

Monipuri villages to observe Rash Mela today

Monipuri villages in Madhabpur and Adampur of Moulvibazar's Kamalganj upazila have taken a festive look as their major religious festival, Rash Mela, is right around the corner.

The festival will kick off on Tuesday, and last minute preparations are currently underway.

Vignettes of Sri Krishna's life will be performed by local youths at Jormandaps (Monipuri temples) during the three-day festival.

Sonaton Hamom, a resident of Madhabpur Monipuri village, said Rash Purnima is the biggest religious festival of Monipuri people.

"It's celebrated on the full moon, in the Bengali month of Kartik," he told *The Daily Star*.

Rash-dance is performed on the day of Rash Purnima, which is considered an expression of love and affection.

Radha-Krishna are collectively known within Hinduism as the combined forms of feminine as well as the masculine realities of God, and are universally considered as symbols of love, said Hamom.

Therefore, love is the recurring theme of the week in Monipuri villages. The community is lighting up and decorating

their temples, household and shops accordingly.

The celebrations aren't only limited to the Monipuri community. Thousands of people, irrespective of caste, creed, and religion, take part in the celebrations every year.

Madhabpur Jour Mandap, the district's most famous Manipuri temple, will host their 180th Rash festival this year, according to the temple authorities.

An organisation called Manipuri Mahalila Sangha organises the celebrations in Madhabpur every year.

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw Subarna Rani Singha dancing with her co-performers in a temple, hoping to steal the show today.

"We learn the Rash dance from childhood. We have to do a lot of training for this."

"I've been practicing day and night for the last 20 days for this festival," she further said.

Dhirendra Kumar Singh, a local dance teacher, said Rash-dance and Rakhal-dance are being practiced in three temples in Madhabpur.

Shyam Singh, general secretary of Madhabpur Monipuri Maharash Seba Sangha, said all preparations have been completed to celebrate the festival.



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“During his time with the syndicate, Belayet received Tk 35 lakh from Sumi as commission for collecting people and handing them over to the group,” said ADC Tohidul.

Once a person falls into the criminals' trap, they pay the agents Tk 9.5 lakh for going abroad.

The group deposits this money in different bank accounts given by Sumi, he said.

“We have got details of at least hundreds of bank accounts and mobile financial service (MFS) accounts, in which

the arrested agents had deposited money," said the official.

Investigators have found that these account holders' family members are now living abroad, many of them in Italy.

“When a person in Italy wants to send money to Bangladesh, someone from the syndicate completes the payment locally in Bangladesh and collects

the foreign currency. In this way, Bangladesh is not getting any foreign currency," said ADC Tohidul.

He further said they are now investigating this issue

by checking bank details. If the matter is confirmed, law enforcers will then probe whether money laundering has taken place.

"Besides Italy, we have come to know that these transactions have also been made in Libya."

The syndicate mainly remains active during winter, as the Mediterranean Sea remains calm during this time.

"We are now making a list of the agents in Bangladesh to arrest them and to know how many people have been trapped so far," ADC Tohidul further said.

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statements and set today to decide on the case.

Dhaka north unit AL's vice-president Kader Khan, former VP Jasim Uddin, former general secretary Mir Mosharraf Hossain and joint GS Amzad Hossain are among the accused.

In the complaint, Tabitha mentioned that at 7:00pm on September 17, a large number of leaders and activists took part in a programme on one side of Kamal Atatürk Avenue in Banani, organised by the Dhaka Metropolitan North unit of BNP.

The event was arranged

to protest the price hike of essentials and fuel, and the death of its activists during the recent protests in Bhola and Narayanganj. Over 200-300 leaders and activists of AL, Chhatra League and Jubo League marched on the other side of the road.

They attacked Tabith and others during the speech of the chief guest of the programme, Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain.

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