

WHAT'S ON

Musical Soiree
Title: Arnob Live
Venue: Chhayanaut Cultural Center
Date: October 19
Time: 6 pm – 8 pm

ARNOB LIVE

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Musical Soiree
Title: 10 Years of The Armeen Musa Band
Venue: Jatra Birori
Date: October 19
Time: 7:30 pm – 10:30 pm
Tickets: Tk 300 (Tk 200 with valid ID)



Musical Evening by Star Melodies
Title: Nazrul Melodies Adapted in Theatre and Movies
Venue: The Daily Star – Bengal Arts Precinct, The Daily Star Centre



Art Exhibition
Title: Museumplein 2018
Venue: Mrinal Haque Creative Arts House#5/A, Road#2, Gulshan 1
Date: October 25 - 27
Time: 3 pm - 8 pm



Costplay Event
Title: The Haunted Halloween Weekend
Venue: Jamuna Future Park
Date: October 26 - 28
Time: 2 pm - 8:30 pm
Single Day Passes: Tk 200

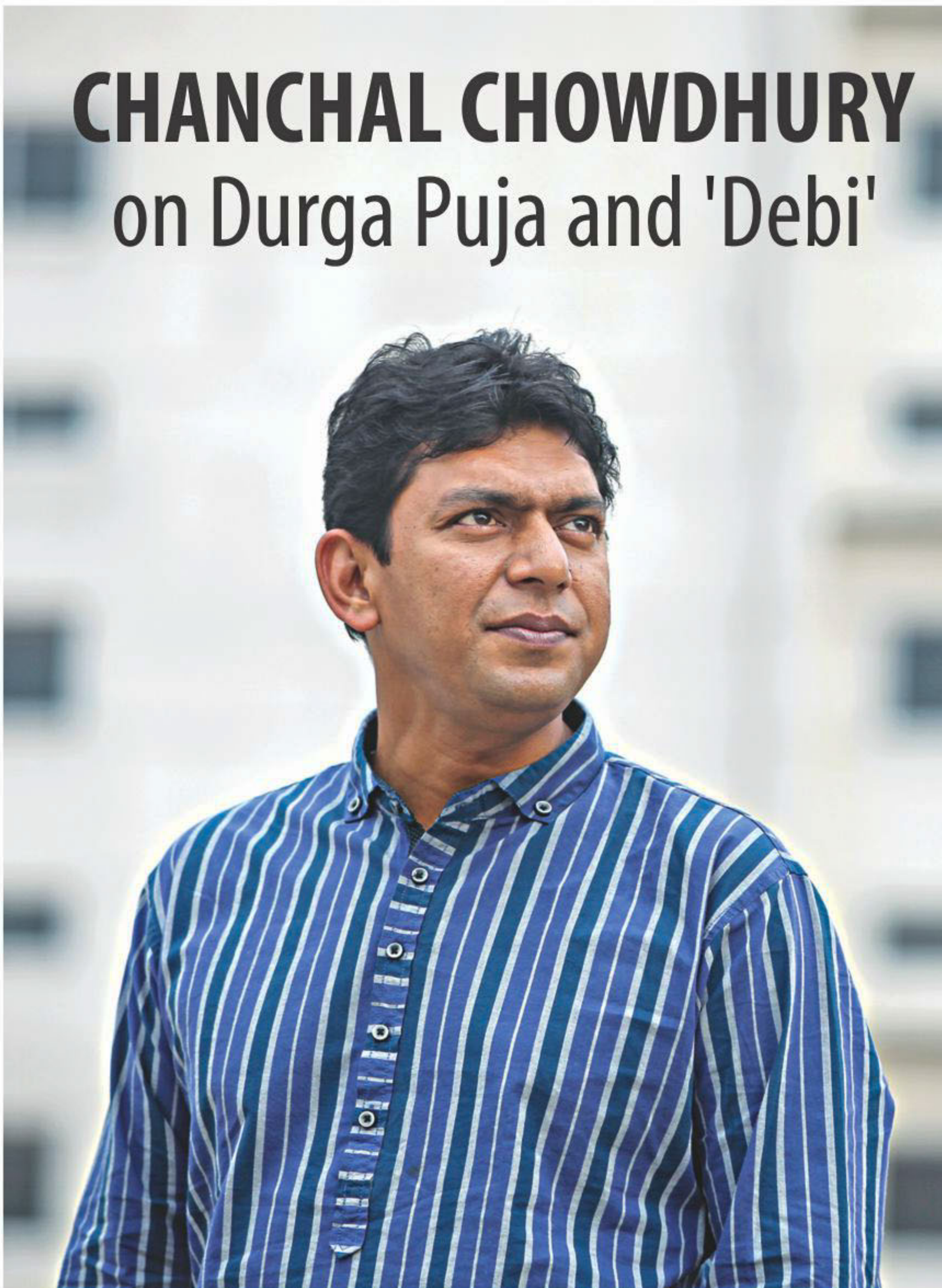




Homage to the BARD

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Marking the 128th death anniversary of Fakir Lalun Shah, the most prominent figure of the country's Baul tradition, Lalun Biswasangha has organised a three-day historical exhibition titled Fakir Lalun and Fakiri Inheritance of Bangladesh at Chheuriya. The exhibition began yesterday and will run till tomorrow. Rare drawings, photographs, letters, manuscripts, books and magazines of Fakir Lalun Shah and his disciples are exhibited at the event. Fakir Lalun Shah secured a unique position in the history of traditional folk music for his humanitarian songs, blending philosophies of different devotional traditions such as Shahajia of Buddhism, Shahajia of Vaishnavism, Sufism of Islam and several others.



CHANCHAL CHOWDHURY on Durga Puja and 'Debi'

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

This week marks a special date on the calendar for movie buffs, with the release of the much-anticipated film, 'Debi' on October 19. The film features some of the biggest names in the industry, including Chanchal Chowdhury, who looks to celebrate Puja and the film's release at the same time.

You usually return to your hometown for Puja. Will you be doing the same this time?
My parents live in the village of Kamarhat in Pabna, and I plan to go there on the tenth day of the Puja festival. Since it coincides with the release of *Debi*, I am going to watch the premiere before leaving. Puja is really not the same without family and loved ones.

What do you plan to do there?
It's always a lot of fun. I have five brothers and three sisters, and throughout the year, everyone is busy with their families. It is such a rare treat to have everyone under one roof, including their children. I will be spending time with them.

How do the people in your village react to your fame?
They take a lot of pride in my work, but believe it or not, each time I return it's as though nothing has changed in my life. I go back to being the same person I was before all the fame and success. The most beautiful aspect about our village is the unity the Hindus and Muslims have. In fact, it's a tradition for everyone to be involved in the festival regardless of their religion.

What are your favourite memories of Puja?
During my childhood, I would prepare a month ahead to make the *pratima* (idol). The atmosphere was festive, even weeks before the actual celebrations. It was only during this time of the year when I would be gifted with new clothes, and so, I would wait in anticipation. I dearly miss those days.

How does it feel to look forward to Puja and the release of *Debi* at the same time?

I was looking forward to the film's release ever since I started working on it. I look forward to how it will be received by the audience, and as it will be released during the Puja festivities, my excitement has doubled!

PHOTO: STAR

DEBI'S OFFICIAL PRESS CONFERENCE Stars excited ahead of release



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

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Jaya Ahsan, Chanchal Chowdhury, Animesh Aich, Sabnam Faria and director Anam Biswas came together at the press conference of *Debi* at Dhaka club recently. "*Debi* is Jaya Ahsan's first film as a producer, and I am quite hopeful for its success," said Hasanul Haq Inu, Minister of Information of Bangladesh, who was present at the press conference as the chief

guest.

Mushfiqur Rahman Gulzar, president of Bangladesh Film Directors Association, commented that both Humayun Ahmed's novel and Jaya Ahsan are loved by the people, and they are looking forward to seeing both on the silver screen. "A combination of these two will definitely be a beautiful one," he said.

Chanchal Chowdhury, who plays the role of Misir Ali, said that he is having

sleepless nights because of the anticipation. "I want people to love *Debi*, because the team has worked really hard for it."

Jaya Ahsan expressed her gratitude towards the media. "I want to thank everyone who helped me with the promotion of this film," she said.

The conference, hosted by Rumman Rashid Khan, ended with a Q&A session. *Debi* is scheduled to release on October 19.

Kashef Chowdhury's exhibition in Zurich

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Gallery Tart in Zurich, Switzerland has organised *Materials for Exhibition Only*, a solo exhibition by Kashef Chowdhury. Born in Bangladesh, Kashef Chowdhury works in architecture, photography and art and has led lectures and exhibitions in these areas. He was awarded the Aga Khan Award for Architecture in 2016. In 2018, he was a speaker at the Engadin Art Talks. *Materials for Exhibition Only* is his first solo show as an artist in Switzerland. The exhibition, which started on September 22, will run till October 27.

The exhibition constitutes four sculptures which are, in an abstract way, borne out of a certain global political consciousness and the current issues facing the world today. Each of the four pieces highlights global inequality, refugee crises, wars and conflicts that peril peace in this day and age as well as the threatening issues of climate change.



'The Debate On The Climate Change, 2018 Beton (60x60x60cm)'

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Radio Today FM 89.6 recently celebrated their 12th founding anniversary at a programme attended by celebrities, business executives, the media and others. The pioneer FM radio station hosted a reception on the occasion at their head office in Banani, sharing the joy of their success with their well-wishers and patrons.

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BIRTHDAY BLAST Eminem turns 46 today

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Eminem has dominated the rap genre for years and is considered one of the greatest of all time by many established artistes in the entertainment industry. Born as Marshall Bruce Mathers III, he is also a record producer and an actor. To name a few, his songs like *The Real Slim Shady*, *Lose Yourself*, *The Way I Am*, *Toy Soldiers*, *Stan*, *Cleanin Out My Closet*, served as anthems for many. His last album *Kamikaze* stirred quite a hype in the industry, only to strengthen his foothold in the history of Hip Hop. From an Academy Award to multiple Grammy Awards and various other accolades, the artist has set a legacy that will surely outshine many. We extend our best wishes to the lyrical genius who continues to inspire us through his mastery.

