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APU BISWAS preps for Eid

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Popular actor Apu Biswas is busy these days with TV commercials and Eid special programmes. This week she will film for Eid special talk show *Celebrity* on Asian TV, with another celebrity guest Ferdous. "I have received quite a few offers on Eid," says Apu Biswas. "However, I will only work if I like the concept."

Recently, she worked on a TV commercial, which is directed by Akash Amin. She has also starred in *Shoshurbari Zindabaad 2*, directed by Debashish Biswas. Bappy Chowdhury is her co-star for the film. "We are done with shooting for the film," says the actor. "We have two more songs to film though. It is expected to release before a festival."

SHAKIB KHAN to rock Eid with three movies

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Superstar Shakib Khan is gearing up for the releases of three films during this upcoming Eid. He will play the protagonist in the film, *Shahenshah*, directed by Shamim Ahmed Rony. Nusrat Faria is his co-star in the film. He is also preparing for the films, *Password* and *Nolok*, directed by Malek Afsari and Sakib Sonet respectively. Bobby is his co-star in *Nolok*, while in *Password*, he will be seen opposite Bubly.

On the other hand, the actor is currently in talks for the film, *Priyotoma*, made under the banner of his own production house.



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Turongomi returns from Dance Xchange: The Philippine International Dance Festival 2019

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The cultural delegation team of Turongomi recently returned from Dance Xchange: The Philippine International Dance Festival 2019 organised in Manila. The team was led by Pooja Sengupta, Artistic Director, Turongomi. The other two members were Susmita Lopa and Lopa Adhikari. On April 26, members of Turongomi attended the opening ceremony, the dance parade and the red carpet of the festival. Turongomi was proud to represent Bangladeshi dance at this esteemed platform for two consecutive years.

After the opening ceremony, members of Turongomi performed on Kazi Nazrul Islam's *Ami Purobo Desher Puro Nari*, directed and choreographed by Sengupta. The same

afternoon, Sengupta conducted workshop on traditional Dhamail Dance. Nearly 1, 200 Pilipino dance instructors attended the workshop. On April 27, members of Turongomi went to Olotayan Island for a dance outreach and staged a performance of *Sundori Komola* there.

That same evening, they performed on the song at the main venue of the festival at the Capiz Provincial Park. On the occasion of International Dance Day, Sengupta took part at the Unity Dance along with other choreographers and heads of the delegations of other International teams. In the evening, members of Turongomi staged a portion of their popular production, *Anamika Sagorkonna*, at the closing ceremony. On April 30, Sengupta met His Excellence Asad

Alam Siam, Bangladesh's Ambassador to Philippines at the Bangladeshi Embassy in Manila. Turongomi's trip to Manila was sponsored by Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited and SMC's brand, Joya.

Apart from Bangladesh, other countries that took part in the festival were Belgium, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, India, Japan, Malaysia, Russia, South Korea, Thailand, Taiwan and Philippines. The festival was organised under Presidential Proclamation 154 by National Commission for Culture and the Arts, while the co-organisers were UNESCO, ITI and The Province of Capiz. The event was designed and directed by Dr Shirley Halili Cruz, Chairman, National Committee on Dance, NCCA.



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Shunno's 'Cholbe Lorai' out now

FARIJANA AHMED ANNAN

Shunno released their single, *Cholbe Lorai*, recently. The song was written by Tanvir Chowdhury and produced by Shaker Raza. The music video will be released at the end of this month. According to Imrul Karim Emil, it took them around two weeks to produce the song. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Bangladesh Cricket Team receiving ICC status. Bearing that in mind, the lyrics of *Cholbe Lorai* highlights the struggles of

our cricketers and the expectations they have to live up to. "Our cricket team has overcome many hurdles in these twenty years," says Emil. "Today, we are confident about the team and we believe in them completely. We hope to convey that through the song."

The studio version of the song is out now, but the band plans to make slight modifications to it for live performances later on. The song was sponsored by UNIGas.



Aarong Dairy Art Competition held

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Aarong Dairy organised a nationwide art competition for school students to recognise their artistic talents. The competition concluded recently.

After the final round, the prize-giving ceremony was held at Bangladesh Shilpakala

Academy in Dhaka.

The champion of the competition received a scholarship of Tk 100,000 while the runners-up received scholarships of Tk 80,000, 50,000 and 30,000 respectively.

Renowned artist Mustafa Monwar was the chief judge of the final round.

Among others, BRAC Dairy Director Mohammad Anisur Rahman and Head of Marketing Hossain Shah Newaz were present at the programme.

The competition began on February 25 for school students in Dhaka, Sylhet, Chattogram, Comilla, Khulna, Barisal, Rajshahi and Bogura.