

## WHAT'S ON



Literature Fest  
Title: BUP LitFest '18  
Venue: Bangladesh University of  
Professionals  
Date: October 11 – 13  
Details:  
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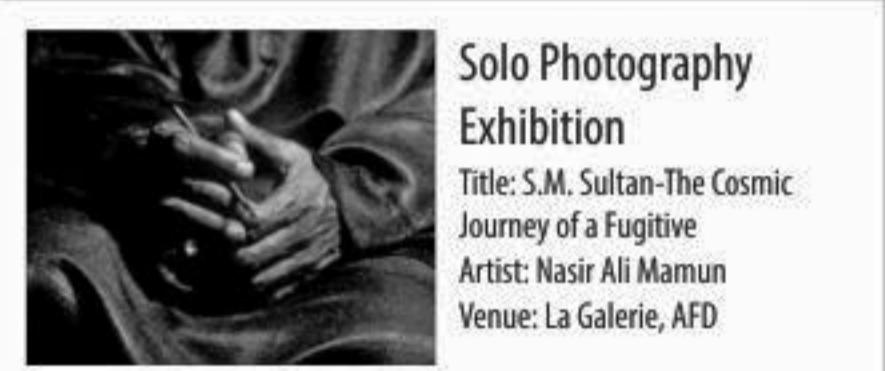
'Star talk show'  
Title: Starflexed: Untie the  
Knots of Debi  
Venue: British Council Bangladesh  
Date: October 5  
Time: 10 am – 7 pm



Toy Fair  
Title: Khela Mela 2018  
Venue: Bangladesh Shishu  
Academy  
Date: October 7 – 13  
Time: 3 pm – 8 pm



Live Performance  
Title: No Excuses - Indalo Revisits  
Venue: Russian Cultural Centre,  
Dharmundi  
Date: October 5  
Time: 3:30 pm – 8 pm



Solo Photography  
Exhibition  
Title: S.M. Sultan-The Cosmic  
Journey of a Fugitive  
Artist: Nasir Ali Mamun  
Venue: La Galerie, AFD



Art Exhibition  
Title: Museumplein 2018  
Venue: Mrinal Haque Creative Arts  
House#5/A, Road#2, Gulshan 1  
Date: October 18 – 20  
Time: 3 pm – 8 pm



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## Sabnam Faria

## looking forward to 'Debi'

**Sabnam Faria** is a household name in Bangladesh, having appeared in many memorable roles in tele-fictions over the years. For the first time in her career, the actor is stepping out of her comfort zone by breaking into her first silver screen role in 'Debi', which has recently been certified uncut by the Censor Board. She talks about the experience of working on her first film, which will be released on October 19.

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

## What are your expectations from 'Debi'?

I have very high expectations, because the film is based on a novel by the legendary Humayun Ahmed. He was arguably the most beloved writer in the country, and the Misir Ali series is one of his most popular works. This movie stars award-winning actors, and with Jaya Ahsan as the lead, I have no doubts that Debi will do well.

You portray the character of Neelu in the movie. How old were you when you first read the book?

I was in the ninth grade when I first read the novel. I could have never imagined then that I'd bring Neelu to life on screen one day!

Was there a lot of pressure working in a film based on the work of such a great writer?

It was daunting, to say the least. Misir Ali, Himu, Rupa and Neelu are some of the favorite characters for most readers. It was quite nerve-wracking because you don't know if you are doing justice to the character, and if they will turn out the way people have already imagined them. But I do feel that I did the best that I could.

How much did you have to prepare for your role? Did you personally resonate with Neelu?

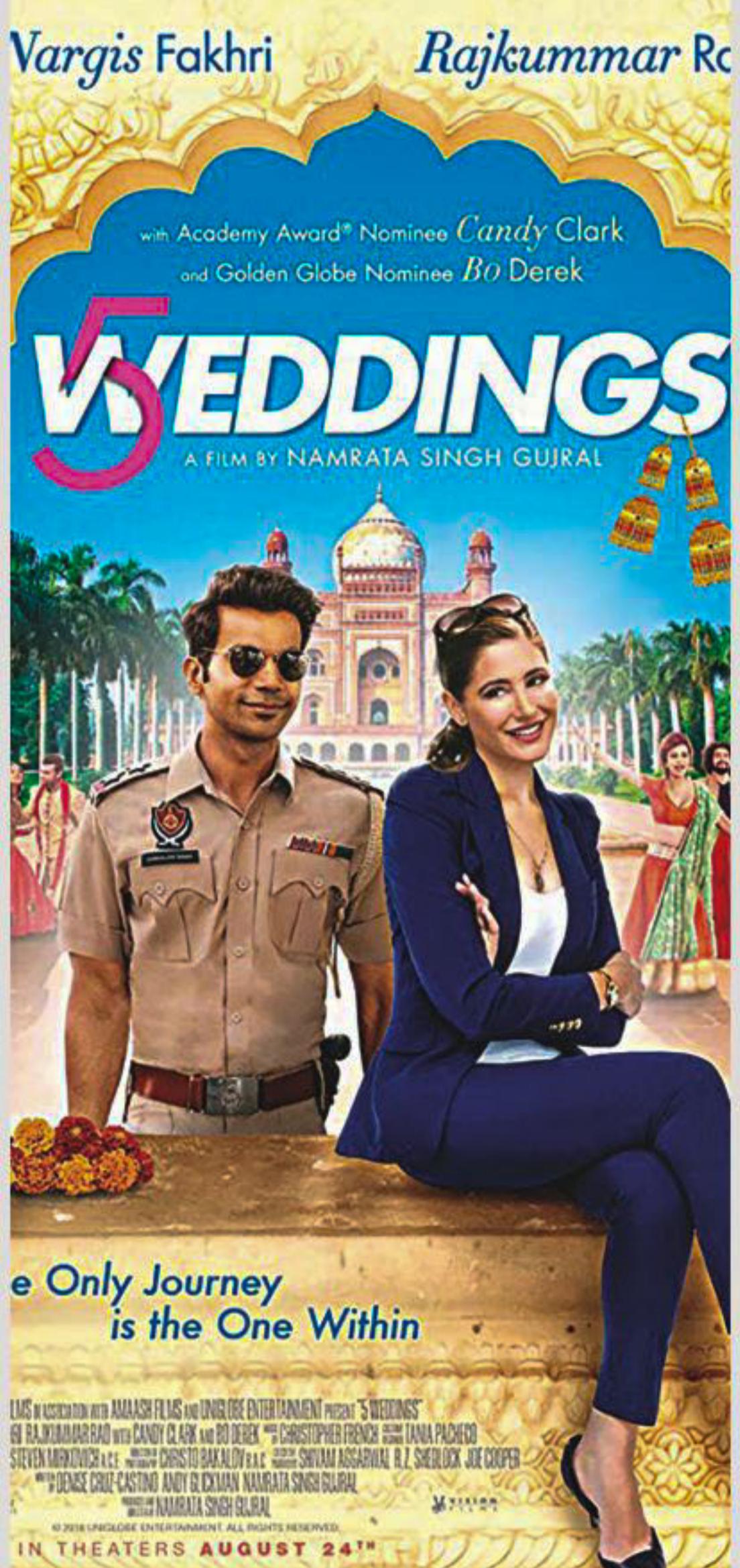
I put my heart and soul into this endeavour. Before moulding myself into the character, I re-read the novel to have a clear idea of what I had to do. I feel like Neelu and I are completely different personalities.

## Tell us about your future plans.

I want to continue working in films, but I think I'll be selective with the roles that I do. The film has to have a good script, director, and cast.

## '5 WEDDINGS'

coming to  
Star Cineplex



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5 Weddings, an Indo-American movie, directed by Namrata Singh Gujral, starring Nargis Fakhri, Rajkummar Rao, Bo Derek, Candy Clark, Anneliese Van der Pol and Suvinder Vicky is set to premiere at Star Cineplex soon. The romantic-comedy film, based in the United States and India, portrays the story of an American journalist, played by Nargis, who travels to India to do a feature on Indian wedding ceremonies only to be suspected of journalistic espionage by an overenthusiastic police officer, played by Rajkummar.

Partha Pratim Majumder  
in a French film

(From left) Michel Hazanavicius, Partha Pratim Majumder and Omar Sy.

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ZAHANGIR ALOM

Internationally renowned Bangladeshi mime artiste, Monsieur Partha Pratim Majumder had earlier donned a role in a film directed by Michel Hazanavicius, a French film director, producer, screenwriter and film editor best known for his 2011 Academy Award winning film, *The Artist*. The film won him the Academy Award for Best Director. Partha Pratim Majumder is donning yet another role for the filmmaker's upcoming film, *The Forgotten Princess*. The story of the film focuses on the relationship crisis between a father and daughter.

Shooting for the film commenced in Paris, where Michel introduced Partha with popular French actor Omar Sy, who is a recipient of the César Award, which is the National Film Award of France. Omar, who is popular for his roles in films like *X-Men* and *Jurassic World*, will be seen playing the lead role for the film.

"Partha Pratim Majumder is an outstanding genius of mime and acting. He has toured the world with his Guru Marcel Marceau and acted in three of my previous films," mentioned Michel while introducing Partha to Omar.

"I am yet to be introduced with many contemporary French actors. Omar Sy is truly a star. Besides, receiving candid praises from Michel Hazanavicius is a great blessing," said Partha Pratim Majumder. He is the first Bangladeshi to be honoured with the prestigious title, *Chevalier De L'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres* (Knight in the Order of Fine Arts and Humanities) by the Ministry of Culture and Communication of France.

## 'Ityadi' to air today

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With an aim to explore historically significant places of Bangladesh, the team of popular magazine show,

*Ityadi*, went to the Nilphamari district this time to shoot an entire episode.

The episode will air on BTV and BTV World tonight, after the 8 pm news.



Hanif Sanket hosting the show.

Nilphamari born music composer, Ibrar Tipu, will perform a 150-year-old *Chatka* song where singers T W Sainik, Faruk Bhuiyan, Taj, Sahin and many others will accompany him on vocals.

Minister of Cultural Affairs, Asaduzzaman Noor, MP, who also happens to be a proud son of Nilphamari, graced the segment and distributed prizes among the winners.



The famous duo of 'Nani' and 'Nati'.