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Neha Dhupia at Gitanjali Wedding Fest, Dhaka



Neha Dhupia

The evening of October 1 could have been much like any other for many in Dhaka, but for a select 400, it was slightly more memorable. Former Miss India and Bollywood star Neha Dhupia was in town to attend the gala fashion show of the Gitanjali Wedding Festival and we caught up with the glamorous showstopper for an exclusive interview at the Radisson. Below is what transpired between the star and Subhi Shama from The Daily Star.

As you can probably tell, Bollywood has a huge following in Bangladesh so we're excited to have you. Is this your first visit to Bangladesh? What have you made of it so far?

Neha: This is actually my second visit to Dhaka and I absolutely love it here -- you guys only seem to get better with time. The audience today has also been fantastic and they truly deserve a round of applause.

Over the years Gitanjali has worked with fantastic brand ambassadors. What initially drew you to them? How has the experience been so far?

Neha: Well, to be honest they made me an offer that I could not refuse. Jewellery is always a great product to endorse and they're one of the biggest players in the market. I've been their brand ambassador for three

years and they have a way of really looking out for all the actresses that work with their brands and make sure they're taken care of.

What does the brand signify for you, personally?

Neha: I represent a line called Gitanjali Divas and it's one of their more minimalist, daily wear jewellery collections. Which is exactly how I like it. I'm not too flamboyant so this is a great reflection of my personal taste in jewellery. I think they actually put a lot of thought into choosing the right ambassadors for the right products.

Since the fashion show was the finale to a two-day long wedding festival, the ambiance tempted me to ask you what kind of bride you envision yourself to be?

Neha: To me brides should always be traditional. I love what I'm wearing now, which is a signature Ritu Kumar bridal lehenga and I wouldn't mind wearing something like this for my own wedding. Her designs stand for beautiful, regal brides and that really appeals to me.

Every girl has plans for a dream wedding, what would yours entail?

Neha: I think I want a simple wedding. Maybe by the beach, relaxed. And I definitely want to get dressed up

for only one event, not seven! In our line of work, we have to wear heavy make up so often that I hope it doesn't take the charm away from when I do it for my wedding.

Towards the beginning of your acting career you did some unconventional roles in bold movies. Do you have any other exciting projects coming up?

Neha: I actually do. I'm working on a movie called "Maximum" with Sonu Sood and Nasiruddin Shah where I play an encounter specialist. Then there's a comedy called "Pappu Can't Dance Saala" and "Raftaar" with Emraan Hashmi.

I'm sure our readers would love to know your secret (as they say). Are there hair/skin/fitness regimes that you follow?

Neha: Nothing religiously. I think it's important to stay hydrated and exercise once a day, but other than that, just be happy!

The gala fashion show was the grand finale to the two-day long Gitanjali Wedding Festival that ended on September 30. It showcased bridal collections by famed designers from across the border including Ritu Kumar, Sabyasachi Mukherjee, Kavita Vinitia, Preeti S. Kapoor and our very own fashion powerhouse, Ogaan Signature Collection. True to the show's namesake, its focal point was the exquisite pearl, gold, kundan, kolki and diamond jewellery from Gitanjali Lifestyle that met with collective appreciation from the audience. As the night ended with a performance by Habib, Gitanjali Lifestyle promised to continue this event in subsequent years.



Models display wedding collections.



PHOTO: ZAHED I KHAN

An elocutionist's tribute to Tagore and his Nobel Prize-winning work



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Muktok Padabali, a recitation academy, arranged a solo recitation performance, titled "Ami Noile Mittha Hoto Shondha Tara Otha", featuring elocutionist Laila Afroz on October 1 at Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Dhaka.

At the programme, Afroz recited several poems of Tagore. The programme was divided into two parts. In the first segment, Afroz recited Tagore poems and also read out other poets' works that on the Nobel laureate. In the second segment, noted Tagore singer Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury performed songs from "Geetanjali". An added attraction was Afroz's recitation of English translations of Tagore songs.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of "Geetanjali". The programme -- held in advance -- was a tribute to the Nobel Prize-winning publication.

The evening started with a recitation of "Shondha O Probat" written by Rabindranath Tagore. This was followed by "Porichoy", "Ami", "Janmantor", "Brahman", "Kripin", and "Shesh Boshonto".

The elocutionist also read out poems that are homage to or make references to Tagore: Jyotindra Mitra's "Rabindranath Tagore", "Bithi Chattopadhyay's "Oloukik" and Shukh Dasgupta's "Jokhon Akash Kande".

Afroz has been reciting over 30 years, and this was her third solo performance. Since childhood, she has been involved in both singing and recitation.

Along with her husband, elocutionist Hassan Arif, Afroz has performed extensively at home and in Kolkata, India.

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01:25	Chalchitra-er Galpo	08:00	Suphala Bangladesh
04:20	Matir Subash		Drama Serial: Quick Marriage
05:15	Aynar Shamney	09:25	Chitra Bichitra
08:40	Shimana Chhariye		Maasranga Television
09:20	Drama Serial: Parapar	10:02	Bangla Feature Film
		06:30	Shoili
		09:02	Mayer Pathshala
		09:30	Kingkortobobimur
		11:00	Maasranga Unplugged
			Z Studio
		01:30	Abandon
		03:45	The Chronicles of Namia: Prince Caspian
		07:00	Remember the Titans
		09:30	Tears of the Sun
		12:15	Terminal Velocity
			Star Movies
		04:15	Serious Moonlight
		05:45	National Security
		07:20	Alien Hunter

RADIO	
abc radio FM 89.2	12:00 My Time
09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney	01:00 No Tension
12:00 Darun Dupurey	04:00 Dhaka Calling
03:00 Duranto Bikelley	09:00 Night Rider
05:00 Shondhata	01:00 Back to Back music
07:00 Shajher Maya	RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
09:00 Raat-er Akashy	08:00 Good Morning Dhaka
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei	12:00 Today's Adda
Radio Foorti	04:00 U Turn
10:00 Morning Express	07:00 Tobey Tai Hok

Adorsho Mess Bari
On ATN BANGLA at 08:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Rahmat Ali, Tauquir Ahmed



Harold & Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay
On HBO at 12:05am
Genre: Adventure/Comedy
Cast: John Cho, Kal



Shil Bhadra O Ekti Nirbachan
On Boishakhi TV at 03:30pm
Tele-Film
Cast: Azad Abul Kalam, Sanjida



01:05	Bangla Feature Film	09:00	Day Watch
05:20	Ponkha Prostuti	11:15	Super Eruption
11:25	Probashi Mukh		HBO
12:25	Cinemar Gaan	01:20	The First 100 Years: A Celebration of American Movies
		03:15	Watchmen
		06:10	National Lamm-Loaded Weapon 1
		07:55	Wonder Woman
		09:30	Batman & Robin
		12:05	Harold & Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay
			Star World
		03:30	Cops
		09:30	Masterchef Australia
		10:30	Criminal Minds
		12:00	Home Improvement
			National Geographic Channel
		02:30	Latika Rana
		08:30	Dog Whisperer
		10:30	Nat Geo Rush
		11:30	World's Toughest Fixes
			Discovery Channel
		08:30	Dual Survival
		10:30	Swamp Brothers
		11:00	Destroyed in Seconds
		12:00	Factory Made

DRAMA SERIAL		
ATN BANGLA	08:15pm	No Problem
08:00pm	Adorsho Mess Bari	09:05pm
10:55pm	Uttaradhikar	Long March
Rtv	09:30pm	Lolita
09:05pm	Boyra Paribar	Desh TV
11:30pm	Ronger Shongshar	07:45pm
		Gohiney
		08:15pm
		Sat Kahon
		07:50pm
		Chaita Pagol
		Maasranga Television
		08:00pm
		Kalo Chhaya

NEWS BULLETIN	
BTV	BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am	News (Bangla) at 7:30am.
2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.	1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm.
News (English) at 10:00am,	10:30pm.
4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.	News Headlines (Bangla) at
Late Night News (Bangla and	12:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.
English) 11:30 pm. (To be	News (English) at 6:00pm
telecast on all Bangla	Rtv
channels).	News (Bangla): 2:30 pm,
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6:00 pm.	11:00pm

TALK SHOW		
ATN BANGLA	12:30pm	Taroka Kothon
11:15am	Vision 2020	BANGLAVISION
11:30pm	Je Kotha Keu Boleni	06:25pm
12:30am	Lead News	Front Line
Rtv	11:45pm	Shoja Kotha
10:40am	Tarokalap	Maasranga Television
07:40pm	Our Democracy	Prime Issue
		12:00am
		Shamprotik
		09:45am
		Tritto Matra
		Diganta TV