



ELITA KARIM

Receives BACHSAS Award

Marking its 50th year, the 39th installment of Bangladesh Chalachitra Sangbadik Samity (BACHSAS) Awards was held recently at the Bangladesh Film Archive Bhaban auditorium. Besides the award ceremony, the star-studded celebration had enthralling cultural performances. The BACHSAS awards were handed over to the eminent personalities of the film fraternity for the

years 2014 till 2018. Popular singer, Elita Karim received her first BACHSAS award in the Best Singer category for 2015. She got the award for her song in the movie, *Padma Patar Jol*, which was tuned by Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul, and the music was done by Adit. The award was presented to the singer by the Information Minister, Dr Hasan Mahmud, and actor, Rozina.

BALAM ties the knot with LRB

Balam has joined the popular band, *LRB* as their lead vocalist. The announcement was made on the occasion of the 28th anniversary of the band, at a local café. Regarding this, Balam said, "*LRB* is a big name and the people love the band. Ayub Bachchu bhai is a legend and I would like to request everyone not to consider me his replacement; it's not possible to replace a legend like him. I can never be like him; however, I will give my best to *LRB*. I seek everyone's love and support." *LRB* started its journey in April, 1990. Balam has been taken onboard after the demise of their lead vocalist and founder, Ayub Bachchu in October 2018.



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JAYA AHSAN'S new responsibility

As a tribute to Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib, the wife of Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, a football tournament, the *Bangamata U-19 Women's International Gold Cup 2019* is set to commence on April 22 till May 3, 2019 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, under the theme, 'Egiye Jawar Nei Mana'. Popular actor, Jaya Ahsan is the brand ambassador for this year's tournament. Jaya said, "Being an artist, I have many social responsibilities towards my country. The girls participating in the tournament have come

from remote areas of Bangladesh. Each participant has strong willpower, sincerity, humility and intelligence to be part of this tournament. This is a great initiative for the augmentation of women empowerment, and I am glad to be a part of it. I will be there to encourage the players, and hear their wonderful stories." She added, "I, as an ordinary citizen request everyone to come and enjoy the matches, and cheer for the girls. Maybe, the applause from you all can motivate them to reach overarching glory, and create history someday."