenty One, Satmasjid Rd, Dhanmondi
 Date: Aug 18-19
 Time: 10 am-8 pm



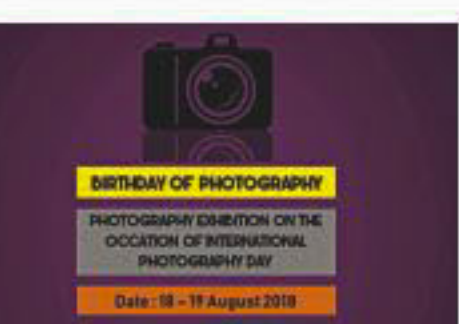
Photographic Experience
 Title: Photo Day at Panam City
 Venue: Panam City
 Date: September 1
 Time: 7am - 6pm
 Contact: tukitakifactory@gmail.com



Art exhibition
 Title: 18th ASIAN ART BIENNALE BANGLADESH 2018
 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
 Date: September 1 - 30
 Visit: বাংলাদেশ শিল্পকলা একাডেমি BANGLADESH SHILPAKALA ACADEMY



Photography Exhibition
 Title: Birthday of Photography
 Venue: Gallery Twenty One
 Date: August 18-19
 Time: 10 am - 3pm




Shilpakala's Homage to Bangabandhu

An array of programmes at BSA

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

Marking the 43rd National Mourning Day 2018, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) arranged an array of programmes including an art camp, art exhibition, film screening, discussions and more.

Directed by Warda Rehab, a dance drama titled *Jotodin Robey Padma Meghna* was staged on the opening day. A movement named *Shilpajatra* saw hundreds of Baul artists march towards Bangabandhu's mausoleum at Tungipara, Gopalganj from Dhaka, to pay tribute to the Father of the Nation.

Members of Mahakal Natya Sampradaya staged *Srabon Tragedy* at the Experimental Theatre Hall of BSA, while artistes of Loko Natyadal staged *Mujib Maney Mukti* at the National Music and Dance Centre Auditorium on August 16.

A discussion, along with poetry recitation on Bangabandhu titled *Shrabon-er Shokogantha* took place on August 17. Renowned actor Hasan Imam, noted elocutionists Bhashwar Bandopadhyay, Rupa Chakrabarty, Dalia Ahmed, Hasan Arif, Shimul Yousuf, Mahidul Islam, Mazumder Biplab and others recited poems on the occasion.

A week-long art exhibition displaying works produced at the art camp concluded at the National art Gallery of BSA. Former Governor of Bangladesh Bank, Dr Atiur Rahman attended the inaugural ceremony as chief guest while Liaquat Ali Lucky, DG, BSA, presided over the programme.

GROOVETRAP

Bringing the funk back after 10 years

SADI MOHAMMAD SHAHNEWAZ

When Groovetrap arrived on the music scene more than a decade ago, they were unlike anything the listeners had heard before. The band was a breath of fresh air, combining elements of funk, acid jazz and pop to come up with sound that is unheard of when they released their first self-titled album in 2008. Even though Groovetrap went became inactive for 10 years, it had a cult-like following from all over the country as some of its members broke out individually as star performers. They have recently announced that they are back in action, and are ready to reveal their next album. A tribute to Miles was uploaded to their Facebook page, as a part of a series of covers that the band will dedicate to their childhood heroes. If all falls in to place, listeners are in for a huge treat as Groovetrap look to funk it up with their second studio album!



'Bohu Borne Ek Draupadi' staged

PRİYANKA CHOWDHURY

Where the epic ends, *Nityapurana* begins. Writer and director Masum Reza's depiction of the aftermath of the epic *Mahabharata* is an impeccable creation. Last evening, the audience witnessed the 75th exhibition of *Desh Natok's* timeless production-- *Nityapurana* at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.



A house-full audience blissfully watched a variation of the *Nityapurana*, which was called *Bohu Borne Ek Draupadi*. Four actors in the role of Draupadi appeared on the same stage. The show was dedicated to their long term member, the late Dilip Chakraborty.

The production was first staged in 2001, and was elevated to a different level by bold and energetic Dilip Chakraborty through his unparalleled portrayal of Ekalavya. The untimely demise of the actor left the troupe baffled, but they knew that the show must go on. The role is now played by Mamun Chowdhury Ripon.

The production and the characters changed over time. The role of Draupadi was played by Shirin Khan Moni, Naznin Hasan Chumki and Bonna Mirza at different points over the years, and will now be played by Sushama Sarker.

The four actors, one by one, portrayed the untold story of Draupadi. The transition of actors looked seamless, and Draupadi had a distinct character. The performance of the actors left the audience's eyes glued to the stage.

"I say it is a social responsibility of the audience to come and watch good theatre," says the Director Masum Reza, who has been tirelessly working to propagate the art of theatre. The team received felicitation from Theatre Factory by Alok Basu on stage after the show.

Apurba and his son Ayyash act together in 'Bini Shutor Taan'



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Even though Apurba is arguably the most sought after television star in the industry today, he is upstaged by the adorable debut of his son Zayyan Ayyash in the upcoming telefilm *Bini Shutor Taan*. The telefilm is directed by Shihab Shaheen. The recently released trailer shows the intense dynamics of the father-son relationship after the mother, played by Zakia Bari Mamo, dies in a tragic accident. The telefilm also features Hasan Imam, Laila Hasan, Pavel Islam, Rajib Saleheen, Manzurul Karim and others. *Bini Shutor Taan* will be broadcast on Channel 9 at 2:30 pm on the second day of Eid.

CORRIGENDUM

An article titled 'Art that turns thinking into doing' was published yesterday. It is to inform that:

1. "Artists Fauzia Alam, Anna Massinissa, Atul Panase and M Ines came up with the idea of a traveling painting exhibition," should read as: Artist Rajat Subhra Bandopadhyay, Asia Head Febriano, in association with In Water Color, along with Anna Massinissa, Owner, Fabrizio Museum Italy, Master Artist Atul Panase from Dubai, and M Ines from Brazil came up with the idea of a traveling painting exhibition while traveling on a bus in Italy.
2. The name 'Fauzia Alam' is to be corrected to Fauzia Shabnam Azam, one of the five participating artists from Bangladesh in the exhibition this year.
3. The event will be held from August 22-26 in Ranchi, Jharkand, India.



A 'Celebrity Night' was held in New York City recently. The event was hosted by South Asian Entertainment, which is presided by Peal Hossain. Shahriar Nazim Joy and Tomalika Karmakar were awarded during the event, which also included many renowned celebrities including the likes of Kazi Hayat, Kabir Anwar, Rekha Ahmed, Rizia Parveen, and many more.



Wedding bells, finally

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After months of speculations surrounding the relationship of the Indo-American duo, Nick Jonas and Priyanka Chopra reportedly got engaged. During a traditional Indian ceremony in the presence of close family and friends, Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas solemnised their relationship. The pictures of the event is trending worldwide on social media at the moment.