

<p><b>WHAT'S ON</b></p>	<p><b>Group Art Exhibition</b>                  Title: Jolokabbo 2                  Venue: Edge Gallery, Gulshan-2                  Date: September 18 – October 26                  Time: 10am-8pm</p>	<p><b>Art Exhibition</b>                  Title: Feeling the Void by Hamiduzzaman Khan                  Venue: Dwip Gallery                  Date: October 7-October 27                  Time: 3 pm – 9 pm</p>	<p><b>Exhibition</b>                  Title: Jamdani Festival 2019                  Venue: Bengal Shilpalay, Dhanmondi                  Date: September 6 - October 12 (closed on Sundays)                  Time: 12 noon - 8 pm</p>	<p><b>Exhibition</b>                  Title: Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesher Shonosharathi                  Venue: National Art Plaza, BSA                  Date: September 28 – October 26                  Time: 11am - 8pm</p>	<p><b>Solo Print Exhibition</b>                  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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President Abdul Hamid (C) visits Banani Puja Mandap.



A performance by Rachel Priyanka Perris and her troupe.

# On celebrating communal harmony

**SHARMIN JOYA**

Every year, millions of people, irrespective of race and religion, get together to celebrate the joyous occasion of Durga Puja. According to the Gulshan-Banani Sharbajanin Puja Foundation, communal harmony is one of the four key pillars that Bangladesh was built on. For the last 12 years, Banani Puja Mandap has been one of the biggest arrangements in the city for the occasion. "It started in 2008, when a few residents of the Gulshan-Banani and neighbouring areas discussed about the upcoming Puja of that year," says Gitanka D Datta, Organising Secretary of the Puja Foundation. "We thought of making a Puja Mandap in this neighborhood as the Puja festivities were completely missing in North Dhaka."



Thousands of people flocking the beautiful Mandap.

Yousuff, Suranjit Sen Gupto and Subir Nandi were also honoured posthumously. The honourable President of Bangladesh, Abdul Hamid, added joy to the occasion with his presence. The president of the foundation thanked Partha Saha who led a team of over a hundred students. Their hard work led to the construction of the temple. "The temple is made with board and cork-sheet," expresses Shubal C Saha. "I am grateful to all the students, including those who belong to different religions, for being so supportive." Gitanka D Datta also expressed his gratitude towards Government bodies, Dhaka City Corporation, law enforcement agencies, utility authorities, electronic and print media, Banani Society and sponsors for their enormous support in this journey. "Our artisans, designers, engineers and the whole workforce who are involved in this project, are all local people. They have created such spectacular idols, temples and all the designs," says Sukumar Chowdhury, Convener of the 12-year-celebrations. The Gulshan-Banani Sharbajanin Puja Foundation believes in the soul of culture, that unifies all Bangladeshis as one.



The brilliantly lit entrance.

The members of the Gulshan-Banani Sharbajanin Puja Foundation are Shubal C Saha (President), Sudhangsu K Das (General Secretary), Sukumar Chowdhury (Convener- 12th anniversary celebrations) and Gitanka D Datta (Organising Secretary). The venue remains occupied with visitors from all over the country, where they can enjoy live music and cultural performances by renowned artistes. One of the more stunning attractions is the gorgeous idol of Maa Durga. This year, with the tagline of *Sharodio Shompritr Baro Bochhor* (12 years of Communal Harmony), the

foundation successfully completed their journey of 12 years. "On the sixth day of the Puja, as a part of our social responsibility, we honoured 12 eminent personalities from different sectors of society for their lifelong contribution towards a unified and prosperous Bangladesh," says Sudhangsu K Das, General Secretary of the Foundation. The personalities are -- Shahriar Kabir, Professor Dr Muhammed Zafar Iqbal, Professor Dr Anisuzzaman, Bir Uttom Major General Chitty Ranjan Dutta, Hashem Khan, Abed Khan, Ziauddin Tariq Ali, Dr Samanta Lal Sen, Advocate Sultana Kamal and Nasiruddin



Devotees paying their respects to the Pratima.



Sharod Ananda



Ranada Barir Puja

## Chanchal Chowdhury revisits childhood Durga Puja memories

**SHAH ALAM SHAZI**

"I will spend Durga Puja in my home town, as always," said National Award Winning actor Chanchal Chowdhury, with quite an excited demeanour over the phone. The *Aynabaji* and *Monpura* famed superstar hails from the village of Kamarhat in Pabna, a place he remembers fondly from his childhood. The actor, who is one of the most sought after artistes in the industry, grew up with seven siblings, with their family struggling to manage finances at times. However, Durga Puja was a celebration for the entire family, as everyone received new clothes and a bundle of joy in the form of festivities. "I have travelled all around the world and experienced this festival, but nothing beats the times when we were in Kamarhat. Those were the best memories of my life," said an emotional Chanchal Chowdhury. "There was no shortage of fun and laughter, as the Puja took place in five different places in the village." "Even though in Dhaka, I live near Siddheshwari Kali Mandir, which boasts grand festivities in its own right, I rush



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off to my home town every chance I get," said the actor, who used to celebrate the occasion for an entire month, when he was young. "Not only do the Hindus celebrate Puja, many of my Muslim friends rush back to our hometown to be a part of the celebrations." Every year, when one of the most colourful holidays of the calendar ends, Chanchal Chowdhury immediately looks forward to the next year -- when he can meet and spend this joyous occasion with his friends and family again.

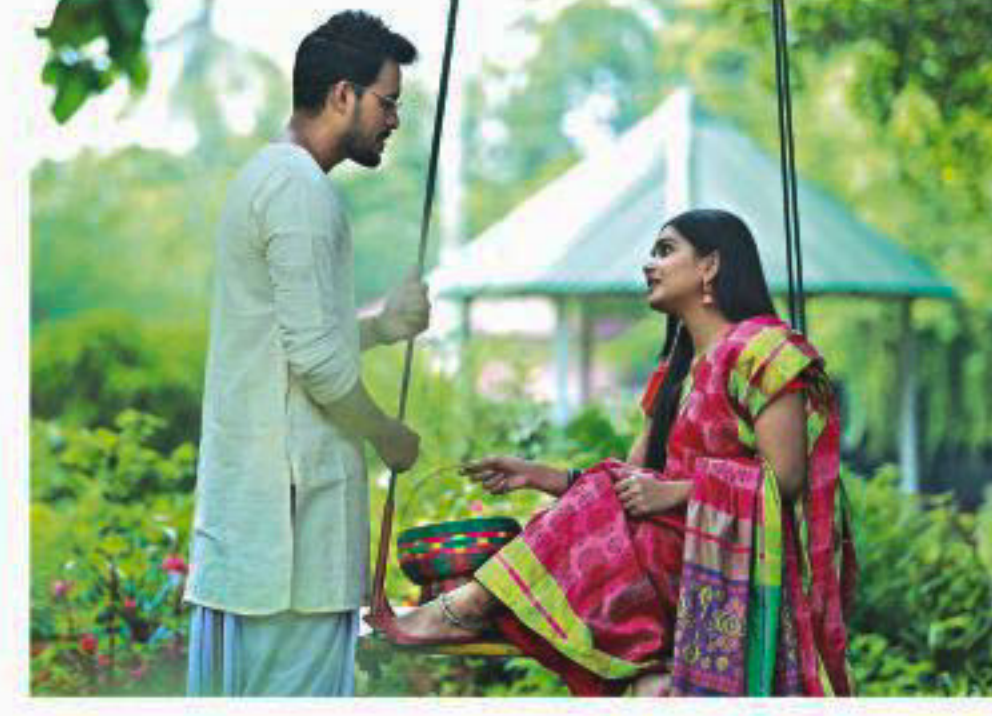
# What to watch on television this BIJOYA DASHAMI

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK**

Today is the tenth day of Durga Puja, also known as *Bijoya Dashami*, which marks the *Visarjan* (immersion in water) of the idol of Goddess Durga, with grand celebrations and processions. On this auspicious occasion, *The Daily Star* brings you a compilation of some of the finest television shows that will be aired on the top TV channels of the country. A special documentary film, *Ranada Barir Puja*, will be aired at 12:30 noon on Deepto TV. Businessman and philanthropist Ranadaprasad Shaha's father originated from Mirzapur in Tangail. Grand Durga



Black Diamond



Durga o Bon Jochonar Golpo



Maayer Ashirbaad

Puja celebrations, where people of different ages and backgrounds come together under one roof, are held every year in Mirzapur at Ranadaprasad Shaha's ancestral home. They are organised by the students and teachers of Bharateswari Homes, a boarding school for girls founded by Ranadaprasad Shaha. The documentary film, produced by Mehedi Hasan Suman, will shed light on these celebrations. *Sharodio Shoshi*, a Durga Puja special dance show, will be aired at 5:30 pm on ATN Bangla. Under the direction of Nahid Rahman, the show will feature an array of performances by talented dancers. *Durga o Bon Jochonar Golpo*, written by Anurup Aich and directed by Simanta Sajal, will be aired at 9:05 pm on NTV. The Durga Puja special telefilm features Irfan Sazzad, Tanjin Tisha, Sharmili Ahmed and Ziaul Hasan Kislau, among others. *Black Diamond*, written by Saifur Rahman

Kajol and directed BU Shuvo, will be aired at 9:15 pm on Banglavision. The tele-fiction stars Mehazabien, Ziaul Faruq Apurba and Sharmili Ahmed, among others. *Maayer Ashirbaad*, a Durga Puja special telefilm, will be aired at 10 pm on ETV. Written by Manas Pal and directed by Chandan Chowdhury, the telefilm features Anisur Rahman Milon, Urmila Srabanti Kar, Sanjay Raj, Ahsanul Haque Minu, among others, in key roles. *Sharod Ananda*, conceptualised by Sumon Shaha, will be aired after the 10 pm English News on BTv and BTv World on *Bijoya Dashami*. The show will be hosted by promising actor Manoj Kumar and noted singer Champa Banik. Among other things, *Sharod Ananda* will feature folk songs by Chandana Majumder and Kiran Chandra Roy, alongside performances by dancers Warda Rihab and Soni.



**JOKER**

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**QUIZ - 04**

**What era does the movie tend to portray?**

**WINNERS LIST OF QUIZ - 03**

1. Rabby Kader Shohan, Shahbagh
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3. Ishayaat Zaman Nayeem, Mirpur
4. Runa Akhter, Kadamtoli
5. Md Abdus Sattar, Uttara
6. Syed Nafew Hasan Jesan, Khilkhet
7. Tasmin Khan, Ramna
8. Nuzhat Jahanara, Tikatuli
9. Jobayer Ahmed, Niketan
10. Salma Akter Hira, Khilgaon