



TAGORE

20th Century Bard in His Prime

Star Melodies hosted *Tagore- 20th Century Bard in His Prime* on September 9. The event was held at *The Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct*. Star Melodies is an initiative of *The Daily Star*, to help promote Bangladeshi music. The program featured Adity Mohsin and Fahim Hossain Chowdhury. Sadya Afreen Mallick, Chief of Cultural Initiatives, *The Daily Star* hosted the event. The event celebrated the works of Rabindranath Tagore, after he reached his prime years. Alongside the artists, students from *Sunnydale School* were also involved in this event. Their amazing singing skills and pronunciation surprised those present. They sang songs like *Aaj Dhaner Khetey Roudro Chayay Lukochuri Khela*, *Tomar Mohon Roope Ke Roy Bhule*, and *Dekho Dekho Dekho*, *Shuktara Aankhi Mele Chaay*. Fahim Hossain Chowdhury sang *Keno Chokher Jole*, *Amar Khela Jokhon Chilo Tomar Sone*, *Aaji Nahi Nahi Nidra* among others. Adity Mohsin then serenaded the audience with her majestic voice when she sang *Ami Tomar Shonge Bendhechhi Amar Pran*, *Bipul Torongo Rey*, *Ogo Tumi Ponchodoshi*, *Choron Dhorite Dio Go*, and some others. Near the end of the event, everyone including the audience sang the national anthem together in a heartwarming display.



THEY MET AFTER 23 YEARS

After almost 22 years, Anju Ghosh returned to Bangladesh. On 9th September, she went to FDC; there she met Ilias Kanchan after 23 years. *Beder Meye Josna*, which was directed by Tojammel Haque Bokul was released in 1989. The film made Anju Ghosh and Ilias Kanchan superstars. It is still the most successful Dhaka film. It helped Anju and Ilias form a friendship. Now, as they saw each other again, they recalled golden memories. Ilias Kanchan said, "Anju was the lead actress in my career's best movie. I have a lot of respect for her. After she returned, I came and I got very emotional. We are seeing each other after a long time, and I really enjoyed it." Anju Ghosh said, "Returning to Bangladesh feels like a pilgrimage. I have no resentment towards anyone. In our time, movies were like households. And I cannot express just how good it feels to see Ilias Kanchan again." Anju was given a big reception at FDC. Shilpi Somiti president Misa Sawdagar, the general secretary Zayed Khan, Ahmed Sharif, Anjuna and many others were present. Alongside this, people are having talks about making a film called *Josna Keno Bonobashe*.

Indraneil Sengupta Joins NANDINI

Kolkata and Bollywood actor Indraneil Sengupta is joining the cast of *Nandini* as the lead actor. A few years back, he debuted in Bangladeshi movies with the film *Chorabali*. He was last seen in the film *Samrat*. Nazira Mou is starring alongside him. Shoibur Rahman Russell is directing this film. The film is based on the book *Norok Nandini* by Paritosh Barai. The script and screenplay was

also written by Paritosh Barai. The film will start shooting on 20th September. It is being produced by *Nayantara Limited*. Indraneil said regarding the film, "I really liked the script for this film. I have never played a character like this. This is a very unique love story, which is quite challenging for me. I like to portray characters like this, because it fits my personality."

