

# Homage to Jibanananda Das

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

A two-day festival in memory of the iconic Bengali poet Jibanananda Das concluded in Rajshahi on Monday night, generating a huge gathering of a number of poets and litterateurs from across the country.

All the scholars gathered in the festival spoke in almost same tune that the study of Jibanananda Das has become as essential as that of Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam to uphold progressive and liberal values.

Kobikunjo Rajshahi, an organisation of poets, and local chapter of Bangladesh Abridit Samannoy Parishad (BASP) jointly arranged the festival, titled 'Jibanananda Smaran Utsab', to observe the poet's 59th death anniversary.

Each day of the festival was divided into two sessions: the first session began from 10 am and ended at 1:30 pm, while the second session continued from 4 pm to 9:30 pm. The sessions featured discussions followed by recitation.

Eminent litterateur Hasan Azizul Haque announced the inauguration as well as the conclusion of the festival, held at the premises of Shah Makhdoom College in the city.

Haque observed that Das is not exceptional from the conduct of the material world where poets and scholars are seldom evaluated during their lifetime. He said Das left brilliant footprints in every sector of Bangla literature.

"Although his unfamiliar wordings take time to make an impact, no one can leave once he/she enters the romantic, mysterious world of Jibanananda Das," Haque said.

Rajshahi mayor AHM Khairuzaman Liton attended the inaugural session of the festival as chief guest while lawmaker Fazle Hossain Badsha was special guest.

Poet Abdul Mannan, also divisional commissioner of Rajshahi; Kobikunjo president Ruhul Amin Pramanik; Ariful Haque Kumar; Dr Toshikul Islam Raja; Dr Abdul Mannan Sarker; BASP general secretary Mir Barkat spoke at the inaugural programme.

Professor Shibaji Dey (from Tangail) sang three songs, based on poems by Jibanananda Das -- "Banglar Mukh Ami Dekhichhiphi", "Swoopner Dhonira" and "Tumi Alo Haate Aro Alor Pothe Cholechho Kothaye".

Khondokar Ashraf Hossain, English teacher of Dhaka University, presented an essay on "Kobitar Rahoshikota (mystery of poems) Ebonog Bonolota Sen" on the first day. Professor Sanat Kumar Saha of Rajshahi University; Dr Anik Mahmud, poet and Bengali teacher of Rajshahi University; poet Mohammad Kamal discussed on the essay.

Poet Zulfikar Motin; Mahbubur Rahman Badshah; Alamgir Malek discussed and recited from Jibanananda's poems.

On the second day, Professor Golam Kair presented his essay on "Byatikromi (exceptional) Jibanananda", while poet Abu Bakar Siddik; littérateur Zakir Talukdar; Rafikur Rashid; Dr Anupam Hasan discussed the essay with Professor Abdul Khaleque in the chair.

Poets Asad Mannan and Mahbub Sadik were given Kobikunja crests and a warm reception at the festival for their roles in poetry and research.



# Eid festival at Fantasy Kingdom and Foy's Lake

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Concord Entertainment's Fantasy Kingdom complex in Ashulia, near Dhaka, includes Fantasy Kingdom, Water Kingdom, Heritage Park, X-treme Racing Go-kart and Motel Atlantis, and is a delight for children and adults alike.

In Chittagong, Concord entertains the public with Foy's Lake Amusement World, Sea World and Foy's Lake Resort.

Keeping in mind that people would love to let their hair down this Eid, Fantasy Kingdom and Foy's Lake authorities offer special arrangements such as concert, DJ show and acrobat show.

This festive season take a glimpse at what Concord has to offer in Ashulia and Chittagong: A major attraction at Ashulia's Fantasy Kingdom complex is the Water Kingdom. This water theme park offers a number of slides, a wave pool, lazy river and facilities for smaller children.

Chittagong residents have access to Foy's Lake Resort, a unique getaway where one can stay while enjoying the scenic beauty of Foy's Lake along with BBQ nights, cultural programmes, boat rides on the lake and more.

# Shopping for cattle

## STARS SHARE THEIR EID EXPERIENCES



Shakib Khan



Zahid Hasan



Mosharraf Karim



Sajju Khadem

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### Shakib Khan

The arrival of Eid always takes the 'Number One' hero back to his carefree days of childhood. The memory of running around with a new set of clothes is a memory to cherish for the superstar.

As there's no shooting during Eid days, Shakib Khan gets the chance to stay in bed and get a well-deserved sleep. The slumber is the biggest recreation for him during Eid. The festive days also gives Shakib the chance to enjoy a good time with his family, as well having fun addas with the friends who visit him.

"There are no special plans for Eid. I will stay at home. I'll rest, eat and sleep during these days," the actor informs.

Shakib Khan usually does his Eid shopping outside the country, as going to a local market results in a huge hassle, as people crowd in to get a glimpse of their favorite star.

The option to go to the cattle market to buy a sacrificial animal for Qurbani is also out of the equation for similar reasons. The busy schedule also prevents Shakib Khan from doing so.

Three movies featuring Shakib Khan are set to be released this Eid -- Badiul Alam Khokon's "Don Number One", "Buk Phaate Toh Mukh Photo Na"; and "Ziddi Mama" by Shahadat Hossain Liton.

### Zahid Hasan

Popular TV star Zahid Hasan will spend Eid with his family in Sirajganj. The star has plans to take his son Purno and daughter Pushpita to the cattle market in Sirajganj's Kandarpura -- for an interesting experience that they are unlikely to have in an urban setting.

"Staying at the Sirajganj home during Eid is always great fun. I get to meet everyone, have great feasts and grand adda sessions. These are all very enjoyable for me," Zahid Hasan says.

The actor -- during his younger years -- used to accompany his father and brother to the cattle *haat*. "It was a difficult time to do back then. We walked all the way to the *haat* (rural market) and on the way back home, we ran with the leash in our hands. I was always afraid that the cow will be let loose or try to ram me with its horns."

The actor still goes to the *haat* but that only results in people crowding in to meet him.

Two dramas -- directed by Zahid Hasan -- are set to be aired during Eid, while his acting performances can be seen on 10 to 12 TV plays by other directors.

### Mosharraf Karim

Although most stars cannot personally go to a cattle market, popular actor Mosharraf Karim never misses the chance. He asserts that the challenge of buying a good cow is a very enjoyable experience for him.

He always takes to the *haat* one of his friends who is an expert in buying cows. Mosharraf Karim says, "Every Eid, I always check the teeth of the cow before buying it, although it has no significance to me."

Going to the cattle market was a regular part of Eid during the star's childhood year. "I didn't understand much back then, and only went for fun. However, now I sometimes get scared after seeing the blood of the slaughtered cow," Mosharraf Karim adds.

The actor plans to spend this Eid in Dhaka. Nearly 18 TV dramas featuring Mosharraf Karim are scheduled to be aired during Eid. The actor said, "I've done some very unique works this year. I even did a drama where I don't have a single dialogue."

### Sajju Khadem

From his childhood days to the time he sat for his Intermediate exams, Sajju Khadem regularly accompanied his father and uncles to the Qurbani *haat* in Sylhet's Chhatak. He was always careful while returning home with the cow, always on alert in fear that the cow will try to stick him with its horns or ram him.

A domestic help also accompanied them. When the cow started running, Sajju would also run. The actor said "We would put a colourful paper garland on the cow. It also felt great to answer anyone who shouted, asking the price."

After coming to Dhaka and becoming a popular actor, Sajju Khadem had not gone to the *haat*. His father still goes to the *haat* to buy a cow. Sajju always jokes that the cows are getting smaller each year.

Several TV channels will air Sajju Khadem's dramas this Eid. The specials include "Bibaho Bibhat", "Bekar Ek Car Theke J Golper Shuru", "Biralor Gola Ghonta Badhibe Ke", "Jatra Bhongor", "Bolod Kahini", "Ek Phul Dui Mali" and "Paach Feet Dosh Inch".

# Syed Jahangir's solo exhibition at Bengal Gallery

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Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts is going to celebrate the 80th birthday of veteran artist Syed Jahangir on November 2. On the occasion, the gallery is holding a solo painting exhibition titled, "Of Man and Earth". The exhibition will open at Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts in Dhanmondi, Dhaka on November 2, and will continue till November 13. In Bangladesh, his last solo art exhibition was held at the same gallery

In 2007. In 2010, his two solo art exhibitions were held in Washington DC and New York.

The USP of Jahangir's paintings is an in-depth observation of rural Bengal, its people and the economic hardship they endure. At the show, works in acrylic, oil, watercolour, ink and more will be displayed.

The exhibition will be jointly inaugurated by his peer and artist Murtaja Baseer; artist Qayyum Chowdhury; and former Finance Minister M. Syeduzzaman.

Jahangir is greatly influenced by American Expressionism. Harvest, fishing on a moonlit night, peasants, paddy fields are frequent themes in his works. He has attempted to recreate the unforgettable atmosphere of the river at night, resulting in layered textures on his canvas. Yellow, ultramarine, golden yellow, green are noticeable colours in his works. He is able to create subtle tones with colour, light and shade that echo the bluish sky, lucid water and the fertile soil of the country.

# TV plays... in continuity, this Eid

A CORRESPONDENT

While different TV channels are busy airing special programmes on the occasion of upcoming Eid-ul-Azha, one of the leading mobile phone operators, Grameenphone, wants to share the joys of the celebration with the viewers, and has produced several single-episode TV plays that will be aired without commercial breaks.

The TV plays will include popular actors. Nine TV channels will air the plays during the weeklong Eid fiesta. Desh TV will air "Labus Lungi" at 9:30 pm on Eid day. Directed by Tanim Rahman Ongshu, the cast of the play includes Sajal and Bindu. Directed by Golam Sohrab Dodul, TV play "C-Sharp" will go on air on Channel 24 at 9:30 pm on Eid day. Iresh Zaker, Saba, Romana and Bappa have donned the lead roles in the play.

Maasranga Television will air "Hiyar Majhey Lukjyehhhile" at 8:45 pm on the second day of Eid. Directed by Syeed Jamnin, the play will have Mehzabien, Mummun, Momo and Sajal as actors. Directed by Shakal Ahmed TV play "Lokti Bou Ke Anek



A scene from "Chotushkon".

Bhalobashto" will be aired on Channel 9 at 10:30 pm on the third day of Eid. Aparna, Bijori, Trisha and Salim don different roles in the play. Banglavision will air the TV play "Chotushkon" at 8 pm on third day of Eid. Directed by Redwan Rony, the cast of the play includes Roni, Jamil and others.

Directed by Ishtiaq Ahmed Rumel, the play "Old VS New" features veteran actor Abul Hayat

with Nayeem, Mishu, Bhabna and Urmila. It will be aired on ntv at 9:10 pm on the fourth day of Eid. Rtv will air "Live Show" at 9:20 pm on the fifth day of Eid. Directed by Iftekar Ahmed Fahmi, the play will have Mosharraf Karim and Nafisa as cast.

TV play "Shudhu Bhalobashi Boley" will be aired on GTV at 8:05 pm on the fifth day of Eid. Ujjal, Tarik Anam Khan and Orsha will play different roles in the drama directed by Faysal Ahmed. Boishakhi TV will air "Aah Prem Othoba Agdum Bagdum" that will be aired at 8:45 pm on the sixth day of Eid. Directed by Olive Ahmed, the cast of the play includes Rawnak, Romana and Moutushi.

# Memorable silhouettes

## Studio Art Exhibition ends at Drik

ZAHANGIR ALAM

"Studio Art" is the title of a weeklong exhibition featuring works of talented and dedicated photographer MM Zahidur Rahman Biplob. The exhibition recently (October 20) ended at Drik Gallery in Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

Noted photographer and cinematographer Anwar Hossain inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest. Renowned photographer and photography teacher Rafiqul Islam; photographer-media personality Shankar Sawjal; accomplished portrait photographer Chanchal Mahmood and model-media personality Sharmin Lucky were present as special guests at the inauguration.

"I am impressed by Biplob's exhibition. I can still recall when 7/8 years back, Biplob came to me with some of his photos. What has now made me surprised is that I see a more able and experienced photographer whose current works are quite dissimilar to his previous ones," said Chanchal Mahmood.

Art is much about visuals. If the rays of beauty endlessly attract the aesthetic eye behind the lens, the art of photography is generated. The exhibition featured 40 artistic photographs of models, including photographer Anwar Hossain, Indian filmmaker Gautam Ghosh, actor-photographer Shankar Sawjal, singer Pritom Ahmed, model Sharmin Lucky and the photographer's son Zahin Masroor.

These photographs can definitely boast of unique composition, exposure of the models' personalities, background, ISO, depth of field, aesthetic back-

ground, golden section, mid-tone, colour-tone, shadow, contrast, details and sharpness. Interestingly enough, Biplob has not used Photoshop much when editing the images.

According to post-structuralism, language is incapable of expressing universal meaning, as it is slippery; it rather conveys local, traditionally imposed meaning. Photography or any other visual art form has a language of its own and claims to have universal meaning. When the language of images speaks, written words or lingual titles prove to be futile. The photographer attributed no title to his images as they speak for themselves.

The artiste roamed around entire Bangladesh in search of exquisite images -- impassable hills, unfathomable sea and pointy roots of mangrove forest -- with which Biplob has so far taken part in 12 group exhibitions. "Studio Art" is the artiste's 3rd solo exhibition.

Biplob's favourite subjects include nature and its elements -- landscape, lifestyle and wildlife -- ranging from a confused squirrel to a successful kingfisher; a boasting butterfly to a tiny fish dragonfly. The subtle game of light and shadow prevail in almost all the images. As twilight rays gleam from the Prussian blue sky and when that is used as a background, it not only grips an art connoisseur but also anyone taking a peek.

Biplob has bagged several national awards in photography. At present he runs one of the biggest and well-equipped photography studios -- called 'Studio Creations' -- in Dhaka (Hatirpul area). The photographer also runs his own photography school there.



Visitors at the exhibition.

### At the Banani Puja Mandap, crowds poured in on 'Nabami' (October 23). The Durga Puja celebration here is organised by Gulshan-Banani Sarbojanin Puja Parishad, and like previous years drew Hindu devotees as well as people from other faiths. The remarkably beautiful idol of the Mother Goddess, flanked by other Gods and Goddesses, on the altar did have a non-stop stream of worshippers and non-worshippers, but what got the crowd, especially youngsters, moving and swaying was the live music on the venue. Noted artistes presented devotional as well as popular songs that had the crowd cheering.



PHOTO: ATIL AMANSHI

# A very busy Bindu

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Over 30 TV plays featuring Bindu were aired last Eid, and the number is likely to stay the same during Eid-ul-Azha. The actress said, "Around 25 to 30 plays and telefilms that I have done will be aired this Eid. But I never focus on the quantity of my work, instead give my attention to the scripts and the characters."

Bindu admitted that remembering all the names of the Eid specials is impossible, but added that some plays and the skills of some directors are worth mentioning. Boishakhi TV will air a drama by Golam Sohrab Dodul, where Bindu has worked opposite Sajal. The actress is very pleased with the play, saying, "It's a thriller. Not many plays of this genre are aired on TV."

Bindu also stayed in Brahmanbaria for a couple of days to shoot an Eid play by Tanim Rahman Ongshu. She also did a comedy by Zahid Hasan; two more plays -- "Kuddus Therapy" and "Alal Dulal" -- directed by Mir Sabbir, which will be aired by Banglavision and ATN Bangla respectively.

Other directors Bindu had worked with for Eid specials include Imran Hossain Imu, Noim Imtiaz Neamul, Shahidul Nabi, Ashutosh Sujon, Tuhin Abanta and Komol Chakma. Bindu added, "I can't remember the names of all the directors. In a drama by Aka Reza Galib, I played three characters -- a sex worker, a book seller and the muse/lover of a writer. It was quite a challenge to accomplish. Banglavision will air the play on the fifth day of Eid."

In the drama directed by Tuhin Abanta, Bindu also played the role of a sex worker and visited Adabar slum for the shooting. During the whole project, Bindu was able to see the sufferings of the slum dwellers, which moved her and made her sympathetic to their hardship.

The actress said, "The room where we rested after shooting, belonged to a woman whose husband abandoned her to marry again. The husband lives in a nearby slum. He comes to his former wife whenever he wants, but refuses to take any responsibilities. This woman's story devastated me. I thought to myself, I would've never known about such an awful husband if I wasn't an actress."

Although the recent trends are set on daily soaps and serials, Bindu hardly appears in any. However after a long hiatus, she recently returned to serials by shooting the first lot of a new project by Syed Shakil. In the serial, Bindu will play the role of a school teacher, acting opposite Zahid Hasan. Asked why she is less frequent in serials, Bindu said, "It is hard to keep commitment to the serials. They also lack depth. Why do people watch dramas on Zee Bangla? The serials should have the capability to draw the attention of viewers. I won't do serials just to make an earning. I will only do it if it's a good project."

The former Lux Channel i Superstar has cleared out her schedule for Eid, which she plans to spend in Dhaka, with her family. She also has plans to cook and have fun with her friends during the Eid festivities. Whatever leisure hours Bindu gets, she likes to spend by watching movies. The chief entertainment sources for Bindu are films and music. She also enjoys watching cooking shows on the TV. Bindu's movie watching partner is her younger brother Ayon.

Bindu has never had the opportunity to visit a cattle market. The actress stays sad when everyone else is having a good time with the Qurbani animal. Why? "I accept the sacrifice as a religious requirement, but it's sad to see the animals being slaughtered," the sensitive Bindu replies.



06:15	Shubho Shondhya	06:25	Film
09:00	Drama: Panjabwala	08:10	Drama
11:30	Music Euphony	08:10	Amar Gaan
<b>Boishakhi TV</b>			
09:15	Bangla Feature	05:00	The Incredibles
	Film	08:40	Scream 4
12:15	The Business Show	10:35	Homeland
04:15	Shorashori Doctor	11:35	National Treasure
11:00	Reporters Diary	<b>HBO</b>	
<b>BANGLAVISION</b>			
11:05	Shakal Belar	02:10	The Mask
	Roddor	09:20	Ong Bak 2
06:05	Shyamal Bangla	08:15	Troy
09:05	Bipashar Othi	09:30	Blade II
11:25	Deane Gaane Deche	<b>Star World</b>	
	Deche	02:30	Gey's Anatomy
		04:30	Revenge
		09:30	Master Chef
			Australia
		11:30	Two And A Half Men
			Discovery Channel
		02:30	Wild Discovery
		05:30	Man vs. Wild
		09:30	Survivor Man
		10:30	Sons of Guns
			BBC World
		11:00	BBC World

<b>DRAMA SERIAL</b>				
ATN BANGLA	08:40pm	Chand Phul	09:20pm	Ognipath
		Amabodhya	08:15pm	Generation Next Dot
		Chayabita		
CHANNEL i	09:20pm		08:30pm	Oloshpur
	09:35pm	Boeing 757	09:50pm	Mon Rangla
	11:30pm	Rozhni		Desh TV
ntv			07:45pm	Saathkon
	09:15pm	Mayangam	08:15pm	Radio Chocolate
Boishakhi TV				CHANNEL 24

<b>NEWS BULLETIN</b>			
BTV	News (Bangla) at 12pm,	Boishakhi TV	News (Bangla) at 10am,
	2pm, 5pm, 8pm,		News (English) at 10am,
	News (English) at 10am,		News (English) at 9am,
	4pm, 10pm,		5pm,
ATN BANGLA	News (Bangla) at 11am,	<b>BANGLAVISION</b>	
	12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm,	News (Bangla) at 10am,	
	News (English) at 9am,	2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm,	
	5pm,	News (English) at 1pm,	
CHANNEL i	News (Bangla) at 2pm,	3pm, 6pm, 9pm,	
	9pm, 10:30pm,		
ntv	News (Bangla) at 2pm,		
	7:30pm, 10:30pm,		
ETV	News (Bangla) at 1pm,		
	3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm,		
11pm,			

<b>TALK SHOW</b>				
BTV	10:25pm	Unayane Bangla-	10:10pm	Toben Radhan
		deh		Boishakhi TV
ATN BANGLA	12:30am	Lead News	12:00am	Zero Hour
CHANNEL i	12:30pm	Taraka Kothan	06:30pm	Talk of the Week
				Rtv
ntv	12:30pm	Taraka Kothan	11:40am	Tarakalap
				Desh TV
12:10pm	Ei Shomoy		10:30pm	Desh E Golpo
				CHANNEL 24