

# CHOBIMELA X International Festival of Photography 2019

The tenth edition of Chobi Mela, one of the most prestigious photography festivals in Asia, started on 28 February, 2019 with an opening rally from Pathshala South Asian Media Institute following an inauguration ceremony at Chhayanaut Auditorium. Curator of USA's Rubin Museum of Art Beth Citron, Nepali publisher, writer and editor Kunda Dixit, Indian photographer Raghu Rai, and economist Rehman Sobhan were guests of honour at the opening ceremony presided over by festival director, Shahidul Alam.

The lifetime achievement award 2019 was given to Late Dr. Nawajesh Ahmed, internationally renowned photographer, agriculture scientist and author. The ten day-long festival will go on until 9 March, 2019.

The theme for Chobi Mela X is 'Place'. Curated by ASM Rezaur Rahman, Munem Wasif, Sarker Protick and Tanzim Wahab along with the guest curators, the tenth edition of the festival is more intimate, with all the venues situated in the Dhanmondi area. The Drik-Pathshala under construction building in Panthapath is the main venue along with Drik Gallery at Dhanmondi and Panthapath, Goethe Institut, Gyantapas Abdur Razzak Bidyapeeth, Britto Arts Trust and Alliance Française de Dhaka.

This year's event features 33 exhibitions with works from 44 artists spanning 21 countries including 'Nicaragua in Time' by Susan Meiselas, based on the Nicaraguan revolution of the late 1970s; 'Archives of Persistence' – a series of projects of Bangladesh Garment Sromik Samhati, the Kashmir Photo Collective, the Jag Chobi Collection and the Burj al-Shamali Collection, all which emerge from places of conflict and transition. There is also an exhibition 'Rashid Talukder (1939-2011): A Life's Work', based on works by the late legendary photojournalist of Bangladesh.

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## Thawatchai Gapaha joins Amari Dhaka as executive chef



Famed Thai Chef Thawatchai Gapaha (Deaw) joins as the executive chef at Amari Dhaka, working under the guidance of general manager Kelly Lewis. A tremendous excitement surrounds his joining, as he promises to introduce an innovative contemporary line of dishes.

Chef Deaw started his career at the Grand Pearl Cruise, Bangkok, but then moved on to the famed Shangri-La Hotel. Afterwards, he worked in a series of celebrated brands in prominent locations, namely Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket, Grand Hyatt Doha, Park Hyatt Abu Dhabi, Six Seasons Resort Maldives, and Amazing Hotel & Resort Group Myanmar. Before joining Amari, he was at the prestigious Yacht Club Hotel and Resort in Myanmar as the Executive Chef.

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## Cats Eye launches spring-summer collection

Say goodbye to winter and welcome the warmer seasons in a piece from Cats Eye's latest collection, which includes printed smart casual shirts, long tops, round neck t-shirts, polos, chinos, as well as formal attires. The colour tones for the collection align with the warmer temperatures, and also includes pieces that are easily wearable at office and post office events. These are only available at specific branches at Jamuna Future Park and Elephant road, 50 percent discounts are available on specific items of purchase.

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## Prito Reza's "Na"

One of the books to look out for at the Ekushey Boi mela was unveiled on 20 February by author and photographer Prito Reza, titled "Na." During the ceremony, cartoonists Ahsan Habib, and Morshed Mishu; popular journalist Munni Saha; associate professor from the department of Mass Communication and Journalism, University of Dhaka, Sabrina Sultana; director Debashish Biswas; musician Parvez Joy Shahriar were also present. Later on in the evening, the Honorable State Minister of Information and Communication Technology, Junaid Ahmed Palak visited the fair and commented, "I hope future generations are inspired by the works of Prito Reza."

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