

WHAT'S ON

**Literature Fest**  
 Title: BUP LitFest '18  
 Venue: Bangladesh University of Professionals  
 Date: October 11-13  
 Details:  
 www.facebook.com/BUPLC/



**Toy Fair**  
 Title: Khelna Mela 2018  
 Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy  
 Date: October 7-13  
 Time: 3pm - 8pm



**Cultural Festival**  
 Title: Ganga Jamuna Sangskritik Utshab 2018  
 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
 Date: October 5-15  
 Time: 7pm



**Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Museumplein 2018  
 Venue: Mrinal Haque Creative Arts  
 House#5/A, Road#2, Gulshan 1  
 Date: October 25 - 27  
 Time: 3pm - 8pm



**Cosplay Event**  
 Title: The Haunted Halloween Weekend  
 Venue: Jamuna Future Park  
 Date: October 26 - 28  
 Time: 2 pm - 8:30 pm  
 Single Day Passes: Tk. 200



# Three cultural legends honoured

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The award ceremony and gala of the 11th edition of *The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Celebrating Life, a film-making, photography and lyrics contest*, was held at the International Convention City Bashundhara last night. Three cultural luminaries were felicitated with lifetime achievement awards at the event.



Syed Hasan Imam



Runa Laila

PHOTO: SHAHREAR KABIR HEEMEL

The lifetime achievement awardees – actor-director Aly Zaker, actor and cultural activist Syed Hasan Imam and singer Runa Laila – were honoured for their stellar work and contribution to their respective fields. "Receiving a lifetime achievement award from *The Daily Star*, the leading English newspaper of Bangladesh, is a great honour," says Syed Hasan Imam. "I have always regarded *The Daily Star* as a tasteful and honest publication of our country. I extend my best wishes to the entire team and hope that they continue shedding light on stories of significance."

Actor-director Aly Zaker was elated to be honoured on the occasion. "I am immensely grateful to have received this recognition for my work from such a prominent newspaper of Bangladesh. It is a matter of prestige for me," he says.

Runa Laila was also really delighted to receive the award.



Aly Zaker

## 'Looking at My Country Through Stamps' held at AFD



PRIYANKA CHOWDHURY

Alliance Française de Dhaka (AFD) and Moonsez Art Academy jointly organised *Daak-ticketey Dekhi Amar Desh (Looking at My Country Through Stamps)*, a group painting exhibition by budding child painters of Moonsez Art Academy. Held at the Galerie Zoom in Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, the exhibition is open to all till October 19. It is a result of a 21-day workshop conducted by artist Shadia Sharmin at the art academy. The exhibition is supported by the Philatelists' Association of Bangladesh.

The programme was inaugurated by the chief guest, Director General of Bangladesh Post Office, Sushanto

Kumar Mondal. Visual Artist Dr SM Saiful Islam was present as the special guest.

Spanning from the nineteenth century to the present, the history of postage stamps is fascinating and rich. Bangladesh saw her first set of stamps during the Liberation War on July 29, 1971, that exhibited the international support for the nation. The stamps of Bangladesh since then have seen glorious days, from masterfully-drawn commemorative stamps to beautiful and historical first day covers.

The children of Moonsez Art Academy were able to experience Bangladesh in a very different yet familiar way by looking at the stamps and be inspired to construct their own versions of the stamps. Participants also received recognition for their work.

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## 'DEBI' official trailer released

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The official trailer for the much-anticipated film *Debi* was released online on Jaaz Multimedia's YouTube page. In less than 24 hours, it reached 1.4 million views, brewing up the intensity with which the fans of Humayun Ahmed have been waiting to watch the film. The eerie scenes in the trailer with the laughter in the background add to the suspense of the story. Many promotional activities were underway prior to the release of the trailer, and it seems that hopes are high from the fans. The film is slated for release on October 19.

