

WHAT'S ON

Creative Event
Title: Expecto Patronum!
Venue: BSM Group, Dhaka Office
Date: October 25
Time: 10 am – 6 pm

Art Exhibition
Title: Feeling the Void by Hamiduzzaman Khan
Venue: Dvip Gallery
Date: October 7-November 3
Time: 3 pm – 9 pm

Concert
Title: Arnob & Tahsan Live
At Kianondo 2019
Venue: Dhaka Residential Model College
Date: October 25
Time: 8:30 am – 4 pm
For more information, log in to Kishor Alo's website

Exhibition
Title: Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh Shapnoharothi
Venue: National Art Plaza, BSA
Date: September 28 – October 26
Time: 11 am – 8 pm

Music Concert
Title: Fuad Live in Dhaka
Venue: ICCB Hall 2
Date: October 26
Time: 6 pm onwards
For Tickets, Contact: +8801844494624 (Between 10 am–9 pm)



(L) Anwara Begum receives the lifetime achievement award from filmmaker Goutam Ghose. (M) Jaya Ahsan and Parambrata Chatterjee. (R) Ranjit Mallick receives the lifetime achievement award from actor Prosenjit Chatterjee.

Bharat-Bangladesh Film Awards held in Dhaka

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The first Bharat-Bangladesh Film Awards (BBFA) was held at Dhaka's International Convention City Bashundhara on October 21. The event was jointly organised by Film Federation of India (FFI) and Bangladesh's Bashundhara Group, in association with TM Films, a film production company owned by popular Bangladeshi musician Kaushik Hossain Taposh and famous beautician and businessperson Farzana Munni. The award ceremony, hosted by actor Shahriar Nazim Joy and comedian Mir Afsar Ali, honoured film personalities and featured performances by artists from Bangladesh and India.

More than two hundred film stars from the two countries attended the event. A total of 24 awards in popular, technical and regional categories were conferred to films and film professionals for Bangla films, released from June 2018 to June 2019, in Bangladesh and India.

Actors Alamgir and Sarah Begum Kobori, novelist and television personality

Imdadul Haq Milan, Film Producers' Association president Khorshed Alam Khasru and film producer Hasibur Reza Kallol were members of the jury board from Bangladesh, while filmmaker Goutam Ghose, actor-director Bratya Basu, actor Tanushree Chakraborty were the jury members from India. They selected the films nominated for the awards.

Bangladesh Minister of Information Dr Hasan Mahmud was the chief guest of the event. Chairman of Bashundhara Group Ahmed Akbar Sobhan, Editor of Bangladesh Protidin Naem Nizam, Chairman and Managing Director of ATN Bangla Dr Mahfuzur Rahman, President of FFI Firdausul Hasan and Coordinator of BBFA Tapan Roy were also present.

"This award ceremony is a form of cultural exchange between Bangladesh and India," said Dr Hasan Mahmud. "We need more such events in both the countries to celebrate our cinema and make the film industries of both the countries more viable." Following is a list of winners in the key categories.

Lifetime Achievement Award (Bangladesh): Anwara Begum	Popular Film of the Year (Bangladesh): Password	Best Lead Actor (Bangladesh): Siam Ahmed	Sudipta Chakraborty	Nikita Nandi
Lifetime Achievement Award (India): Ranjit Mallick	Popular Film of the Year (India): Byomkesh Gotro	Best Lead Actor (India): Prosenjit Chatterjee	Best Music Director (Bangladesh): Hridoy Khan	Best Scriptwriter (Bangladesh): Ferari Farhad
Best Film (Bangladesh): Debi	Popular Actor of the Year (Bangladesh): Shakib Khan	Best Lead Actress (Bangladesh): Jaya Ahsan	Best Music Director (India): Bickram Ghosh	Best Scriptwriter (India): Parambrata Chatterjee
Best Film (India): Nargarkirtan	Popular Actor of the Year (India): Jeet	Best Lead Actress (India): Paoli Dam	Best Playback Singer – Male (Bangladesh): Imran	Best Cinematographer (Bangladesh): Kamrul Hasan Khosru
Best Director (Bangladesh): Nassiruddin Yousuff Bachchu	Popular Actress of the Year (Bangladesh): Jaya Ahsan	Best Supporting Actor (Bangladesh): Emon	Best Playback Singer – Male (India): Anirban Bhattacharya	Best Cinematographer (India): Srijit Mukherji
Best Director (India): Srijit Mukherji	Popular Actress of the Year (India): Rituparna Sengupta	Best Supporting Actor (India): Arjun Chakraborty	Best Playback Singer – Female (Bangladesh): Somnur Monir Konal and Oyshee	Best Film Editor (Bangladesh): Touhid Hossain Chowdhury
		Best Supporting Actress (Bangladesh): Zakia Bari Mamo	Best Playback Singer – Female (India):	Best Film Editor (India): Sanglap Bhowmik
		Best Supporting Actress (India):		



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COLDPLAY announces double album

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After some cryptic posters popped up around the world recently, Coldplay have confirmed that they will be releasing a double album on November 22. It will be the band's eighth album, following 2015's A Head Full of Dreams.

Both the posters and a black-and-white Instagram video posted by the band featured the date November 22, 2019 — in postcards sent to fans, the band confirmed that new music is on the way, along with a storyline that is a century in the making.

"For the last 100 years or thereabouts we have been working on a thing called Everyday Life," the band writes. From there, they confirmed that the album will include two halves called *Sunrise* and *Sunset*. The title of the album has not been announced.

Bangla Nattya Utshab underway

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Marking their 36th anniversary, popular theatre troupe Mohakal Nattya Smpraday has organised *Bangla Nattya Utshab 2019*. The ten-day festival is currently underway, and is associated with the Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA), along with Bangladesh Tourism Board and Sabuj Chhaya.

A total of 26 troupes from Bangladesh and five troupes from India will present their productions in the event. The plays will be staged at the National Theatre Hall and Experimental Theatre Hall of BSA, Dr Nilima Ibrahim Auditorium, Bangladesh Mahila Samity and Dania Studio Theatre Hall, Dania. The festival will conclude on October 30.



On the first day of the festival, (From left) 'Srabon Tragedy' by Mohakal Nattya Sampraday (National Theatre Hall) and 'Eka Ek Nari' by Nattyo Chakro (Experimental Theatre Hall) were staged.



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Bishwo Shahitto Kendro organises mobile book fair

ZAHANGIR SHAH, from Manikganj

Bishwo Shahitto Kendro started a mobile book fair with the slogan, 'Buy books, read books, be enlightened', in 2017. The organisation delivers books to readers of different districts across Bangladesh. This year, the four-day fair was held at Manikganj Government High School. It was organised in collaboration with IFIC Bank.

Md Abu Bakar Siddik Mollah, an associate professor of Manikganj

Government Women's College, attended the fair.

According to Daloar Hossain, Senior In-Charge of the mobile book fair, around 1,061 books, published by local and foreign publishers and written by renowned authors, were

sold in the fair.

The Ministry of Cultural Affairs provides transportation services to Bishwo Shahitto Kendro to run the mobile book fair. So far, the organisation has held 104 mobile book fairs in 57 districts.



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