

Grameenphone launches the latest episode of Lumière featuring Kanak Chapa Chakma



Grameenphone has unveiled a special episode of its Lumière series showcasing Kanak Chapa Chakma, the renowned Bangladeshi artist celebrated for her poignant depictions of the lives of ethnic minority communities. Hosted by Nabila Khalid, the episode explores an in-depth conversation that delves into Kanak Chapa Chakma's upbringing, her values, her work, and the activism she channels through her art.

Kanak Chapa Chakma has gained widespread acclaim for her paintings, which vividly capture the daily lives of women in rural and indigenous settings. Her unique style seamlessly blends semi-realistic and abstract elements, using bold colours and dynamic compositions to convey both



the beauty and struggles of her subjects. Through her artwork, Kanak Chapa Chakma has long been an advocate for marginalised communities, using her canvases as a voice for those often unheard.

In the episode, Kanak Chapa Chakma reflects on her childhood, sharing how her family and early life experiences have shaped her artistic journey. Host Nabila Khalid navigates the conversation with warmth and curiosity, encouraging Kanak Chapa Chakma to discuss her vision for the future of art in Bangladesh, particularly for young artists who wish to make a difference through their craft.

Earlier this year, Kanak Chapa Chakma was honoured with the Ekushey Padak 2023, one of the highest civilian awards

in Bangladesh, in recognition of her significant contributions to the art world. This accolade has further cemented her status as an influential figure in the country's cultural landscape.

The Lumière series by Grameenphone, now in its second season, continues to highlight individuals who have made profound contributions across various sectors in Bangladesh. By featuring such luminaries, Lumière aims to inspire audiences and provide a platform where creativity, culture, and impactful dialogue intersect. This latest episode not only celebrates Kanak Chapa Chakma's artistic achievements but also highlights her commitment to social change through her art.

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