

WHAT'S ON



Musical Ensemble
Title: Mala
Venue: Jatra Biroti
Date: January 4
Time: 7 pm
Details:
facebook.com/jatrabirotiworld



Winter Festival
Title: Him Utshab
Venue: Jahangirnagar University
Date: January 17-19
Time: 10 am



Musical Evening
Title: Sovvota And The Band Live At
Ajo Idea Space
Venue: Ajo Idea Space, Uttara
Date: January 19
Time: 7:30 pm-9 pm



Artist Talk
Title: Leelaprab-1 Kathapokathan
Venue: Dwip Gallery, Lalmitia
Date: January 5
Time: 6 pm-9 pm



Bulbul Chowdhury Birth Centenary
Organisers: BSA & BNSS
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Yearlong Celebration opens in



PHOTO: SHAHREAR KABIR HEEMEL

Jaya Ahsan's 'Bishorjon' to debut in Bangladesh

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

National Award-winning actor Jaya Ahsan, who has garnered immense popularity in Kolkata, stars in Kaushik Ganguly's 2017 film, 'Bishorjon', alongside Abir Chatterjee in the lead role and Kaushik Ganguly in a special role. The film is slated for release in Bangladesh on January 4, 2019, according to Iftekhar Uddin Naushad, the present owner of Madhumita Cinema Hall and president of Bangladesh Motion Pictures Exhibitors Association.

Bishorjon narrates the love story between a Bangladeshi widow and a small-time Indian businessman. Jaya is the first Bangladeshi actor to win the Indian Filmfare Award, Zee Cine Award and International Bangla Film Award for her performance in the film.

On the other hand, *Bijaya*, the sequel to *Bishorjon*, will be released in Australia, Canada, The USA and West Bengal this month.

Last year, the Jaya Ahsan starrer *Debi*, the film adaptation of renowned author Humayun Ahmed's novel of the same name, opened to rave reviews from the critics and audience alike. The film marked Jaya's debut into the field of production. After the spectacular success of *Debi*, the actor has her eyes set on her upcoming film, *Phurut*.



A farewell procession from Desho Priyo Park, for legendary director Mrinal Sen, took place in Kolkata yesterday. People from all walks of life, including friends and well-wishers from the film fraternity joined in to say farewell to one of the iconic figures in Bengali filmmaking.

COURTESY: PIPLU KHAN



Remembering Kader Khan

Arts & Entertainment Desk

Veteran actor and screenwriter Kader Khan passed away on Tuesday morning in Canada at the age of 81. The actor had been admitted after complaining of breathlessness and was put on a BiPAP ventilator. He was unable to talk and also showed signs of pneumonia. Kader Khan suffered from progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP), a degenerative disease that causes loss of balance, difficulty in walking and dementia. He also underwent surgeries for his knees in 2017.

In a career spanning over 45 years, Kader Khan acted in over 300 films. As a screenwriter, the actor wrote dialogues for over 250 movies as well. He was an integral part of David Dhawan and Govinda collaborations in the 1990s, delivering blockbusters like *Coolie No. 1*, *Saajan Chale Sasural*, *Hero No. 1*, *Dulhe Raja* and *Haseena Maan Jaayegi*.

Following the news of his death, celebrities including Amitabh Bachchan, Arjun Kapoor, Madhur Bhandarkar, Manoj Bajpayee and many others expressed their condolences on social media.

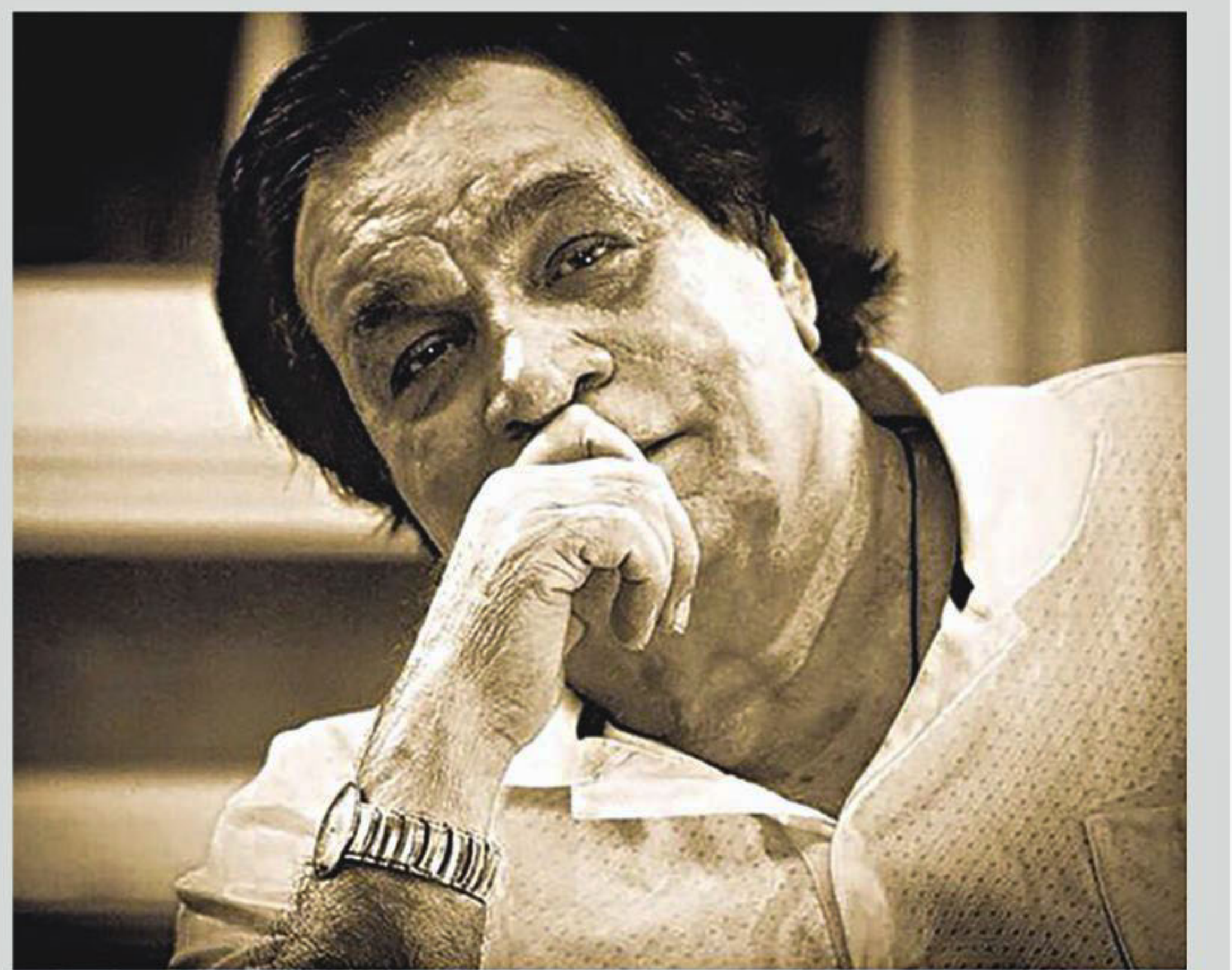


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Zahid Hasan starrer 'Sitara' to release soon

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

'Sitara', which marks popular Bangladeshi actor Zahid Hasan's debut in Kolkata's film industry, is set to release at the end of January. Directed by Ashish Roy, the film is based on eminent writer Abul Bashar's novel, 'Bhorer Prosuti'.

"We shot the film in different parts of West Bengal including Jalpaiguri," said Zahid Hasan. "I worked really hard for *Sitara*, and I even got a makeover for it." It also stars Fazlur Rahman Babu and Shahed Ali from Bangladesh and Raima Sen from India.

Zahid Hasan stars in the ongoing tele-fiction *Don* on Maasranga Television. He will soon start directing a tele-fiction titled *Hulusthul*. Besides, he recently finished filming for *Shonibaar Bikel*, directed by Mostofa Sarwar Farooki.

TV WATCH



Tele-fiction 'Shantipure Oshanti' will be broadcast on Boishakhi TV at 8 pm today. Directed by Shokal Ahmed, it features Afran Nisho, Sabnam Faria, Wahida Mallick Jolly, Arman Parvez Murad among others.



PHOTO : COURTESY

Mohakal Natya Sampraday to stage 'Neelakhyan' in India

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Theatre troupe, Mohakal Natya Sampraday, is going to stage their production *Neelakhyan*, in three festivals in Tripura, India. The theatre team of twenty five members, led by Mir Zahid Hassan, begins their journey this morning. The play is written by Anon Zaman and directed by Yousuf Hasan Arka.