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After garnering accolades for the track "Raat Jaga Pakhi", a collaboration with Pakistani sensation Shafqat Amanat Ali, talented singer Shithi Saha has now worked with eminent Indian musician Anup Jalota. Anup, considered a legend in his own field, is often referred to as the 'Bhajan Samrat'.

The singer has now returned to Dhaka after recording the duet ghazal, titled "Unkey Khayalon Mein", in Mumbai's Re N Raga Studios. "I am extremely honoured to have earned this opportunity," shares the singer. The song is written by Abrar Lakhnawi and composed by Anup Jalota himself.

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Although this is Shithi's second Urdu song, it is her first project in Mumbai.

She will soon be returning to Mumbai to

shoot for the music video.

Aired on Maasranga television, the musical adda "Shithir Otithi" began its journey after the pandemic had hit the country.

"Like everyone, I was depressed, and looking to initiate something, which resulted in the show. Since then, we have successfully completed 80 episodes," shares the artiste, who is a trained classical singer, also adept in folk and contemporary styles.

Making her playback debut in the film "Projapoti", directed by Mohammad Mostafa Kamal Raz, Shithi wants to work in more films. "It's not like that I don't want to lend my voice in films," she says. However, I have had a bad experience recently, which really upset me."

The singer informs that after recording a

SHITHI'S subcontinental ventures



Shithi with Anup Jalota in Mumbai.

Where is Farukh Ahmed?

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Chorki released the teaser of Shatabdi Wadud and Afsana Mimi starrer thriller "Nikhoj". Directed by Reehan Rahman, the series

revolves around the mysterious disappearance of Farukh Ahmed who has been missing since 1999.

"Nikhoj" stars an ensemble cast - Intekhab Dinar, Shamol Mawla, Sporshia, Khairul Basar, Masum Rezwan, Shilpi Sarkar, Deepanwita Martin, among others.

"Nikhoj" is slated to be released on the streaming platform on March 17.

"Waiting for Godot" to be staged today at DU

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Samuel Beckett's play "Waiting for Godot" is set in the backdrop of the class struggle of man, fight against exploitation, and endless exhaustion of the post World War II.

Commemorating the 75th anniversary of this historic creation, the Department of Theatre and Performance Studies of The University of Dhaka will present the play on stage from today until March 16 every day at 7 pm, at the Natmandal Auditorium and at the Experimental Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy (BSA), from March 18 till 20.

The play has been directed by professor Dr Israfil Shaheen and translated by Asadul Islam in collaboration with the Academy of Arts. It was played by the second semester students of Dhobi's post-graduation.



COUNTRYWIDE

TANGAIL-ARICHA REGIONAL HIGHWAY

Traffic movement halted as bridge deck collapses again

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Vehicular movement on Tangail-Aricha regional highway came to a halt as a steel plate of the deck of a Bailey bridge, repaired just a few days ago, on a canal at Tengripara in Nagarpur upazila collapsed again yesterday.

As a result, a good number of vehicles including passenger buses and goods-laden trucks got stranded on either side of the vulnerable bridge.

Locals said due to the sudden collapse, passengers were compelled to cross the bridge on foot and board another vehicle on the opposite side of the bridge to go to their destinations.



A large steel plate of the deck of this Bailey bridge over a canal in Tangail's Nagarpur upazila collapsed yesterday, halting vehicular movement on the busy Tangail-Aricha regional highway.

PHOTO: STAR

Meanwhile, in a temporary fix, workers put a bundle of logs on the broken part so that some heavy vehicles could cross the bridge amid serious risk of accident.

On March 8, another portion of the bridge deck collapsed when a mustard-laden truck was crossing it.

After couple of days of suspension, vehicular movement on the bridge resumed when workers engaged by the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) repaired the damaged part.

"I have informed the matter to the RHD officials after one of the steel plates of the bridge deck collapsed again yesterday morning," Nagarpur Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Waheduzzaman said.

22-year drive around the world

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The couple had been married six years, had good jobs and had just built a house, with plans to have kids, too, when wanderlust hit. Their round-the-world journey began with a backpacking trip in Alaska.

And somebody offered them a car, a 1928 model of an American make called Graham-Paige. The engine was bad and the paint looked terrible.

They went through only eight sets of tires in 22 years and only twice needed to do major engine work.

While out on the road, and with the first two kids born - Pampa, now 19, came into this world in the US and Tehue, 16, during a visit back to Argentina -- they enlarged the car by actually cutting it in half and adding 40 cm (16 inches) of length and another seat.

That made room for the arrival of Paloma, now 14 and born in Canada, and Wallaby, 12, down under in Australia.

The last additions to the family were a dog named Timon and a cat called Hakuna during a stay in Brazil, where the Zapps were stranded for a while in 2020 because of Covid-19.