


**Dhaka Int'l Folk Fest**  
 Organiser: Sun Events  
 Venue: Army Stadium, Dhaka  
 Date: Nov 10-12  
 Time: 6pm-12am




**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 Title: Inside Out  
 Artist: Promiti Hossain  
 Venue: Kala Kendra, 1/11, Iqbal Road, Mohammadpur  
 Date: Oct 22-Nov 10  
 Time: 5-8pm



**Theatre**  
 Play: Raja O Onnanno  
 Troupe: Prachyanat  
 Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
 Date: Nov 1; Time: 7pm



**Theatre**  
 Play: Paicho Chorer Kissa  
 Troupe: Dhaka Padatik  
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
 Date: Nov 4; Time: 7pm



**Solo Art Exhibition**  
 Artist: Maksudul Ahsan  
 Venue: National Art Gallery (Gallery-4), BSA  
 Date: Oct 28-Nov 5  
 Time: 11am-8pm




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# with Chanchal Chowdhury

"Aynabaji" star on The Daily Star Facebook Live!

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 With an unprecedented craze surrounding his latest big screen venture "Aynabaji", Chanchal Chowdhury's popularity has gone through the roof. Those of you who cannot stop talking about the film and his performance, here is your chance to interact directly with the man behind Sharafat Karim Ayna.

The Daily Star (<https://www.facebook.com/dailystarnews>) from 5pm.  
 In a video message sent to The Daily Star yesterday, Chanchal invited fans to bring all their questions for him to the Facebook Live session, promising a lively chat.  
 Chanchal built his foundation in theatre with the troupe Aranyak, before breaking out to the mainstream, rather unexpectedly, with a TV commercial. The advert, set to the song "Pother Klanti Bhule" (sung by Chanchal himself) brought him instant stardom, and after

the groundbreaking success of Giasuddin Selim's "Monpura", he has not had to look back, with numerous memorable performances in TV serials and single-episode plays. His roles in films have always been selective and strong, be it in Goutam Ghose's "Moner Manush" or Mostofa Sarwar Farooki's "Television", but it was with Amitabh Reza's "Aynabaji" released in September that has brought all the spotlight on him. His portrayal of the complex, layered character of Ayna has garnered praise from critics and general audience alike, and justifiably so.

# Kiron Chandra Roy's "Megh Jamini" released

## Musical soiree at Arts Precinct

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 Eminent folk music exponent Kiron Chandra Roy's latest album, "Megh Jamini", was launched through a musical soiree at The Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct on Saturday. The album features eight songs of the Padabali Kirtan genre, an ancient folk music form of devotional nature. Journalist and poet Abul Momen unveiled the CD.

Bohut Minoti Kori", "Shoi, Ke Ba Shunailo Shyamo Naam", and "Roop Lagi Ankhi Jhure" and "Ke Bole Piriti Bhalo". He also elaborated on the origins and musical style of Padabali Kirtan, adding that some of the rhythms used in Rabindra Sangeet originate from the compositions of Padabali Kirtan.  
 Among others, prominent violinist Sunil Chandra Das and flautist Moniruzzaman embellished the performance, which also included the traditional khol and kartal as musical accompaniments.



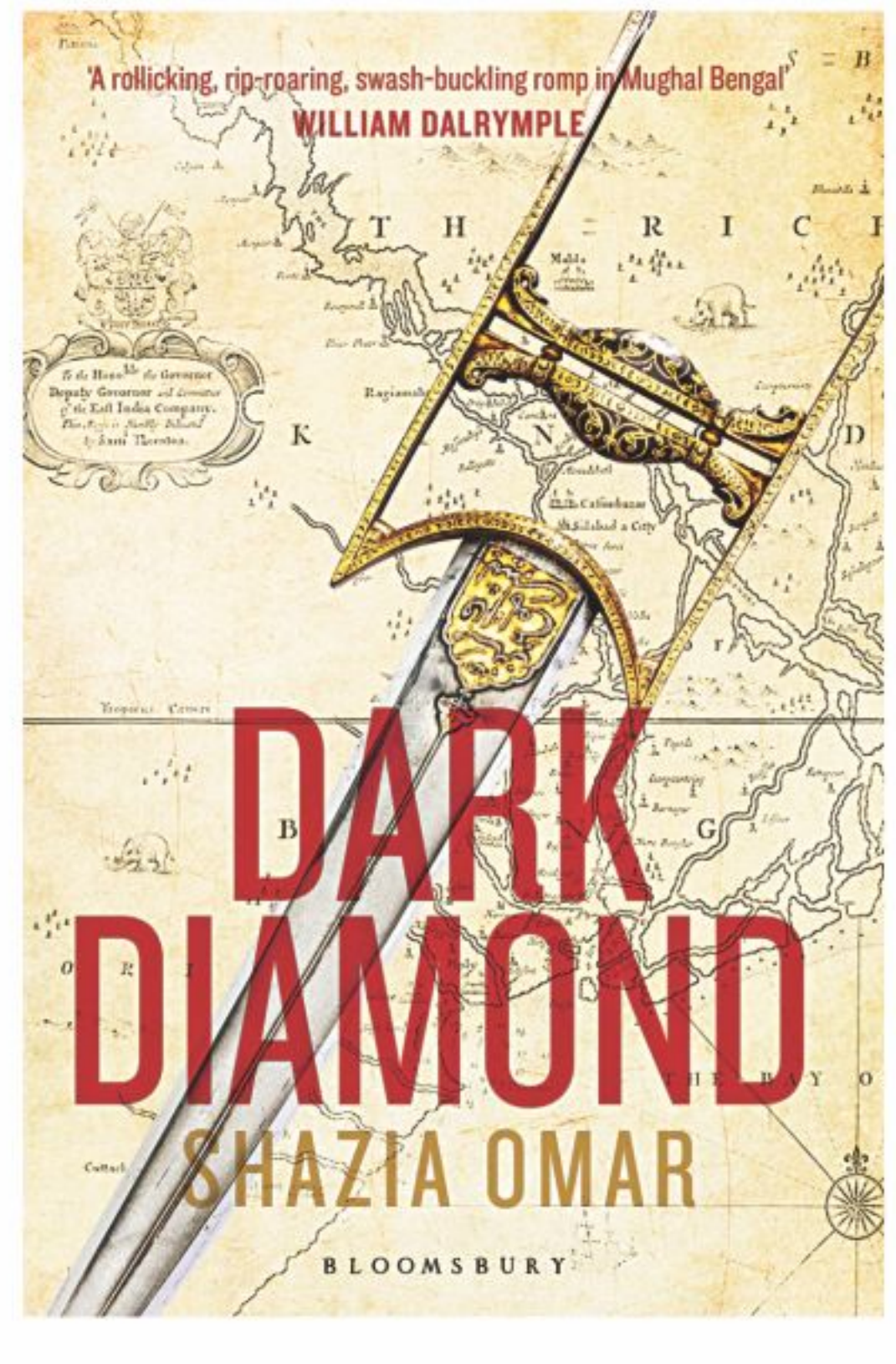
# Chanchal Khan to perform in "Tomay Gaan Shonabo"



**A CORRESPONDENT**  
 Popular Tagore singer and researcher Dr. Chanchal Khan will perform on Maasranga TV's flagship musical programme "Tomay Gaan Shonabo" this Thursday at 11pm. The two-hour programme will feature songs of Rabindranath Tagore covering the array of themes, including songs from seasons, love and devotion.  
 Chanchal Khan will also render songs from Tagore's plays, as well as those reflecting satirical and humorous compositions, collected from his plays.  
 The artiste recently released a CD titled "O Bhai Kanai" that contains thirteen such compositions. The programme is hosted by Kaushik Sankar Das.

# DARK DIAMOND

by Shazia Omar announced

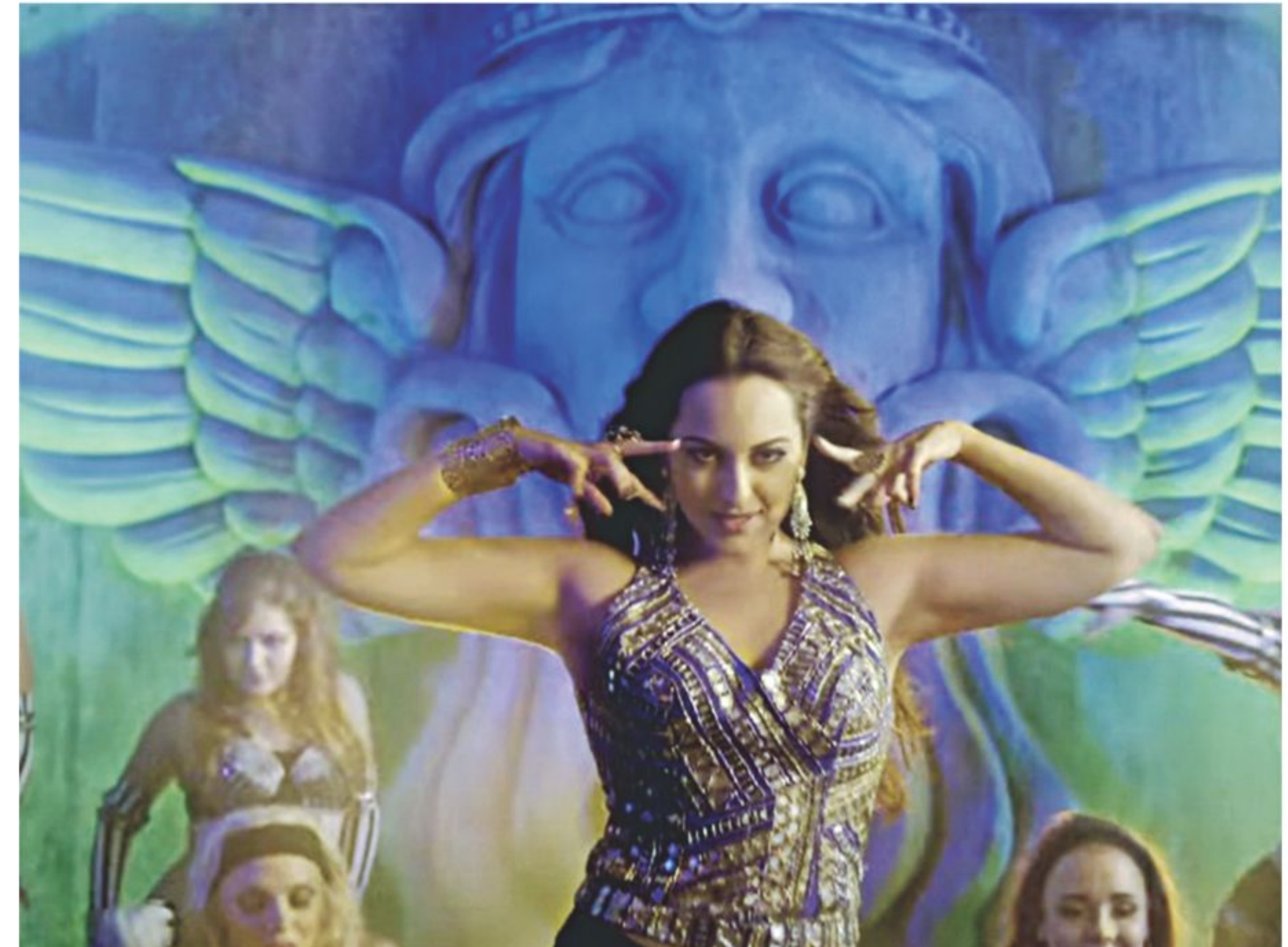


**A CORRESPONDENT**  
 Last week, Bloomsbury India announced Shazia Omar's latest publication, "Dark Diamond", a historical adventure story set in 1685 Bengal.  
 "Dark Diamond" is the story of Lord Shayista Khan, Mughal Viceroy of Bengal.  
 Asked by Professor Firdous Azim (Chair of the English and Humanities Department of BRAC University) why she chose to write about Mughal Bengal, Shazia said, "I wanted to write a book that recollects Bengal at its finest and portrays a hero whom we can adore, one who fought for the freedom of thought and expression."  
 Shazia has written two other books and writes for Daily Star Lifestyle magazine, a column called Kundalini Rising. Shazia's books may be ordered in Bangladesh from the Facebook-based shop Bookworm.

# Ranjit Das leads daylong art workshop in M'Singh

**AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh**  
 A daylong art workshop was held on the premises of Fine Arts Department of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKKNIU) in Trishal of Mymensingh October 29.  
 Eminent painter Ranjit Das conducted the workshop.  
 A total of 32 students of Masters in Fine Arts (MFA) first batch and MFA second batch of JKKNIU took part in the workshop, jointly organised by Bengal Foundation's Visual Arts programme and Fine Arts Department of JKKNIU.  
 Students of other batches also enjoyed the workshop on painting, the first of its kind in the university.  
 Ranjit Das said he spent the day productively by sketching and guiding the participants through various aspects of their drawings.

"I found some talents who could lead the Fine Arts in future if their devotion for art continues," said Das, adding that a longer workshop would be beneficial for the students.  
 Didarul Hossain Limon, MFA first batch student said, "It is a rare experience to have such a great artist with us. His drawing techniques and lessons will help us get us more experience for our future careers," said Limon.  
 "This was really a creative workshop and we need more workshops with such great painters," said Polash Sheikh, a student of MFA second batch.  
 Bengal Foundation's representative artist Golam Faruq Sarker Swapon, head of Fine Arts Department Nagarbasi Barman and assistant professor Tapon Kumar Sarker were present, among others, at a discussion held later.



# SONAKSHI sizzles in new "Force 2" song

The makers of upcoming film Force 2 starring John Abraham and Sonakshi Sinha have shared a song from the film; "O Jaaniya" is a new version of Sridevi's iconic song "Kaate Nahi Katate" from "Mr India".  
 In the song, Sonakshi dons a glamorous avatar, flaunting her moves.  
 Talking about the song, Sonakshi said, "The intention was never to replicate what Srijni has done. That is iconic and I truly believe no one even comes close to her! But the song is great and I love the fact that we have given it a modern twist by fusing it with EDM music which is the flavour of today!"  
 Neha Kakkar has lent her voice for the song that has been composed by Gourov Roshin.  
 "Force 2" produced by Vipul Amrutlal Shah and John Abraham and directed by Abhinay Deo, is all set to release on November 18.