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| <p><b>WHAT'S ON</b></p> | <p><b>Film Festival</b><br/>Title: Dhaka International Mobile Film Festival 2019<br/>Venue: University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh<br/>Date: February 15</p> | <p><b>Live Art Show</b><br/>Title: Dhaka Live Art Biennale<br/>Venue: University of Dhaka<br/>Date: January 21 - February 14</p> | <p><b>Exhibition</b><br/>Title: LAL - An Ode to the Moon &amp; Menstrual Cycle<br/>Venue: Jatra Biroti, Banani<br/>Date: February 19 - 23<br/>Details: Jatra Biroti's Facebook page</p> | <p><b>Book Fair</b><br/>Title: Ekushey Boi Mela 2019<br/>Venue: Suhrawardy Udyan and Bangla Academy, Dhaka<br/>Date: February 1 - 28</p> | <p><b>Photography Exhibition and More</b><br/>Title: Counter Foto's 6th Anniversary<br/>Venue: Counter Foto Mirpur Campus<br/>Date: February 10 - 15</p> |
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# Pandit Barin Mazumder Music Festival 2019 begins today

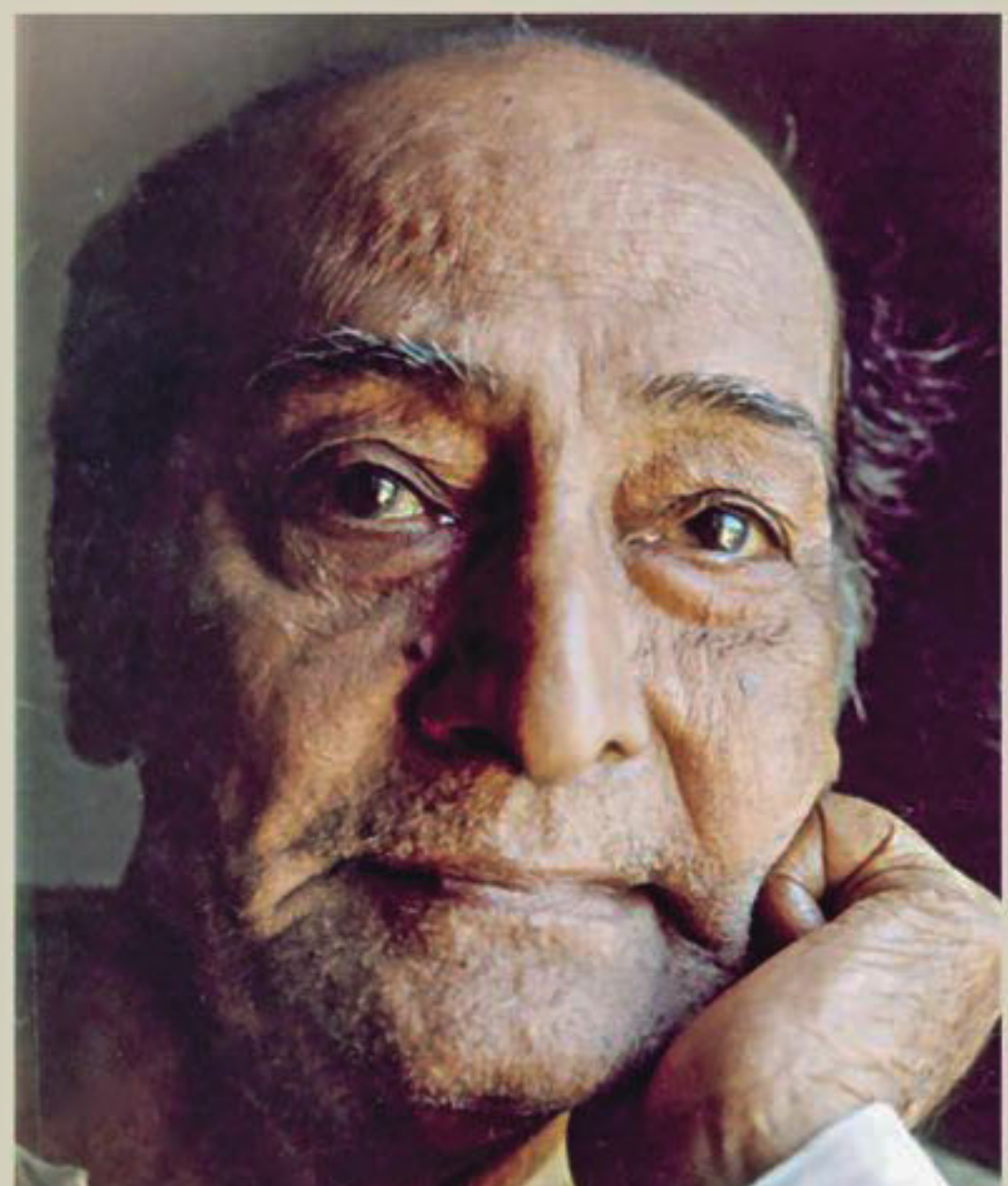


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*Ekushey Padak* winning classical musician Pandit Barin Mazumder was the pioneer behind establishing the Government Music College in Dhaka.

In commemoration of the maestro's birth anniversary, the Government Music College has organised a two-day festival at their premises in Agargaon from February 14-15. The celebration will host performances by renowned musicians as well as students from the institution. The Honourable Minister of Education of the Government of Bangladesh, Dr Dipu Moni, will grace the festival's inauguration as the chief guest. Prominent Nazrul Sangeet singer Khaled Hossain will receive the Pandit Barin Mazumder Award at the event.



Omar Sani and Moushumi



Jui and Mosharraf Karim



Mostofa Sarwar Farooki and Tisha

# LOVE STORIES in the showbiz world

*Love is definitely in the air today! On Valentine's Day, we take a look at star couples whose love stood the test of time over the years. Popular faces on television, Tauquir Ahmed and Bipasha Hayat have worked together on multiple projects. They went on to form a strong friendship before eventually falling in love and tying the knot. Parents of two children, they are one of the most beautiful couples in the industry.*



Zahid Hasan and Sadia Islam Mou

**SHAH ALAM SHAZU**  
Noted actor Zahid Hasan has been entertaining viewers with his versatile roles both on television and the silver-screen for years. He also has a number of tele-fictions to his credit as a director. On the other hand, his wife, a noted model, actor and dancer, Sadia Islam Mou, has been enthraling the audience for ages. Both of them have built a happy life together with two kids. Internationally acclaimed director Mostafa Sarwar Farooki and popular actor Nusrat Imrose Tisha, who have been happily married for a long time, have teamed up for numerous projects on the professional front. Tisha has been featured in many of Farooki's films. Needless to say, they make a great team, both on and off screen. The famous power couple Omar Sani and Moushumi fell in love on the sets of their films and eventually tied the knot. They first worked together in the film, *Prem Prem*, which became a smash hit. Today, they are parents of two children. Mosharraf Karim taught at a coaching center where Jui was a student. They eventually fell in love and got hitched. While Mosharraf has established himself as one of the busiest actors on television, Jui's acting career is promising.



Bipasha Hayat and Tauquir Ahmed



Rachel Priyanka Perris, along with accompanying dancers, perform at the event.

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# Spring, harnessing the colours of life

**ZAHANGIR ALOM**  
Heralding the arrival of spring, the nation celebrated Pahela Falgun yesterday. Every year, this day is celebrated to welcome the season of flowers -- symbolising youth, vigour and love. People from all over the country rejoiced, donning colorful attires and floral garlands, with performances of music, dance, drama and poetry to welcome the most endearing season of all. The Dhaka University area, as always,

became the hub of all cultural activities. The famous 'Bakultala' of the Faculty of Fine Art was adorned in vibrant celebrations, as the day-long programme began with Indian classical music, followed by the presentation of dance, *Panchokobi'rgaan*, folk music and poetry recitation by soloists and cultural organisations. To add to the spirit of Pahela Falgun, a colourful procession was brought out, enhancing the fanfare for spring enthusiasts. Along with 'Bakultala', cultural

programmes were also held at three other venues across Dhaka -- Dhanmondi's Rabindra Sarobar, Bahadur Shah Park in Old Dhaka and Uttara Sector 3 Rabindra Sarani. They featured a wide range of cultural activities as well. Jatiya Boshonto Utshab Udjapon Parishad has been celebrating the arrival of spring formally since 1995 in Dhaka, although it has been traditionally celebrated on the first day of spring for centuries. Today, Pahela Falgun is celebrated nationally, and is a major cultural event.



# Tea Stall opens today

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*Tea Stall*, a film by Ashfaque Nipun, will be released on VOD platform iflix in celebration of Valentine's Day. Inspired by the Oscar-nominated film *Roma*, the short features Sabila Nur, Yash Rohan and Moutushi Biswas. The film's song, *Ei Tumi Shei Tumi*, composed by Mark Don, is sung by D Rockstar Shuvo and Elita Karim. *Tea Stall* is a part of the *Ushnotar Notun Golpo* series by iflix.

## PORTRAIT OF A COVER ARTIST

# Rakeeb Razzak

*Twenty-one year-old Rakeeb Razzak developed a keen interest in drawing from watching different animation series and films, including 'Pokemon', 'Dragon Ball Z' and 'Spider-Man', to name a few. From 2016, he joined Cartoon People, a platform for art enthusiasts and visual storytellers who want to spread their creative passion through drawings, and establish themselves as professional artists. He further went on to work as a cartoonist for many prominent publications of the country, including 'Kishor Alo' and 'Unmad'.*

**SHABABA IQBAL**  
"I treat the world as my canvas. I like to express myself through cartoons, whether I want to address any important social messages or ordinary aspects of life," explains Rakeeb, who is currently a Fine Arts student at University of Development Alternative. This year, he stepped into the area of book illustrations and cover art with the Ekushey Boi Mela. He has created the covers and inside illustrations of children's books -- *Dunga Bhoot O Spider-Man* by Mir Liaquat Ali, *Kitu and Sheyalar Dour* by Zillur Rahman Siddique and *Guddu Burar Notun Bokami Tarpor...* by Anisul Hoque. "As this was my first time making book covers and illustrations, I was quite nervous," explains Rakeeb. "I

read the manuscripts before designing the covers. It was simultaneously fun and fascinating to research the different elements that appeal to children - in terms of colour palettes, layouts, images and so on. My seniors in the field gave me some valuable insights as well." Rakeeb is hugely inspired by the likes of Syed Rashad Imam Tanmoy, Mehedi Haque and Asifur Rahman. He further discussed his thoughts on this year's Ekushey Boi Mela. "Visiting the fair was quite different this time because I felt happy, but I was also anxious about the book releases," shares Rakeeb. "I came across a stall that was wonderfully decorated with one of the covers that I had designed. That was an unforgettable moment for me." Rakeeb aspires to do more book covers and illustrations in the near future.



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