

# 'Reincarnate II' inaugurates at Bangladesh Mahila Samity

South Asian regional art and film festival Reincarnate II, organised by Bandhu Social Welfare Society, was inaugurated yesterday at Bangladesh Mahila Samity. Kazi Reazul Haque, Chairman, National Human Rights Commission, was the chief guest of the inauguration ceremony.

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The special guests of the event included HE Benoit Prefontaine, High Commissioner of Canada to Bangladesh, HE Rene Holenstein, Ambassador of Switzerland to Bangladesh, HE Harry Verweij, Ambassador of Kingdom of the Netherlands to Bangladesh, and HE Sidse Bleken, Ambassador of Norway to Bangladesh, among others. A cultural programme, along with an art exhibition Life was held after the inauguration.

Reincarnate II will continue till tomorrow. Today, it will take place at EMK Centre, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Art exhibition, film screening inauguration with the presence of Kabori Sarwar, renowned actor of Bangla movie, and filmmaker and activist Sridhar Rangayan, and a panel discussion will be held today. Tomorrow, the festival will conclude with dance drama Chitrangada at Bangladesh Mahila Samity.



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## A new horizon in the realm of art Art Festival 2019 Gazipur in full swing

ZAHANGIRALOM, Writes from Gazipur

Ushering in a new horizon in the realm of art, the four-day (March 27-30) long Second Charukala Utsab 2019 Gazipur is in full swing. The festival, aiming to inspire a creative and humane generation, boasts of bringing together several hundred artists from across Bangladesh. In a bid to diffuse and decentralise the art practice from cities to the remote countryside, this unique festival, themed Beautiful Environment, Artistic Life, is being held at Bhawal Mirzapur Haji Jamir Uddin School and College, Gazipur. Apart from art camp, the festival features exhibitions, cultural programmes and folk arts & crafts fair. The Daily Star and Channel i are media partners of the festival.

Around 40 renowned artists, including Rafiqun Nabi, Abul Barq Alvi, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Farida Zaman,



Khawaja Qayyum, Mohammad Eunus, Shishir Bhattacharya, Afzal Hossain, Ahmed Shamsuddoha, Mostafizul Haque, Rafi Haque, Sheikh Afzal Hossain, Mohammad Iqbal, Afrozaa Jamil Konka, Fareha Zeba, joined the art camp yesterday to augment the image and prestige of the festival. Their vivacious presence, creation of art, taking

part in cultural programme and a close interaction with the participating artists of four generations created a fantastic vibe and positive energy at the festival venue.

"I am mesmerized with the wonderful reception ceremony that has just taken place here. Such an art festival rarely happens in Bangladesh," said Rafiqun Nabi, who for-

mally inaugurated the art camp, "As artists, we want to relay our feelings and emotions through art. Beautiful thoughts and joyfulness are prerequisites to the job."

Renowned artist Mohammad Eunus, the convener of the festival, thanked all concerned to organize and cooperate the festival making it a grand success. He also introduced all the distinguished artists with all.

"This festival has spontaneously created a sense of togetherness among all the participating artists," said Harun-ar-Rashid Tutul, who was visibly pleased with the arrangements. "We cannot accomplish a grand festival like this alone. A public-private-partnership, along with a sincere cooperation from the people from all walks of life, can help us reach our desired dream."

Creating art in a quiet place beyond the chaotic city life, and in a natural environment adorned with greenery and in the midst of the nuances of Bengali culture is a great achievement, one the festival can take pride in. It hopes to generate a bond among the artists, students and the local inhabitants. Two hundred students from the host school and other 20 adjacent schools are participating in the festival. The far-reaching influence of the initiative will help Bangladesh flourish artistically in many ways. If the festival continues to take place in every district, Bangladesh will soon become artistically rich and culturally vibrant in the future.

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## RAFSAN SABAB

Up and coming professional anchor, Rafsan Sabab, is making waves with his charm and confidence as the host of the new YouTube show titled 'What A Show!'. The tables were turned to put the interviewer on the interviewee seat for a quick round of our weekly special, One Minute Please!

APORAJITA MUSTAFA

Who is your favourite television show host?  
Jimmy Fallon.  
Name your go-to comfort food.  
Chicken sandwich.  
If you could interview a fictional character, who would it be?

Thor.

What is your favourite pastime?  
Travelling.  
Which guest did you enjoy interviewing the most in your career till date?  
Masuma Rahman Nabila.  
Describe yourself in three words.  
Passionate, adamant and ambitious.

## Tollywood celebrities' growing interest in politics

SUBRATA ACHARYA, from Kolkata

Celebrities, including the likes of Moon Moon Sen, Nusrat Jahan, Mimi Chakraborty, and Prasun Banerjee, among others, will be contesting for Lok Sabha election 2019 as candidates of Trinamool Congress. On the other hand, singer Babul Supriyo, and actor Locket Chatterjee will be contesting for the election as Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidates. Recently, fashion designer Agnimitra Paul joined BJP in Kolkata. According to different sources, she could be made a BJP candidate for the Lok Sabha polls.

Agnimitra Paul believes that politics is an essential platform to serve the society, which is why more celebrities are taking interest in it. Dilip Ghosh, current president of the West Bengal unit of the BJP, says "It is every citizen's right to exercise their political freedom. Celebrities are no different." Nusrat Jahan and Mimi Chakraborty consider Mamta Banerjee as their idol. These actors believe that they can utilise their popularity to serve the people of their country as politicians.



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## Airin Tani's various projects

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Young actor Airin Tani has a jam-packed schedule as of now, as she recently returned from Nepal after the shooting of Bhul Theke Bhul, a seven episode serial directed by Juboraj Khan.

Another project that she shot for in Nepal is Golpo Nai, another seven episode serial, which is directed by Adibashi Mizan. "Both of the stories that I shot for in Nepal were varied and solid, and I happy about them," says Airin Tani. The actor will also film for two Eid projects, both directed by Rulin Rahman.



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