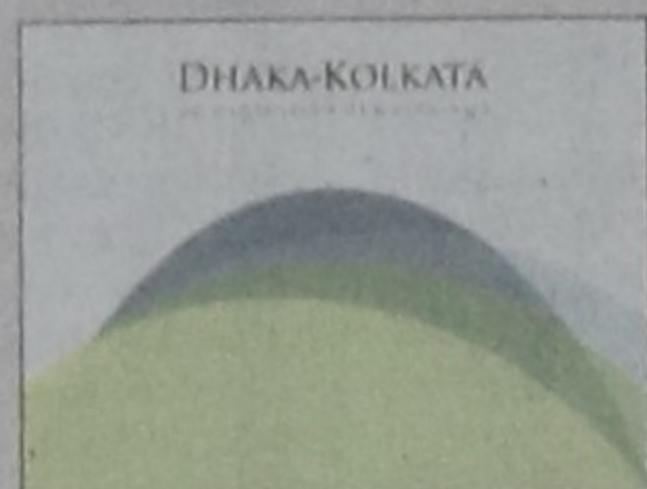


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Painting Exhibition
 Title: Dhaka-Kolkata
 Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
 Date: November 13-22
 Time: 12-8pm



Book Fair

Venue: Central Public Library premises, Shahbagh
 Date: November 5-14
 Time: 2-7:30pm



Int'l Ibsen Seminar and Theatre Festival
 Title: Ibsen Through New Eyes
 Venue: Shikpaka Academy & Jahangirnagar University
 Date: November 12-23
 Time: 5pm onwards



Hand Crafted Jewellery Exhibition
 Title: Taste, Style, Timeless
 Venue: Chandon, H 9, Rd 103, Gulshan 2
 Date: November 12-14
 Time: 9am-8pm



Life on the radio

Up Close and Personal with RJ Neerob

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The down to earth Humayun Kabir Neerob, popularly known as 'RJ Neerob', has carved a distinct niche for himself in the radio fraternity and is today one of the most sought after RJs (radio jockey) of our country. Though presently RJing for Radio Today, he is at the same time producing a programme for the same radio station. He has also taken to part time acting as a hobby, hosts a campus-based television show, takes classes for grooming new and aspirant RJs and also participates in a variety of programmes and activities. Nevertheless the journey to the top has not been smooth for Neerob -- only sheer grit and talent have taken him to the heights of his career.

The Daily Star caught up recently with the affable Neerob at the office of Radio Today. Despite his hectic schedule, the RJ didn't hesitate to share his views on a wide range of topics. Excerpts from that lively conversation:

The Daily Star (TDS): How did you embark on your journey in the media?

Neerob: Actually I was a student of the Mass Communication and Journalism Department of Dhaka University. As I always stood first in debate competitions, it helped me a great deal to become an RJ.

However, when I applied



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RJ Neerob

at Radio Today, there were no popular slots left for me. So I had to take on the stiff task of RJing at midnight. My show "Raat Vor Gaan" was a huge challenge for me since globally it has become a trend that shows aired in the afternoons become popular. This was evident with our popular afternoon drive

show "U-turn". I would say that it was the blessings of Almighty Allah that from the very first episode of "Raat Vor Gaan" to date, my show has the most radio listeners.

TDS: Apparently writing is your passion and you have worked for several newspapers and magazines. You

have also sung in a mixed audio album...

Neerob (smilingly): You heard right. Singing has also become one of my passions these days. My song "Jodi" from the album "Asheq featuring Firay Asha" is an output of this. Actually, composer Asheq is a very good friend of mine and it's at his insistence that I recorded this song. What is amazing is that although I'm not a trained singer, I've received positive feedback from listeners. This has encouraged me a lot and I wish to sing in the days to come.

TDS: You've won the Media Journalists Association of Bangladesh (MEJAB) Award second time in a row as the best RJ. You have also been selected as the best RJ by the direct sms voting competition. How does it feel?

Neerob: It always feels great to receive awards; it is a form of recognition for the hard work one puts in. I'm especially thankful to the people who have given me the honour. It was a unanimous decision by the jury board. But at the same time this award has increased my responsibility manifold and I have to deliver my best in order to pay back the honour which has been bestowed upon me.

TDS: Who are your favourite RJs?

Neerob: From Radio Today, I like RJ Nousheen, RJ

Mehran, RJ Opu from Radio Foorti and RJ Raju, RJ Iraj from Radio Aamar are also my favourites.

TDS: What's your observation about the present state of the FM radio stations and the quality of their programmes?

Neerob: I'm very optimistic about the FM culture, which has already developed a great deal, and the competition has already got the desired momentum. The real test will begin from now on. I feel so far it's been good but only the better ones will survive in the long run. In this age of immense competition, you have to come up with unique programmes and ideas to satisfy the tastes of the masses. Moreover, the arrival of new stations is making the competition even tougher.

TDS: What is your advice for people who are interested in taking up RJing as a profession?

Neerob: My advice is very simple. If you have good pronunciation and the courage to explore new challenges, then you should join this profession. To be an RJ, you need to be confident and have to believe in yourself. You have to have the power to interact with your listeners. That's all that is required.

The writer is a freelance contributor

Rishi Kapoor honoured by Russian Government

The love story between Russia and the Kapoor family has spread across generations. Decades back, Raj Kapoor was the most popular Bollywood celebrity in this part of the world. Now, it's veteran actor Rishi Kapoor's turn. He is currently in Russia where he is being honoured by the government for his contribution to cinema. The highlight of the event would be the citation and diploma that Rishi Kapoor would receive for his efforts over the years.

Confirms an elated Rishi Kapoor on the eve of his trip to Russia, "Obviously, I am quite happy with Russian Government recognising me for my work over the years. It has been a long journey for me spread across four decades. An award like this only keeps the actor in me alive and kicking."

A twin event has been planned in Moscow and Vladikavkaz respectively. It has been put together in conjunction with a NGO called 'Routes 2 Roots'. It endeavours bringing together people, cultures and values across SAARC countries.

On his return, Rishi Kapoor would straight away head for Turkey where he

has a shooting schedule planned for Hema Malini's "Tell Me Oh Khuda".

Directed by debutant Mayur Puri, the film is being touted as Esha Deol's comeback film and stars Rishi Kapoor in a major role other than Vinod Khanna.

"I am looking forward to working with Hemaji again", he says, "Though she doesn't star in the film, she would be there in the capacity of a

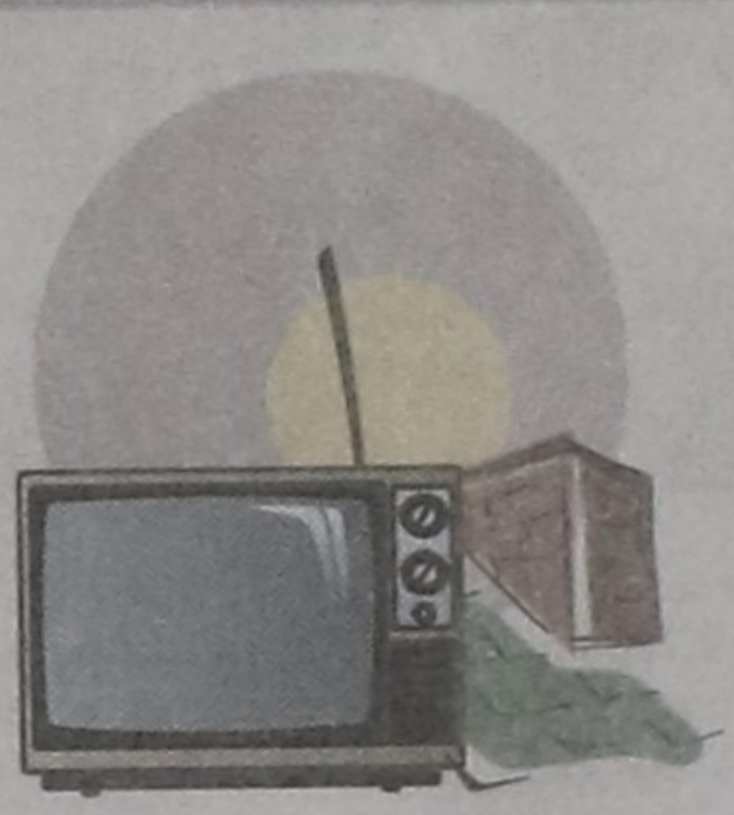
producer. There would be a Turkish actress opposite me in the film."

In 2010, Rishi Kapoor would also be seen in Raj Kanwar's "Sadiyaan". He would soon be beginning work on Nikhil Advani's "Patiala House" where he would be seen with Akshay Kumar yet again after "Namaste London".

Source: Internet



Rishi Kapoor



All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

On Air

News Bulletin

BTV
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 am.
 News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm 8:00 pm.
 News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.
 Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).
CHANNEL-i
 News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
 Jonopad-er Khobor: 5:15 pm
ATN BANGLA
 NEWS (Bangla): 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am
 News Every Hour: 7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm
 News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.
 Gram-Ganjer Khobor: 5:00 pm
BANGLAVISION
 News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.
 News (English) at 6:00pm
Rtv
 News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
ntv
 News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am
ETV
 News (Bangla): 9:00am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm
abc radio
 News: 08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm, 06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am;
 English Bulletin: 1:30pm, 7:30pm
RADIO TODAY
 News: 08:45 am, 01:45pm, 06:45pm, 09:45pm, 11:45pm

BTV

08:15 Shokal-er Gaan
 09:05 Documentary Programme
 10:05 Open University
 10:30 Gaaney Gaaney Bangladesh
 11:30 Quiz Quiz
 12:10 Cartoon
 12:30 Maa O Shishur Katha
 01:00 Shilpa O Shahilya
 01:30 Hijal Tomal
 02:15 Debate
 03:00 Aparajita
 03:30 Shukhi Ponbar
 04:30 Dolon Chapa
 05:05 Simsampur
 05:35 Computer
 06:15 Mati O Manush
 07:40 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
 08:25 Documentary Programme: Amar Bangladesh
 09:00 Drama Serial: Chhai
 09:30 Ranna Gharey Bairey
 10:25 Road To Cinema

ATN Bangla

08:30 Drama Serial: Jyotsnakaal
 09:10 Documentary: Kandeey Aamar Ma
 09:15 Drama Serial: Jalkona
 10:30 Talk Show: Hello Bangladesh
 11:05 Asian City Top Spin
 12:15 IT Zone
 01:25 Musical Programme: Band View
 02:30 Dance Programme: Nupurer Chhondey
 03:15 Drama Serial: Rupali Manush
 03:45 Children's Programme
 04:20 Family Game Show: Ononya
 05:15 Kandeey Aamar Ma
 05:20 Islamic Programme
 06:15 Take Care
 08:00 Travel Show: Rexona Destination Unlimited
 08:40 Drama Serial: Ghar Jamai
 09:20 Drama Serial: Jyotsnakaal
 11:30 Special Programme on Dr. Mahthir Mohammad
 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News
CHANNEL i
 08:05 Tagore Song
 08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan

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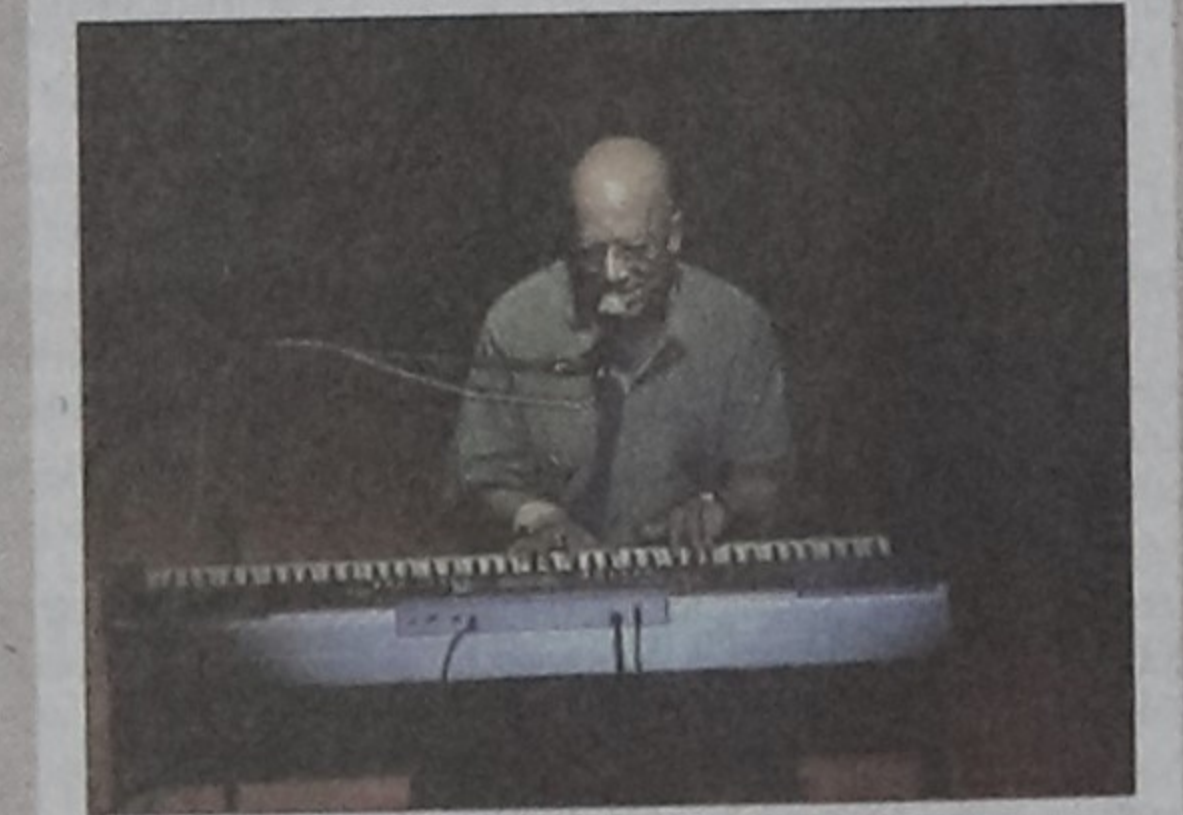
08:40 Aiker Chakri
 09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh
 09:45 Public Reaction
 09:50 Grameenphone Tritomatra
 11:05 Sports Time (Live)
 11:30 Shur Doria Bagha Gaayen
 12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan
 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
 01:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
 02:30 Hridoyer Gaan
 03:05 Channel i Sherakantha'09
 04:05 Muktiuddha Protidin
 04:30 Apnar Shuswashta
 05:30 Shath Goenda
 06:20 Cookery Show: Desh Bideshey Ranna
 07:50 Meridian Channel i Khdey Gaan Raaf' 09
 09:35 Lux Channel i Super Star' 09
 11:30 Drama Serial: E Bhora Bhadar E Mahi Bhadar
 12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shanbadpotro

Desh TV

12:00 Dukkho Chena Shukh
 12:00 Shangkha Protidin
 12:15 Dur Path
 04:30 Dur-er Janala
 05:02 Cartoon
 05:30 Bati Ghar
 06:02 Ebar Jombey Khela
 06:30 Shangbaad Shondhya
 07:45 Kathay Kathay Raat Hoyer Jay
 08:15 Golpo Theke Natok: Kuashar Ondhokaar
 09:45 Drama Serial: Bindu Theke Briyo
 10:30 Total Sports
 11:45 Talk Show: Shoja Katha
RTV
 08:00 Ei Din
 08:00 Black Horse RTV Golden Key
 10:00 Very Filmy
 10:45 Lata Herbal Tarokalap
 11:30 Share Update

BANGLAVISION

08:30 Drama Serial: Rupnagorer



Suman-er Gaan: Chena Dukkho Chena Shukh
 On Banglavisision at 11:25pm
 Musical Programme
 Artiste: Kabir Suman

abc radio FM 89.2
 06:30am Bhorne Janalay
 08:00am Mulhorho Jiboney
 12:00pm Danur Dajurey
 03:00pm Duranto Bakley
 05:00pm Shondha Tara
 07:00pm Shaj-er Mays
 08:00pm Raat-er Akanshey
 11:00pm Galper Shesh Nei
RADIO FOORTI 88.9 FM
 07:30am Hello Dhaka
 10:00am Morning Express
 12:00pm No Tension
 04:00pm Dhaka Calling
 09:00pm Knight Riders
RADIO TODAY 88.6 FM
 07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
 11:00am Masti Unlimited
 01:00pm Today's Aida
 04:00pm U-4am
 08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok
 11:00pm Raat Vor Gaan
 02:00am Back to Back



On HBO at 01:00am

ETV

08:00 Aiker Patrika
 10:02 Galpo Shalpo Gaan
 12:30 Ekusher Business
 02:02 Desh Jurey Aparadh
 03:30 D W Global 3000
 04:02 Drama Serial: Biskata
 05:45 Sports Plus
 06:30 Campus-ey Campus-ey
 07:45 The Total Music
 08:20 Drama Serial: Poster
 09:30 Drama Serial: Johur Ali Johuri
 10:10 Cine Hits

Koinya

09:00 Drama Serial: Diba Ratri Khola
 10:10 Thakey
 11:35 Chaturanga
 12:30 Onno Nayan
 01:30 Positive Bangladesh
 02:30 Mega Serial: Gulshan Avenue
 02:30 Bangla Feature Film
 05:25 Amar Ami
 06:15 Telepress Business
 06:40 Point of Order
 08:15 Drama Serial: Megh Bondhu
 09:05 Shoundarja Kotha
 09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
 11:25 Suman-er Gaan: Chena

12:30

Cookery Show: R Ranna
 01:00 Dhallywood Beats
 02:03 Bangla Feature Film
 06:03 Protidin
 06:45 Amader Dhaka
 07:30 Road to Democracy
 09:25 Drama Serial: Mon Kora
 10:10 Drama Serial: Shey Amar Ekla Pakhi
 11:30 A For Advertising
CHANNEL 1
 08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
 09:10 Events of the Day
 10:30 Nongor

11:25

The Hurricane
STAR WORLD
 08:00 The Bold And The Beautiful
 08:30 Hip Space
 09:30 Late Show With David Letterman
 02:00 Friends
 03:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
 04:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
 05:00 7th Heaven
 06:00 Lipstick Jungle
 07:00 According To Jim
 07:30 Lost
 08:30 The Simpsons

09:00

Friends
 09:30 Everybody Loves Raymond
 10:00 The King Of Queens
 10:30 America's Got Talent
 11:30 Criminal Minds
 12:30 Baywatch Hawaii
ZEE STUDIO
 07:25 The Europeans
 09:30 The Hot Chick
 11:45 Count of Monte Cristo
 01:50 Guthy Renker
 02:50 Little Fish
 05:25 Scream
 07:55 Holy Man
 10:30 Born Romantic
 12:30 Calendar Girls
HBO
 09:00 Beyond Borders
 11:30 Vampire Bats
 01:30 Reservation Road
 03:30 Far And Away
 06:00 The Making Of The Heartbreak Kid
 06:30 Chill Out, Scooby-Dool
 08:00 The Clique
 10:00 Tmz 102
 10:30 The Core
 01:00 30 Days Of Night
BBC WORLD
 08:30 Asia Business Report
 08:45 Asia Today (r)
 09:00 World News Today
 10:00 BBC World News
 10:30 HARDtalk
 11:00 BBC World News
 11:30 World Business Report
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 12:30 World Business Report
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