

**WHAT'S ON**

**Star Melodies' Musical Evening**  
 Title: Bijoyee Rongee Aka Bela Shesher Gaan  
 Venue: The Daily Star Centre, Kazi Nazrul Islam Ave  
 Date: December 27  
 Time: 5:30 pm onwards

**Cartoon Exhibition**  
 Title: People of many colours  
 Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Française de Dhaka, Dhanmondi  
 Date: December 20 - 31  
 Time: 3 pm - 9 pm (Mon - Thurs); 9 am - 12 noon & 5 pm - 8 pm (Fri - Sat)

**Workshop**  
 Title: Kata Kuti - Collage Workshop  
 Artist: Kazi Tahsin Agaz Apurbo  
 Venue: Studio 6/6, Mohammadpur  
 Date: December 28  
 Time: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Musical Programme**  
 Title: Gaaner Jhona Tolay  
 Organiser: Bengal Foundation  
 Venue: Bengal Shilpalay, Dhanmondi  
 Date: December 26-28  
 Time: 6 pm

**Group Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Breaking Ground: Modern Art in Transition  
 Venue: Subir Choudhury Exhibition Hall, Bengal Shilpalay, Dhanmondi  
 Date: Dec 17 - Feb 15  
 Time: 1 pm - 8 pm (Except Sundays)



Je Jibon Jiboner



Frozen in Time

## Kathak Dance Festival begins at Chhayanaut

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A three-day Kathak dance festival began yesterday at the main auditorium of Chhayanaut Shangkriti Bhavan in Dhanmondi. The 8th Kathak Nritya Utsab, organised by Kathak Dance Community, features both solo and group dance performances by Kathak dancers from across the country.

Eminent dance exponent Nritya Sarathi Laila Hasan inaugurated the festival at 6:05 pm. The organisers conferred the Nrityaguru Zinat Jahann Smriti Shommanona on eminent dance exponent Minu Haque, also the President of Bangladesh Nritya Shilpi Sangastha at the inaugural ceremony. Renowned educationist Dr Muhammed Zafar Iqbal, noted dancer Golam Mostafa Khan, eminent writer Selina Hossain and renowned dancer Mummun Ahmed attended the inaugural ceremony as honourable guests.



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Later, the dancers of Kathak Dance Community staged a dance production, titled *Bimurto Chhonder Akriti* at the programme. The dance piece was directed by Saju Ahmed.

Today, the festival will feature a seminar, titled 'Geet Gobindey Nritya O Padmabati Katha' at 10:05am, where Dr Nigar Chowdhury will read the key note paper. Professor Niranjan Adhikary, Eminent dance exponent Amanul Haque and dance critic Dr Sheikh Mehedi Hasan will attend the seminar as chief discussants. Hosted by Saju Ahmed, renowned dancers will also discuss at the event.

The evening session will feature dance performances by the award winning young dancers, while the artists of Nupur Nikkon, Moulvibazar, will stage a dance-drama, *Shree Radhar Manbharjan*, at the venue. The concluding day (December 26) of the festival will also feature both solo and group dance performances by prominent and promising artistes.

# Christmas specials on television

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As Bangladesh celebrates Christmas through numerous events and traditional festivities, top TV channels of the country are set to air different special programmes today.

The tele-fiction, *Je Jibon Jiboner*, written by Golam Rabbani and directed by Jayanta Rozario, will be aired on Desh TV at 9 pm. It stars Shampa Reza and FS Nayeem among others.

The biopic, *Jishu Eshechhilo, Ashben*, focusing on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, will be aired on My TV from 11:15 am onwards. Directed by Kamrul Hasan Nasim, the film features Rudro Huq and Moutushi Biswas in the roles of Jesus and Mary, respectively. Noted actors Tauhid Islam and Jayanta Chattopadhyay



Jishu Eshechhilo, Ashben

also star in key roles.

The dance show, *Aji Shubhodine*, featuring young artistes of the dance troupe Kolpotoru, will be televised on Duronto Television at 9 pm. The show is produced by Tofail Sarker. On the other hand, the animated film, *Frozen*



Pop Tune

*in Time*, dubbed in Bangla, will be aired on the channel from 10 pm onwards. In the film, time repeats an endless loop of Christmas Day when young siblings Eric and Patty Purtle break a mysterious clock belonging to their grandfather.

The talk show, *Probhu Jishur*

*Shubhoagomon*, hosted by actor Kalyan Corraya, will be aired on BanglaVision at 6:30 pm. Fr James Shyamol Gomez, CSE, and Chef Victor Gomez will talk about Christmas on the show.

Interestingly, Bangladesh Television will celebrate their 55th birth anniversary on Christmas Day. On the occasion, the musical show, *Pop Tune*, conceptualised by Sumon Saha, will be aired on the channel after the 8 pm Bangla News. Renowned singers Ferdous Wahid, Fakir Alamgir, Mehreen and Sabbir among others will perform on the show. The performing artistes will pay tributes to Azam Khan, Pilu Momtaz, Lucky Akhand, Happy Akhand and Ayub Bachchu. Foad Nasser Babu is the music director of the show.



Aji Shubhodine



Probhu Jishur Shubhoagomon

## Tirjak Natyamela 2019 begins today at TIC

To commemorate their 46th founding anniversary, Tirjak Natyadal, a renowned theatre troupe of Chattagram, has organised a five-day (December 25-29) Tirjak Natyamela 2019 at the Theatre Institute Chattagram (TIC) auditorium in the port city.



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Renowned thespians Bibhash Chakraborty and Mamunur Rashid will inaugurate the Tirjak Natyamela and Natya-Smarok Exhibition at 4:30pm today at the venue. Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud will attend the inaugural event as the chief guest, while Chattagram City Corporation Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin will attend the programme as the special guest, among others. Eminent educationalist and sociologist Dr Anupam Sen will preside over the ceremony.

The theatre festival will feature shows of different plays every day at 7pm. Besides, the organisers will screen documentaries on theatre and thespians, along with various programmes like discussions, art competitions, instrumental

recitals and cultural events, shedding light on dance, music, mime and theatre, on every other days at the Open Stage, Gallery and Lecture Theatre of TIC.

On the opening evening, Tirjak Natyadal will stage Syed Waliullah's play, *Tarangabhangho*. Natyachakra (Dhaka) will stage their play, *Eka Ek Nari*, on December 26. Members of Tirjak will also stage a Greek tragedy *Oedipus* by Sophocles on December 27 evening. Theatre Factory (Dhaka) will stage a Mohan Rakesh play, *Ashadhasya Prothom Diboshe*, on December 28, while Upstage (Dhaka) will stage a Buddhadeb Basu play, *Raat Bhore Brishti*, on the concluding day of the festival.

Founded in 1974, Tirjak Natyadal, has so far staged 2,786 shows of their 44 theatre productions.

## JINGLE BELLS IN SHOWBIZ



Kareena Kapoor brings about the 'Good Newzz' with Akshay Kumar, Dilij Dosanjh and Kiara Advani.

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Joining hand in hand with the cold north breezes, arrives celebrations for Christmas and the New Year. Swaying on the tunes of jingles, with wrapped gift boxes, twinkling lights and decorated Christmas trees, many celebrities have taken some time-off from their busy schedules to spend the holidays with their loved ones. Here are a few clicks from their Instagram accounts, sharing the joy and merriment of this festive season.



Chris Hemsworth towing Santa's sledge.

PHOTOS: COLLECTED FROM INSTAGRAM



(1) Reese Witherspoon's Christmas and hot coco with her dog, Lou. (2) Mariah Carey has fun in the snow! (3) Hugh Jackman keeps the promise from 2018 to Ryan Reynolds. (4) Mindy Kaling's ornamental tour.