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Work is worship for Shakib Khan

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

National award winning actor Shakib Khan is undoubtedly one of a kind among his peers. Still standing strong in the film industry, the Dhaliwood king has garnered immense praise for his versatile roles on the silver screen. He talks about his latest projects, his thoughts on the film industry and more.

What film are you currently shooting for?

We are working on *Shahenshah*. Some segments of the film have been filmed in Dhaka, and right now, we are shooting the rest in Pubail. I am very excited about the project.

For years, you've held the title of Dhaliwood's 'King'. How do you feel about it?

The credit for this does not go to me alone. I have been very fortunate and I am grateful. I have come this far because of my fans. Without them, my work would be meaningless.

What are your thoughts on the film industry today?

To tell you the truth, we are facing a lot of difficulties. The number of films released each year is dwindling, which is a far cry from how things were before. It is a grave concern for everyone working in the industry.

What do you feel is the solution to this problem?

I feel that no one should stop a film from being released once it reaches the censor board. There are a few individuals who like to create trouble, and that should stop. This is disheartening to producers, who spend a huge amount of money behind their work. If they hear that their films are being stopped from releasing after all the investments, they won't be so inclined anymore to make more movies.

Your recent film project in West Bengal became a hit; could you tell us more about that?

As an actor who takes pride in being a Bangladeshi, working in Bangladeshi films, this recent development has made me immensely happy. International recognition is a great asset for our country, and I'm happy to play a role in that.

What kind of films do you hope to do moving forward?

I plan things diligently, or else I would not have been able to move forward. All I can say now is that I keep seeking good opportunities for making movies.



ADITI MOHSIN AND AVIK DEB

perform at Bengal Foundation's 'Praner Khela'



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Renowned Rabindra Sangeet exponent Aditi Mohsin and talented singer Avik Deb performed at Bengal Foundation's regular musical soiree – Praner Khela on October 30. The programme started with a tribute to deceased legendary musician, Ayub Bachchu. The audience was enthralled by Aditi's renditions of Kadale Tumi More and Ami Rupe Tomay Bholabo Na among many others. Among his impressive renditions, Avik's Je Raate Mor Duwar Guli, Aji Bijon Ghore and Chokher Jole Laglo Duwar were particularly soothing. With Praner Khela, Bengal Foundation often gives a young and talented artiste the opportunity to perform with an established name in music.

'Antoschool o College Programming Protijogita' on Duronto TV

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Duronto Television will be broadcasting a special programme, *Antoschool o College Programming Protijogita*, on November 1 and 7 at 9:30 pm. This is a programming competition arranged by Standard Chartered Bank

and Prothom Alo. In the first episode of the programme, the concept of computer programming, competition participation and selection process, reconciliation memorandum, and pre-preparation of the main competition will be highlighted. The final stage of the competition will be held on

November 2, 2018 at the Asia Pacific University of Dhaka and will be aired on November 7.

Duronto Television, since its inception has tried to bring unique programs geared towards children, and this competition certainly looks to up the ante with its content.



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'JAYGIR MASTER' on BanglaVision today



From today onwards, the tele-fiction, 'Jaygir Master', directed by SA Haque Olike, will be aired every Thursday, Friday and Saturday on BanglaVision at 9:45 pm. It stars ATM Shamsuzzaman, Dilara Zaman, Salahuddin Lavlu, Ashna Habib Bhabna, Apurba and others.

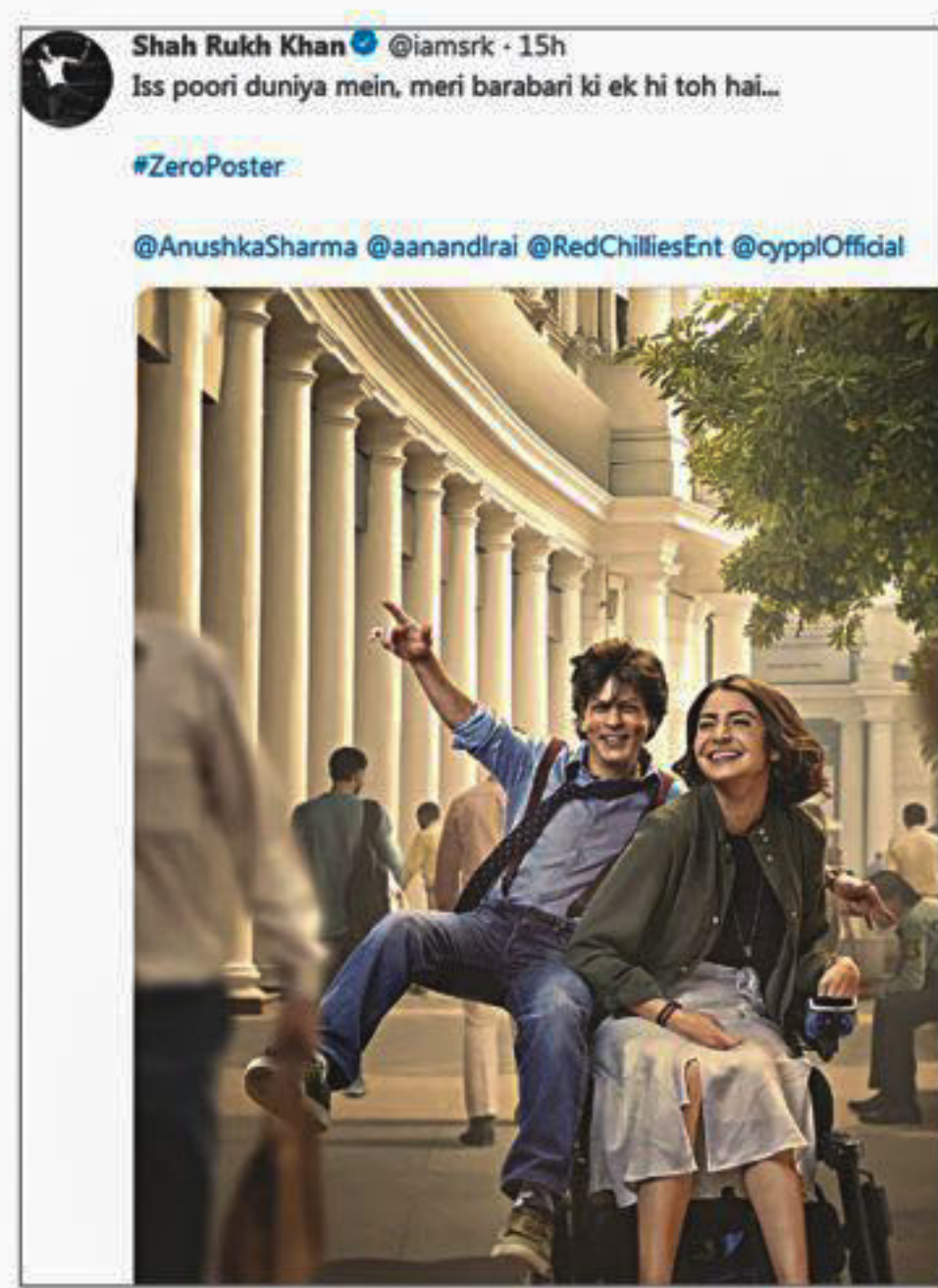
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Shah Rukh Khan reveals 'Zero' posters

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As Shah Rukh Khan prepares for his birthday and the much-awaited trailer of his upcoming film *Zero* co-starring Anushka Sharma and Katrina Kaif, he has released two new posters of the film on Twitter. Raising the excitement among the audience, the posters of the film are receiving a lot of love from all quarters.

In one poster, Katrina Kaif, who is looking like an absolute diva, can be seen striking a romantic pose with Shah Rukh Khan. On the other hand, Anushka Sharma can be seen as a wheelchair-bound woman. In the poster, Shah Rukh can be seen lifting her spirits up and making her smile with his antics.



DU's Department of Sculpture celebrates 55 years of excellence

PRIYANKA CHOWDHURY

The inauguration ceremony of the annual sculpture exhibition of the Department of Sculpture, University of Dhaka (DU), was held yesterday. Selected art works of the students of BFA and MFA of 2017-2018 are displayed in the exhibition at the Zainul Gallery. This year also marks the department's 55th founding anniversary.

The exhibition was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor of DU Professor Dr Md Akhtaruzzaman. He mentioned that despite the social challenges, the students of painting and sculpture have excelled in their work. He congratulated the department and asked the faculty members to arrange a joint exhibition of the eight individual departments for better interactive exchange.

Professor Nisar Hossain, Dean, Faculty of Fine Art, University of Dhaka and sculptor Mujibur Rahman were present as special guests in the programme. Sculptor and Associate Professor of the department Lala Rukh Selim conducted the inauguration programme.

The best works in five different categories



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received recognition during the programme. Gobinda Pal received the award for best medium. Maliha Akhter received the Professor Abdur Rajjak Smriti Puroshkar while Amiya Sarkar received the award for best experimental work and Sumon Bardhan

received the Sculpture Novera Ahmed Smriti Puroshkar. Sushmita Mukherjee Mishti received the Shilpi Anwar Jahan Smriti Puroshkar.

The exhibition is open for all and will continue until November 7 from 11 am to 8 pm.