

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 Shipakala Academy
 Yearlong Celebration opens in January 2019

NIRMALENDU GOON

to receive Kabi Jasimuddin Shahitya Puroshkar



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ZAHANGIR ALOM

Renowned poet Nirmalendu Goon has been named the first recipient of Kabi Jasimuddin Shahitya Puroshkar for his contribution to contemporary Bengali poetry.

Bangla Academy, which has introduced the literary award after the name of Palli Kabi Jasimuddin, announced Goon's name on January 1, 2019, which marked the 116th birth anniversary of the great poet.

Goon will receive Taka 2,00,000, a certificate, a crest and uttario on February 28 at the closing ceremony of Ekushey Book Fair 2019, according to renowned poet Habibullah Shirajee, who is also the Director General of Bangla Academy.

"We are delighted to introduce this award in honour of Palli Kabi Jasimuddin. He is an important poet in our literary realm. We are also happy to confer the award to Nirmalendu Goon," said Habibullah Shirajee.

"I am honoured and humbled to receive this award. I dedicated one of my poetry books *Chashabhusar Kabya* to Kabi Jasimuddin," said Nirmalendu Goon.

Goon, who emerged as a poet in the 1960s, published his first collection of poems *Premangshur Rakto Chai* in 1970. In his illustrious five-decade journey as a poet, Goon published around 100 books including his collections of poems *Na Premik Na Biplabi*, *Amimangshita Ramoni*, *Dirgha Dibash Dirgha Rajani*, *Chaitrer Bhalobasha*, *O Bandhu Amar*, *Chashabhusar Kabya*, *Ami Samayke Janmate Dekhechhi* among others.

Goon's poetry contains stinging criticism of the nouveau riche and touching tales of the contrasting fates of the masses. Love of freedom and faith in humanity also emanate through many of his poems.

Nirmalendu Goon has received several major awards as a poet including Independence Award in 2016, Ekushey Padak in 2001 and Bangla Academy Award in 1982.



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Bappy's gift to fans on Valentine's Day

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Bappy Chowdhury has become a favourite amongst cinemagoers in a short span of time, thanks to his remarkable performances on the silver screen. His latest film, *Daag*, a love story, is set to release this Valentine's Day.

Directed by Tareque Sikdar, the film also stars Bidya Sinha Mim and Aanchal. Bappy, who is looking forward to a successful year, hopes to keep bringing good films to the audience. Among other things, the actor will also be seen in the film, *Shashurbari Zindabaad 2*.

"Simmba" roars big at the box office

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Megastar Ranveer Singh and debutant Sara Ali Khan starrer film, *Simmba*, crossed over a whopping 100 crore rupees at the box office in only five days. Directed by Rohit Shetty, the film also stars Sonu Sood, Siddharth Jadhav and Ashutosh Rana, along with cameo appearances by Ajay Devgn, Akshay Kumar and the cast of Rohit Shetty's comedy film series *Golmaal*. *Simmba* is a remake of the Telugu film *Temper*.



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Happy returns to the 'King of Hearts'!

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Hridoy Khan, a third generation musician and an industry stalwart, will celebrate his birthday today. Having burst onto the scene with *Hridoy Mix* in 2007, he kept delivering multiple hits each year onwards, including songs like *Bolna*,

Obujh Bhalobasha, *Bhalo Lage Na*, *Eto Kichu Bojho* among many others. Currently, the artiste is working on his own 'HK Production', and his own official YouTube channel with covers alongside various featured artistes. *The Daily Star* family wishes the gifted singer many happy returns of the day.

Anticipated TV series of 2019 -What to watch?



AFSANA AZIZ NITOL

STRANGER THINGS, Season 3

The mysteries of the parallel universe called 'the upside down' will continue to unfold this year with Netflix releasing the third season of *Stranger Things*. The science fiction-horror web series will be returning on July 4 this year, exclusively on Netflix.

GAME OF THRONES, Season 8

Game of Thrones (GOT) fans are possibly the most patient individuals ever, as they have waited for nearly two years for the final season of this cult favourite show, which is scheduled to premiere its eighth and final season in April this year.

BROOKLYN NINE NINE, Season 6

The creators of *Parks and Recreation* and *The Office*,

along with Andy Samberg, did not disappoint comedy lovers with this one. The sixth season of the sitcom *Brooklyn Nine Nine*, which revolves around a goofy detective Jake Peralta, played by Andy Samberg, is scheduled to premiere on January 17.

BLACK MIRROR, Season 5

Netflix has not announced the release date for the fifth season of *Black Mirror* yet, but the streaming site has confirmed that the new season will be premiering sometime in 2019.

PEAKY BLINDERS, Season 5

Tommy Shelby comes back with more adventures for TV buffs in 2019. Set in Birmingham, England, in the aftermath of World War I, the show follows the journey of the Peaky Blinders gang. BBC confirmed the release of its fifth season, set for this year.

