

<p><b>WHAT'S ON</b></p>	<p><b>Group Art Exhibition</b> Title: Us Women II Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi Date: March 5 - 14 Time: 9:30 am - 8 pm</p>		<p><b>Dance show</b> Title: Nohi Debi Nohi Shamannya Nari Venue: Chayanaut Cultural Centre Date: March 19 Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm</p>		<p><b>Photography festival</b> Title: Bioscope 3 Children's Photography Fest 2019 Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: March 15 - March 17</p>		<p><b>Film Screening</b> Title: Through Her Eyes: Screening of Shilalipi Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh Date: March 17 Time: 5 pm</p>		<p><b>Musical Event</b> Title: Manusi - Love for womanhood by Ghaashphoring Choir Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi Date: March 14 Time: 7 pm - 10pm</p>
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# "Let music help you"

- ARMEEN MUSA

SADI MOHAMMAD SHAHNEWAZ

'Simultaneously' a part of four diverse projects, Armeen Musa has quietly worked her way up in Bangladesh's music scene to become one of the most beloved faces in the industry. Scheduled for an exciting show today at EMK Centre, the Berklee graduate talks about the musical surprises up her sleeve, in a candid interview with *The Daily Star*.

**Could you tell us about your upcoming releases?**

I am very excited about Ghaashphoring Choir's debut album. The first single from it will release soon, and we are very excited about it. The album will contain renditions of songs in our own style, as well as an original. Since it is a very slow process, as there is so much to manage in a choir both musically and financially, it will be a huge achievement for us.

**Aside from the album, which projects are you currently busy with?**

I am simultaneously juggling between my projects: The Armeen Musa Band, Ghaashphoring Choir, Ghaashphoring Undercover (my cover band) and Surteertho, a saangeet group directed by Mita Haque. You can say that I am always looking to be productive with the projects, at any given time, as it gives me a chance to grow as a musician.

**Do you plan on releasing a solo album any time soon?**

Definitely. You see, over the years, I have considered live productions to be my forte. However, I am determined to work on music that I can proudly call my seminal work. People know my work as an amalgamation of my poetry, philosophy and all the arrangements I do. This time, I want my next album to be a definitive piece of me that everyone can take home. I will hand out a bit of a spoiler: it will be a solo album, but with appearances by various artistes, who I feel could emote certain parts better.

**Do you have a message for your listeners?**

I want to say that many of us go through depression, pain and rough patches at some point in our lives. Let music help you, as it helped me through some of the worst times in my life. I promise that it can work wonders, if you give it a chance.



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# Afzal Hossain's EBARE SAVAR E based on CHOTO KAKU

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Popular actor and director Afzal Hossain has directed a new telefilm titled *Ebare Savar E*, based on the character Choto Kaku from the television series *Choto Kaku*. *Choto Kaku* is directed by Afzal Hossain and written by Faridur Reza Sagar. Shampa Reza, Keya Chowdhury and Shayan have joined the previous cast of *Choto Kaku* for the telefilm.

Afzal Hossain will be playing the role of Choto Kaku. "It is tricky to act and direct at the same time,"

says Afzal Hossain. "However, I enjoyed it thoroughly. Audience will now get to see more of Choto Kaku all year round and not just during Eid." *Ebare Savar E* will air on Channel i.

Afzal Hossain is also a renowned artist and a writer. This year at the Ekushey Grantha Mela, two of his books were published. The multi-talented personality gets busy with filming before Eid. The actor informed *The Daily Star* that he is preparing for Eid special tele-fictions, along with the *Choto Kaku* series.



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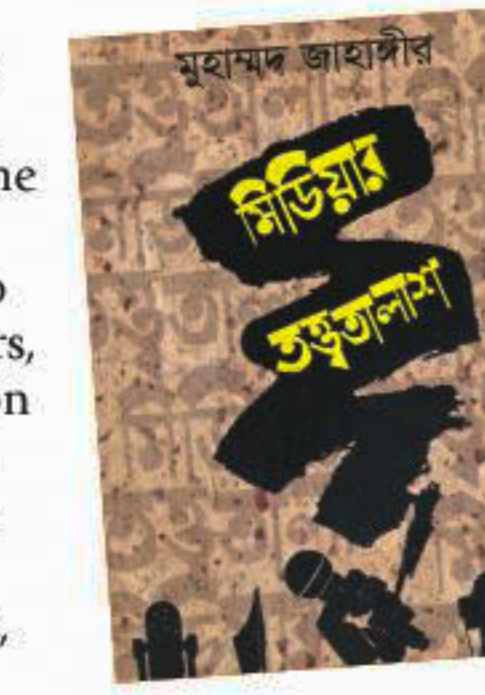
# Muhammad Jahangir publishes two new books



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Muhammad Jahangir is known for his research based books on media, politics and society. He has published a total of twenty books so far. His recently published books *Mediar Tottotalash* and *Shomaj O Nana Chinta* centre around media and current affairs of the society respectively. Despite containing two different subject matters, both the books focus on providing solutions to the challenges faced in media and society.

In *Mediar Tottotalash*, Muhammad Jahangir analyses the historical incidents in the field of television, film and radio. "The most important chapter is the one where I discussed Azad Magazine's publications from February 21- 28 during the 1952 Language Movement," said Muhammad Jahangir.



# Mimi Chakraborty and Nusrat Jahan to make their political debuts

The ruling party in West Bengal, Trinamool Congress, has announced its candidates for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Mamata Banerjee's party won 34 seats in the 2014 polls. But this time around, the party is hoping for a clean sweep so that Mamata Banerjee gets to play an important role in the centre.



SUBRATA ACHARYA from Kolkata

Nusrat Jahan will be contesting from Basirhat, which is widely expected to be a tough seat. Meanwhile, Mimi Chakraborty will be trying her electoral luck from Jadavpur, where the Left retains a significant vote bank.

Mimi Chakraborty shot to fame with the TV serial *Ganer Oparey*, where she won hearts of millions with her brilliant performance. However, her first big hit was the tragic *Bojhe Na Shey Bojhe Na*. With catchy songs and a really tragic ending, the



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movie caught the imagination of the masses.

On the other hand, Nusrat Jahan is one of the most popular faces in today's Bengali entertainment industry. Originally hailing from Kolkata, she has done movies with big banners and top stars in her relatively short acting career. A former model, Nusrat did her first movie with Jeet in 2011. She has subsequently done movies like *Crisscross*, *Bolo Dugga Maiki*, *Kelor Kirti*, *Har Har Byomkesh* and *Jamai 420*. Reacting to her candidature, Nusrat said that it is a huge responsibility and that she is thrilled to have joined politics.

# Cinema halls to be in hiatus

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During a press conference held yesterday morning at Dhaka Reporters Unity, the authorities of Bangladesh Motion Picture Exhibitors Association stated that without the intervention of the government regarding the policies of importing foreign films and encouraging more local films, movie theatres across the country will remain closed from April 12. They also claimed at the press conference that despite several meetings with the concerned authorities about the problems, no effective measures have yet been taken.

According to the brief, the number of movie theatres have declined from a 1235 to a staggering 174. Around 50 thousand workers affiliated with cinema halls are jobless, along with an increase in the cost of renting halls and electric bills. The industry is in dire need of rebuilding as it continues to suffer the loss. Despite the assurance provided to the committee that the situa-



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tion will improve, it remains tainted. Advisers of the committee, Sudipta Kumar Das, Mia Alauddin along with the president Iftekharuddin Naushad, were

present at the press conference. "We have our backs pinned against the wall," says Iftekharuddin Naushad, "this is the only step that we could have taken."

# Nafeez Al Amin endorsed by Souldtone Cymbals

SADI MOHAMMAD SHAHNEWAZ

Drummer for ace rock band Arbovirus, Nafeez Al Amin, has been endorsed by renowned Turkish music company, Souldtone Cymbals, as one of their featured artists. "This is the first time an international company has endorsed a Bangladeshi drummer," says Nafeez, "and I am very proud to represent my country." As it stands, the company's website has put Nafeez Al Amin in the elite company of the likes of Nick Adler from Megadeth and Steven Adler of Guns N' Roses. Dogpatch Music, the only authorized sellers of Souldtone Symbals in Bangladesh, helped with the facilitation of the deal.



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