



Guests cutting a cake to honour Salman Shah's birth anniversary.

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## Shakib Khan inaugurates Salman Shah Jonmo Utshab 2019

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On the 48th birth anniversary of Salman Shah, Dhooli Communications organised a weeklong festival titled *Salman Shah Jonmo Utshab 2019*. The festival will start today, and go on till September 26. The program was inaugurated by Dhalywood superstar Shakib Khan yesterday, at the capital's Modhumita Cinema Hall. Six

remarkable movies featuring Salman Shah will be screened during the six days of the festival.

The State Minister of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Zunaid Ahmed Palak, was the chief guest of the inauguration programme. Farzana Munny, Chairperson of TM Films and Gaan Bangla, and Falguni Hamid, President of Bachsas were the

special guests of the event. Apart from that, Sohanur Rahman Sohan, director of *Keyamot Theke Keyamot* (Shah's first film), director Chotku Ahmed, Arun Chowdhuri, S A Haque Olike, General Secretary, Director's Guild, among others, were also present. Anjam Masud was the host of the event.

"It has been 24 years since Salman Shah's demise. People are still crazy about

him. This proves that he is irreplaceable," says Zunayed Ahmed Palak, "He will live forever in his fans hearts."

Directors Sohanur Rahman Sohan and Chotku Ahmed reminisced their memories with Salman Shah at the event. After the speeches, they celebrated his birthday with a cake, in tribute to one of the greatest actors Bangladesh has ever seen.

## Star Melodies to host 'Shurer Badhoney'

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*Star Melodies*, an initiative of The Daily Star to promote Bangla music, will host a musical evening titled, 'Shurer Bhadoney', featuring songs about the contributions of a celebrated family.

The songs are by legendary composer Kamol Dasgupta, Suur Shamraggni Firoza Begum and eminent composer and lyricist Asafuddowlah and Subol Dasgupta. The event will be held on September 28 at The Daily Star Centre at 6:30 pm.

Noted singers Yaqub Ali Khan, Nasima Shaheen, Bijon Mistri, Chhanda Chakraborty, Shushmita Anis and students of Govt Music College will perform at the event. Sadya Aftun Mallick, Chief, Culture Initiatives, *The Daily Star*, will host and coordinate the programme. The event is open for all. Seats are limited, and available on a first-come first-serve basis.

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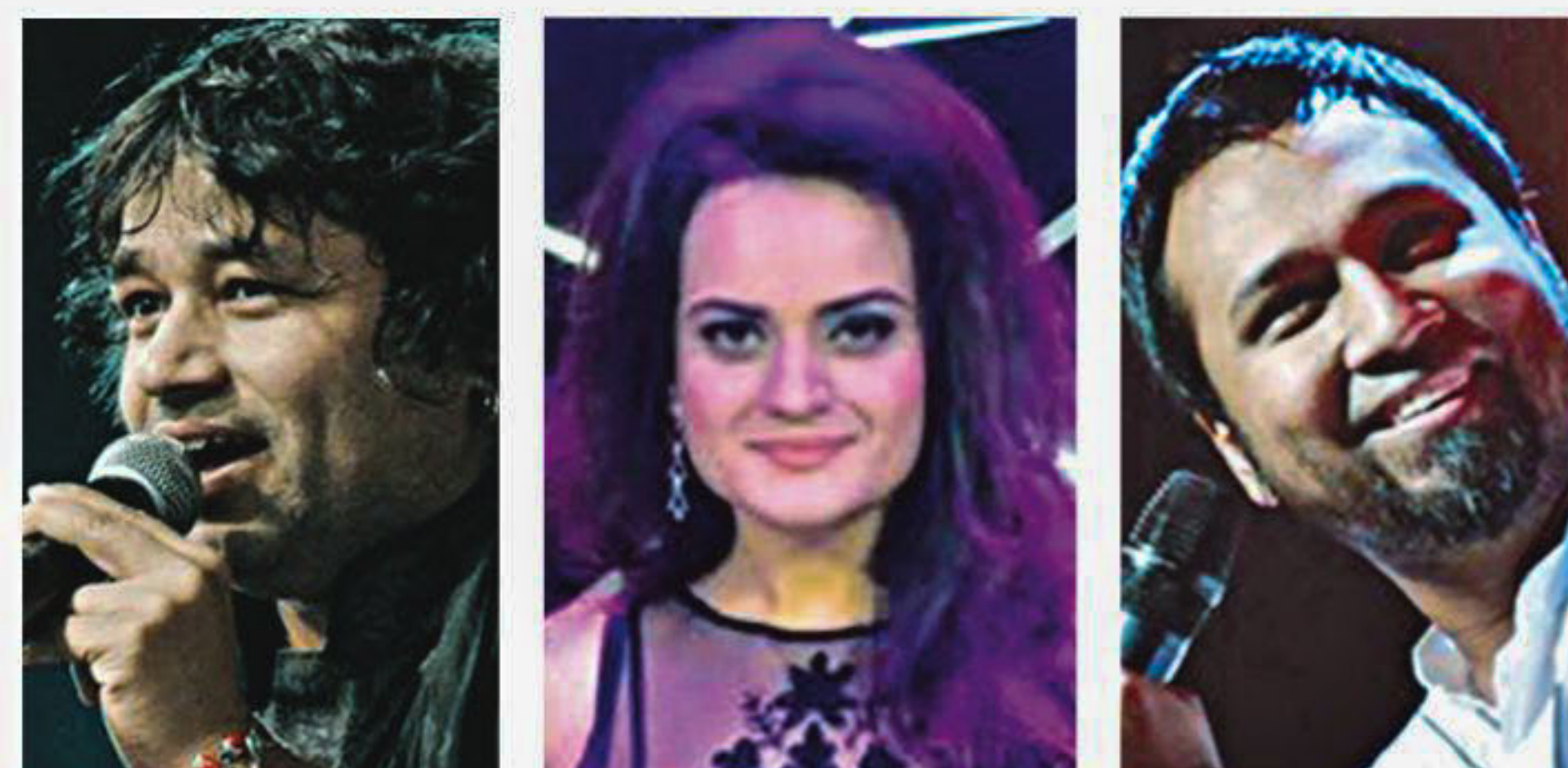


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## GaanBangla TV set to celebrate 'International Day of Peace'

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Celebrating the International Day of Peace, GaanBangla television will organise a special concert tomorrow, at a hotel in the capital. Kailash Kher, Aditi Singh Sharma, and Kaushik Hossain Taposh, with renowned instrumentalists Sivamani, Sanjay Das and Arshad Khan, among others, will be performing at the concert. Sheena Chohan will host the event.

"With the theme, *Music for Peace*, GaanBangla TV has been taking initiatives under its banner, *Wind of Change*. This concert is an attempt to bring peace and overcome hatred through music," said Taposh.

Only special guests with invitations can attend the concert as the seats are limited, informs Farzana Munny, Chairperson,



GaanBangla TV.

Kaushik Hossain Taposh, the Managing Director and CEO of GaanBangla, has been awarded with the Mother Teresa International Award 2018 and Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Award 2018 for such initiatives, last year.



## 'Shomantoral' today on Channel i

Written by Nazrul Islam, Afsana Mimi's *Shomantoral* is a tale of friendship and communal harmony. Starring Mamunur Rashid, Laila Hasan, Syed Hasan Imam among others, it will air on Channel i on September 20 at 7:50 PM.

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### THEATRE REVIEW

## Girgiti: An amusing take on a middle-class family



ASHLEY SHOPTORSHI SAMADDAR

The five-day festival, titled Syed Mohidul Islam Smaran Utshab 2019, organised by Batikrom Natya Goshthi, concluded with the play *Girgiti* on Wednesday. The play was performed by Gronthik Natya Goshthi at National Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA).

Written and directed by Motiur Rahman Rana, the story revolves around the life of a middle-class family. Fotik (Michel) is the head of this family, and Sohirun (Nazma Akhtar) is his wife. The couple is bestowed with two overconfident children, tend to

day-dream all the time.

With the determination to excel, the daughter wants to become an actor, and the son wants to earn fame as a poet. Thus, Chaalbaaz (Foyzal Alam), Dhandabaaz (Babul), and Fondibaaz (Kamrul Ahsan Chandan) make way into their lives.

With impeccable con-comedy paired with humorous dialogues, *Girgiti* is a rather entertaining production to watch. The satirical story not only amuses but also portrays realities on the stage, with tints and bits of moral learning and wit for the audience.

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