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Prisons are supposed to be reformatory centres. However, in Bangladesh, they are nothing less than torturous, punitive concentration camps. In these over congested prisons, the inmates are treated like savages by the prison workers whose morale is at the lowest ebb. This week the *Star Weekend* has revealed some of the most unheard stories, about how thousands of lives are rotting inside the prisons of Bangladesh. To know more about the lives behind bars, read this week's spotlight on pages 8 and 9.

THE BEAUTY OR THE BEAST
Talks about the visually unappealing statues and figures scattered all across the city, whose actual purpose was that of beautification.

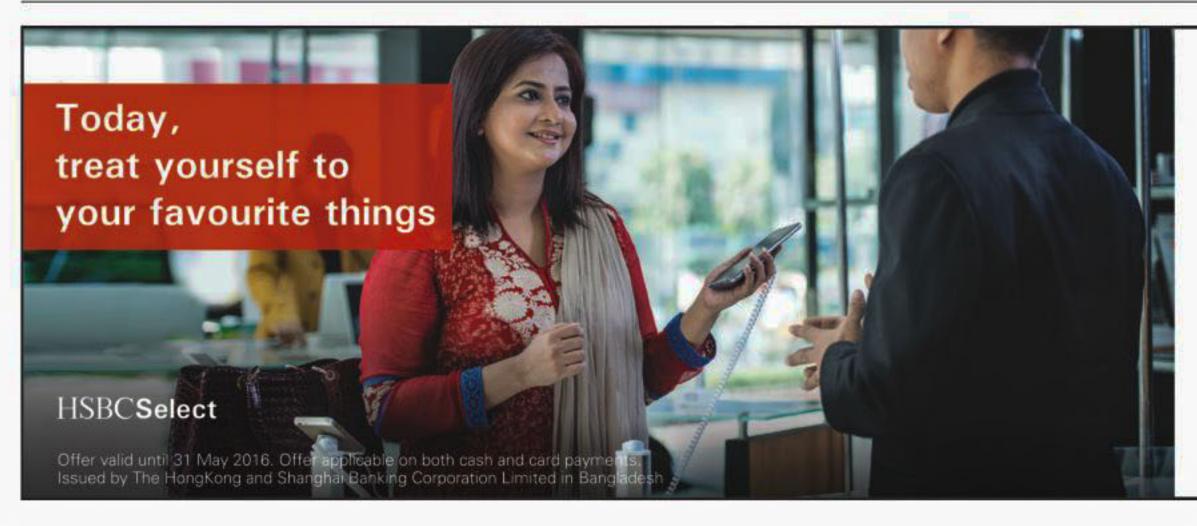
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SURVIVING DHAKA: A MONOLOGUE
Is the furious ranting of a Dhakaite,
penning her frustrations down as she
slowly moves along the water-logged and
gridlocked roads of Dhaka City.

OF BIG FAT WEDDINGS

Is a satire on how the tradition and culture of a Bangladeshi wedding just keeps expanding further and further, and how every little detail is now celebrated with the same zest.

12 MY WAY OR THE HIGHWAY
Discusses how a student needs to spend some time
to realise his or her own passions and make a
decision as to what career to chose, instead of
accepting the norms that the society enforces.

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