



Aurthohin



Warfaze



Powersurge



AvoidRafa

Dan Cake presents The Legacy of Rock n' Roll brought the musical extravaganza to Dhaka's ICCB on Friday. Warfaze, Aurthohin, Nemesis, Avoidrafa, Powersurge, Savagery and Echoes rocked the venue, much to the delight of the die-hard fans of rock music. The Daily Star was the print media partner for the event.



Nemesis



Savagery



Trainwreck



Echoes

## Asif Akbar to hit a century!

Popular singer Asif Akbar's career remains unwavering, despite finding peak success many years ago. The artiste continues to churn out one hit song after another, and has recently embarked on a new mission. He opens up about his projects, his career goals and more.

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

**What are you currently working on?**  
I have been quite busy. I made a promise that I would release 100 new songs this year, and so far I've made 85, out of which 42 have been released. I will complete the remaining 15 new singles by the end of this year. I am not certain about the release dates though.

**With so many songs to work on, are you worried about quality?**  
Quality is something I will never compromise on, as an artiste. Most of the music for

**Is there a reason behind your sudden dabbling in folk music?**

Folk touches the hearts of everyone who performs and listens to it. I love folk music, and it's a great pleasure to experiment with new forms outside my repertoire. I plan to travel to Sylhet soon to perform folk music for fans there.

**What is your stance on the music industry today?**

There is an increasing emergence of new music, which is always a positive factor. I do believe the music industry has made giant strides in recent years, and its market-



my tracks is composed by Torun Munshi. You have also appeared as a model in many music videos. Could you elaborate on that? Music videos have been in high demand than ever before, and it is very important for an artiste to keep up with the times, and stay relevant. My fans have expressed to see me in music videos, and that is why I do them. But most of all, it is something that I enjoy doing.

ability is also improving. You have been in the recording studio or shooting sets every day. What sort of pressure has this created on you? Music is everything to me. I am so busy recording or filming that I cannot make time for social programmes. I love what I do so much that I do not feel it is taking a toll on me in any way. Next year, I plan to be even busier.

## Mitali Perkins on women empowerment and 'Rickshaw Girl'

PRINYANKA CHOWDHURY

The conversation with Boston-based popular children's author Mitali Perkins and journalist Shuprova Tasneem at the Dhaka Lit Fest 2018 was enlightening and empowering. In the panel discussion titled *Rickshaw Girl*, Perkins talked about her writings and hopes.

Her book, *Rickshaw Girl*, has been translated to Bangla by Mehedi Hasan and published by Myurpankhi. "This is the first time I am seeing my name written in my mother tongue!" exclaimed Perkins.

*Rickshaw Girl* is the story of Naima, a Bangladeshi teenager living in rural areas of the country with her family. She is frustrated that unlike her best friend Saleem, she cannot help her father drive his rickshaw because she is a girl, but she bravely attempts to help her struggling family.

People, place and plot are the three key elements Perkins bases her writings upon. While talking about her inspirations she mentioned that her father is an advocate of female empowerment. "My father and I share a special bond and it is often reflected in my writings," said Perkins. The book has been published in several Asian languages.

Perkins prefers to portray the life of different characters in her writings more than telling her own story. She shared a heart touching story of some girls in America who were selling cakes to travel to India as they were



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inspired after reading one of her books. She spoke of her responsibility of writing for a young audience. "I have the pleasure of shaping children's hearts, and if important values can be instilled in them from an early age, we can hope to raise responsible individuals," said the author. She also expressed her appreciation for the role of Bangladesh in women empowerment. Giving example of the microfinance model she said, "Bangladesh

has the potential to be the next powerhouse of women empowerment."

The film adaptation of *Rickshaw Girl*, directed by Amitabh Reza Chowdhury, will soon hit the silver screen. Perkins believes that with his finesse as a director, Chowdhury will be able to tell a truly Bangladeshi story. "My family and I are really excited about the film which is set to start its shooting in February," she said.

## UDICHI'S Golden Jubilee



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

The daylong programme of the Golden Jubilee of Udichi Bangladesh and the 49th biannual conference of the Barishal Unit was held recently, calling to resist foreign cultural aggression and develop native culture.

The programme was presided over by Biswanath Das Munshi, Barishal Unit President of Udichi and inaugurated by Manabendra Batobayel, former President and Senior Cultural Activist. After the inaugural session, a procession marched on city roads and an organisational session of the programme was held.

## আবাসনে আপনার বিনিয়োগ নিরাপদ হোক

ফ্ল্যাট বা প্রুট কেনার আগে অবশ্যই জেনে নিন

ফ্ল্যাট বা প্রুট কেনার ক্ষেত্রে একজন গ্রাহক হিসেবে আপনার কর্তব্য

১। ডেভেলপার প্রতিষ্ঠানটি রিহাব এর সদস্য কিনা?  
২। ফ্ল্যাট বা প্রুট বুकिং এর আগে জেনে নিন সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রকল্পটি যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত কিনা?

১। সিভিউল অনুযায়ী নির্ধারিত সময়ে কিভাবে টাকা পরিশোধ করে ডেভেলপারকে প্রকল্প সমাপ্তিতে সহযোগিতা করুন।  
২। সরকারী সিদ্ধান্তে নকশা বা প্রকল্প অনুমোদন কিংবা গ্যাস, পানি ও বিদ্যুৎ সংযোগ সংক্রান্ত মৌলিক কারণে বিলম্বিত প্রকল্প সমূহ সমাপ্তিতে সহায়তা করুন।

সদস্য ডেভেলপার, ভূমি মালিক ও ফ্ল্যাট/প্রুট ক্রেতাদের মধ্যে মতবিরোধ হলে আপোষ-সমঝোতার নিষ্পত্তির জন্য "রিহাব মেডিয়েশন এ্যান্ড কাস্টমার সার্ভিস সেলে" দরখাস্ত করুন।

ভবন নির্মাণের সময় লক্ষণীয় বিষয়সমূহ

ভবন নির্মাণের সময় দুর্ঘটনা এড়ানোর লক্ষ্যে করণীয়

১। প্রকল্প এলাকার বাইরে ফুটপাথ বা রাস্তার নির্মাণ সামগ্রী না রাখার বিষয়টি নিশ্চিত করুন।  
২। রাত্রে সংশ্লিষ্ট নির্মাণ সামগ্রী অবশ্যই সকাল ৭ টার মধ্যে ফুটপাথ বা রাস্তা হতে প্রকল্প এলাকার সরিয়ে নিন।  
৩। নির্মাণ সামগ্রী, নির্মাণ বর্জ্য সংগ্রহ ও পরিবহনের সময় সুরক্ষারেল, জেন, ফুটপাথ, রাস্তার ক্ষতি না হওয়ার বিষয়টি নিশ্চিত করুন।

১। নির্মাণ কাজ চলার আগেই প্রকল্প এলাকাটি নিরাপদভাবে ঘিরে দিন।  
২। বহুতল ভবন নির্মাণের ক্ষেত্রে পঞ্চাঙ্গী ও নির্মাণ ভূমিক এর নিরাপত্তার বিষয়টি নিশ্চিত করুন।  
৩। নির্মাণকালীন প্রকল্প এলাকার সার্বক্ষণিক মাথার হেলমেট, পায়ে জুতা ও যুক্তিपूर्ण স্থানে লেফট বেট ব্যবহার করুন।

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