

# Oasis under the grey clouds

There is always a longing for the rain. After all, monsoon in Bangladesh arguably brings out the very best in nature.

Drenched in the rain, trees and flowers thrive and boast their plush greenery in full glory. Thunderclaps make our pulses race. And the downpours cleanse away the dust — as much from our weary hearts as from the streets. And the soothing smell of earth when it is hit by rain is surreal.

But of course, monsoon is not without its nuances — the gloom and melancholy, the clogged-up roads, and the unfortunate floods.

And yet, we long for rain. Did those poets trick us after all, by romancing the rains? Plus, the humidity of the season, too, can pose much discomfort.

Better leave the poets alone, though; they had their reasons. And so do we — this year it's pool parties!

They are fun. And something that is more fun than a pool party is the one that happens in the rain! Jump in the pool with your friends. The calming effect of the water in the swimming pool will join the excitement of the pitter-patter of raindrops.

'Water, water, everywhere,' you say?

Relive your childhood by playing meaningless games that you make up along the way. The cute and simple pool floats and tubes provide endless opportunities for pranks and splashes, cheers and shrills.

And the rain!

Having a pool party during a downpour may just be a fantastic way to celebrate monsoon.

All one needs, is a good company of friends, a pool as a venue for the delightful party, and, of course a little help from the skies for a hard rain.

It's your way to stick it to the hot blazing sun and all the humidity.

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