



Samrat with his father, Nayak Raj Razzak.



Chanchal Chowdhury with his father.



Apurba with his father.

FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL

'If I could embrace him one more time'

Fathers play a great role in a child's life. They are the shadow, guide, and often the most reliable friend one can have. Commemorating International Father's Day today, stars who have lost their father have expressed feelings that remain untold, and what they would say if they got another chance.

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

I would share all my good news with him: Apurba

Not just for any special occasion, I remember him every day. Whenever I receive good news, I wish that I could share it with him, but he is far away. My father was a simple man, and I have always said that he is my hero!

I was quite close to him, and we used to talk a lot about so many things. He left us so early, and there are so many things I want to share with him every day. Only a child who lost their father can understand the void.

I wish I could say 'baba' one more time: Chanchal Chowdhury

Whenever I went to my hometown, I used to hear *baba's* voice. Now that he is gone, I can't hear his voice, neither I can say the word *baba*. Without him the house is empty.

My father was a teacher, and all of my siblings and I were his students. I have always tried to



Aruna Biswas with her family

live with my father's ideals, and want to keep them until my last breath.

I have lots of things to share with my father, and it hurts that I cannot share anything with him now. A father sacrifices a lot for his children, and I pray for all the fathers in the world on this Father's Day, and wish that they always remain happy.

My father was my friend: Samrat
I miss him all the time. Baba was my friend and confidant. He had all the solutions to all of my problems. Baba was a family-oriented person and loved his family. He would spend quality time with us. After he retired from the film industry, all of his time was for the family.

Whenever we gather for a

family programme, we deeply feel his absence. Even today, some of his friends come over to meet us, and at that time, we miss him more. If he were alive today, I would hug him and say 'I miss you all the time baba'.

I can still feel his presence: Aruna Biswas

I never want to forget my baba. He will always be in my thoughts. I can still almost feel how he smelled, walked, and talked and drank tea. Baba was a teacher and an actor. I took the initial acting lessons from him, as did many renowned actors in the country. He was known as 'Jatra Samrat' Amalendu Biswas. He was a freedom fighter, and sacrificed a lot for the country.

My father was a bookworm and he used to read all night and go for a walk early in the morning. After that, he would have a cup of tea and take rest. During that time, I used to wake up from sleep and run to his bed and lying on the bed with him and taking his smell was one of my favourite things to do.

Minar lends voice to Tollywood film 'Babli'

Minar Rahman, who made us fall in love with his melodious voice, will be lending his voice to Raj Chakrabarty's upcoming film, *Babli*.



The film is based on a novel by Buddhadeb Guha. For the first time, popular actor Abir Chatterjee and actress Subhashree Ganguly are set to star together in a film.

The first song from the movie, *Dube Achi*, was released yesterday. The song has been composed by Indraadip Dasgupta and written by Subrata Barishwala.

Mila drops another item song

From *Bapuram Sapure* to *Chera Pal*, Mila's songs have made us groove to her peppy songs and upbeat rhythms. For a long time, she was missing from the music scene but now she has made a roaring comeback with her second item song.

This Eid-ul-Azha, as part of G-Series' Eid surprise, Mila surprised her fans with special new song which was released, yesterday. Mila made her comeback with the song *Tona Tuni*. Not only did she sing, but she also wrote the lyrics and composed the music for the song. Maruf Chowdhury stars alongside her in the music video, which was directed by Ilzar Islam.



"Rupban" was my first item song. I haven't been seen in a song of that genre since. Many a time, my fans have expressed interest in seeing me perform another item song, but no one could provide lyrics that resonated with me. Finally, I decided to write the lyrics myself and arranged the tune and music in my style," revealed the singer.

COUNTRYWIDE

Rescue boat in dire need of rescue

MINTU DESHWARA

At a time when a life-saving equipment is so much in need, a rescue boat worth several lakhs has just been lying neglected in Sunamganj's Tahirpur upazila for nearly two years.

Local people, however, pointed to a lack of monitoring to the vehicle by the authorities concerned.

Aiming to deploy in the remote areas where rapid relief is crucial, two rescue boats, including Tangua-Sunamganj-I, was handed over to Sunamganj district in 2022.

But sadly, one of those vital resources Tangua-Sunamganj-I is currently facing destruction due to mishandling of the authorities concerned.

In 2021, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief built 60 such rescue boats for haor areas and different coastal districts.

Of those, eight boats were handed over to different districts the same year.

The following year, the other 52 rescue boats were handed over to different upazila and district headquarters, including two in Sunamganj Sadar and Tahirpur upazila.

During the flood in 2022, rescue boat Tangua Sunamganj-I was used for various purposes like distributing public and private relief among the flood affected and displaced people.

But since the recession of the flood water, the important life-saving equipment has been left abandoned in utter neglect.

While talking, a number of locals said after the flood in 2022 the boat was first anchored in the Boulai river in front of Shah Arefin Auto Rice Mill for a few days and then shifted to opposite to Tahirpur Police Station.

The rescue boat, which remained abandoned at the same place since then, went under water after the recent rainfalls.

The huge canopy of the 54-foot-long and 12.5-foot-wide boat has

been torn down, while most part of its body, including the engine, is submerged under water.

Moreover, rusts have covered various metal parts of the boat due to prolonged exposure under the open sky.

One of the local residents Sadikur Rahman said though bought at a significant cost rescue boat Tangua Sunamganj-I is being destroyed due to the carelessness of the authorities concerned.

Tahirpur Sadar Union Parishad Chairman Junab Ali said during the flood in 2022 the rescue boat was used to send relief materials to thousands of flood-affected people in haor areas.

But it is so sad that such an important state resource is being squandered due to carelessness of the concerned people. Tahirpur Upazila Project Implementation Officer (PIO) Muhibur Rahman said maintenance work of the rescue boat will be very done soon.



This life-saving equipment is on the verge of ruin, thanks to the negligence of the authorities concerned. The photo was taken from in front of Sunamganj's Tahirpur Police Station.

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