

<p>Literature Fest Title: BUP LitFest '18 Venue: Bangladesh University of Professionals Date: October 11-13 Details: www.facebook.com/BUP/LCFL</p>	<p>Toy Fair Title: Khelna Mela 2018 Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy Date: October 7-13 Time: 3pm - 8pm</p>	<p>Cultural Festival Title: Ganga Jamuna Sangskritik Utshab 2018 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: October 5-15 Time: 7pm</p>	<p>Art Exhibition Title: Museumplein 2018 Venue: Mrinal Haque Creative Arts House#5/A, Road#2, Gulshan 1 Date: October 18 - 20 Time: 3pm - 8pm</p>
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Star Cineplex celebrates 14 years of excellence

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An air of splendour and festivity surrounded the corridors of Star Cineplex as the first ever state-of-the-art multiplex in Bangladesh prepared to celebrate its 14 years of serving the urban audience the best that cinema has to offer. Posters of Cineplex's most successful films throughout its journey were on display near the red carpet entrance, on which many celebrities from the film, television and music industries made their way to the anniversary. Abul Hayat, Afsana Mimi, Shakib Khan, Jaya Ahsan, Omar Sunny, Ferdous, Riaz and Purnima were only a few of the big names in a night full of stars.

Minister of Information, Hasanul Haq Inu was the chief guest of the event. "I would like to congratulate Star Cineplex for reaching such a tremendous milestone," said the minister. "I firmly believe that more investments as such are needed in order to further rejuvenate the film industry like Cineplex did."

Mahboob Rahman, the chairman of Star Cineplex was visibly emotional during his inaugural speech. "When we started our journey, the film industry was almost dead," he said. "The challenge was to enhance the cinema-going experience and bring people back to the halls, and I believe that we achieved that." The chairman thanked everyone who supported the organisation over the years, and revealed that branches of Cineplex are in the works at Rifle's Square, Mohakhali and other places near the tri-state area, as well as in Cox's Bazaar.

A short clip commemorating Star Cineplex's 14-year journey was shown to the guests, after which the festive atmosphere was enhanced by a dance performance from Purnima, one of the most popular stars in the film industry. A lifetime achievement award was given to one of the legends of Bangladeshi cinema and television - Sharmili Ahmed. The veteran actor, adored as "mother" of the industry, thanked Star Cineplex and mentioned that she was elated to receive the award from veteran actor Farooque and the Minister of Information. Fourteen films were presented with crests for performing the best in their respective years - Molla Barir Bou, Daruchini Dip, Monpura, 3rd Person Singular Number, Guerilla, Chorabali,



Minister of Information, Hasanul Haq Inu, and chairman of Star Cineplex Mahboob Rahman, cut a cake with other eminent guests.



Sharmili Ahmed receives a lifetime achievement award at the event from actor Farooque and minister Hasanul Haq Inu.



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The festive atmosphere of the event is enhanced by a dance performance from popular actor Purnima.

Projapati, Zero Degree, Hridoyer Kotha, Chandragrohon, Shikari, Aynabaji, Bhuban Majhi and Dhaka Attack. Producers, directors and actors of the aforementioned films were present to receive the honours. Four juggernauts

of the film industry- Shakib Khan, Ferdous, Riaz and Omar Sunny shared the stage and conveyed their best wishes to Star Cineplex. The event closed off with a magnificent performance from Kona, with choreo-



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Shahabuddin Ahmed's solo exhibition at Creative the Art Gallery

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Shanto-Mariam Foundation has organised a solo painting exhibition of renowned artist Shahabuddin Ahmed at its Creative the Art Gallery in Uttara. Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Harsh Vardhan Shringla inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest on September 30. Artist Nasim Ahmed Nadvi and art critic Moinuddin Khaled delivered the welcoming address at the opening ceremony. Founder chairman of Shanto-Mariam Foundation and Freedom Fighter Md Imamul Kabir Shanto delivered a vote of thanks at the event, coordinated by Tagore singer Lily Islam.

The exhibition features 25 drawings and seven paintings by the art maestro.

Shahabuddin's art represents the glorious Liberation War and the motherland's rich cultural heritage. The three-weeklong exhibition, opening from 10am to 8pm daily, will conclude on October 19.

Shahabuddin's paintings are displayed in many prestigious galleries across the globe, including Museum Olympic Lausanne, Switzerland and Bourn-En Brasse Museum, France. He was awarded at the Olympiad of Arts, Barcelona, in 1992 and honoured with the French title Chevalier De L'ordre Des Arts Et Des Lettres (Knight in the Order of Fine Arts and Humanities) by the Ministry for Cultural Affair and Communication of France in 2014. He also received the Shadhinata Padak in 2000 and Bangla Academy Award in 1974.

Khelna Mela 2018 underway at Shishu Academy

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In order to celebrate National Children's Rights Week, Shishu Academy, in association with Khelna Bank has organised Khelna Mela 2018 at their premises. This fair is the first of its kind in the country. The event, which started on October 7, will run till October 13. Through toys, the fair aims to educate children about the importance of learning, sharing and caring. Khelna Mela 2018 is a showcase, providing visitors an overview of creative global and local toy manufacturers.

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs, Meher Afroz Chumki, inaugurated the fair, in the presence of Secretary of the Ministry, Nasima Begum, Director of Shishu Academy, Anzir Liton and many others.

Besides toy stalls, the fair features daily activities for children to promote learning through play, fun rides including a train, and seminars. It also includes a knowledge-based competition, cultural and puppet shows, gifts for top buyers, photo and play zones as well as awards for the three most innovative toy manufacturers.



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Starflixed hosts interactive discussion session on 'DEBI'



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PRIYANKA CHOWDHURY

Jaya Ahsan and Chanchal Chowdhury were invited to a discussion session by Starflixed titled 'Untie the Knots of Debi' on Monday at the British Council Auditorium. Simultaneously, an exhibition was organised to showcase the "Debi" collection by renowned fashion designer, Biplob Shaha's Bishwo Rong, Debi's wardrobe partner.


Jaya Ahsan proved that she is not only a versatile actor but also a confident and visionary producer. Emphasising on the sound design of the film she said, "The sound has been designed for a theatrical experience. I urge everyone to watch the film on the big screen to enjoy it fully." She also shed light on spreading awareness against piracy.

"I read most of the stories of the Misir Ali series during my school days. Debi has always been my favourite and I always wanted to play Ranu," Jaya added. "Debi is like my first child. We filmed it with our utmost sincerity."

At the event, Chanchal Chowdhury, back-brushing his hair with his left hand, spoke out the famous dialogue "Bepar ta bojha dorkar," which was met with cheers and applause from the audience. He shared his experience with Humayun Ahmed and said that he thinks that Misir Ali reflects the writer himself.

Debi is set to hit theatres on Friday, October 19.

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