



## Celebrating Life Gala 2017 Coming Soon!

Celebrating Life, the national competition that highlights young talents in the fields of film making, photography and lyric writing, is set to have its exclusive Gala event on 28th November, at International Convention City Bashundhara's Noboratri Hall. For its 10th iteration, Celebrating Life is looking forward

to a bigger and better competition than ever before. This year, Celebrating Life has focused upon the diversity of Bangladesh as its theme, and has encouraged participants to focus on the cultural and social uniqueness of Bangladesh in their film, photograph and lyric entries. To further emphasize on the diversity

aspect, the Celebrating Life Gala 2017 will be featuring diverse music, and is sure to be an event of much glamour and enjoyment. Keep your eyes glued to The Daily Star to find out more, and if you want a pass to the event, contact Abdullah Al Amin Rubel at 01832388155.



## Channel i's 19th Birthday

Bangladesh's first digital television channel, Channel i, had its 19th birthday at 1st October. This has set a benchmark in the history of Bangladeshi television industry, and the occasion has been celebrated by many TV superstars, political personalities and fans across the nation. The Managing Director of Channel i, Faridur Reza Sagar, expressed his thanks to everyone who has supported Channel I since its inception. He said, "I feel proud of the fact that we are starting our 19th year. Channel i has

earned the trust and faith of the people, and that is why the joy of this birthday belongs to all the Bengalis all over the world." He further said, "We feel that this channel has been a bridge between people of all classes and professions. We have also reached out to more people thanks to social media." The event was celebrated with the cutting of a cake at 12:01 am, along with musical performances by Ayub Bachchu, Ferdous Ara, Ferdous Wahid, Kiron Chandra Ray, Shofi Mondol and many others.

## DR. NASHID KAMAL Wins Channel i Music Award

Dr. Nashid Kamal is an accomplished individual known for her academic writings and prowess in music and singing. This time, she adds another achievement to her repertoire, by winning the Channel i Music Award in the Nazrul Sangeet category for her solo album *Gaan-e Gaan-e Nazrul Jeeboni*. The album is a unique one in its category, as it contains biographical narrations of the national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's life between the songs. Released last year, the album has been well-received as a tribute to the legendary poet and songwriter. "Eminent Nazrul exponents are responsible for selecting the winners in the Nazrul Sangeet category, so it is an honor to receive such an award," said Dr. Nashid Kamal. Regarding the album, she said, "The album begins with *Hera Hote Hele Dule*, an Islamic song, and then moves onto love songs, folk songs, melancholic songs and also songs representing his last days." Dr. Nashid Kamal wrote the script, sang, as well as voiced the narrations in the album.

