

<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Film Premiere Title: Bangladesher Harano Golpo Venue: Krishibid Institution of Bangladesh (KIB), Khamarbari Date: October 26 Time: 3 pm - 6 pm</p>	<p>Photography & Poetry Exhibition Title: Dust to Dust Venue: Jatra Biroti, Banani Date: October 27 - November 9 Time: 12 pm - 10 pm</p>	<p>Art Exhibition Title: Fallout Exhibition Venue: Dwip Gallery, Lalmatia Date: October 13 - 27 Time: 3 pm - 9 pm</p>	<p>Art Exhibition Title: Museumplein 2018 Venue: Mrinal Haque Creative Arts House#5/A, Road#2, Gulshan 1 Date: October 25 - 27 Time: 3 pm - 8 pm</p>	<p>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</p>
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Moviegoers click selfies in front of 'Debi' posters at Balaka Cinema Hall.

PHOTO: KAZI SALAHUDDIN RAZU

'Shilper Shohor - City of Art' held in Rajshahi

PRIVANKA CHOWDHURY, from Rajshahi

To highlight the cultural vibrancy of different districts of our country, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy has extended the *Shilper Shohor Dhaka - City of Art Dhaka* project to a month-long cultural event titled *Shilper Shohor - City of Art* in districts across Bangladesh. The Director General of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Liaquat Ali Lucky, conceived the project. Along with Dhaka, the event is set to run in Sylhet, Mymensingh, Chattogram, Rangpur, Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal. 10 locations in each district will host the cultural programme for the local audience.

The six-day long schedule in Rajshahi began on October 15 in Lalon Mancha. The other locations were Kashiadanga College, Court Station Mor, Police Line T-Bad, Shahid A H M Kamruzzaman Chatter, Court Shahid Minar, Padma Garden, Shaheb Bazaar Alupotti, Talaimari Mor and Rajshahi University.

With the festivities of Durga Puja underway, the spectators were pleasantly surprised with such an initiative. The participants at Shahid A H M Kamruzzaman Chatter performed on a truck by the side of the road. Everyone from street vendors to casual observers were in the audience.

Artists associated with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the designated districts performed patriotic folk songs while local songs were performed in the evenings. The last event in Rajshahi took place on October 21 at Rajshahi University.



PHOTO: PRIYANKA CHOWDHURY

'Debi' strikes a chord with THE AUDIENCE

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

28 cinema halls across the country are currently screening *Debi*, the film adaptation of Humayun Ahmed's beloved novel of the same name, this year. We visited four halls in Dhaka to see how the film is faring at the box office.

Many university students came to Star Cineplex in Bashundhara City to watch *Debi* along with their friends. The long queues in front of the ticket counters were an indication of people's anticipation for the film.

Mesbah Uddin Ahmed, Media and Marketing Manager of Star Cineplex, said that the response to *Debi* has been excellent so far. After the release of the film, Star Cineplex is running twelve shows a day instead of the usual nine shows.

Similarly, Balaka Cinema Hall, which is currently screening four shows of the film daily, also has crowds consisting mostly of young people coming to watch the film. Manager of Modhumita Cinema Hall, Rezaul Karim, also informed that since its release, *Debi* has brought in a huge audi-

ence for them. The film is also showing at Blockbuster Cinemas and Shyamoli Cineplex at the moment.

The cast of the film - Chanchal Chowdhury and Jaya Ahsan in the roles of Misir Ali and Ranu respectively, has sparked a lot of interest amongst the moviegoers. While fans of Humayun Ahmed are excited to watch the character of Misir Ali in a film for the first time, it appears that *Debi* has also introduced Misir Ali to those who are not familiar with the novel.



Moko Malaysia coming on October 26

The 40-episode series titled *Moko Malaysia*, starring Mosharraf Karim, Shamim Jahan, Bonna Mirza, Aparna Ghosh and many others, will air from October 26 onwards on Channel i. The series will be

televised every Friday, Saturday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:30 pm. It is directed by Shamim Jahan and scripted by Akash Ranjan.

Source: Channel i

RANVEER AND DEEPIKA to tie the knot



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

After months of speculation, the Ram and Leela of Bollywood, Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone, have finally announced their wedding dates on social media. Deepika tweeted the wedding card, announcing that she will be getting married to Ranveer on November 14 and 15 of this year. "We thank you for all the love you have showered upon us over the years and seek your blessings as we embark on this incredible journey of love, loyalty, friendship and togetherness," read the actor's post. As soon as the wedding card hit social media, wishes and love started pouring in from all quarters. From Karan Johar to Karisma Kapoor, many stars showered their love on the couple.

International Action Art Fair concludes in Paris

ZAHANGIR ALOM, from Paris

The 2nd International Action Art Fair (October 12-17) recently concluded in Paris, France. To promote peace through art and to inspire cultural exchange among artists from different parts of the world, Club for UNESCO of Piraeus and Islands and International Action Art, in cooperation with the French Federation of Clubs, Centers and Associations of UNESCO (FFPU), organised the fair.

Artists from Bangladesh, Iran, Turkey, Russia, Greece, Syria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and more took part in the art fair that included a three-day atelier, two-day exhibition, a seminar on art therapy and visits to art museums and other important architectural and cultural places.

Ioannis Maronitis, the president of the



Club for UNESCO and Ardiouma Sirima, the president of FFPU graced the inaugural ceremony of the exhibition as honourable guests. The exhibition was held at the Espace Cultur'ailes art gallery in Paris, France.

Every artist created two paintings each on themes ranging from realistic to abstract following their respective styles on acrylic, oil, pen and ink and various other media. Following the exhibition, the organisers handed over certificates to the participating artists. The artists too engaged in interacting with one-another on different artistic and socio-political issues during their participation in the art fair.



A number of the participating artists of the International Action Art Fair in Paris.

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