

BOISHAKH FEATURE

LUX SUPER STARS' POHELA BOISHAKH

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Zakia Bari Mamo

Pohela Boishakh is a traditional festival for us Bengalis, and I enjoy it a lot. To celebrate the joy of this festival, I try to spend the whole day with my family and friends. Sadly this year, I must work on that day, even though I don't want to. If possible, I will come to Dhaka

just for a day and spend *Pohela Boishakh* with my family. I have already started to receive gifts for the festival, which include, *Sarees* and jewellery. Like every other year, I will get dressed up for the occasion, and also give presents to my close relatives.

Bidya Sinha Mim

Pohela Boishakh is a warm celebration of joy and happiness. It is normal to have different plans for this day. However, till now, I am scheduled to work on that day. I have no special plans yet, other than spending it with my family. Around the year, my work schedule keeps me so busy that I always try to keep this day to myself. Back when I was younger, I had a different kind of excitement for this day. I used to ask for many things from my parents for *Pohela Boishakh*, but now, to fulfill their dreams, I have to keep myself busy with work.

Mim Mantasha

When I was a child, I would see my mother cooking a variety of traditional Bengali foods on *Pohela Boishakh*. We used to go out to visit different fairs in the afternoon. When I enrolled in a university, I used to spend the morning of *Pohela Boishakh* on campus, but went home at noon. Last year, I had spent the day at the *Lux* camp. I'm not sure what I will do this year as I have plenty of work to do until the night before. However, I do plan on spending the day with my family as there is no feeling better than that.



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I haven't yet planned out the things I'll be doing on *Pohela Boishakh*. As the temperature is fairly high now, I don't think I will be going out before noon. I will spend the morning preparing everything for the day. Every year,

there is a media gathering on *Pohela Boishakh*, so I plan on going there as I will be able to see everyone. As the days are passing by, the enjoyment of such days are fading away. We have to lead a monotonous lifestyle now.



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