

<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Group Art Exhibition Title: Jolokabo 2 Venue: Edge Gallery, Gulshan-2 Date: September 18 - October 26 Time: 10am-8pm</p>	<p>Art Exhibition Title: Feeling the Void by Hamiduzzaman Khan Venue: Dhup Gallery Date: October 7 - October 27 Time: 3 pm - 9 pm</p>	<p>Exhibition Title: Sundan Festival 2019 Venue: Bengal Shilpa, Dharmadip Date: September 6 - October 12 (Closed on Sundays) Time: 12 noon - 8 pm</p>	<p>Exhibition Title: Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh Shapnoharshi Venue: National Art Plaza, BSA Date: September 26 - October 26 Time: 11am - 8pm</p>	<p>Album Launch Title: Kicha Kotha Kichu Gaan - Launch of Ghaaghaghing Choir's Album Date: October 19 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpalaka Academy Time: 5:30pm onwards</p>
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Sissimpur



Ozie Boo! Save The Planet



Big and Small

Duronto TV's 9th season to kick off!

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The 9th season of Duronto TV will commence on October 13. The new season will consist of four new programmes and three new cartoons in addition to the regularly televised shows.

Along with the running programmes, *Ronger Khelay Shurer Bhelay*, *Cholo Jai Jai Jai*, *Dushtu Mishi*, *Bhooter Balsho* and *Rong Beronger Gopjo*, four new programmes will be aired. The programmes are: *Mastermind Family Bangladesh*, *Khatta Meetha* (3rd Series), *Banai Mojar Khabar Ma-Baba Ar Ami* and *Sissimpur*.

International Quiz Show *Mastermind Family Bangladesh*, presented by Chopstick, is a knowledge-based quiz show for children in Bangladesh. The quiz show is directed by Sumona Siddique and will be hosted by Nobontia Chowdhury. It will be aired on Duronto TV from October 13, onwards, from Sunday to Thursday at 8pm.

A new season of *Khatta Meetha*, directed by Mithun Hasan and Mohammad Ali, and



Heidi

researched by Dr Rashid Harun will start on October 18. The third season will be on air every Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and 9:30 pm. Ikti and her friends will also entertain the viewers with *Sissimpur* every day at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm and 5:30 pm from



Banai Mojar Khabar Ma-Baba Ar Ami

be featured in the show. This programme, directed by Fahima Ahmed Chaiti, will be on Duronto TV every Friday and Saturday at 10 am from October 18.

Cooking show *Banai Mojar Khabar Ma-Baba Ar Ami*, featuring Chef Anee Reshma with her child, will focus on cooking healthy meals for children. Famous singers, actors, newscasters, dancers, and crickets will also

be featured in the show. This programme, directed by Fahima Ahmed Chaiti, will be on Duronto TV every Friday and Saturday at 10 am from October 18.

Cartoons *Maya the Bee*, *Sweet Little Monsters*, *Eena Meena Deeka*, *The Jungle Book* and *Minusule* will continue to entertain the audience alongside these new cartoon shows.

Big and Small, featuring of two unlikely best friends, is scheduled on all weekdays (Sunday to Thursday) at 9:30 am and 7:30 pm from October 13.

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ALAUDDIN ALI flow to Thailand for treatment

SHARMIN JOJA

National Award-winning music director and composer Alauddin Ali has been diagnosed with cancer once again. Earlier, he was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2015. He recovered within six months. Unfortunately, the disease has returned.

According to the doctors, tumours have been located in his lung and liver. Consequently, his physical condition has deteriorated. Recently, he was flown to Thailand for further treatment.

His daughter, pop icon Alif Alauddin informed *The Daily Star* over the phone,

about his current condition. "My father is partially paralysed and he is not able to move that much," she said. Alauddin Ali was on life support for some time, which left him in a partial coma. "He tries to talk a lot, though sometimes his speech is unclear. Thankfully, he can recall everything and everyone. However, at times, he becomes disoriented," adds Alif.

Alif also informed that her father is under observation at the moment, and that they will learn more about his condition once his reports come out. She has requested well-wishers of the family to pray for her father's swift recovery.



PHOTO: SHAHREAR KABIR HEHREL



JAMDANI FESTIVAL 2019 concludes tomorrow



Ruby Ghuznavi, Executive Member of NCCB (C), with foreign guests at the event.

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The Jamdani Festival 2019, jointly organised by National Crafts Council of Bangladesh (NCCB) and Bengal Foundation, set out to celebrate the proud heritage of Jamdani weaving in Bangladesh, and demonstrate the outstanding skills and artistic finesse of contemporary weavers. The festival concludes tomorrow with a closing ceremony.

Certificates will be awarded to the participating weavers in recognition of their unparalleled skills at the closing ceremony. The Honorable Minister for Ministry of Textiles and Lute, Golam Dastagir Gazi (Bir Pratik), MP, is scheduled as the chief guest. He will be distributing the certificates.



'Mama Bhagner Boithokkhana', a comedy show hosted by Zahid Hossain Shovon and Imtu Ratish, will feature Fazlur Rahman Babu tonight. The programme will air on ETV at 9:30 pm.

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'Bala' promises to be a hair-raising affair

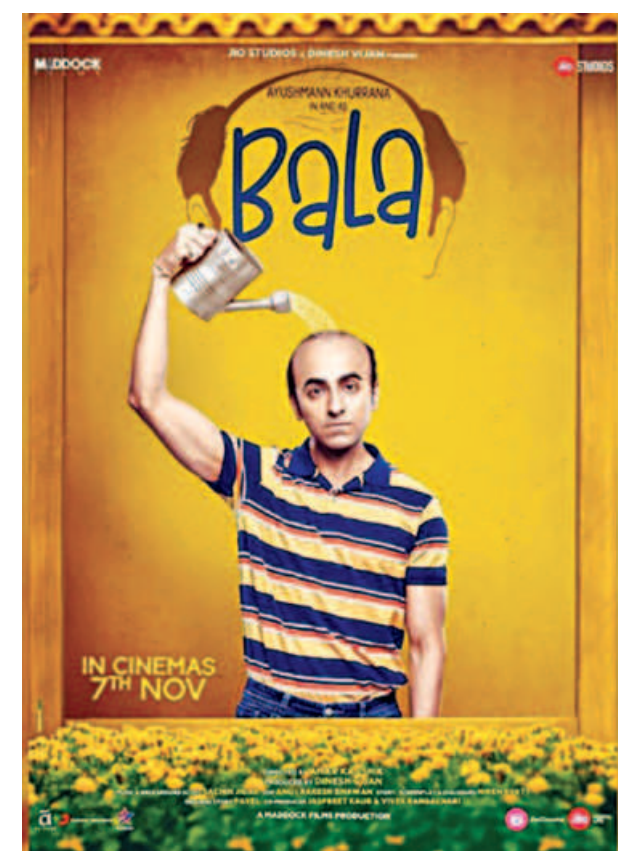
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Ayushmann Khurrana is riding on the success of his last release, *Dream Girl*. Ever since the announcement of his next film, *Bala*, his fans have been excited about the same. A trailer and poster of the film were released recently.

In the trailer, Ayushmann is playing the role of Gaurav Rawat or Bala, a man from Lucknow who is facing premature balding. The film also takes on the topic of people's obsession with fair skin.

The trailer starts with Bala selling skin whitening products. He is seen telling people how a family always looks for a fair-skinned girl for their son. Bhumi Pednekar, a dusky girl from Lucknow, gets offended and asks Bala why he is wearing a cap.

She then removes the cap, leaving Bala's semi-bald head in the open. The trailer then goes on to show Bala's struggle with premature balding and how it is proving as a hindrance in his marriage. Yami Gautam is playing the role of a super model from Lucknow, Bala's love interest in the film. The film, which releases in November, is directed by Amar Kaushik.



SADI MOHAMMAD SHAHNEWAZ

What you have been up to lately?

We are promoting Rubaiyat Hossain's *Made in Bangladesh* in various film festivals across the world. I just came back from the world premiere of the film at Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), where it was well received. I play the character of Dalia in the film, who is actually the antagonist in a way.

You are the central character of *Rickshaw Girl*, which is based on a very popular book by Mitali Perkins. Tell us about your experience working on the film.

In *Rickshaw Girl*, I play the role of Naima, who is a free and artistic soul. She does not understand the complexities of the world. At one point, she feels like her gender is holding her back in the society. Adamant on proving a point to the society, the girl starts driving a rickshaw, which is predominantly a male job. The best part about working with Amitabh Reza Chowdhury is that it feels like you are working on the same frequency and understanding the character, he will give you a lot of freedom. He is easy-going to work with, and I had a great experience. I am also very excited about Shakib Khan having a cameo in the movie!

Did you always want to be an actor? Since my mother, Momena Chowdhury,

Rendezvous with THE RICKSHAW GIRL

Having made her on-screen debut when she was only two months old in the tele-fiction 'Dure Kothao', Novera Rahman is set to star as the lead in the Amitabh Reza Chowdhury directorial 'Rickshaw Girl'. The film is based on Mitali Perkins' book of the same name. The promising actor talks to The Daily Star in an exclusive interview about her projects, acting philosophy and future plans.

is an actor, I have seen the profession very closely since I was a child. I was in very popular serials, including *Pakhi Shob Kore Rob*, *Ekanna Borti* and *Iyadi* as a child. My first film appearance was a cameo in *Ekattorer Khudiram*. I have always loved telling stories, and getting a reaction out of people. This is what ultimately inspired me to become an actor.

If you were given the chance to work with anyone in the industry, who would it be? I would love to work with the director of *Dhaka Attack*, Dipankar Dipon. Redoan Ronny's work also inspires me, and it would be a pleasure if I ever got to star in one of his projects. I would also like to star alongside Mosharrar Karim, if he plays a serious role.

Would you consider doing a mainstream Bangla film?

It really depends on what you would call 'mainstream'. For me, *Rickshaw Girl* is mainstream, as Amitabh Reza Chowdhury directed it. However, I would like to work in more 'indie' projects, as it gives me scope to experiment, and act in fully fleshed out characters. My generation is constantly fighting an uphill battle, trying to bring something new to the table. People like me are stuck navigating our way, and it is hard to get something meaningful done in an industry that thrives in mediocrity. That being said, we are here to make a change.



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI KORSHEH

Airin's 'Padmar Prem' gets a release date

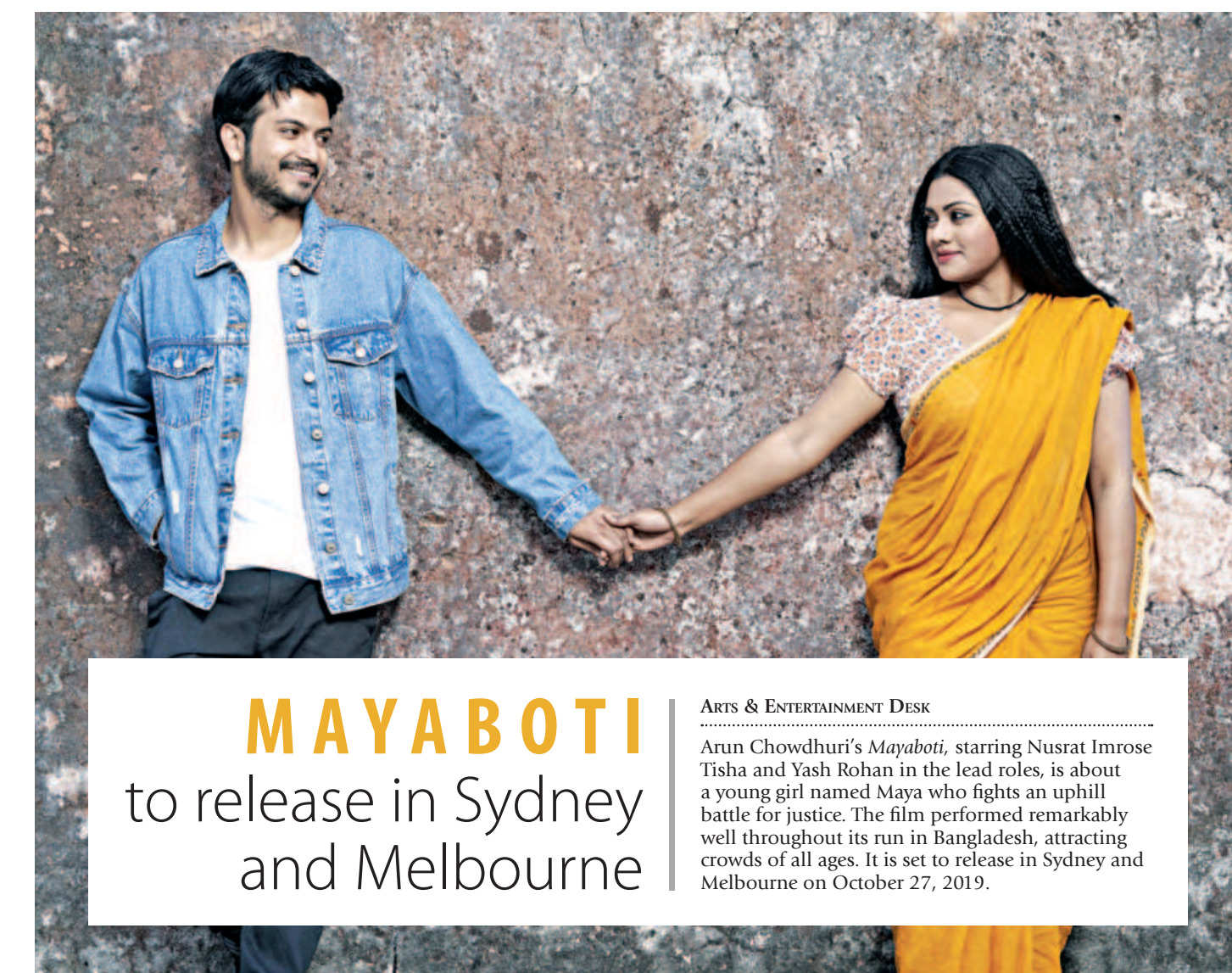
After its successful screenings across Kolkata, 'Padmar Prem', starring prominent model and actor Airin, is set to release nationwide on November 1. The film is directed by Haroonuzzaman.

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The film was released in Kolkata on September 20 under the title *Padmar Bhalobasha*. The Indo-Bangla joint production features Airin in the titular role, Padma, a girl from the 60s who lives

on the bank of the Padma River. Actor Sumit Sengupta stars opposite Airin in the film, which also includes Sadek Bachchu, Jayanta Chattopadhyay, Alexander Bow and Moonmoon, among others, in different roles.

The shooting of the film took place near the bank of the Padma River in Manikganj.



MAYABOTI to release in Sydney and Melbourne

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Arun Chowdhury's *Mayaboti*, starring Nusrat Imrose Tisha and Yash Rohan in the lead roles, is about a young girl named Maya who fights an uphill battle for justice. The film performed remarkably well throughout its run in Bangladesh, attracting crowds of all ages. It is set to release in Sydney and Melbourne on October 27, 2019.

David Letterman's 'My Next Guest Needs No Introduction' to feature Shah Rukh Khan

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Netflix recently released the teaser for the episode featuring Shah Rukh Khan on David Letterman's *My Next Guest Needs No Introduction*. As expected, the two celebrities rave about each other throughout the duration of the clip.

American talk show host David Letterman recently made a visit to Mumbai where he was hosted by King Khan at his house. In fact, Letterman also celebrated Eid with the Bollywood superstar. By the looks of it, Khan also cooked Italian food for Letterman.

Calling him the biggest star in the world, Letterman expressed what a blast he had getting to know Khan. "The most fun I have ever had," he claims at the end of the video. The episode will start streaming on Netflix from October 25.



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