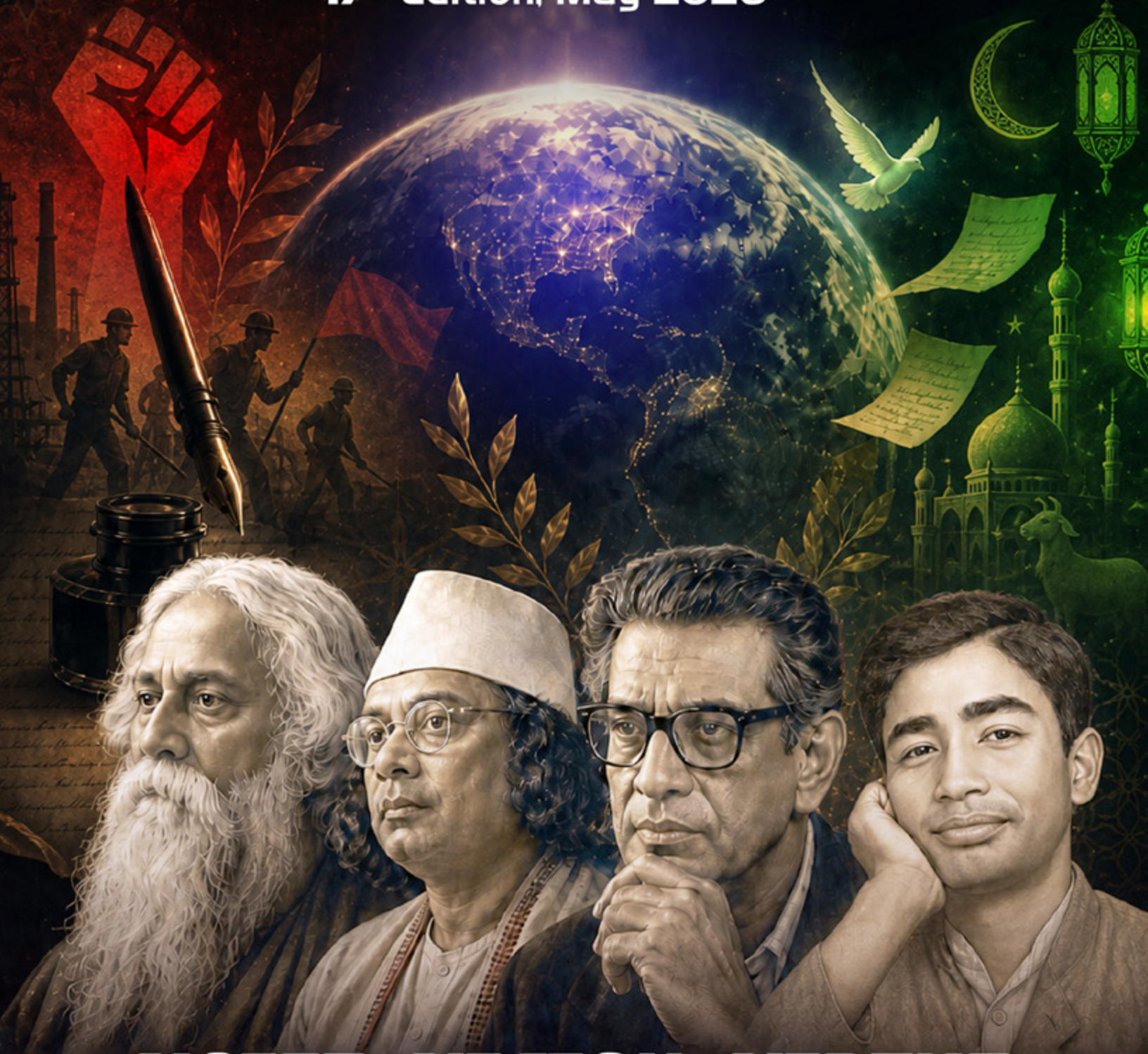


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The Month That Gave the World Its Conscience

Editorial

Welcome to the May 2026 edition of our E-Magazine—an issue shaped by conscience, creativity, sacrifice, and the enduring voices that continue to define humanity across generations.

This month, our theme “Voice, Vision, Virtue — The Month That Gave the World Its Conscience” invites readers into a reflection on the ideas and individuals that transformed not only culture and literature, but the moral imagination of society itself. May arrives with the echoes of workers demanding dignity, poets awakening resistance, dreamers envisioning humanity beyond division, and communities rediscovering compassion through faith and shared responsibility.

From the spirit of International Workers’ Day to the timeless legacies of Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam, and Sukanta Bhattacharya, this month reminds us that progress is never built by power alone—it is shaped by voices that challenge injustice, visions that inspire humanity, and virtues that hold societies together. Their words continue to speak across time, reminding us that literature is not merely an artistic expression, but a force capable of awakening conscience, courage, and collective hope.

At the same time, Eid al-Adha brings another dimension to this reflection—one rooted in sacrifice, generosity, humility, and human connection. In a rapidly changing world often driven by speed and self-interest, the values carried by this occasion remind us that compassion remains one of humanity’s greatest strengths. Across cultures and communities, May becomes a meeting point between remembrance and renewal, resistance and empathy, tradition and transformation.

In this edition, we explore these intersections through stories, analysis, culture, and perspective—examining how ideas born in literature, labor movements, and spiritual traditions continue to influence contemporary society. Whether through creative expression, historical reflection, or conversations about humanity’s evolving future, this issue seeks to celebrate the enduring power of conscience in shaping a more thoughtful world.

As an ecosystem, this philosophy continues to guide our growth. Edutorial advances purposeful learning, ImagineLab Art champions responsible creativity, Techidea Innovations develops ethical technology, and Editorialge Eco Shop promotes mindful and sustainable living. Happiness Fit, Sequel Game, and Rankpilot continue strengthening well-being, storytelling, and meaningful communication—each contributing to a broader vision of progress guided not only by innovation, but by human values.

Thank you for being part of this journey. This month, we invite you to listen closely to the voices that shaped history, embrace the visions that inspire change, and carry forward the virtues that keep humanity connected.

Wishing you a reflective May, a meaningful Eid al-Adha, and a month filled with creativity, compassion, and hope.



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Editor's Message

May in Bengal arrives like a long, patient inheritance.

Across thirty-one days, the Bengali-speaking world walks a calendar of commemorations so dense, so insistent, that one begins to suspect the month was assembled deliberately — a syllabus on what it means to give. Labor, on the first day. The eye that taught Bengal how to see itself, on the second. The voice from which nearly every subsequent voice was drawn, on 25th Boishakh, the Bengali month. A poet who burned out at twenty, somewhere in the middle. The rebel whose verses lit a national flame, on the eleventh of Joishtho. And, as the month closes this year, the festival of sacrifice itself. Six commemorations. Six different windows on the same word — giving.

It is no small thing for a single magazine issue to stand in the company of these six names. The 17th edition of Editorialge e-magazine does not pretend to summarize them. It only asks readers to sit with each, in turn, and notice what is shared.

We open with May Day — the dignity of working hands, the labor that quietly underwrites every cultural inheritance celebrated in the pages that follow. There is no Tagore without the printer. No Ray without the projectionist. No Eid feast without the hands that prepared it. To begin a month of giants with a tribute to ordinary work is, in our view, the only honest sequence.

From there, we turn to Satyajit Ray, whose vision still teaches us how to look at Bengal without flinching, and how to look at the world without forgetting Bengal. Rabindranath Tagore follows, on Pochishe Boishakh — that quiet anniversary that arrives every year in the heat and somehow renews the language each time it does. Sukanta Bhattacharya holds the issue's most aching note — a poet who wrote as if he knew his hours were short, because he was right. And Kazi Nazrul Islam, our Bidrohi Kobi, the national poet of Bangladesh, the rebel who refused silence and gave Bangladesh its rage and its tenderness in equal measure.

Finally, on the Eid al-Adha — the festival in which sacrifice is not a metaphor but an act. To carry the month from labor to art to voice to devotion, and to close it with willing surrender, feels less like editorial design and more like a path the calendar itself laid down for us. We were only fortunate enough to follow.

To the writers, translators, illustrators, and editors who shaped this issue under tight deadlines and a shorter working month than the calendar suggests — thank you. To our readers, who continue to make this magazine worth assembling — thank you, more.

May the seventeenth edition meet you in the same spirit it was put together in: with attention, with respect for what came before, and with care for the work that continues.

Eid Mubarak — to those for whom the greeting holds, and to all of you, a quiet wish for a month worthy of its inheritance.



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Every May Day (International Workers' Day), we say the right things. We honor workers. We thank them. We post photos of hard hats, sewing machines, factories, roads, and red flags. Then the next morning, many of the same workers return to jobs where their wages are too low, their safety is uncertain, and their voices are too weak.



A COUNTRY CANNOT BE MIDDLE-INCOME ON LOW-WAGE LABOR FOREVER

By Sayed Haq

I write this from Bangladesh, a country whose development story is both inspiring and uncomfortable. We have seen real progress. Bangladesh is now a lower-middle-income country, with GDP at about \$450 billion in 2024 and GDP per person at around \$2,593, according to World Bank data. But from the factory floor to the construction site, from the garment line to the delivery route, one question still remains: have the workers who built this progress received their fair share?

Much of this progress was built on the low-paid labor of millions of workers. They helped finance the national success story with cheap labor, long hours, unsafe work, and limited bargaining power. The question now is not whether this model helped Bangladesh grow. It did. The question is whether Bangladesh can keep growing this way.

The answer is no. According to Bangladesh's Labour Force Survey 2024, about 84% of employed people are in informal work, meaning millions of workers still live without the security that formal jobs are supposed to provide. This is why the International Workers' Day should not be treated only as a symbolic holiday. For Bangladesh, it should be a moment of economic honesty.



Low Wages Helped Build the Economy But Cannot Carry Its Future

The International Labour Organization's Global Wage Report 2024–25 says wage inequality has decreased in about two-thirds of countries since 2000, but large wage gaps still remain. Globally, the lowest-paid 10% of workers receive only 0.5% of the global wage bill, while the highest-paid 10% receive nearly 38%. Women and informal workers are also more likely to be among the lowest paid. The global gender pay gap remains another form of wage discrimination: women workers still earn about 20% less than men on average.

For years, Bangladesh competed globally by offering low production costs. In the garment sector, this strategy worked in a narrow sense. It brought export earnings, jobs for women, foreign buyers, and global attention. Ready-made garments became one of the main engines of the economy.

But an engine also needs maintenance. If workers remain underpaid, undertrained, and unprotected, the engine will eventually fail.

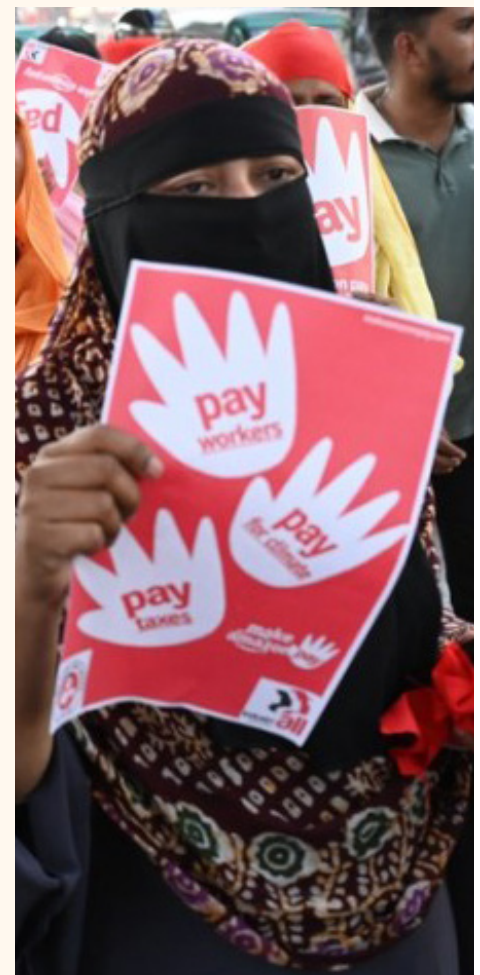


The minimum monthly wage for an entry-level garment worker was set at **Tk 12,500** in late 2023. That includes basic salary, house rent, medical allowance, transport, and food allowance. In today's Bangladesh, with high food prices, rent pressure, transport costs, and health expenses, that amount is not a path to dignity. It is a monthly survival test.

A country cannot become truly middle-income if its workers live one illness, one rent increase, or one factory closure away from disaster.

Low wages may attract buyers for a time. But they also create low productivity, low morale, poor nutrition, weak health, and constant unrest. When workers cannot afford decent food, safe housing, medicine, or education for their children, the nation pays the price later.

This is not only a labor issue. It is an economic issue.





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The Hidden Subsidy Behind Cheap Products

When a shirt is sold cheaply in Europe or America, someone pays the missing cost. Often, it is the Bangladeshi worker.

When a factory keeps wages low to meet buyer pressure, the worker pays. When overtime becomes necessary for survival, the worker pays. When poor housing leads to illness, the worker pays. When a mother cannot afford childcare, her family pays. When a young worker has no savings, no training, and no social protection, the future pays.

This is the hidden subsidy behind cheap production.

Bangladesh's garment industry remains globally important. BGMEA data show that ready-made garment exports were worth more than \$28.5 billion during July–March of FY2025–26, although that was lower than the same period of the previous fiscal year. This shows both the strength and the pressure of the sector. Bangladesh is still a major player, but the old formula is becoming weaker.

The world is changing. Buyers want faster delivery, greener production, better compliance, and more transparency. Automation is rising. Competitor countries are investing in skills, logistics, technology, and better industrial systems. In this world, “cheap labor” is not a long-term strategy. It is a trap.

Informal Work Keeps Millions Unprotected

The garment worker is visible. But many workers in Bangladesh are not.

Domestic workers, construction workers, rickshaw pullers, delivery riders, small shop workers, farm workers, transport workers, and day laborers keep the country moving. Yet many do not have written contracts, paid leave, health insurance, pensions, workplace safety, or real legal protection.

According to Bangladesh's Labour Force Survey 2024, about 84% of the country's employed population was in informal work. That means roughly 5.8 crore people were working without the protections that formal jobs usually provide. The ILO's Bangladesh profile also shows a very high informal employment rate, using the 2024 Labour Force Survey as its latest household survey. This is not a small gap in the system. This is the system.

A development model that leaves most workers informal cannot produce secure prosperity. It can produce GDP growth. It can produce export numbers. It can produce impressive speeches. But it cannot produce a stable middle class.

The real test of development is not how many towers rise in Dhaka. It is whether a worker can get sick without falling into debt. It is whether a family can eat properly after paying rent. It is whether a young person can work without being trapped in fear. It is whether a woman worker can speak up without losing her job.



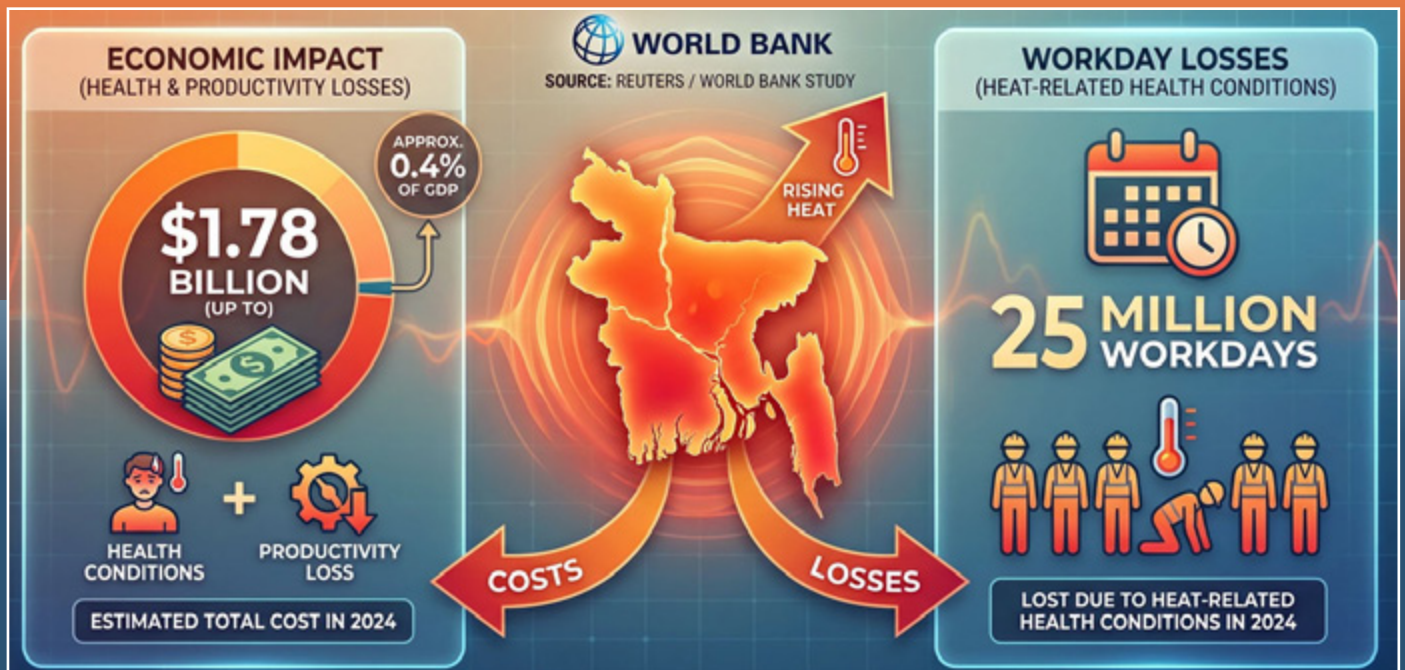
Worker Safety Is Also Economic Policy

Bangladesh learned the cost of unsafe workplaces through tragedy. But safety is not only about avoiding disaster. It is also about building a productive economy. A safe worker is more productive. A healthy worker learns faster. A respected worker stays longer. A trained worker helps a firm move into higher-value production. Worker protection is not charity. It is infrastructure.

We often think infrastructure means bridges, ports, roads, and power plants. Those are important. But workers are infrastructure too. Their health, skills, safety, and confidence carry the economy every day.

Climate change is making this even clearer. Heat is now a workplace issue. Reuters reported on a World Bank study that estimated rising heat cost Bangladesh up to \$1.78 billion in 2024, around 0.4% of GDP, through health and productivity losses. The report also said heat-related health conditions caused the loss of 25 million workdays in the country that year.

This means worker protection must include heat safety, clean drinking water, rest breaks, ventilation, medical support, and climate-smart workplaces. A worker fainting in a factory, on a road, or at a construction site is not only a human tragedy. It is a sign of poor planning.



Skills Must Replace Cheapness

Bangladesh's next development chapter cannot be written by low wages. It must be written by skills.

If workers are trained only to do the lowest-paid tasks, Bangladesh will remain stuck in the lowest-value part of the global economy. If workers learn modern machinery, quality control, design, digital tools, green production, logistics, and management, the country can earn more from each hour of work.

This is where policy must change.

We cannot ask workers to become more productive while denying them decent wages, safe workplaces, and training. Productivity is not created by pressure alone. It is created by investment. Factories need to invest in technology. The government needs to invest in technical education. Buyers need to pay prices that support better wages and compliance. Workers need access to training that leads to promotion, not just more work.

A low-wage economy treats workers as replaceable. A middle-income economy treats workers as assets.



Workers Need Voice, Not Just Sympathy

On International Workers' Day, workers do not need only flowers, speeches, or slogans. They need power.

That power comes from fair wage systems, labor law enforcement, safe union activity, social dialogue, and real representation. The ILO has called for stronger wage policy, labor law reform, better dispute resolution, social protection, and occupational safety and health systems in Bangladesh. Its global work on social dialogue also stresses that negotiation among governments, employers, and workers can support fair income distribution and sustainable economic progress.

This is important because silence is

expensive. When workers have no safe way to raise concerns, problems grow underground. Then they appear as protests, shutdowns, police clashes, production delays, and reputational damage.

A worker who can speak is not a threat to industry. A worker who cannot speak is a risk to everyone.



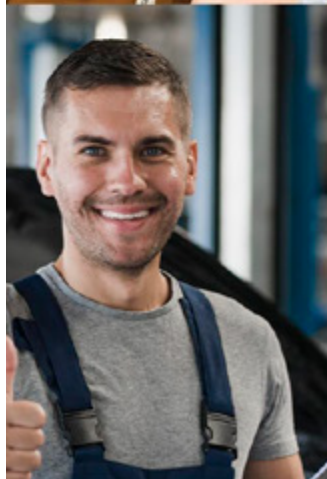
The Middle-Income Dream Must Reach the Factory Floor

Bangladesh wants to be a stronger economy. It wants better exports, better investment, and better global status. But the middle-income dream must not remain trapped in policy papers and conference rooms. It must reach the factory floor, the construction site, the farm, the delivery route, the kitchen, and the worker's home.

The World Bank has warned that despite poverty reduction, nearly 62 million people, about one-third of the population, remain vulnerable to falling back into poverty after shocks such as illness, disasters, or other crises. That is the real danger. A country can move forward on paper while millions remain one emergency away from going backward.

So the policy question is simple: who is development for?

If development means higher GDP but workers cannot afford food, housing, education, and healthcare, then the model is incomplete. If development means export growth but workers cannot organize safely, then the model is unfair. If development means modern factories but old fears, then the model is fragile.



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Workers' Day

A New Deal for Workers

Bangladesh needs a new development deal. It should be based on a simple idea: workers are not the cost of development; they are the foundation of development.

That means moving toward living wages through evidence-based wage boards and regular reviews. It means expanding social protection beyond the formal sector. It means making workplace safety a national economic priority. It means investing in skills that help workers move up, not just work harder. It means protecting the right to organize. It means making healthcare, childcare, and transport part of the labor policy conversation.

It also means asking global brands to take responsibility. Buyers cannot demand ethical supply chains while pushing prices so low that factories squeeze workers. Shared prosperity requires shared responsibility.

Are you looking to expand your understanding of the globally celebrated Muslim festival, Eid Al-Adha? It is considered one of Islam's most significant holidays, and Eid Al-Adha 2026 will fall on May 27 or 28, according to the timezone variety.

This comprehensive guide will delve into Eid Al-Adha's rich history, significance, and traditions, shedding light on its unique customs and rituals. Get ready to embark on a journey that explores this sacred celebration in all its cultural depth!

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Everything You Must Know About **Eid Al-Adha**

By Sayed Haq

Significance of Eid Al-Adha

Eid Al-Adha is significant as it commemorates Prophet Ibrahim's unwavering obedience to God's command and symbolizes faith and devotion within the Muslim community.

Commemoration of Prophet Ibrahim's Sacrifice

Eid Al-Adha, often called the "Feast of Sacrifice" or Bakri Eid, pays tribute to an event of profound faith and devotion. It relives the moment when Prophet Ibrahim demonstrated unquestionable obedience to Allah's command by preparing to sacrifice his own son, Ishmael.

Mirroring this incredible act of faith in everyday life, devotees worldwide prepare for Eid al-Adha with anticipation and reverence. The festival represents a historical incident and serves as an annual reminder for Muslims globally about the virtues of surrendering to divine will and maintaining unwavering trust in God's plan.

Obedience to God's Command

Eid Al-Adha holds a profound meaning for Muslims worldwide, signifying an act of complete submission and obedience to God's command. This revered festival traces back to Prophet Ibrahim's unswerving devotion to Allah.

With the divine directive to sacrifice his beloved son, Ismail, Ibrahim demonstrated unwavering faith by preparing to execute this heart-wrenching command without hesitation.

In Islamic tradition, it is celebrated that Allah intervened just in time due to the prophet's steadfast fidelity and surrender toward divinity. A lamb was provided as a substitute for Ismail—forever marking Eid Al-Adha as a celebration of Prophet Ibrahim's display of absolute obedience.

Today, it serves as a potent reminder for believers worldwide about placing their trust entirely in God's will, no matter how difficult or incomprehensible His commands may seem at first glance.

Symbol of Faith and Devotion

Eid Al-Adha, or Bakrid, is a profound symbol of faith and devotion among Muslims worldwide. Emphasizing the significance of selflessness, this "Feast of Sacrifice" vividly portrays Prophet Ibrahim's unwavering obedience to Allah's will.

The commemoration revolves around the willingness of Prophet Ibrahim to sacrifice his son Ishmael in the act of submission to God's command. Undeniably, it demonstrates how deep-rooted faith can lead individuals toward extreme acts of devotion and sacrifice.

Similarly, Muslims today strive to emulate such strong values expressed during Eid Al-Adha, continually nurturing their spiritual bond with Allah through acts that reflect empathy, generosity, and altruism.

Overall, the essence captured in this celebration succinctly conveys the importance of sacrifice and submission in strengthening one's personal connection with Allah.

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History of Eid Al-Adha

Prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son, Ishmael, as a test of his devotion and obedience to God forms the historical basis of Eid Al-Adha.

Story of Prophet Ibrahim and His Son Ishmael

The story of Prophet Ibrahim and his son Ishmael lies at the heart of Eid Al-Adha, also known as Bakra Eid or the Festival of Sacrifice. According to Islamic tradition, Ibrahim had a profound dream in which Allah commanded him to sacrifice his beloved son as a test of obedience.

Without any hesitation, Ibrahim shared this vision with Ishmael, who willingly submitted to God's command despite knowing the grave consequences. Just as Ibrahim was about to fulfill the divine order, Allah intervened and provided a lamb for sacrifice instead, recognizing their unwavering faith and devotion.

This poignant tale serves as a powerful reminder of selflessness and absolute submission to Allah's will - values that resonate deeply with Muslims worldwide during Eid Al-Adha celebrations.

The Divine Intervention and Substitution of a Lamb

The divine intervention occurred during the historical event of Eid al-Adha when Prophet Abraham was about to sacrifice his son Ishmael to obey God's command. As Abraham prepared to carry out the sacrifice, Angel Gabriel appeared and presented him with a lamb from heaven as a substitute for his son.

This miraculous substitution saved Ishmael's life and symbolized God's ultimate mercy and compassion towards His creation. The offering of the heavenly lamb became a significant part of Eid al-Adha, reminding Muslims of their faith in Allah and His ability to provide alternatives in testing times.

Today, this divine intervention is celebrated through the sacrificial traditions during Eid Al-Adha, where animals are sacrificed to express gratitude and devotion to God.





Celebration of Eid Al-Adha

During the celebration of Eid Al-Adha, families come together for special prayers and sermons, exchange greetings and gifts, and share the sacrificial meat from the Qurbani (sacrifice) with their loved ones.

Preparations for the Festival

Preparations are made well in advance to ensure a joyous and meaningful celebration of Eid Al-Adha. Here's what you need to do:

- Planning the Qurbani (sacrifice):** Muslims who can afford it prepare for the ritual sacrifice by selecting a healthy animal, typically a goat, sheep, cow, or camel. This animal should meet specific criteria set by Islamic guidelines.
- Gathering necessary supplies:** In preparation for the festivities, families stock up on groceries, new clothes, and other essentials needed for the celebration. This includes purchasing meat for cooking and distributing it to others.
- Cleaning the home:** Keeping the home clean is an essential aspect of preparation. Families thoroughly clean their homes before the arrival of Eid Al-Adha to create a welcoming environment for guests and family gatherings.
- Decorating the house:** To add to the festive ambiance, homes are adorned with colorful decorations, including lights, banners, and traditional artwork. This creates an inviting atmosphere and reflects the joy associated with this special occasion.
- Shopping for new attire:** It is customary to wear new clothes on Eid Al-Adha as a symbol of fresh beginnings and gratitude for blessings received. Families often go shopping together to select traditional outfits for themselves and their children.
- Finalizing travel plans:** Many Muslims take advantage of this time to visit family members who live far away or go on vacations during this holiday period. Making necessary travel arrangements well in advance ensures smooth journeys.



Gathering with Family and Friends

Eid al-Adha is a joyous occasion for Muslims around the world, and it brings together families and friends in celebration. During this festival, loved ones reunite and strengthen their bonds.

It is a time of laughter, shared meals, and heartfelt conversations. Families visit each other's homes to exchange greetings and well-wishes during the celebrations. They engage in lively discussions about faith, life experiences, and current events.

This gathering allows them to create cherished memories and reinforce the sense of unity within the Muslim community. Whether organizing a grand feast or simply spending quality time together, being surrounded by loved ones makes Eid al-Adha truly special.

Exchange of Greetings and Gifts

During Eid Al-Adha, Muslims embrace the spirit of generosity and love by exchanging warm greetings with one another, saying “Eid Mubarak,” which translates to “Blessed Eid.” This tradition is a way to show affection and harmony within the community.

In addition to greetings, gift-giving is also prevalent during this joyous occasion. Like other festive celebrations like Christmas or Easter, Muslims exchange gifts as a token of love and appreciation for their family and friends.

It's an opportunity to strengthen bonds and express gratitude towards loved ones. So, along with heartfelt wishes, exchanging gifts adds joy and camaraderie during the Eid Al-Adha festivities.



Special Prayers and Sermons

During the celebration of Eid Al-Adha, special prayers and sermons hold a significant place. Muslims gather in mosques or designated prayer grounds to offer their prayers as a community. These prayers are led by an Imam or religious leader who guides the faithful through specific rituals and recitations.

The following sermon offers spiritual guidance, reminding believers of the importance of sacrifice, gratitude, and obedience to Allah's commands. It is a time for reflection and introspection, where individuals strive to strengthen their faith and deepen their connection with Allah.

The congregation listens attentively, drawing inspiration from spoken words and seeking spiritual enlightenment. This aspect of Eid Al-Adha brings people together in worship and reinforces the shared values of unity, devotion, and gratitude within the Muslim community.



Sharing of Sacrificial Meat

During the celebration of Eid Al-Adha, the sharing of sacrificial meat holds great significance. This tradition stems from a story in the Quran and is an integral part of the festival.

The family that offers the animal for sacrifice consumes a portion of the meat, while the remaining meat is distributed to others. It is mandatory to share this meat, and it plays a vital role in emphasizing faith, devotion, and generosity during Eid Al-Adha.

The distribution is divided into three equal parts - one for the person offering the sacrifice, one for family and friends, and one for those less fortunate. This act brings people together over a delicious meal and reinforces essential values within Muslim communities worldwide.

Rituals and Traditions of Eid Al-Adha

During Eid Al-Adha, Muslims observe rituals and traditions such as Qurbani (sacrifice), distributing sacrificial meat to the needy, performing acts of charity and generosity, visiting graves, and dressing in traditional attire.

Qurbani (sacrifice)

Qurbani, also known as sacrifice, is one of the central rituals of Eid al-Adha. It holds great significance for Muslims worldwide and is performed to commemorate a story mentioned in the Quran.

During Qurbani, an adult sheep, goat, or cow is sacrificed as an act of obedience to God's command and as a symbol of faith and devotion. The meat from the sacrificial animal is then distributed among family, friends, and those in need.

This act of sacrifice serves as a reminder of Prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son Ishmael and highlights the importance of selflessness and gratitude in Islam.

Distribution of Sacrificial Meat to the Needy

During Eid Al-Adha, one of the most significant rituals is distributing sacrificial meat to needy people. This act of charity and generosity holds great importance in the celebration. Muslims who can financially sacrifice an animal during Eid Al-Adha must give the poor a third of the meat. The meat from these sacrificed animals is then divided into three parts: one for the family, another for friends, and finally, a portion for those less fortunate – both Muslim and non-Muslim. This tradition ensures that everyone can partake in the joyous celebration of Eid Al-Adha and emphasizes the spirit of compassion within Islamic teachings.

Acts of Charity and Generosity

During Eid Al-Adha, acts of charity and generosity take center stage as Muslims are encouraged to extend a helping hand to those in need. Donating to charitable causes, especially to the less fortunate, is integral to this celebration.

The sacrificial meat from the livestock sacrificed during Qurbani is often distributed among the poor as a gesture of compassion and solidarity. This act fulfills religious obligations and fosters a sense of community and empathy.

By embodying the spirit of giving, individuals deepen their connection with Allah and reaffirm their commitment to serving others selflessly.

Visiting Graves and Remembering the Deceased

During the celebration of Eid al-Adha, one crucial tradition is visiting graves and paying respects to the deceased. This act holds deep significance for Muslims as it reminds them of the impermanence of life and reminds them to be grateful for their blessings.

It also allows individuals to reflect on their own mortality and contemplate the legacy they wish to leave behind. By visiting graves and offering prayers, Muslims honor their loved ones who have passed away and seek solace in remembering their contributions to their lives.

This practice fosters a connection with previous generations and reinforces the importance of family bonds within the Muslim community.

Dressing in Traditional Attire

During the joyous occasion of Eid Al-Adha, dressing in traditional attire holds a special significance for Muslims worldwide. This cultural practice is integral to the celebrations and adds to the festive spirit.

Men typically opt for traditional outfits such as suits, enhancing their appearance and making them feel more connected to their heritage. For women, intricate designs and vibrant colors grace their clothing choices, reflecting cultural diversity and personal style.

The complexity and layering of attire during Eid al-Adha are considered essential aspects that showcase elegance and respect for tradition. By wearing these beautiful garments, Muslims express their pride in their culture while honoring the teachings of Islam.



Festive Foods and Delicacies

During Eid Al-Adha, Muslims indulge in various mouthwatering traditional dishes, emphasizing the importance of communal feasting and sharing meals with neighbors and the less fortunate.

Traditional Dishes Prepared During Eid Al-Adha

During Eid Al-Adha, families come together to enjoy delicious traditional dishes. Here are some mouthwatering delicacies that are prepared during this festive occasion:

- **Biryani:** This aromatic rice dish is a staple during Eid Al-Adha celebrations. Made with fragrant basmati rice, tender meat (usually lamb or goat), and a blend of rich spices, biryani is a crowd favorite.
- **Kebabs:** Succulent and flavorful kebabs made from minced meat, spices, and herbs are commonly served during Eid Al-Adha. These grilled delights never fail to impress, whether seekh kebabs or shami kebabs.
- **Haleem:** A slow-cooked stew made with wheat grains, lentils, meat (often beef or mutton), and various aromatic spices, haleem is a hearty dish loved by many. It is often garnished with fried onions and served with naan bread.
- **Sheer Kurma:** This sweet vermicelli pudding is a must-have dessert during Eid Al-Adha. Prepared by simmering vermicelli in milk, adding nuts like almonds and raisins, and flavoring with cardamom and saffron, sheer kurma is a delightful treat for the taste buds.
- **Malpua:** These deep-fried pancakes soaked in sugar syrup are a popular dessert during Eid Al-Adha. Sprinkled with pistachios or almonds and served warm, malpua can be enjoyed on its own or paired with creamy rabri.
- **Kofta Curry:** Soft and juicy meatballs cooked in a flavorful gravy make for an indulgent main course dish during Eid Al-Adha. Served alongside fragrant rice or naan bread, kofta curry adds an extra richness to the festive feast.
- **Nihari:** A slow-cooked meat stew bursting with flavors, nihari is usually prepared overnight for Eid Al-Adha breakfast. Made with tender beef or lamb, this hearty dish is best enjoyed with naan bread or sheer kurma.
- **Kheer:** A creamy rice pudding flavored with cardamom and garnished with nuts, kheer is a classic sweet dish that signifies celebration. It is often served chilled and makes for a perfect ending to the festive meal.



Importance of Communal Feasting

Communal feasting holds a vital place in the celebration of Eid Al-Adha. It is a powerful symbol of unity, togetherness, and sharing within the Muslim community. As Muslims gather with their loved ones, neighbors, and even those less fortunate, they come together to enjoy delicious meals and strengthen their bonds of friendship and compassion.

The act of sharing meals during this festive occasion reinforces the values of generosity and kindness that are central to Islam. Moreover, communal feasting allows for a sense of belonging and creates an atmosphere where everyone feels included and valued.

During Eid Al-Adha, the joyous spirit is reflected through prayers and by coming together as a community around tables filled with delectable dishes that celebrate abundance and gratitude.

Sharing Meals with Neighbors and the Less Fortunate

One of the most beautiful aspects of Eid Al-Adha is the tradition of sharing meals with neighbors and the less fortunate. During this time, Muslims come together to celebrate by preparing delicious feasts and opening their hearts and homes to those in need.

It is a time when people reach out to their neighbors, friends, and community members, ensuring that everyone has a warm meal to enjoy.

Muslims believe in donating halal red meat to needy Muslims during Eid Al-Adha. The meat from the sacrificed animal is distributed among the poor, friends, neighbors, relatives, and households. This act of charity provides nourishment and brings joy and happiness to individuals who may otherwise struggle for daily sustenance.

Sharing meals with neighbors and the less fortunate is significant during this festival as it emphasizes compassion, generosity, and unity. It serves as a reminder that we are all part of a larger community where caring for one another is paramount.

Through acts of kindness like these, families forge strong bonds while strengthening their faith in Allah's teachings.



Global Celebrations of Eid Al-Adha

Eid Al-Adha is celebrated worldwide, with diverse cultural variations and traditions. From the bustling streets of Cairo to the vibrant neighborhoods in Kuala Lumpur, Muslims unite to mark this joyous occasion with prayers, feasts, and gatherings.

Discover how different communities across the globe celebrate Eid Al-Adha and learn about the unique customs that make this festival a truly global celebration.



Observance of Eid Al-Adha in Different Countries

Eid Al-Adha is observed with great enthusiasm and joy in different countries worldwide. From bustling markets in Morocco to vibrant street festivities in Indonesia, the celebrations reflect the unique cultural traditions of each Muslim community.

In Egypt, families gather early in the morning for prayers, followed by visits to cemeteries to remember their deceased loved ones. In Turkey, it's common for people to visit friends and family, exchange gifts, and enjoy delicious meals together.

Meanwhile, in Pakistan, communities unite to perform Qurbani (sacrifice) and distribute meat among those less fortunate. Regardless of where it is celebrated, Eid Al-Adha unites Muslims worldwide through its shared values of gratitude, unity, and sacrifice.

Cultural Variations and Traditions

Muslims worldwide celebrate Eid Al-Adha, but cultural variations and traditions add unique flavors to the festivities. Each region, from North Africa to South Asia, has its own customs, making this joyous occasion even more special.

In Morocco, for example, families gather on rooftops to enjoy the breathtaking view of fireworks illuminating the night sky. Meanwhile, in Turkey, it is common for people to dress up in traditional attire and visit loved ones to exchange gifts and well wishes.

In Pakistan, decorating hands with intricate henna designs is a tradition among women during Eid celebrations. These cultural variations not only showcase the diversity within Islam but also deepen our understanding and appreciation of this sacred festival.

Festivities and Gatherings in Muslim Communities

Muslim communities worldwide come alive during the festive season of Eid Al-Adha. The joyful celebrations create unity and togetherness as families and friends gather to mark this momentous occasion.

Vibrant gatherings occur in mosques, community centers, and even homes, where people come together to offer prayers, exchange greetings, and enjoy delicious meals. From sharing laughter and stories to engaging in acts of charity, these festivities reflect the true spirit of Eid Al-Adha - a time for connection, generosity, and gratitude.

It is a beautiful sight to witness Muslim communities coming together in celebration during this particular time of year.

Eid Al-Adha in the Modern World

In the modern world, Eid Al-Adha celebrations have been influenced by technology and social media, allowing Muslims to connect with their loved ones virtually and participate in online sermons.

Impact of Technology and Social Media on Celebrations

Technology and social media have profoundly impacted how Muslims celebrate Eid al-Adha in the modern world. With the advancement of technology, it has become easier than ever to connect with loved ones and share in the joyous occasion, even when physical distances separate us.

Technology has bridged gaps and united communities during this festive time, from online sermons and virtual gatherings to video calls with family abroad. Furthermore, platforms like Dubai's ordering service have made arranging for small sacrifices more accessible, allowing Muslims worldwide to partake in the traditional act of Qurbani (sacrifice) without being physically present.

Social media has also played a significant role by allowing Muslims to connect and share their celebrations with others through photos, videos, and heartfelt messages. This digital presence helps



strengthen bonds within Muslim communities and spreads awareness about Eid al-Adha beyond religious boundaries.

Virtual Gatherings and Online Sermons

With the advent of technology, virtual gatherings, and online sermons have become integral parts of Eid Al-Adha celebrations in the modern world.



These digital platforms offer opportunities for Muslims around the globe to come together and connect with their communities, even if they are physically distant.

Families can share greetings and prayers through video calls and live streams, while imams deliver sermons virtually to inspire faith and unity. This shift towards online interactions has allowed people of all ages and backgrounds to participate in Eid Al-Adha, regardless of geographical limitations or physical circumstances.

It is a testament to how technology can enhance religious observances by fostering connection and inclusivity.

Incorporating Eco-friendly Practices

Eid Al-Adha, also known as Bakra Eid or the Festival of Sacrifice, is a time for Muslims to show their devotion and obedience to Allah.

There has been a growing trend of incorporating

eco-friendly practices into the celebration in recent years.

Many Muslims are becoming more conscious of their impact on the environment and are finding creative ways to minimize waste during this festive occasion.

One way individuals can incorporate eco-friendly practices is by opting for sustainable decorations. Instead of using disposable plastic items, people can choose natural materials like flowers, plants, and recycled paper for decorations.

Additionally, using energy-efficient LED lights instead of traditional incandescent bulbs can help reduce electricity consumption.

Another aspect where eco-consciousness comes into play is in preparing celebratory meals. Choosing locally sourced ingredients and organic produce not only supports local farmers but also reduces the carbon footprint associated with transportation.

Similarly, minimizing food waste by planning portions carefully and donating excess food to those in need contributes to sustainability efforts.

Furthermore, reducing single-use plastics during gatherings using reusable plates, cups, and cutlery helps minimize plastic waste in landfills or oceans. Encouraging guests to bring reusable containers for leftovers enhances environmental consciousness while promoting responsible living.

Reflection and Spiritual Significance

During Eid Al-Adha, Muslims engage in deep introspection and strive for self-improvement, embracing the valuable lessons of sacrifice, gratitude, and empathy while strengthening their faith and personal connection with Allah.

Importance of Introspection and Self-improvement

Introspection and self-improvement hold immense importance during the celebration of Eid Al-Adha. This festival serves as a reminder for Muslims to reflect on their actions and strive for personal growth. Taking time to introspect allows individuals to evaluate their character, identify areas for improvement, and make positive changes in their lives. It encourages practicing patience, gratitude, empathy, and compassion toward others.

Examining our thoughts, behaviors, and intentions can deepen our connection with Allah and strengthen our faith. Eid Al-Adha serves as a spiritual catalyst for self-reflection and an opportunity to renew our commitment to lead righteous lives characterized by love, kindness, and noble deeds.

Lessons of Sacrifice, Gratitude, and Empathy

Eid al-Adha teaches us valuable lessons of sacrifice, gratitude, and empathy. This significant festival reminds Muslims of the importance of giving up something dear to them to demonstrate their faith and devotion to Allah.

It encourages reflection on the story of Prophet Abraham and his willingness to sacrifice his son as an act of obedience. Through this act, we learn the profound meaning behind sacrificing our own desires for the greater good.

Eid al-Adha also promotes deep gratitude for what we have been blessed with, encouraging us to appreciate the blessings in our lives and show kindness towards others. Furthermore, this occasion emphasizes empathy by reminding us to be compassionate towards those less fortunate than ourselves through acts of charity and generosity.

Strengthening Faith and Personal Connection with Allah

One of the key aspects of celebrating Eid Al-Adha is strengthening our faith and personal connection with Allah. This auspicious occasion reminds us to reflect on our relationship with God, deepen our understanding of His teachings, and strive to be more devout Muslims. It presents an opportunity for self-improvement and spiritual growth. We can strengthen our bond with Allah by worship, such as offering special prayers, reciting the Quran, and seeking forgiveness. Sacrificing an animal during Eid also symbolizes obedience to His commandments and reinforces our trust in His wisdom.

Moreover, taking time for introspection allows us to assess ourselves morally and spiritually. We can contemplate the lessons learned from Prophet Ibrahim's unwavering faith and willingness to sacrifice his son for the sake of God's pleasure.

This inspires us to have a stronger connection with Allah through acts of kindness, gratitude towards His blessings, and helping those in need.

Wrapping Up

In conclusion, Eid Al-Adha holds immense historical and religious significance as Muslims worldwide commemorate Prophet Ibrahim's sacrifice and obedience to God's command. The festival is a time of celebration, unity, and generosity, where families gather, prayers are offered, and sacrificial meat is shared with the less fortunate.

With its rich traditions and lessons of sacrifice and gratitude, Eid Al-Adha reminds us of the importance of faith and charity.

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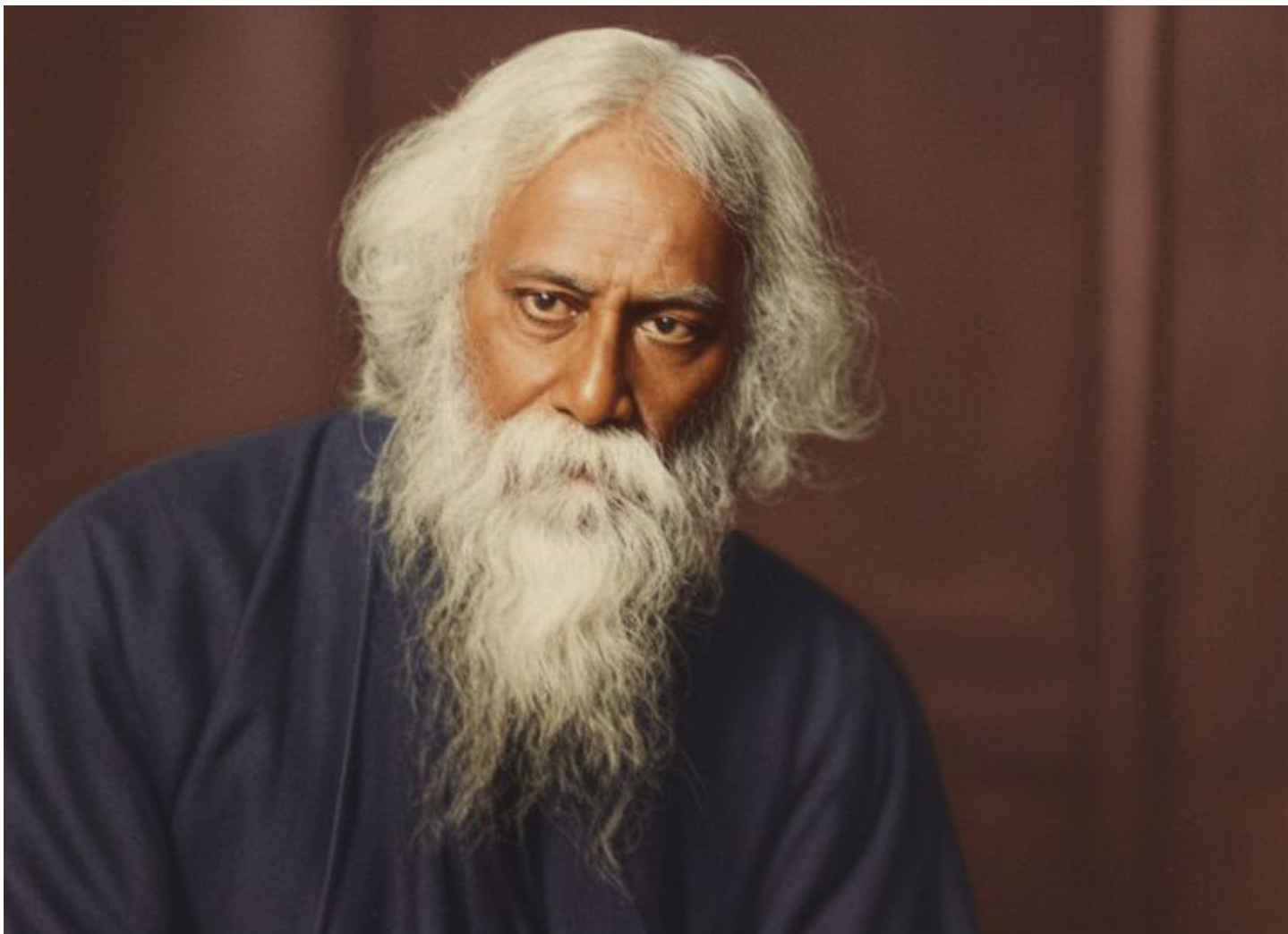
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TAGORE'S HIDDEN MUSES

Love, Grief, and the Women He Never Forgot

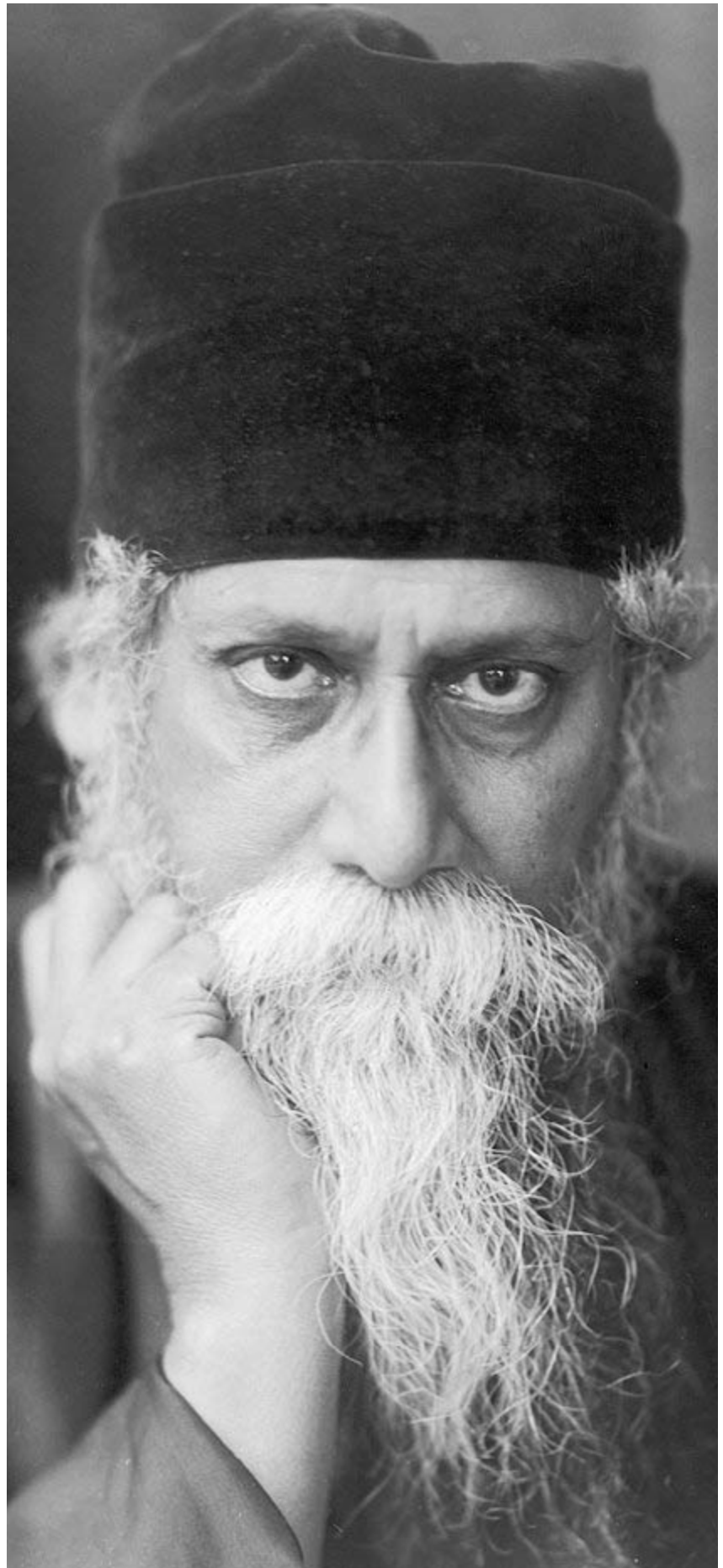
By Barsha Nag Bhowmick



Across the Bengali speaking world and far beyond, mornings carry a familiar rhythm. A soft breeze drifts through open windows into quiet streets, often accompanied by the timeless melodies of Rabindranath Tagore. Every May, readers and listeners across generations return to his songs and poetry, yet his presence refuses to stay confined to a date or geography. His verses live in moments of love, grief, solitude, and reflection. To truly understand his inner world, we must look at the women behind Rabindranath Tagore, the relationships that shaped his emotions, his imagination, and the emotional depth of his art.

History often paints such figures as solitary creators working in total isolation. That narrative remains entirely incomplete. These remarkable women gave his literature its true shape. They were never just passive muses. They challenged his intellect. They offered comfort during his deepest tragedies. They forced him to look at the world differently. His brilliance did not bloom alone. It grew through profound emotional exchanges.

We all recognize the public icon. We respect the sage with the flowing beard. It is time to step away from the stage and enter his private world. His personal letters reveal a very different story. Four specific figures stand out in his journey. A childhood companion shared his earliest secrets. A gentle teacher opened new cultural doors. A devoted partner anchored his restless spirit. A brilliant writer met him as an equal late in life. These untold stories reveal how their presence transformed the poet forever.



Kadambari Devi: The Childhood Confidante

Kadambari Devi arrived at the Jorasanko mansion as a child bride in 1868. She was only nine years old while Rabindranath was seven. This small age gap turned them into natural allies in a vast and busy household. They spent their early years playing on the rooftops and sharing a private world of imagination.

A Playmate and Critic

She became his first audience. Kadambari possessed a sharp intellect and a keen sense for literature. She did not just praise his early verses.

She teased him and challenged him to do better. This playful criticism pushed the young poet to refine his voice. Their bond was deep and intellectual from the very start. She was the one who saw his potential before the rest of the world.

Filling the Maternal Void

Life at Jorasanko changed forever when the poet lost his mother in 1875. He was only fourteen. The house felt empty and cold. Kadambari stepped into this void. She provided the emotional warmth he desperately needed. She looked after his daily needs and encouraged his creative pursuits. Their relationship matured as they grew older. They shared a private world of books and shared thoughts. To many historians she was the true queen of his heart. She understood the man behind the rising literary fame.

The Shattered World

The stability of this world broke in 1883. Tagore married a young girl named Bhavatarini on his father's orders. The dynamics of the household shifted instantly. Kadambari found herself increasingly isolated. Tragedy struck just four months after the wedding, in 1884. Kadambari took her own life by consuming opium. She was only twenty-five. The Tagore family kept the details quiet to avoid public scandal. But the silence could not hide the poet's devastation. His inner world collapsed.

A Legacy of Longing

Her death left a permanent mark on his writing. He spent decades trying to process her absence through his art. The famous song Tumi ki keboli chhobi captures this lingering pain. He asks if she is now merely a picture on a wall. He wonders if she has vanished into the stars. Many of his stories featured female characters with her spirit. She was no longer physically present. Yet she remained a constant shadow in his creative mind. This grief gave his work a new depth and maturity. He later wrote to his friend C.F. Andrews about how his world shut its doors against him. He never truly stopped searching for her in his verses.





Nalini: The Woman Who Stayed in His Verses

In 1878, a young Rabindranath traveled to Mumbai before his first voyage to England. He stayed with the Turkhud family to polish his English and social graces. This household was progressive and deeply anglicized. It was here that he met Annapurna Turkhud, the daughter of Dr. Atmaram Pandurang.

A Meeting of Minds in Mumbai

Annapurna was a woman of remarkable poise and education. She was older than the poet and possessed a sophisticated charm that fascinated him. She became his tutor and helped him navigate the complexities of European customs.

Their interactions were intellectual and filled with a subtle mutual admiration. She represented a world of freedom and confidence he had not yet encountered. This brief stay broadened his cultural outlook and left a lasting impression on his young heart.

The Birth of Nalini

The poet found a special name for her that stayed with him forever. He called her Nalini. This name became a symbol of his affection and the gentle romance of those few months. He expressed his feelings through his early poetry. In the song *Shuno Nalini kholo go ankhi*, he urged her to wake up as her “Robi” had arrived at her door. The lyrics speak of the rising sun and the end of sleep. This was not a story of grand passion but of a tender and fleeting connection. He immortalized her through these verses.

A Distant and Lingering Light

Their paths separated when he left for London. Annapurna later married and lived in Pune. She passed away at a young age in 1891. Even after many years, she continued to use the name Nalini in her private correspondence. She never forgot the young poet from Bengal. Tagore also carried her memory through the decades. He wrote stories and poems that echoed her elegance and spirit. Their encounter was short but its impact remained a steady and gentle presence in his life. He cherished that distant flame until the very end.

Mrinalini: The Steady Anchor

The marriage between Rabindranath and Mrinalini Devi took place in December 1883. It was a traditional union arranged by the poet's father. At the time of the wedding she was a child of about ten and he was a young man of twenty two. She entered the Tagore household under her birth name Bhavatarini before being renamed Mrinalini.

A Journey of Intellectual Growth

Mrinalini did not remain a shadow in the background. She was determined to be a true partner to her husband. She dedicated herself to learning and soon mastered several languages including Sanskrit and English.

She translated parts of the Ramayana into Bengali and developed a keen interest in literature. This evolution allowed her to engage with the poet on an intellectual level. She transformed herself from a young girl of traditional roots into a sophisticated companion who understood his creative world.

The Pillar of Domestic Peace

She became the grounding force in a life often marked by restlessness and old sorrows. While the poet traveled and wrote she managed the complexities of their household with grace. She provided the stability he needed to focus on his work. Her presence created a sense of home that was both warm and secure. She stood by him as he established the school at Shantiniketan. Her support was quiet and unwavering. She was the one who held the family together through every transition and challenge.

The Tragedy of Smaran

Their life together ended abruptly when Mrinalini fell ill in 1902. She passed away at the age of twenty nine leaving behind five children. Tagore was devastated by this loss. He spent months in seclusion trying to process his pain. This grief found its way into a collection of twenty seven poems titled Smaran. These verses are filled with a deep and quiet tenderness. He wrote of her simple virtues and the immense void her departure left in his soul. This collection remains one of the most moving tributes to a life partner in Indian literature.

Victoria Ocampo: A Late Bloom of Affection

In 1924, Rabindranath traveled to South America but fell ill in Buenos Aires. He found himself stranded and weak in a foreign land. It was during this difficult time that he met Victoria Ocampo, a brilliant young intellectual and writer. She took him into her villa in San Isidro to oversee his recovery.

A Meeting of Spirits

Victoria was far more than a gracious host. She was a powerhouse of the Argentine literary scene and a thinker in her own right. Their connection was built on deep mutual respect rather than the



impulsive energy of youth.

Tagore gave her the Indian name Vijaya. They spent hours discussing philosophy, art, and the challenges of the modern world. She challenged his thoughts and offered him a fresh perspective during the twilight of his life. This was a partnership of equals that transcended language and geography.



Comfort in a Simple Song

The care she provided moved the poet deeply. He felt a profound sense of gratitude for the sanctuary she created for him. Their bond was spiritual and intense. In one of his letters, he described their relationship with beautiful clarity. He wrote that the love between them was as simple as a song. This affection was pure and devoid of the complications often found in younger romances. She understood his need for quietude and intellectual stimulation. Her presence gave him a renewed sense of peace as his health declined.

The Final Creative Spark

This unique friendship ignited a new phase in his artistic journey. He began to explore fresh forms of expression, including his famous sketches and paintings. Victoria encouraged his visual art just as much as his writing. His later poetry took on an

intimate and reflective tone. These verses were not driven by the ache of loss but by the warmth of a steady friendship. He dedicated several works to her, acknowledging the role she played in his final years. Their bond showed that the heart remains open to profound connections at any age. He left Argentina with a soul nourished by her thoughtful companionship.

The Heartbeat of His Poetry

The women behind Rabindranath Tagore were never mere background characters in a grand literary play. Kadambari, Nalini, Mrinalini, and Victoria were women of substance and intellect. They possessed their own voices and faced their own struggles. Each one contributed a unique rhythm to the poet's life. Their influence moved far beyond simple inspiration. They were the critics, the anchors, and the intellectual peers who shaped a global icon.

The genius we celebrate today did not emerge from a vacuum. It was a shared journey built through years of conversation and emotional depth. His verses carry the weight of Kadambari's early critiques and the tenderness of Nalini's memory. They hold the quiet strength of Mrinalini's devotion and the spiritual clarity of Victoria's companionship. His work is a record of these profound human connections. It proves that the greatest art often grows from the seeds of shared joy and common grief.

We must remember these individuals as we listen to his songs today. They are not lost to history. Their presence lives in the silences between his lines. When a particular verse moves us to tears or offers comfort, we are hearing more than just one man's voice. We are hearing the echoes of the women who walked beside him. Their stories remain inseparable from his legacy. They are the pulse that keeps his poetry beating in the hearts of readers across the world.



Kazi Nazrul Islam was born on May 24, 1899, in Churulia, Bengal Presidency, British India. He is a renowned poet, playwright, essayist, novelist, journalist, singer, actor, soldier, and revolutionary who used his pen to combat colonialism, fascism, religious orthodoxy, and elitism. Let's explore the life and works of Kazi Nazrul Islam.

The Impact of **KAZI NAZRUL ISLAM** on Modern Bengali Literature

By Aushnik Das

He is officially acknowledged as the national poet of Bangladesh and is also highly respected in India. Academics credit him for initiating a cultural revolution amongst the Muslim minority of Bengal and for “liberating” Bengali literature and poetry from its medieval obstructions. Kazi Nazrul Islam aided his people in embracing modern life by connecting traditional Islam and modern sensibilities.

In his work, themes such as freedom, humanity, love and revolution were recurrent. He was an opponent of all types of religious, caste and gender-based prejudice and extremism. Nazrul wrote short stories, novels and essays, but his most famous works are his poems and melodies. He is noted for his extensive use of Arabic, Persian and Urdu vocabulary in his writings and for making Bengali ghazal tunes popular.

Biography and Early Life

Kazi Nazrul Islam was born on May 24, 1899, in the small village of Churulia in West Bengal. His early years were difficult and filled with poverty. After his father's death, Nazrul had to support his family from a young age. He worked as a muezzin at a local mosque, where he gained exposure to Islamic teachings and Arabic literature. This early experience influenced his literary and musical inclinations.



At the age of ten, Nazrul joined a traveling theatrical group, which performed plays based on Hindu epics and folk stories. This experience broadened his horizons and deepened his understanding of diverse cultural traditions. It was here that he began to write poetry and songs, laying the foundation for his future career.

Nazrul's education was interrupted several times due to financial difficulties, but his passion for learning remained undiminished. He attended various schools and eventually joined the Indian Army in 1917. His military service exposed him to new ideas and further fueled his revolutionary spirit.

Full Name: Kazi Nazrul Islam

Date of Birth: May 24, 1899

Place of Birth: Churulia, near Asansol, Bengal Presidency, British India

Parents: **Father** – Kazi Faqeer Ahmed;
Mother – Zaheda Khatun

Siblings: Kazi Saahibjaan, Kazi Ali Hussain, Kazi Bazle Karim

Spouse: Pramila Devi (married in 1924)

Children: Krishna Mohammad, Bulbul, Sabyasachi, Aniruddha

Education: Darirampur School, Searsole Raj High School, Mathrun High English School, and briefly at Islamic College in Calcutta

Occupation: Poet, Writer, Musician, Lyricist, Journalist, Soldier, Playwright

Notable Works: Bidrohi, Agnibeena, Bisher Banshi, Dhumketu

Literary Contributions: Wrote over 3,000 songs known as Nazrul Geeti, along with numerous poems, essays, novels, and plays

Movement: Indian Independence Movement and the Bengal Renaissance

Imprisonments: Imprisoned by British authorities for revolutionary activities against colonial rule

Themes in Writing: Rebellion, Equality, Human Rights, Love, Freedom, and Social Justice

Health Issues: Suffered from Pick's disease, which caused loss of speech and memory in the 1940s

Death: August 29, 1976

Place of Death: Dhaka

Burial Site: Near the Central Mosque of University of Dhaka

Legacy: National Poet of Bangladesh, influential figure in Bengali literature and music, and a strong promoter of human rights and social justice

The Life and Works of Kazi Nazrul Islam

Kazi Nazrul was born in 1899 in the Indian state of West Bengal. He is recognized as a renegade poet for his iconoclastic and majestic literary works.

The Nazrul Institute says that Kazi Nazrul wrote 2,600 melodies, 600 poems, three books, and 43 articles throughout his 21-year career before he lost his voice.

Kazi Nazrul supported his family by working as a caregiver and as a muezzin at a mosque following the loss of his father. He was required to leave school at nine to join a Churulia-based professional “Leto” company.

Working for the group introduced him to Bengali and Sanskrit literature. After a year, he returned to school and enrolled at Matharun English School but bowed out of Class VI due to poverty. Among his lyric books, the one called Zulfikar is a collection of Muslim religious songs, and the one called Sarbahara is a collection of patriotic songs.

Kazi Nazrul began his literary career within a few years of joining the British Army as a soldier in 1917. In 1921, he published the cult classic poem ‘Bidrohi’ (The Rebel). A year later, he launched a biweekly publication, ‘Dhumketu’ (The Comet).

On multiple occasions, his nationalist participation in the Indian Independence Movement landed him in the clutches of British colonial authorities.

Kazi Nazrul wrote ‘Rajbandir Jabanbandi’ (Deposition of a Political Prisoner) while incarcerated, and his writings later inspired the Liberation War.

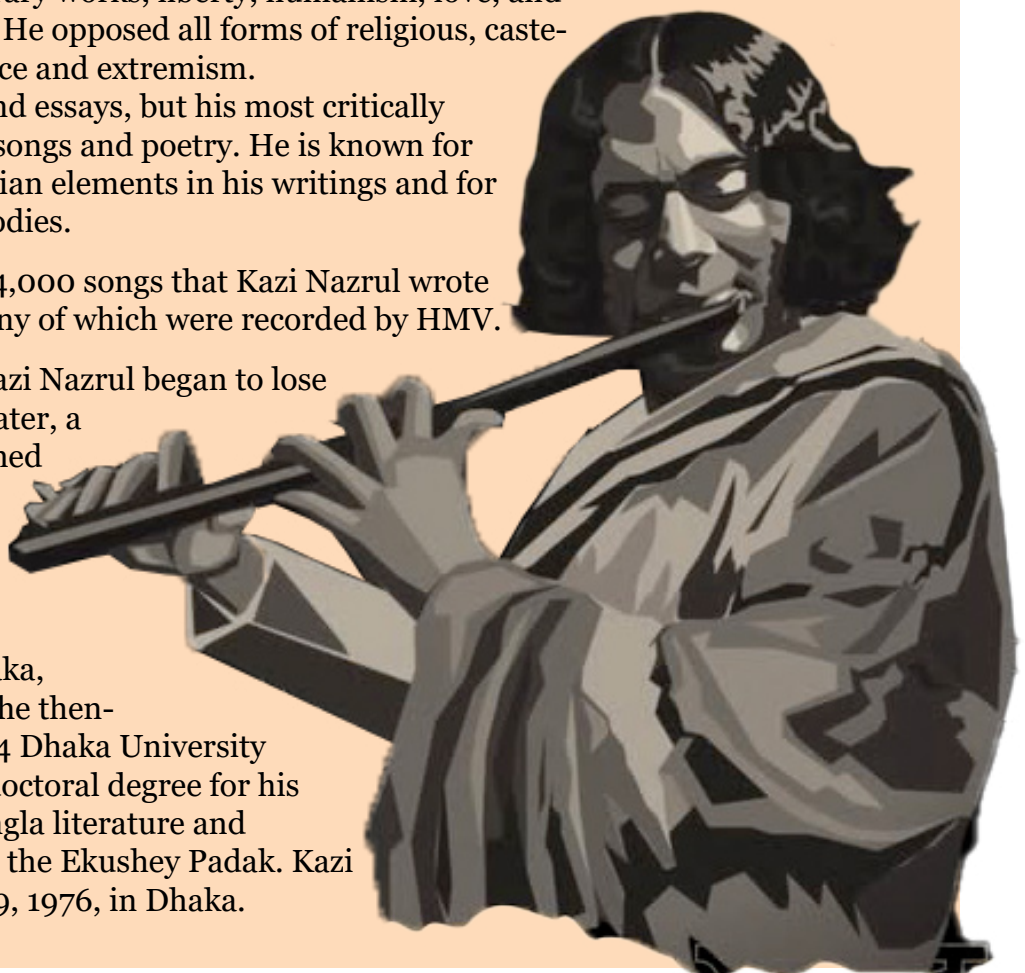
In Kazi Nazrul’s magnificent literary works, liberty, humanism, love, and revolution are recurring themes. He opposed all forms of religious, caste-based, and gender-based prejudice and extremism.

He wrote short stories, novels, and essays, but his most critically acclaimed literary works are his songs and poetry. He is known for his liberal use of Arabic and Persian elements in his writings and for popularizing Bengali ghazal melodies.

Nazrul Geeti is a compilation of 4,000 songs that Kazi Nazrul wrote and composed the music for, many of which were recorded by HMV.

Due to an unexplained illness, Kazi Nazrul began to lose his voice and memory in 1942. Later, a medical team in Vienna determined that he was suffering from Pick’s disease, an uncommon and incurable neurodegenerative condition.

In 1972, his family moved to Dhaka, Bangladesh, at the invitation of the then-Bangladeshi administration. 1974 Dhaka University awarded him an honorary post-doctoral degree for his monumental contribution to Bangla literature and culture. In 1976, he was awarded the Ekushey Padak. Kazi Nazrul passed away on August 29, 1976, in Dhaka.

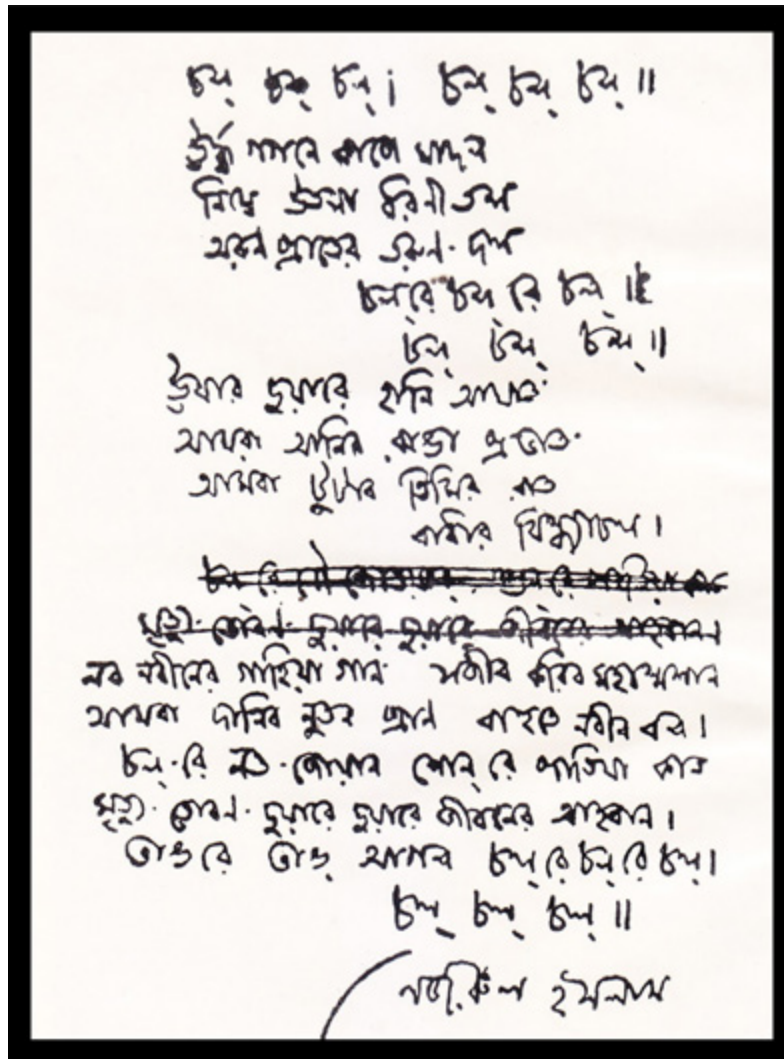


Nazrul's Contribution to Bengali Literature

Kazi Nazrul Islam deviated from the literary norms of his period and developed his poetic language. He frequently employed Arabic and Persian vocabulary. He composed and set approximately 3000 melodies to music. Most of Nazrul Islam's songs were initially ghazals (a form of north Indian light classical poetry). Still, he incorporated elements from Bengali folk and devotional tunes, Middle Eastern music, thumri/another form of north Indian classical music, and other sources.

In his poetry, Nazrul Islam developed a distinct approach distinct from Tagore's musical compositions. Among his lyrics books, the one called *Zulfikar* is a collection of Muslim religious songs, and the one called *Sarbahara* is a collection of patriotic songs. Many critics consider his compositions his most significant contribution to Bengali literature. He was also involved in theatre and wrote screenplays for motion pictures.

Kazi Nazrul Islam's exuberance enabled him to generate a



vast body of work in a relatively brief literary career. In 1942, he lost the ability to speak and his memory, which he never recovered. In 1972, the then-prime minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, brought him to Dhaka as a state guest, where he died.

He received the Jagattarini Gold Medal from Calcutta University, the Padma Bhushan from the Indian government, and the Ekushe Padak from the Bangladeshi government.

His main poetry collections include *Agnibina*, *Dolonchapa*, *Bisher Bani*, *Chhayanat*, *Samyabadi*, *Sindhi Hillol*, *SheshSaugat*, and *Sanchita*. His collections of essays and short stories include *Yugabani*, *Dhumketi*, and *Byathou*, *Dan*. Additionally, he authored the novels *Bandhanhara* and *Kuhelika*.

Revolutionary Impact

Nazrul's writings were not just literary achievements; they were acts of resistance. His works often criticized British colonial rule and called for an end to oppression and injustice. He used his poetry and prose to awaken the consciousness of his readers and inspire them to take action.

Nazrul's involvement in the Indian independence movement was significant. He joined the Bengal Regiment during World War I, where he was exposed to ideas of freedom and nationalism. After the war, he became actively involved in political movements, using his writings to promote the cause of independence.

His poem "Anondomoyeer Agomone" (The Coming of the Joyous Mother) criticized British rule and expressed hope for a free India. The British authorities considered it seditious, and Nazrul was arrested in 1923. During his imprisonment, he went on a hunger strike to protest against the injustice. His defiance and resilience during this period further solidified his status as a revolutionary figure.

Nazrul's works inspired many freedom fighters and activists. His fearless stance against oppression made him a symbol of resistance. Even in prison, he continued to write, producing some of his most powerful works. His poem "Kandari Hushiar" (O Captain, Beware) urged people to remain vigilant in their struggle for freedom.

Socio-Cultural Impact

Nazrul's contributions to Bengali culture extend beyond literature. He played a key role in shaping the cultural identity of Bengal. His works promoted a sense of unity and pride among Bengalis, and his advocacy for communal harmony and secularism became central to Bengali culture.

Nazrul's poems and songs often emphasized the importance of unity and cooperation between different religious communities. He believed in the power of art and literature to bridge divides and promote understanding. His works continue to be celebrated for their message of tolerance and inclusivity.

Nazrul's influence on popular culture is also significant. His poems and songs are frequently performed in theater and cinema, keeping his legacy alive. His works have been adapted into films, plays, and musicals, reaching a wider audience and ensuring that his message endures.

In Bangladesh, Nazrul is revered as the national poet. His birthday is celebrated as Nazrul Jayanti, a day of cultural events and performances in his honor. His works are included in school curricula, ensuring that new generations are introduced to his literary and musical contributions.

On May 24, 1972, Kazi Nazrul and his family were brought to Bangladesh with the permission of the Indian government. The then Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujibur Rahman took a special initiative in this regard.



Personal Struggles and Triumphs

Despite his success, Nazrul faced significant personal challenges. In the latter part of his life, he suffered from a neurological condition that affected his ability to speak and write. This illness, known as Pick's disease, led to a gradual decline in his health and silenced his creative voice.

Nazrul's illness did not diminish his impact. Even in the face of adversity, he remained a symbol of resilience and strength. His determination to continue creating, despite his condition, inspired many. His life story is one of struggle and triumph, showcasing his indomitable spirit.

Nazrul's personal struggles and triumphs are a testament to his resilience. He overcame numerous obstacles to leave an indelible mark on Bengali literature and culture. His determination and creativity continue to inspire those who face challenges in their own lives.



Works by Kazi Nazrul Islam

Poetry

- **Agnibeena (The Fiery Lute)**, 1922
- **Sanchita (Collected poems)**, 1925
- **Phanimanasa (The Cactus)**, 1927
- **Chakrabak (The Flamingo)**, 1929
- **Satbhai Champa (The Seven Brothers of Champa)**, juvenile poems, 1933
- **Nirjhar (Fountain)**, 1939
- **Natun Chand (The New Moon)**, 1939
- **Morubhaskar (The Sun in the Desert)**, 1951
- **Sanchayan (Collected Poems)**, 1955
- **Nazrul Islam: Islami Kobita** (A Collection of Islamic Poems; Dhaka, Bangladesh: Islamic Foundation, 1982)

Poems and Songs

- **Further information: Nazrul Geeti**
- **Dolan Chapa** (name of a faintly fragrant monsoon flower), 1923
- **Bisher Bashi (The Poison Flute)**, 1924
- **Bhangar Gan (The Song of Destruction)**, 1924 proscribed in 1924
- **Chhayanat (The Raga of Chhayanat)**, 1925
- **Chittanama (On Chittaranjan)**, 1925
- **Samyabadi (The Proclaimer of Equality)**, 1926
- **Puber Hawa (The Eastern Wind)**, 1926
- **Sarbahara (The Proletariat)**, 1926
- **Sindhu Hindol (The Undulation of the Sea)**, 1927
- **Jinjir (Chain)**, 1928
- **Pralaya Shikha (Doomsday Flame)**, 1930, proscribed in 1930
- **Shesh Saogat (The Last Offerings)**, 1958

Short Stories

- **Bathar Daan (Offering of Pain)**, 1922
- **Rikter Bedon (The Sorrows of Destitute)**, 1925
- **Shiulimala (Garland of Shiuli)** 1931
- **Padmagokhra**
- **Ognigiri (The Volcano)**
- **Jiner Badsha (The King of the Jinns)**

Novels

- **Bandhan Hara (Free from Bonds)**, 1927
- **Mrityukshuda (Hunger for Death)**, 1930
- **Kuhelika (Mystery)**, 1931

Plays and Drama

- **Jhilimili (Window Shutters)**, plays, 1930
- **Aleya (Mirage)**, song drama, 1931
- **Putuler Biye (Doll's Marriage)**, children's play, 1933
- **Madhumala (Garland of Honeysuckle)**, a musical play, from 1960
- **Jhar (Storm)**, juvenile poems and play, 1960
- **Pile Patka Putuler Biye (Doll's Marriage)**, juvenile poems and play, 1964
- **Shilpi (Artist)**

Essays

- **Joog Bani (The Message of the Age)**, 1926
- **Jhinge Phul (The Cucurbitaccus Flower)**, 1926
- **Durdiner Jatri (The Traveller through Rough Times)**, 1926
- **Rudra Mangal (The Violent Good)**, 1927
- **Dhumketu (The Comet)**, 1961

Awards

- **Jagattarini Gold Medal** (1945)
- **Padma Bhushan** (1960)
- **Ekushey Padak** (1976)
- **Independence Day Award** (1977)

Kazi Nazrul Islam was a remarkable poet, writer, and musician who played a significant role in Bengali literature and social activism. Known as the “Rebel Poet,” he advocated for equality, justice, and freedom through his works. His writings greatly inspired the Indian subcontinent, especially during the Indian independence movement.

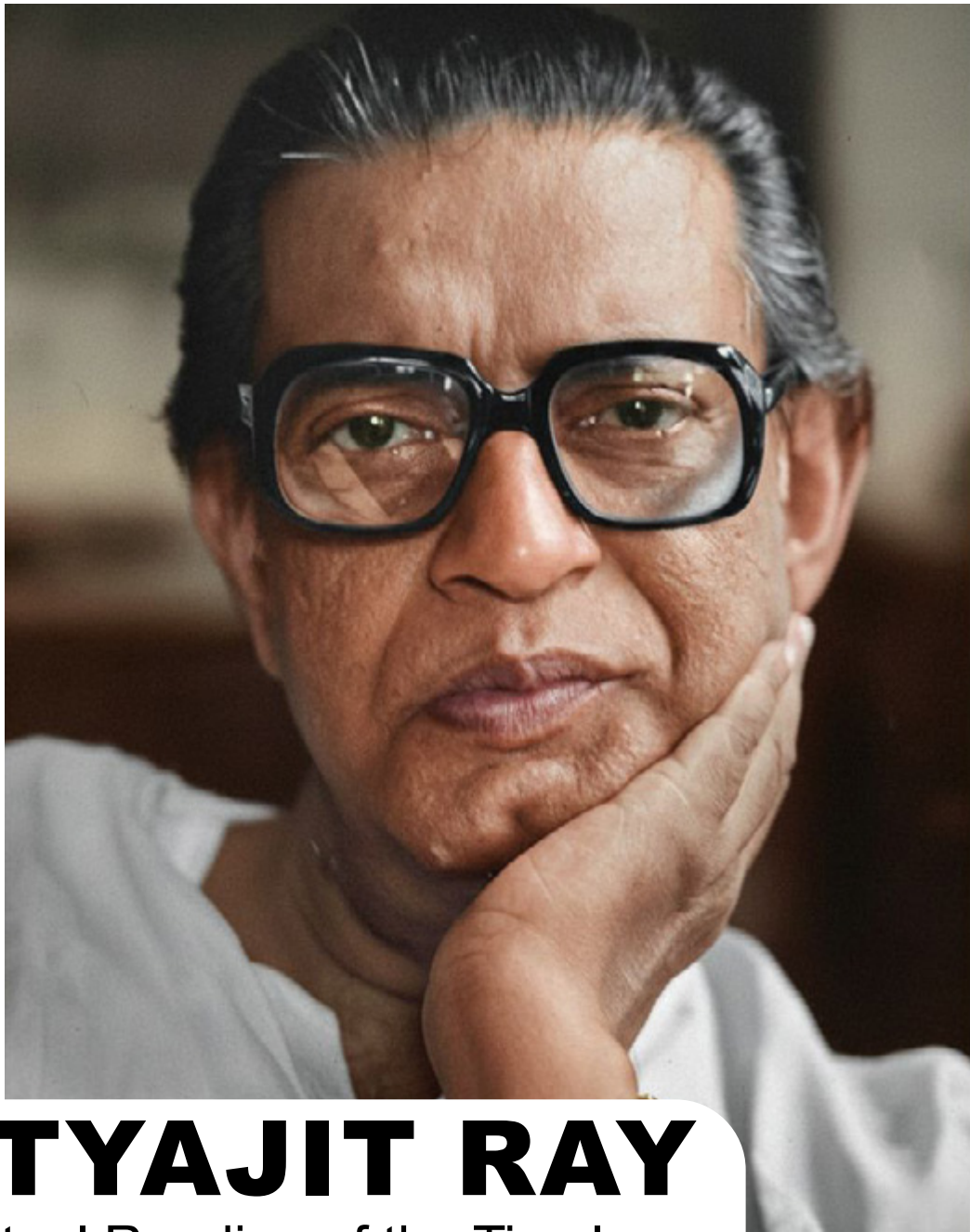
Despite facing numerous challenges throughout his life, including a debilitating illness that eventually took away his ability to speak and write, Nazrul's legacy continues to live on as a symbol of resistance against oppression and an advocate for unity and understanding between different religious and cultural groups.



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SATYAJIT RAY

Intellectual Reading of the Timeless
Bengali Entity on Celluloid

By Sukanta Parthib

Satyajit Ray is one of the biggest stars of Bengali cinema. For moviegoers, each of his films so far has been history. He was a writer, director, lyricist, musician and actor all rolled into one.

Satyajit Ray's 'Pather Panchali' shattered the accepted structure of Indian cinema like a mighty earthquake. The new reality of 'Pather Panchali' shocked the audience and critics. This film made Satyajit Ray famous all over the world. May 2 is the 105th birth anniversary of Satyajit Ray. He was born in the family of zamindar Upendrakishore Roy Chowdhury on 2 May 1921 in Kolkata, undivided Bengal of British India. Ray was the son of Sukumar Ray and Suprabha Ray.

Childhood, Family, and Rabindranath Tagore's Influence

Satyajit's grandfather Upendrakishore Roy Chowdhury was one of Rabindranath's closest friends and father Sukumar Roy was a great lover of Vishwakavi. Rabindranath knew Satyajit as Manik when he was a boy. At the age of ten, Satyajit went to Rabindranath along with his mother to get an autograph.

The poet looked at Satyajit's book for a while and said, 'Keep it with me; come and take it tomorrow morning.' 'The next day went by. The poet gave the book to Satyajit and looked at Suprabha Ray and said, 'If he is a little older, you will understand its meaning.' The boy Satyajit opened the book and saw the eight-line poem.



The Eight-Line Poem That Stayed With Him

*Far away for many days.
I've traveled to many countries
I went to see the mountains.
I went to see Sindhu.
Didn't see eye to eye
Just two steps away from home.
on top of a grain of rice
a drop point.*

Satyajit stopped reciting eight lines at a time. His mother asked him if he understood the meaning of the lines. "Satyajit nodded his head and replied, "A little." ""

Satyajit Ray may have inadvertently captured these eight lines of the Vishwakavi in his mind as a boy. As a result, despite being international in form, he has been able to become fiercely indigenous in matters and has been able to take Bengali cinema to the world cinema queue.

Early Life and Growing Interest in Cinema

Satyajit Ray lost his father at the age of two and a half. Her mother worked at a school. It was only in 1936 that Satyajit turned his attention to film and music studies after he was admitted to Presidency College. He is the director and producer of the film. He had already read two books on the theoretical aspects of Pudovkin's cinema, and was a subscriber to Sight and Sound, a leading British film magazine at the time.

“Speaking of how Sight & Sound magazine's articles on film moved him, he later wrote,” “It was as if a new world was opening before my eyes.” I look at how the camera is being manipulated, where a scene is being ‘cut’, how the plot of the film is being developed and what are the characteristics that distinguish the work of one director from the work of another. ‘

At that time, looking at the distinctive quality finish of the film, Satyajit could differentiate the film from MGM to Paramount or Warner to 20th Century Fox. At the same time, Ford and Wyler, or Capra with Stevens, would capture the distinctive characteristics of the director's films. At the end of his life, remembering his childhood, he would often say, “This was the point where my interest took a serious turn.’

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Education and the Path Toward Art

After taking the intermediate examination in 1938, Satyajit decided to study literature. But Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, a renowned statistician of India, in his desire to help his fatherless son, suggested to Suprabha Roy that if Satyajit did his B.A. If he takes this test, then his own institute, the Indian Statistical Institute's mouthpiece, Number Magazine, may have the benefit of Chakari.

The word 'job' must have been very tempting to the widow's only child. As a result, Satyajit was forced to take an honours degree in economics. But he didn't like it. Satyajit Ray passed the honours with a second class on the strength of just memorization.

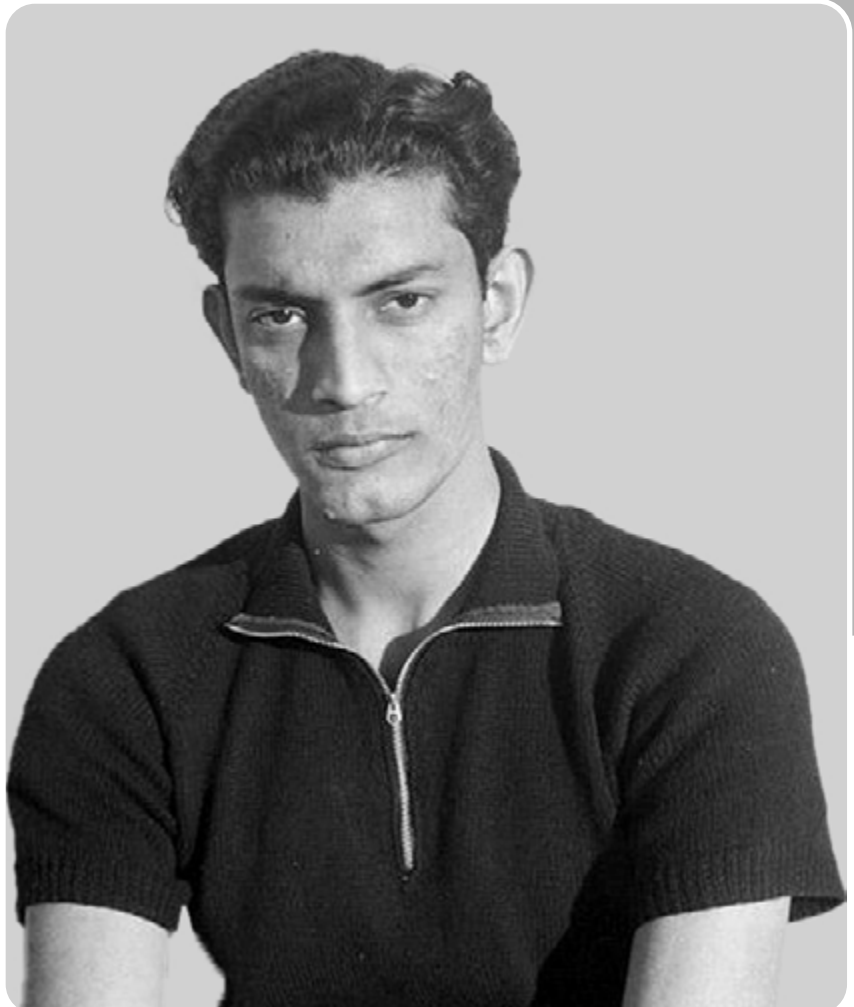
On July 13, 1940, Satyajit was admitted to Kalabhavan in Shantiniketan on his mother's wish. In Santiniketan, apart from Rabindranath, Satyajit used to remember with respect the affection of two special people all his life - the famous painter Nandalal Bose and Binod Behari Mukherjee.

Shantiniketan taught him two things, to see pictures and to know nature. As a result, with a very realistic non-poetic mind, he found his future path in Shantiniketan itself. He said, 'The place had opened windows for me.' It Had Brought Me an Awareness of Our Traditions Which I Now Would Serve as a Foundation for a Branch of Art That I Wished to Pursue. '

This is the sign of a future artist. After studying painting in Shantiniketan for two and a half years, he returned to Kolkata with the permission of Principal Nandalal Bose to become a commercial artist.

Three months later, on 1 April 1943, Satyajit got a job as a junior visual artist in the advertising agency D. J. Keymer. By 1948, Satyajit had become the art director of D. J. Kim. He occasionally went to the United States Information Library to study film. It was there that he met Chandragupta.

The two decided to organize a film society in Kolkata. The journey of Calcutta Film Society started on 5 October 1947 with some young people interested in like-minded films. The Society consists of twenty-five members.



How Pather Panchali Entered His Life

Satyajit Ray made his place in the world of film direction with the film Pather Panchali, the story of Pather Panchali came into his life in a little dramatic way. From the company in which Satyajit worked, all the beautiful books of Bangla literature were printed in new editions to suit the general readers or teenagers. And the responsibility of drawing pictures from the covers of all these books fell on Satyajit Ray.



One day, DK Gupta of the company called Satyajit and said that a juvenile edition of Pather Panchali would come out and he would have to draw its pictures. The time was 1945. Satyajit was still not out of the woods. On hearing this, D. K. Gupta threatened him with affection and told him that a beautiful film could be made

from the story of this book. Satyajit read the original book of three hundred pages. All he could say was “Awesome!” And then the story began to run through his head.



Jean Renoir's Influence on Satyajit Ray

In 1949, the famous French filmmaker Jean Renoir came to Kolkata to see the location of his film ‘The River’. It was then that Satyajit met Renoa. During the days when Renoa was in Kolkata, Satyajit used to visit Renoa every Saturday. It was his day off. Satyajit first asked Renoa to make a picture of the road. Renua simply said, ‘Use the wealth that you have in Bengal. Don’t ever try to copy a Hollywood movie. But Western knowledge must be accepted.’

Thirty-eight years later, French President Francois Mitterrand rushed to Kolkata to present Satyajit with the Legion of Honour, France’s highest civilian award. At that time, in response to a question, Satyajit said that Jean Renoir of France was his principal mentor.

A Filmmaker Who Changed Society

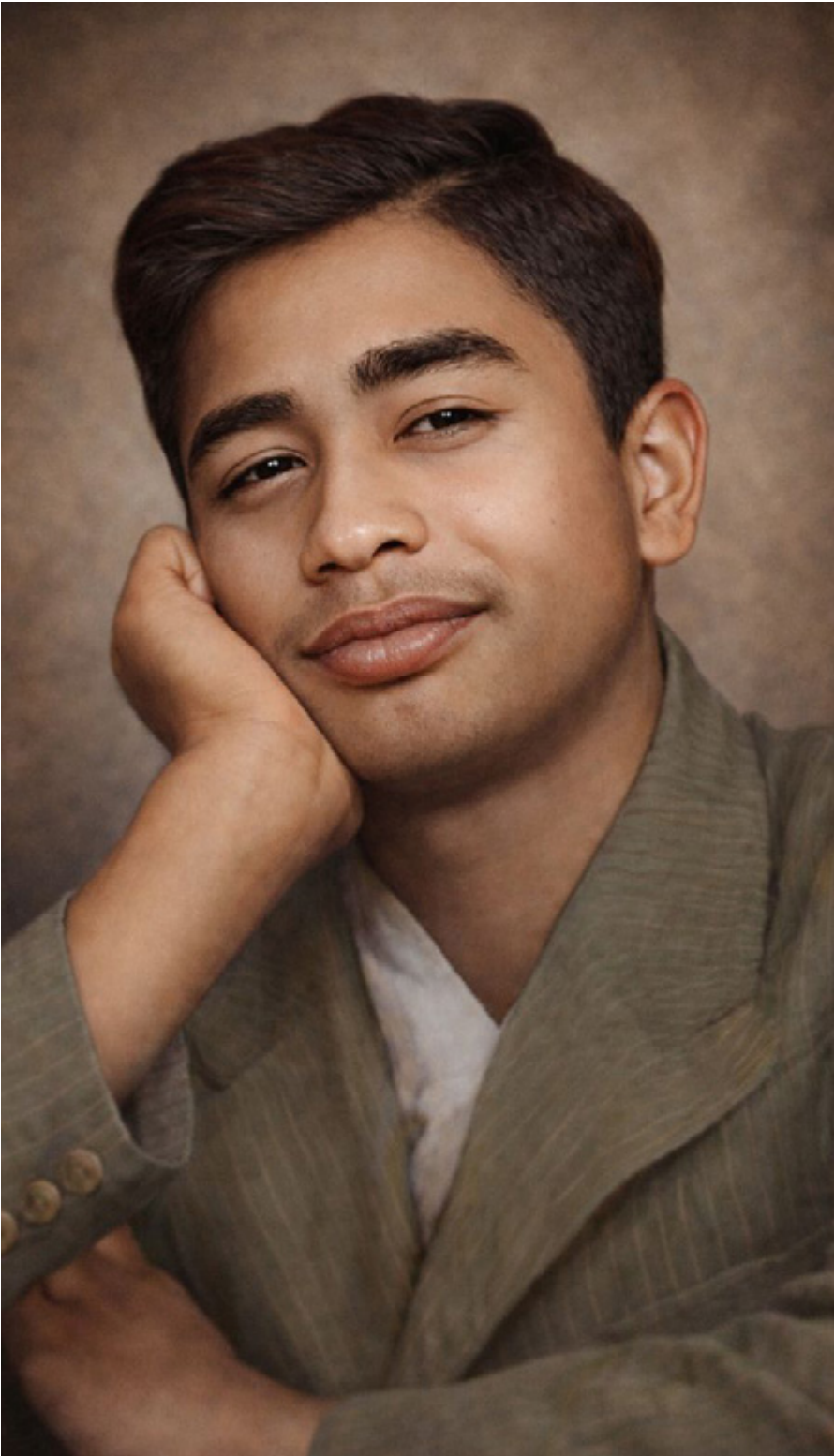
The story of the family of Harihar, the poor priest of Nishindipur, is like the story of countless people in rural Bengal. Satyajit Ray uses never-before-seen details in the interweaving story of Harihar's wife Sarvajaya, daughter Durga, son Apu and the troubled Indira Thakuran. Never before had the Indian audience seen in such a subtle way the frenzied dance of frogs on the foliage, the rhythmic movement of water-flies, the sky-shattering rain or the dead frogs chirping in the broken kitchen at the end of a rainy night.

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The Core Themes in **SUKANTA BHATTACHARYA'S POETRY**

By Janisha Afrose



In the history of Bengali literature, some poets are remembered for their long and rich body of work, while others leave behind a short yet blazing trail that lights the way for generations. Sukanta Bhattacharya belongs to the latter group.

Born on 15 August 1926 in Kolkata, Sukanta lived only 20 years, passing away from tuberculosis on 13 May 1947—just months before India's independence.

Yet, in this short time, he created a literary voice that combined revolutionary zeal, realistic social observation, and delicate romantic feeling. His poetry captured the mood of a turbulent era marked by colonial oppression, famine, and a rising wave of political awakening.

Sukanta Bhattacharya's poetry themes dominate his works: rebellion, reality, and romance. Together, they form the backbone of his creative identity, making his poems as relevant today as they were in the 1940s.

Often dubbed the “young prophet of pain,” Sukanta wasn't just a poet—he was a visionary, a fighter, and a literary revolutionary. His untimely death robbed not just Bengali literature of a rising icon but also denied a newly liberated nation the moral compass it so desperately needed.

The Literary Firebrand: Changing the Face of Bengali Poetry

In a literary tradition shaped by giants like Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam, Sukanta carved his space by speaking not of beauty or mysticism—but of hunger, hardship, and revolution. He wrote of:

- The daily suffering of the working class
- The indignity of famine
- The moral bankruptcy of colonial rulers
- The dream of an equitable, socialist future



Iconic Line from “Hey Mahajibon”:

*“Kabita Tomay Dilam Ajke Chhuti
Khudhar Rajje Prithibi Gaddomoy
Purnimar Chand jeno Jholsano Ruti”*

(“I won’t call the moon beautiful. It looks like a burnt roti to me today.”)

This one line encapsulated the hunger of a generation—turning a symbol of romanticism into a metaphor of deprivation. Sukanta’s work gave language to those silenced by poverty and caste oppression.





Rebellion: The Voice of a Young Revolutionary

Sukanta grew up during a time when Bengal was politically charged. The nationalist movement was at its peak, and revolutionary thought was in the air. He was deeply influenced by Marxist ideology and became active in the Communist Party of India's cultural front, using art and literature as tools for social change.

Much like Kazi Nazrul Islam, who was known as the Bidrohi Kobi (Rebel Poet), Sukanta was unafraid to challenge authority and injustice. His works reflected his belief that literature should serve the people and help build a more equal world.

Poems as Political Weapons

Sukanta's poetry was not written for quiet reflection alone—it was meant to inspire action. Poems like “Hartal” portray the power of collective protest, while “Abhijan” speaks of a determined march toward liberation. His words carried the rhythm of rallies, the sound of slogans, and the heartbeat of the masses.

For Sukanta, poetry was a weapon sharper than steel, capable of stirring courage in the most difficult times.

Legacy of the Rebel Spirit

Though he did not live to see India's independence, Sukanta's rebellious spirit remains alive in Bengali literature. His verses are still quoted in political movements, and his vision of a just society continues to inspire activists and writers alike.

Reality: Chronicling the Struggles of Common People

One of the defining events of Sukanta's youth was the Bengal Famine of 1943, which killed millions. This tragedy left a deep mark on his imagination. In poems like “Ghum Nei” (No Sleep) and “Purbabhas,” he vividly captured scenes of hunger, hopelessness, and human endurance.

He wrote not from a distance but as someone who lived among the suffering—his words carried the pain of real faces and real lives.

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While many poets might have chosen to soften reality with metaphor, Sukanta preferred a raw, unfiltered style. He described empty kitchens, cracked utensils, and children with hollow eyes. His realism was not cold but deeply empathetic—he wanted the reader to confront the truth rather than escape it.

Literature as Social Documentation

Sukanta’s works are more than poetry; they are historical records of a society in crisis. They preserve the voices of the poor, the workers, the peasants—people often ignored in elite literary circles. In doing so, he expanded the scope of Bengali poetry, proving it could be both artistically rich and socially conscious.

Romance: The Tender Side of a Rebel Poet

Though known for his revolutionary tone, Sukanta also wrote about love, longing, and emotional warmth. His famous poem “Chharpatra” is a heartfelt expression of love written in the form of a letter. Even here, his language is simple, direct, and sincere—proof that the rebel poet also had a soft heart.

The Poetic Duality

Romance in Sukanta’s work was never an escape from reality; it was deeply intertwined with his political and social concerns. His love poems often reflected a broader affection for humanity and a hope for a better world. This blend of personal emotion and collective vision made his romantic verses unique.

Beyond Literature: The Political Sukanta

At the age of 18, Sukanta joined the Communist Party of India and became an active voice in leftist student movements. He didn’t just write about injustice—he lived his politics.

- He edited Kishore Bahini, a communist youth publication
- He wrote plays and poems to mobilize the working class
- He refused to separate poetry from political activism

Sukanta believed that poetry must serve the people, that verses must reflect not just emotion, but action. In post-independence India, his ideals would have been a moral bulwark against rising inequality, casteism, and state violence. His death was not just a loss to culture—it was a loss to India’s conscience.

What India Lost: An Intellectual Force for Equity

Had Sukanta lived beyond 1947, he might have become:

- A left-wing leader of national conscience
- A guiding literary figure in Nehruvian India's early idealism
- A unifying force in the Bengali refugee crisis and Partition trauma

India, freshly unshackled from colonial chains, needed voices like his—those that could challenge power without compromise.

Instead, Sukanta became a martyr of ideas, frozen in time, symbolic of what could have been. The revolutionary poet who died before the revolution arrived.

Subhash Mukhopadhyay once wrote:

“Sukanta didn’t die young. He died just as he was beginning to change the world.”

Why Sukanta Bhattacharya Poetry Themes Remain Timeless

In today's world of political unrest, economic inequality, and cultural change, Sukanta Bhattacharya's themes still strike a chord. His rebellion speaks to activists fighting for justice, his realism appeals to journalists and truth-tellers, and his romance reminds us that even in struggle, human connection is essential.

Top 5 Poems by Sukanta Bhattacharya You Should Read

1. **Chharpatra:** A love letter that blends intimacy with social awareness.
2. **Ghum Nei:** A haunting depiction of sleepless nights in famine-stricken Bengal.
3. **Hartal:** A call to action and unity in the fight against oppression.
4. **Purbabhas:** A portrait of dawn breaking over a struggling land.
5. **Abhijan:** A poem of movement, hope, and determination.

Takeaways

Sukanta Bhattacharya wasn't just a literary prodigy—he was a nation in the making, a voice still forming when it was snuffed out by illness and poverty. His death was not merely the end of a poet's life, but the silencing of a generation's promise.

As India continues to grapple with injustice, inequality, and lost ideals, remembering Sukanta is not about nostalgia—it's about unfinished work.

On this 79th death anniversary of Sukanta Bhattacharya, we are not just mourning a loss—we're reminding ourselves of a voice we still need.

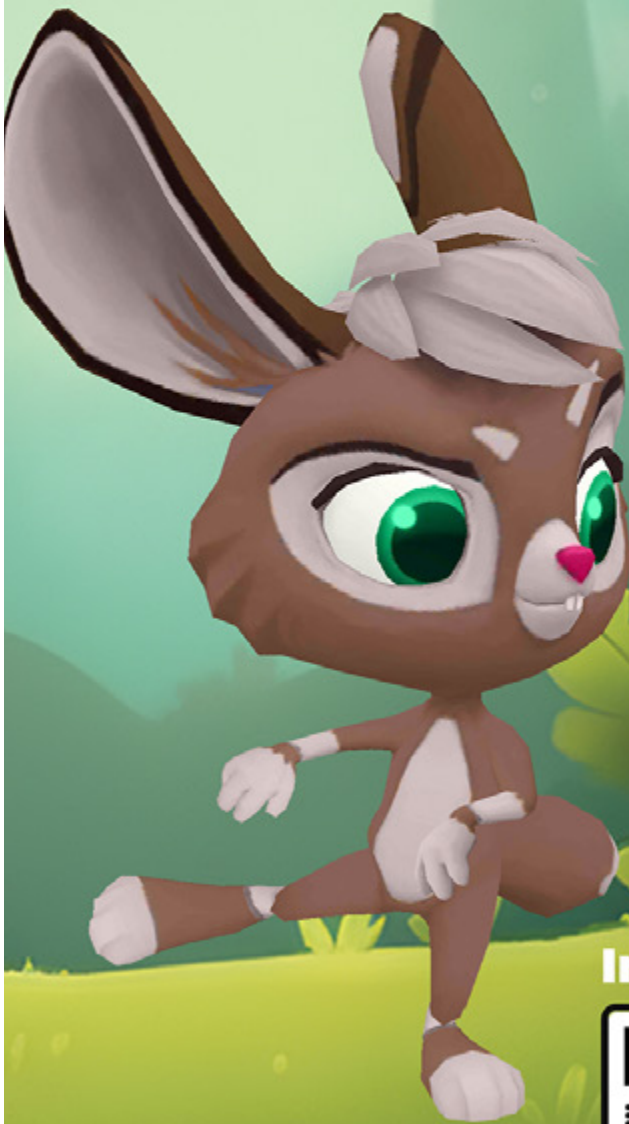
“I do not fear death... I fear that my voice will not reach the last man.”

— Sukanta Bhattacharya



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A YEAR OF REBIRTH

From the Depths of Despair to the Rise of Joy

By Sukanta Parthib

Today, the morning sun over the city seems to glow with a gentle, new clarity, as if quietly celebrating the very breath I once feared would be my last.

Sitting here in Dhaka this dawn, looking out at a world I once thought I would have to leave behind, I am completely overwhelmed by a feeling I went years without experiencing: profound, quiet gratitude. Today, April 29, 2026, is not my birthday. But in every way that truly matters, it is the first anniversary of my rebirth and a true success story of complex spinal surgery.



Success Story of Complex Spinal Surgery

If you had seen me during the darkest stretch between 2024 and early 2025, you would not recognize the man writing these words. I was entirely consumed by an agony that language can barely capture. The relentless, burning fire of severe backpain and diabetic neuropathy was already a heavy cross to bear, but the true nightmare took hold when previous surgeries failed.

Instead of the healing I desperately sought, my body became a terrifying prison. I was left with a catastrophic, life-threatening spinal infection, and the very architecture of my spine had been shattered by the interventions meant to fix it. It is worth noting that CSF leakage was observed after the second surgery. But the surgeon, Dr. Anurag Gupta, hid that information from me and my relatives.

The pain stripped me of my mobility, my independence, and my spirit. I watched my world violently shrink. The drive I used to pour into building Editorialge was gone. Worse still was looking at Mitali and our children, feeling the suffocating terror of what lay ahead for them if I lost this battle. I was physically broken, mentally standing at the edge of the abyss, and quite honestly, just waiting for the end. All hope seemed thoroughly, irrevocably lost.



Sukanta Kundu, steady with his daily walk and exercise routine

Guided by Grace, Led by Dr. Neeraj Gupta

But in that darkest hour, the Almighty guided my path across borders to the Indian Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC) in New Delhi and into the care of Dr. Neeraj Gupta.

From our very first encounter, the atmosphere shifted. Dr. Gupta didn't just look at my ruined X-rays or MRI films and treat me as another complex, deteriorating case. He looked directly at me. He saw Sukanta. He saw a father, a husband, a brother to Aushnik and Chandan, and a human being who was fighting with his absolute last ounce of strength for a second chance to live.

April 29, 2025, is a date etched into my soul. Dr. Gupta led a courageous, fiercely dedicated medical board into the surgical theater for what can only be described as a high-risk rescue mission. It was my third spinal surgery, and the stakes were absolute. They had to navigate a treacherous minefield of damage left by others, meticulously clear out the deep-seated infection, and pull me back from the brink. By the sheer grace of God and the masterful hands of that medical team, I didn't just survive. I was resurrected.

When I opened my eyes after that surgery, I knew a miracle had taken place. But surviving the operating room was only the first breath of this new life.

If you had told me a year ago that I would be experiencing this measure of peace today, I would have wept in disbelief. Let me be clear: Recovering from Diabetic Lumbosacral Radiculoplexus Neuropathy (DLRPN) is never an overnight miracle. Also known as diabetic amyotrophy, this condition demands a long, exhausting journey of healing. It is a grueling, daily war. Healing means my nerves do not always cooperate, and the road back is paved with sweat, tears, and iron willpower.



This was one of the most complex spine surgeries I have performed in recent times

Dr. Neeraj Gupta

Senior Consultant
Spine Surgeon,
Indian Spinal Injuries Centre,
New Delhi

The Discipline of Survival, The Grace of Recovery

My routine today is anchored in relentless survival and discipline. I fight for my normal life every single morning. I endure intense, regular physiotherapy, force my body through more than 20 specific physical exercises daily, and strictly manage a heavy regimen of medications just to keep moving forward. There are still days when the exhaustion is heavy and the neuropathy flares up, demanding to be felt. But the suffocating despair of the past is gone. My body still remembers the trauma, but my spirit is infinitely stronger than the pain.

I am slowly reclaiming my space in the world. I am returning to the helm of my passions at work, and most importantly, I am embracing the beautiful, ordinary miracles I will never take for granted again—sitting down for a meal with my family, feeling the morning sun, and simply taking a breath without the heavy shadow of impending death.

Dr. Neeraj Gupta viewed the procedure as one of the most complex spine surgeries he had undertaken in recent times. He described the situation as highly critical and life-threatening, primarily because it was the third revision surgery fraught with severe risks, including meningitis and the potential for rapid clinical deterioration. To navigate these immense challenges, he emphasized that the operation demanded extreme precision, meticulous decision-making at every stage, and sustained monitoring to ensure a successful outcome.

Surviving the surgery, however, marked only the beginning of an arduous recovery. My nervous system had sustained immense trauma, leading to a diagnosis of Diabetic Lumbar Radiculoplexus Neuropathy (DLRPN). I was left completely paralyzed in my legs and enduring excruciating, relentless pain.



Sukanta Kundu With Dr. Neeraj Gupta

During this critical phase, I was placed under the care of the esteemed neurologist Dr. Mukul Varma at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital. He became a crucial guide through the darkest days of my paralysis. Under his meticulous medical management and unwavering encouragement, I transitioned from complete immobility to walking independently once more. I am equally grateful to Dr. Seema Grover, a renowned physiotherapist at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, whose dedicated rehabilitation efforts were instrumental in restoring my strength.

Furthermore, I owe a profound debt of gratitude to Dr. Saurabh Kapoor, Senior Consultant and Minimally Invasive Spine Surgeon at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi. Navigating the complex and often uncertain landscape of my medical condition was daunting, but his comprehensive guidance, clinical wisdom, and profound expertise provided the clarity I desperately needed. He acted as a true compass, illuminating the path toward a recovery that had once seemed entirely out of reach.

Held by Faith, Healed by Humanity

As I celebrate this milestone, I pour out my absolute, humble gratitude to Almighty God and my late parents. The grace of the Almighty and their blessings sustained me when I had absolutely nothing left to give. And then, there are not enough words in any language to express my gratitude to Dr. Neeraj Gupta Sir. To me, he is the second god of my life. To Dr. Gupta and his extraordinary team at ISIC: Thank you for stepping into the absolute worst chapter of my life and refusing to let it be my last. You fought the darkness alongside me, and I owe you my future. And to my family, who held the line right beside me through the absolute worst of it, carrying me until I could stand on my own again, my lifelong gratitude and profound respect will remain with you always.

To anyone reading this who feels trapped in their own cycle of medical despair, pain, and frustration: Please, do not give up. The night truly is darkest just before dawn. Keep fighting, keep seeking the right hands to heal you, and believe with everything you have that a second chance is possible.

I am still fighting. I am still healing. But today, I am alive, and for the first time in a very long time, my heart is full of joy.

This pulse of life is more than recovery; it is Sukanta Kundu's rebirth. Out of the silence of suffering, a new song has begun, proving that even the most broken spirit can rise again.

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