

## Into the mystic

Lalon's death anniv event ends  
OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Kushtha*

He holds a special and unique place in the history of traditional music, as his songs blend in various philosophies and ideologies.

Fakir Lalon Shah was against religious conflict and many of his songs mock identity politics that divide communities and generate violence. A true liberal at heart, Lalon is celebrated as an epitome of religious tolerance. He did not believe in classes or castes, the fragmented, hierarchical society, and took a stand against racism.

His powerful beliefs reflected in his songs.

Through his songs, Lalon envisioned a society where people from all religions and beliefs would stay in harmony and peace.

His songs highlighted the material and spiritual aspects of life, rejecting the idea of dividing people on the basis of barriers, religions and other societal discrimination.

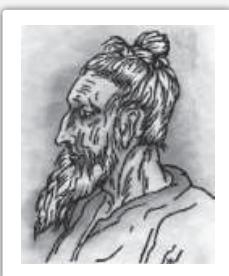
October 16 was the 132nd death anniversary of Lalon, known as the King of Baul philosophy.

A three-day programme was organised to commemorate the bard at his shrine (akhra) at Chheuria in Kushtia, which ended yesterday.

Lalon Academy, an elected body of local people, organises the programme every year with the support of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs. Local district administration supervises the event.

The programme included Lalon Fair, a discussion and rendition of the songs of Lalon known as Lalon Geeti.

On the occasion, an influx of devotees, admirers and Lalon exponents from all over Bangladesh and overseas are seen every year.



A worker is putting the finishing touches on an idol of the goddess Kali, days before the big event, Kali Puja, slated to be observed on October 24. This photo was taken yesterday in Barishal's Bakerganj upazila.

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## Schools: worst victims of Jamuna erosion

2 buildings devoured, 3 on verge of submersion in Chowhali of Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Patna*

During an unlikely time, the Jamuna has swelled up and in turn devoured homesteads, croplands and schools in Chowhali upazila of Sirajganj in the last one week.

Already two primary schools went underwater in the last three days, while three more schools remain at risk of erosion. The schools under risk are currently being moved to different locations.

Md Jahangir Firoz, Chowhali upazila primary education officer, told this



correspondent that two buildings, including the newly built two storied building of Chandpur Government Primary School in Sodia Chandpur Union, submerged in the Jamuna on Tuesday night.

Earlier, a tin shed establishment of Rehia Moucha Primary School in the same union got submerged.

Of the affected institutions, Char Muradpur Government Primary School already shifted its tin-shed building on Tuesday, while locals and teachers of Mituani Government Primary School have prepared to shift their school as well," said Jahangir.

Tofazzal Hossain, a senior teacher at Char Mituani Government Primary School said, "The river is swelling fast with great intensity. We are trying hard

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Chowhali upazila primary education officer

## Divided by border, united in prayer

### Devotees from Bangladesh, India come together at bordering temple

S DILIP ROY, *Latmonirhat*

Every year on the occasion of Brideshwari Puja, a fair is organised in a bordering area of India and Bangladesh, in the presence of thousands of people from both countries.

A festival and reunion unlike any other, citizens of both countries worship and pray together in a temple during the occasion, exchanging greetings and feeding each other the offerings.

This is a common scene every year on the border of Dighaltari of Latmonirhat's Durgapur Union and Gidaldar Dabibas of Dinhata Police Station of West Bengal's Cooch Behar district.

Following the yearly tradition, this year it was held yesterday, where strict security was ensured by both BGB and BSF.

Prashanta Sen of Senpara village in Latmonirhat Sadar told this correspondent that he goes to Shri Shri Brideshwari Devi temple on the border with his family every year.

"We took a boat and crossed Dharla river to participate in the puja. Around 400-500 devotees from Bangladesh participated," he said.

"Our relatives from the other side of the border also

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## Teacher stabbed for standing up for colleague

### Locals beat, hand over stalker to police

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Latmonirhat*

One Sher Ali (22) had been harassing a female teacher of Chawra Govt Primary School in Latmonirhat's Anandabazar village for the past six months, following her to and from the school.

Upon learning about this, headteacher of the institution, Shamsuzzaman Liju, confronted the stalker several times. He also wrote about the issue to Ali's family.

Enraged, Ali marched into the school yesterday morning and stabbed the headteacher. Two local youths, Abdul Hadi and Mohosin Ali, were also wounded when they tried to catch Ali.

Later, locals caught Ali, beat him up and then handed him over to police. A blood-stained knife was seized from his possession.

Officer-in-Charge of Ershadul Alam of Latmonirhat Sadar Police Station said the injured did not sustain any life-threatening injuries.

"Ali is in police custody. Preparations are underway to file a case. Police will ensure safety of the teachers," he added.

The headteacher is currently undergoing treatment at Latmonirhat Sadar Hospital, after sustaining knife cuts on his hands. The two youths were sent home after they received primary treatment at the facility.

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