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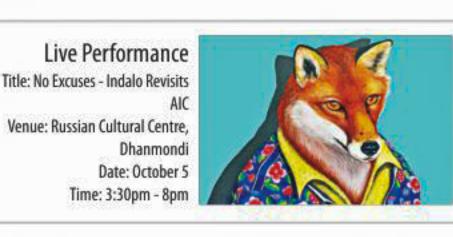


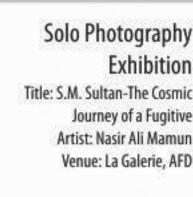
















MANY HAPPY RETURNS

me happy.

ZAHID HASSAN

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Actor and director Zahid Hassan marked his foray on television in the '90s, and since then he has played many acclaimed roles. The actor has also taken on film projects, and recently appeared in a West Bengal movie production for the first time. He has also directed a television series titled *Don* recently. Today, the popular star celebrates his birthday.

What plans do you have for your birthday?

I have cleared my schedule, and plan to stay at home with my family. We will have a simple and intimate celebration.

Who do you miss the most on your birthdays?
Birthdays are really just like any other day,
but I miss my parents dearly.

Tell us about any birthday surprises that you received in the past from your children.

I have a son and a daughter. They surprise me at midnight with a cake, which we cut together as a family. They are always the first to wish me, which makes

How do you feel about turning 51?
Life is beautiful, and it is a gift to be alive. I live for this society, people, the country, and my family.
Even after I am long gone, I would like to be remembered as someone who strove to do good work.

How was your experience working in your first ever Kolkata venture?

The film is titled *Sitara*, and we have recently completed its shooting. The story is adapted from *Bhorer Proshuti* by Abul Bashar. It is a wonderful piece of work, and I cannot wait for its release.

Oriental Art Department's

annual exhibition underway



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

The weeklong annual exhibition of the Department of Oriental Art, Faculty of Fine Art of University of Dhaka (DU), displays artworks by teachers and students of the department for visitors at Zainul Gallery 1 and 2.

In recognition of their outstanding work, six students from the department received awards at the opening ceremony on October 1, where DU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Md Akhtaruzzaman presented the awards .

Shaily Shrabonti, a graduate student, bagged the Award for Best Medium for her piece *Kath Putuler Kotha* while Samina Zaman, an MFA (final year) student, received the Award for Experimental Work for her mixed media work *Anticipation-1*.

A first-year student, Raisa Moazzem and a second-year student, Joyosree Goswami received the Shilpi Shawkatuzzaman Smriti Puroshkar and Shilpi Aminul Islam

Smriti Puroshkar respectively.

Graduate student, Saurav Ghosh won
the Shilpi Rashid Chowdhury Smriti
Puroshkar, while MFA (final year) stu-

dent, Shahnaz Akter Pinki received the

Shilpi Shafiqul Amin Smriti Puroshkar.

A total of 105 artworks are on display at the show including 95 pieces by 40 students and 10 paintings by teachers. The exhibition will continue till October 6 daily from 11am to 8pm.

hits a milestone! Arts & Entertainment Desk Imran Mahmudul has been one of the most popular singers in the industry for quite a while now. He has added another accomplishment under his belt recently. The music video for Imran's song, Mon Kharaper Deshe, released in May 2017 under the banner of CMV, has hit the 20 million mark on YouTube. The song was composed by Nazir Mahamud and written by Sharif Al Din, while music arrangement was carried out by Musfiq Litu. Imran believes that he owes the success of the music video, starring himself alongside model Rothshi, to the entire crew that worked on the song. Readers can find the video on CMV's YouTube channel.

Bangladesh-Nepal Friendship Fine Arts Exhibition

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Kathmandu, in collaboration with the Bangladesh-Nepal Friendship Society, has organised the Bangladesh-Nepal Friendship Fine Arts Exhibition-2018 at Park Gallery, Pulchowk, Lalitpur. It commenced on October 2 and will run till October 9.

The programme was inaugurated by H E
Mashfee Binte Shams, Ambassador of
Bangladesh in Nepal. Gita Satyal, Acting Mayor
of Lalitpur Metropolitan City, was present as
the chief guest. Renowned sculptor and senior
artist from Bangladesh, Hamiduzzaman Khan,
and senior artist, writer and Principal of Sirjana
College of Fine Arts in Kathmandu, Madan
Chitrakar, attended as special guests.

The exhibition showcases works of 23 artists and photographers from Bangladesh and Nepal. The works of noted artists
Hamiduzzaman Khan, Samarjit Roy
Chowdhury, Ranjit Das, Saeeda Kamal, Akhtar
Jahan Ivy and other Bangladeshis are on display. It also displays works of Ragini Upadhyay, Narendra Bahadur Shrestha, Anita Bhattarai and others from Nepal.

Source: Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Kathmandu, Nepal

Kangana Ranaut looks stunning in 'Manikarnika' teaser

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The teaser of Manikarnika, a film based on the queen of Jhansi, was released recently. After spotting many stills from the sets of the film, the audience finally gets to watch the teaser which looks quite grand. Narrated by Amitabh Bachchan, the teaser portrays Kangana's character, Rani Laxmibai's transformation from a young girl, to the brave warrior queen who demanded freedom from the British. The video show-

cases many scenes of battle -- from sword fights to horses and warriors charging ahead. We also see the queen as a young mother ruling and fighting with her son right next to her. Kangana looks stunning as the famous Maratha queen, who took on the British East India Company's army in an armed rebellion against the European power. Alongside Kangana, the film stars Jishu Sengupta, Suresh Oberoi, Danny Denzongpa, Atul Kulkarni, Ankita Lokhande and Zeeshan Ayub among others.



