



SHAAN

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“Poramon” and “Dohon” famed on-screen couple Siam Ahmed and Puja Chery are set to pair up for the third time, for the upcoming action film “Shaan”. Directed by M Raahim, the much awaited production is slated to release theatrically soon, under the banner of Jazz Multimedia.

Celebrated actresses Champa and Aruna Biswas will be seen together on the silver screen in this film, after 22 years.

“I wish the very best for ‘Shaan’,” shares an excited Aruna Biswas. “Only the audience will make my effort fruitful, by turning up at the halls.”

“I have found a very good team and I hope this film sees success,” adds Champa.

“Shaan” also features Taskeen Rahman, Don, Syed Hasan Imam, Nader Chowdhury, Misha Sawdagor, and Arman Parvez Murad, among others.

Azad Khan has penned the script while the dialogue and screenplay has been handled by Nazim Ud Dowla.

The film also features a song titled “Tomar Moto Amake Maniye Nebo”, voiced by Kona and Imran.

The first look of “Shaan” was revealed about 2 years ago, but its release was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Post lockdown, the trailer of the film was recently launched at TSC.

A new poster of the film, featuring only Siam, was unveiled on December 6, which stirred excitement among fans. The poster presented the actor in a completely new look for the film.

“This is a high-budget film, and I have



M RAAHIM

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worked very dedicatedly for this project,” shares Siam. “The whole team had to put up a lot of effort, as the audience’s expectations from this production led us all to raise our bars.”

This is the first time Siam has worked in a complete action film. “Cinema, to me, is all about the big screen and my audiences. I urge all my fans to please visit the halls and I assure you that “Shaan” won’t let you down,” he adds.

Puja Chery also shared her expectations from “Shaan”. “The film has managed to create much hype among viewers, and I am glad that people are talking positively about it,” she says. “I wish we live up to their expectation and make a place in their hearts with this film.”

Two-day long ‘Nazrul Utsav’ to take place in February

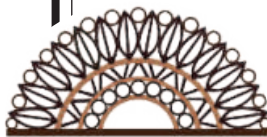
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A two-day gala event commemorating the work of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam is to be held on February 11-12 at the capital’s Gulshan Society Lake Park.

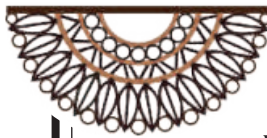
Noted artistes from Bangladesh and West Bengal, including the likes of Sreeradha Bandyopadhyay, Susmita Goswami, Srikanta Acharya, Manomay Bhattacharyya, Jayati Chakraborty, and Iman Chakraborty will grace the occasion, performing songs of Nazrul.

The event, which will be free and open for all upon online registration, is going to be hosted jointly by Bangladesh Nazrul Sangeet Sanstha, Arunranjani and the Gulshan Society.

An audio anthology of 125 Nazrul songs performed in strict accordance with authentic lyrics and composition by veteran and emerging artistes from Bangladesh and West Bengal will be released at the event. In addition, an online archive consisting over 2,000-2,200 songs by Nazrul in authentic form, will also be launched which will be available free of cost.



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nazrul festival



“It is imperative to preserve and promote the work of our National Poet for the next generation in pristine, authentic form,” said event convener and an Ekushey Padak winning Nazrul sangeet exponent, Khairul Anam Shakil.

“The Gulshan Society is honoured and delighted to co-host this event,” said Barrister Sarwat Siraj, the society’s secretary general. “As an organisation, it is our passion to nurture community kinship.”

The event will be dedicated to the memory of the eminent litterateur Dr Rafiqul Islam, who was one of the supporters of the event.

In addition to songs, the event will include poetry recitation, dance performances, and an exhibit on Nazrul’s life.

This program has already conducted workshops in 28 districts in Bangladesh to promote performance of Nazrul songs in authentic form.

COUNTRYWIDE

Bridge collapse brings woes to villagers

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More than 5,000 people of two unions in Barguna’s Taltali upazila are in great distress as the lone bridge connecting them has collapsed.

The 200-foot-long bridge on Jharakhali canal connecting Jharakhali and Baravajira villages collapsed on Sunday snapping communication.

The bridge is also the sole passage for more than two hundred students of SESDP Model Secondary School and South Jharakhali Government Primary School.

If a new bridge is not built soon, the education of the students of the two schools will be hampered, locals said.

On Sunday noon, the bridge suddenly collapsed and five to six students who had been crossing the bridge at the moment were unscathed. The bridge was

constructed by the Department of Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) in the financial year 2003-2004 to connect the two villages—Jharakhali and Baravajira—belonging to Baraibagi and Koraiabaria unions.

Around 5,000 villagers of the two unions and the students of SESDP Model Secondary School and South Jharakhali Government Primary School used to cross the bridge daily.

Since the bridge was not repaired for a long time, the iron angles rusted in the salty water.

As the bridge is getting submerged in the tidal water, the students have stopped going to the schools.

Visiting the spot on Tuesday, it was seen that the collapsed bridge lying in the water of the canal. On both sides of the bridge, women and children were waiting for passing the bridge to go to vaccination centres. Women, children and students

were risking their lives by crossing the collapsed bridge as there was no alternative way to cross the canal.

Jannati, an eighth-grader of SESDP Model Secondary School, said while she along with five to six others was crossing the bridge on their way back to school, the bridge collapsed.

“I fell into the canal but managed to swim ashore,” she also said.

Nasir Uddin Mollah, former UP chairman of Koraiabaria union, said the bridge was the only means of communication in the area. A new bridge needs to be built here immediately for the interest of the students.

LGED Taltali upazila Engineer Ahmed Ali said the iron angles rusted in the saltwater leading to the collapse of the bridge. A quick estimate for the construction of a new bridge here will be prepared and sent to the higher authorities for approval.



The bridge on Jharakhali canal, the lone passage for some 5,000 people of two unions in Barguna’s Taltali upazila, collapsed on Sunday, causing immense sufferings to people.

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Up to 103tcf potential gas

FROM PAGE 12 Petrobangla and the National Oceanography Centre of the UK completed the study in the last three years.

It indicates the presence of 0.11tcf to 0.63tcf gas hydrate, which is worth 17-103tcf of natural gas, only in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of Bangladesh, said Khurshed.

A full seismic survey in the entire EEZ of Bangladesh and continental shelf can

provide a true picture of the reserve of gas hydrate, he added.

Khurshed said the technology needed to exploit gas hydrate is not available yet.

Contacted, Dhaka University’s Geology Department Honorary Prof Dr Badrul Iman said it is good news that there is a potential reserve of gas hydrate, but the reality is no country has been able to go for its commercial production.

The US and Japan are still conducting experiments on the technology. Even if the technology is available, say, in the next 10 years, it will take at least 15 more years to come to Bangladesh, he said.

At the press briefing, Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen said another survey conducted by a Dutch researcher 220 species of seaweed. Some of the seaweeds have huge commercial potentials.

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Corrigendum e-Tender Notice

e-Tenders are invited through e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Executive Engineer, Market Construction Cell, Dhaka South City Corporation for the procurement of following packages, which will be available at e-GP website (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) from date: 04-01-2022, 22.00.

Sl No.	Tender ID, Ref No. & Package No.	Name of works	Last selling date and time	Tender closing date & time
01.	Tender ID-628629 Invitation Ref. No. 46.207.007.09.00.09.2021-2022 Package No. MCC-Jatrabari Kachabazar-D-4th to 5th	Construction work on 4th and 5th floor of “D-Block” at Jatrabari wholesale Kacha Bazar.	02-Feb-2022 17:00	03-Feb-2022 14:30

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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