

<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Group Art Exhibition Title: Jolokabto 2 Venue: Edge Gallery, Gulshan-2 Date: September 18 – October 26 Time: 10am-8pm</p>	<p>Art Exhibition Title: Feeling the Void by Hamiduzzaman Khan Venue: Dwip Gallery Date: October 7-October 27 Time: 3 pm – 9 pm</p>	<p>Exhibition Title: Jamdani Festival 2019 Venue: Bengal Shilpalay, Dhanmondi Date: September 6 - October 12 (closed on Sundays) Time: 12 noon - 8 pm</p>	<p>Exhibition Title: Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh Shonposharothi Venue: National Art Plaza, BSA Date: September 28 – October 26 Time: 11am - 8pm</p>	<p>Solo Print Exhibition Title: "Transformation" by Md Rafiqul Islam Venue: La Galerie, AFD Date: September 27 - October 12 Time: 3 pm – 9 pm</p>
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Ramendu Majumdar looks back on his childhood Puja memories

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Ekushey Padak awardee Ramendu Majumdar has been working in the field of theatre as an actor, producer and director for five decades. On the occasion of Durga Puja, he shares his childhood memories of the festival with *The Daily Star*.

Ramendu Majumdar was born in Lakshimpur. He finished his schooling there, and later, left the place for college. He spoke fondly about his hometown. "Any festival was a joyous occasion for us. However, I especially miss the Durga Puja celebrations," he says. "My village is located 12 kilometres away from the main town. Consequently, we had to take

a trip by boat to get there. The journey was a celebration in itself. As a child, I loved walking around the areas and visiting friends and neighbours during the festivities."

The artiste recalled that making preparations for Puja, building and decorating Maa Durga's statue, waiting for days to buy new clothes and visiting his friends were things that he was most excited about.

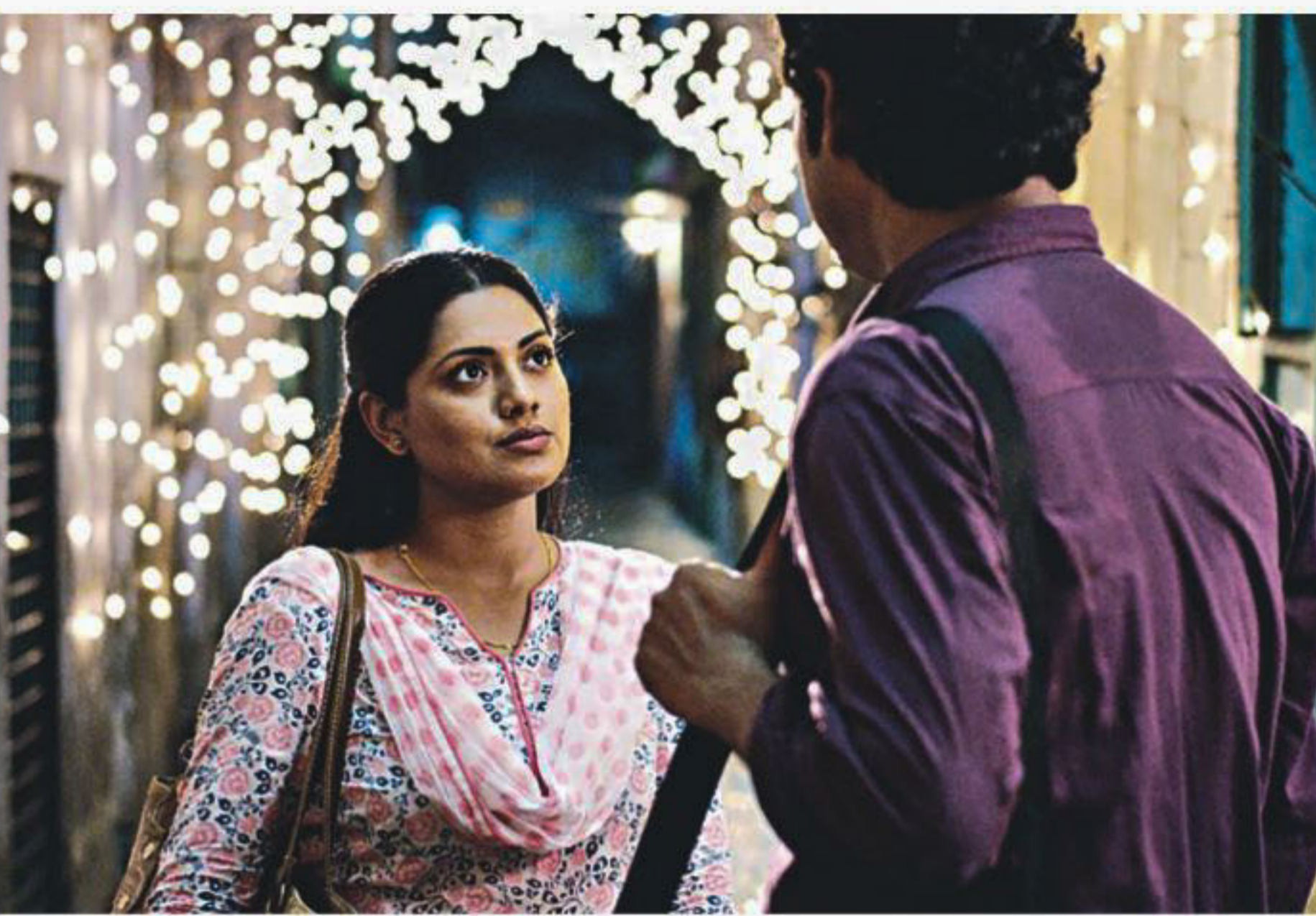
"My Muslim friends used to come over to our house during Puja," he recalls. "We used to visit cultural programmes, where renowned folk singers performed. We celebrate the occasion together with our Muslim friends even today."

ITI, TOMARI DHAKA to release in November

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Iti, Tomari Dhaka, Bangladesh's first anthology film, is set to release in November this year. It was recently approved by the Film Censor Board of Bangladesh. The film has made successful rounds at close to twenty different international film festivals across the globe, including the 23rd Busan International Film Festival, Global Cinema Festival Siliguri 2019, Singapore South Asian International Film Festival and Durban International Film Festival, among several others. It won an award under the category of Russian Film Critics' Guild at the 15th Kazan International Muslim Film Festival, and an award under the category of best original screenplay at the 11th Jaipur International Film Festival.

With eleven exceptionally promising young directors from Bangladesh, Impress Telefilm's *Iti, Tomari Dhaka* is an assortment of shorts, with Dhaka as its central theme. The film stars Nusrat Imrose Tisha, Intekhab Dinar, Shatabdi Wadud, Iresh Zaker, Lutfur Rahman George and Fazlur Rahman Babu, among others, in key roles.



A still from the film.

Beatles' 'Abbey Road' back at top of charts 50 years after its release



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The Beatles' *Abbey Road* has returned to the top of the British album charts, decades after its first release.

Featuring such songs as *Something* and *Come Together*, *Abbey Road* was the second-last album released by the Beatles before their acrimonious split, although most of their final release, *Let it Be*, was recorded before the *Abbey Road* sessions.

The album's initial 17-week run at number one ended on January 31, 1970, and it returns to the top of the charts after a gap of 49 years and 252 days, a feat certified as a Guinness World Record. The 50th anniversary of *Abbey Road* was marked last month by the release of a special deluxe edition.

Bogura Youth Choir celebrates 43 years

MOSTAFA SHABUI, from Bogura

Bogura Youth Choir, a renowned socio-cultural organization in the northern districts, observed 43 years of establishment recently. The organisation, established in 1976, has performed in more than 60 programs and over 700 items of their local language on Bangladesh Television and other channels.

Toufiqul Alam Tipu, the founder and secretary of the organization, delivered the welcome address.

Hosne Ara Begum, founder and executive director of the TMSS (Thengamara Mohila Sabuj Shangha), said, "Whenever I visit in foreign countries, Bangladeshis ask me about the Bogura Youth-Choir. This organization introduced Bogura to the entire Bengali

community."

Artists of the Bogura Youth Choir performed music, dance and satires in the programme, which entertained thousands of people attending the event. The organisation also awarded some notable personalities, including Mozammel Haque (Editor, Daily Karatoa), esteemed local poet Rahman Wahid, and Hosne Ara Begum.



TV WATCH



'Bhalobashar Alo Adhar', directed by Golam Sohrab Dodul, will be broadcast today at 9 pm on Deepto TV. It features Sushama Sarker, Shahed Sharif Khan, Saiful Jarnal, Shampa Reza and Aruna Biswas, among others.

Ameen Badal's solo Ghazal soiree at National Museum



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Ameen Badal's solo Ghazal soiree was held at Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum on October 4. Jahangirnagar University Graduates Club arranged the programme, in which the artiste rendered several famous ghazals like *Kayse Sakoon Paon Tuihe Dekhneko Baad*, *Gunchay Shakh Laga Haye*, *Dil Mein Ek Laherchhi Uthi Haye Abhi and Kabhi Aah Lab Pe Machal Gayi*.

Convener of the programme organising committee, Moinul Hasan Mitul delivered welcome address, while Javed Hossain elaborated on Urdu Ghazal at the programme.

Born in Chandpur, Ameen Badal's knack for music dates back to his childhood days. During his school life, he took musical lessons at Chandpur Sangeet Niketan. An alumnus of the Department of Geography of Jahangirnagar University, Badal started taking tutelage from famous Ustad Niaz Mohammad Chowdhury. A special grade artiste of both Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar (Radio), Badal's forte includes Khayal, Thumri and Ghazal.

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