

Second-year student Sumi debuts as heroine today

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SHARMIN JOYA

Shahnaz Sumi’s passion for art started at the age of three, when she began learning the basics of dance. She was a participant in the talent hunt Shera Nachiye, in 2016. Making her television debut in Salahuddin Lavlu’s mega serial aired in 2016, she continued working with prominent directors like Abul Hayat and Meher Afroz Shaon.

Her first full-fledged feature film, the Giasuddin Selim directorial “Paap Punyo”, hits theatres today. The honours’ second year student will share the screen with Chanchal Chowdhury, Afsana Mimi, Siam Ahmed, and Fazlur Rahman Babu among other noted artistes. We talk to her about her excitement, on this auspicious day.

Congratulations on your first lead role. How will you spend the day?

Thank you so much! I am eager to watch the first show of “Paap Punyo” with the entire crew, and my family. I will observe my senior co-artists to get idea about what are things to follow on silver screen release, so that I can follow it onwards.

As you were saying, dance has helped you improving your acting, would you explain?

Dance is a medium of expressing emotions, it has lot of expressions and gestures. I have been a dancer since childhood, thus I have worked a lot on expressions. It really helped me to perform as an actor as well.

You have worked in one of the chapters of Bangladesh’s first anthology film, “Eti Tomari Dhaka”. Now this will be your first full-fledged film, how would you describe your journey?

I was in “Akasher Poshha Pakhi”, directed by Tanvir Ahsan, in the anthology. Discovering myself in the silver screens for the first time

gave me immense pride. To me the journey is a learning process, with no ending.

How did your passion for acting grow?

I was mentored by noted directors in the industry, including Salahuddin Lavlu, Abul Hayat and Meher Afroz Shaon.

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It is, perhaps, fate, that you are the lead in Giasuddin Selim’s fourth film?

Maybe it is, and truth be told, it feels surreal. While watching “Monpura”, I could only dream of working with such a great director. It left me speechless when I was offered to play Shathi in “Paap Punyo”. Working with Giasuddin Selim is like a scholarship for me, as I could explore my acting prowess.

I was a bit anxious during the rehearsals, but all the co-stars were extremely generous. I am a huge fan of Siam Ahmed, so acting opposite him was also like a dream come true.

Tell us about Shathi. Why should the audience go and see her in theatres?

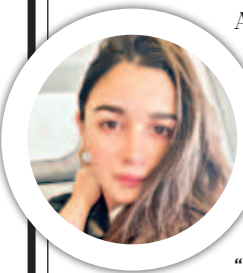
Shathi’s decisions perpetually effect the lives of her closed ones. The film is thematically based on the title, “Paap Punyo”, which translates to sin and virtue. It explains how one’s actions effect other lives, based on their positive or negative deeds.

The audience will relate to the film and its multiple, complex layers, and this is why they should see it.



PHOTOS: COURTESY OF SUMI

‘I feel like a newcomer all over again’



Alia Bhatt is set to join the cast of Netflix’s “Heart of Stone”, as she makes her Hollywood debut alongside Gal Gadot. The newly married actress is flying to the UK to kick off the shooting schedule.

Sharing a gorgeous selfie from her car, she wrote on Instagram, “And off I go to shoot my first ever Hollywood film!!!! Feel like a newcomer all over again - sooooo nervous!!!! Wish me luckkkkkkkk.”

Jamie Dornan is also set to star alongside Gal Gadot in “Heart of Stone”. Filmmaker Tom Harper is on board to direct with a story by Greg Rucka and Allison Schroeder.

Jaya Ahsan wins Anandalok Best Actress award in India

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

Jaya Ahsan has won the Anandalok Best Actress award for her performance in “Binisutoy”, in India on May 18.

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Jaya Ahsan also won the Joy Filmfare Award (Bangla) for Best Actress in the popular category for her performance in “Binisutoy”. It was her third Filmfare Award.



NEWS

Another case filed

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Rakibul Hayat filed the case.

PK Halder was arrested by the Indian Directorate of Enforcement, which investigates money laundering and violations of foreign exchange laws, on Saturday.

According to the complaint filed yesterday, Shib Prashad applied for a loan of Tk 44 crore from FAS finance on November 10, 2014, proposing 322 decimals of land as collateral.

Russell Shahriar, then managing director of the organisation, placed the application in a board meeting where the loan was approved.

The money was later transferred to the bank

accounts of Deya Shipping between December 29, 2014 and February 9, 2015.

PK Halder had close links with the individuals running FAS Finance and he played a key role in getting the loan approved and the money laundered out of the country, officials said.

PK Halder’s financial scams came to the fore in 2019. While the ACC was carrying out an enquiry, PK Halder fled from Bangladesh.

On January 8, 2020, the ACC filed a case against PK Halder for amassing about Tk 275 crore from unknown sources.

Officers later found evidence suggesting that he had illegal wealth worth Tk 426 crore and laundered Tk 80 crore to Canada.

the hajj-related tasks on time.

On April 27, the civil aviation ministry announced that the hajj flight would begin from May 31.

State Minister for Civil Aviation Mahbub Ali on that day told reporters that Biman would operate 75 flights to carry half of the 57,585 pilgrims.

Saudia and Flynas will ferry the rest.

speech. “But this is how she [Hasina] speaks to her political opponents and attacks them, which is completely devoid of political etiquette.”

Fakhru said, “I urge her to refrain from making such statements. If she makes such comments again, we will pursue legal means.”

Troubles mount as more areas

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3:00pm yesterday, down by 17cm 24 hours ago.

The flood forecasting centre yesterday forecasted that heavy rain may occur in the country’s north-eastern region and India’s Meghalaya and Assam in 24 hours till 3:00pm today. This may cause a further rise in the water levels of the two rivers.

Officials at the Sylhet civil surgeon’s office said

140 medical teams were providing service to the flood victims.

Sylhet Civil Surgeon Dr SM Shahreer said, “Medical teams are carrying water refining tablets, medicine and other necessary medical equipment. We have asked for more supplies in case the flood situation worsens.”

Meanwhile, Sylhet city Mayor Ariful Haque

Chowdhury yesterday urged the city residents to help the flood victims and demanded the Surma be dredged without delay.

The mayor was briefing journalists after visiting some flood-hit areas in the city.

The district administrations have distributed rice, dry food and cash among the flood-affected people.

Find ways to ease economic

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“They [the ministries] will discuss how to handle the matter, where to put restrictions and where to relax restrictions. They will submit their reports,” he said, adding that the reports would be published before the media.

The ministries were asked to decide within two or three days whether tax should be temporarily increased on fancy and non-essential goods, Anwarul said.

“Proposals were made to increase import taxes on fruits. It is summer. We have enough mangoes, blackberries and jackfruits. Now, it will be decided whether the proposal is logical.

“We request you

[reporters] to make constructive discussions. We’re recovering from the Covid shock, but the war in Europe has not only created an economic crisis worldwide, but also a supply shortage.

“The inflation in the UK is nine percent and it is over eight percent in the USA,” he said.

SCHEDULED AGENDA
The cabinet approved the draft of Haat and Bazar (establishment and management) Act-2022 in principle.

As per the proposed law, no one will be allowed to set up a market without government permission.

The land of a market will be considered Khas land which will be managed by the district administration

and the government. The land cannot be transferred permanently, he said.

If anyone or a group of people illegally occupies Khas land of any market and construct any establishment, then every individual found guilty will be fined up to Tk 5 lakh or jailed for a year or both.

The cabinet also approved the draft Land Development Tax Act-2022 and Land Development Act-2022 in principle.

Besides, the draft National Mental Health Policy Bangladesh-2022 was approved by the cabinet.

An act is being formulated to give mental health as much importance as physical health, the cabinet secretary added.

Govt likely to miss

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There are some other tasks, including arrangement of food for pilgrims and their transportation, he added.

After all the procedures are done, pilgrims get their visas, and the carrying of hajj passengers to Saudi Arabia begins.

Haab leaders said this year hajj package was announced late, causing problems for them to begin

PM’s remark

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Thakurgaon.

“We are shocked and outraged by the statement of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina,” he said, adding that he strongly condemned the PM’s remarks. “These remarks are tantamount to a death threat.”

He said no one could expect such an indecent

26.5pc people suffer

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according to officials.

One of the studies revealed that around 15.8 percent people in the country suffer from dyslipidemia – the imbalance of lipids in the body.

Speaking at the programme as chief guest, Health Minister Zahid Maleque said, “Around

10 lakh people die in the country every year. Of them, 70 percent die from non-communicable diseases. Such diseases are claiming more than 1,900 lives every day.”

Lauding the DGHS’ research initiative, he said the research findings would help the government adopt the right policies

and plans to control non-communicable diseases.

He urged the people to maintain a healthy lifestyle to be safe from diseases.

Prof Sharfuddin Ahmed, vice chancellor of BSMMU, and Prof Dr Robed Amin, additional director general (administration) at the DGHS, attended the event, among others.

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e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works details are below:

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04	699258	Construction of 2-vent (size: 2X4.50X4.50m) RCC Box Culvert at East side of Zajira Mobarak Ali Sikder Bazar (near at Dhaka-Shariatpur RHO) under Zajira Upazila.	31-May-2022 17:00	01-Jun-2022 13:00

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