

# Biswa Patrika

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## RECORD-BREAKING FOOTFALL AND SALES AT KOLKATA BOOK FAIR 2026

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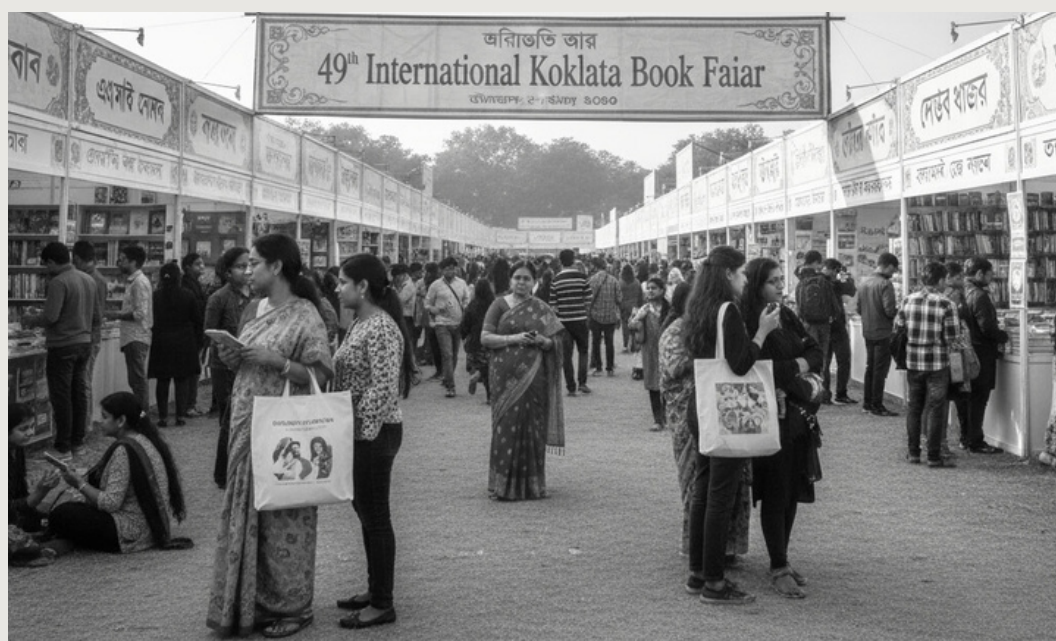
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The 49th International Kolkata Book Fair concluded on February 3, 2026, and the numbers are a heartwarming testament to the city's undying intellectual soul. In an era of reels and short-form content, 32 lakh people visited the fairground, and books worth ₹27 crore were sold. The fair felt "pan-Indian" this year, seeing a massive surge in young authors and visitors from all over India, proving that the Bhadrakalok's love for a good read is only getting stronger.

Source: Kolkata Book Fair ends on a happy note -  
The Hindu

### WORD OF THE WEEK:

#### Lyadh

**Literal meaning:** Often incorrectly translated as "laziness" or "lethargy," but those words are too harsh and industrial. Lyadh is not the absence of work; it is the presence of profound, creative stillness. Unlike "Aloshya" (pure laziness), Lyadh is an art form.

#### The Global Bridge:

In 2026, the world calls it "Quiet Quitting" or "Burnout Recovery." The Bengali has known the cure for centuries: Lyadh.

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# HAVE YOU WATCHED THE 'GREAT LEGENDS' DEBATE THE FUTURE YET?



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mysticism of Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose meets the sharp humanism of Satyajit Ray.

As their lifelike avatars clash and converge over the soul of Artificial Intelligence, we are reminded that in the realm of deep intellectual inquiry, what Bengal thinks today, the world will think tomorrow.

Don't miss this historic intellectual feast. Whether you resonate with Bose's vision of AI as a "universal pulse" or Ray's warning about the erosion of "human choice," this debate is a masterclass in our rich cultural legacy.

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## Ei (A.I) Somoyer Sei Debate : Episode-1 Analysis and Summary

### KEY POINTS DR. JAGADISH CHANDRA BOSE MADE:

- Unified Life: AI is an extension of the "universal pulse" connecting organic and inorganic matter.
- Scientific Lens: It functions as a sophisticated tool to reveal hidden truths of nature.
- Liberation: Automation frees the human spirit for higher intellectual and spiritual pursuits.
- Equity: Acts as a tireless teacher for the underprivileged, bridging the knowledge gap.
- Evolution: AI is a natural progression in our journey to understand cosmic interconnectedness.

### KEY POINTS SATYAJIT RAY MADE:

- Data vs. Depth: AI mimics behavior but lacks the "life experience" and "suffering" that define a soul.
- The Artist's Gaze: Art relies on human "choice" and "mistakes"; AI produces sterile, mathematical perfection.
- Accountability: Outsourcing moral decisions to machines erodes our core humanity.
- Loss of Wonder: Instant answers kill curiosity and the grit required for true wisdom.
- Digital Solitude: Advanced connectivity risks deeper human alienation and the loss of "community."

### The Philosophers' Take

Swami Vivekananda emphasizes that AI is a tool for Self-Power; it is an asset if it fosters strength and service, but a "poison" if it breeds dependency and mental lethargy. Raja Ram Mohan Roy views AI through Reason; he welcomes it as a weapon against ignorance and superstition, provided it is guided by individual conscience rather than a new "mechanical" dogma.

### An Open Question

"If a machine produces a perfect act of kindness or a masterpiece of art, does the absence of a 'soul' diminish its value, or is the benefit to the world the only true measure of its worth?"

## CINE-CHARCHA

**The Lyadh Factor: High.**

You can actually watch this in a state of Lyadh at home (once it hits OTT)

**The Antel Meter: Low-Moderate.** It's emotional and relatable, for the heart, not just the head.

**The Sunday Bhaat-Ghum Score: 9/10.** It is the perfect companion to a Sunday afternoon -won't give you a headache

**Amar Boss - The review**

There is a specific kind of silence that only Rakhee can command on screen. In Amar Boss, she doesn't just act; she occupies the frame like a piece of heritage furniture that you forgot was a masterpiece.

The film explores the relationship between a high-flying corporate professional and her mother-in-law (Rakhee).

While the 'Corporate vs. Home' trope is old, Windows Productions gives it that polished, emotional 'Kolkata touch' that makes you want to call your mother immediately after the credits roll.

**Available on - Zee5**

## Introducing to all Bengalis for the very first time ever...Lyadh-man and Hulo!!!

Meet Lyadh-man, the reluctant superhero who fights global crises with the power of strategic procrastination and a Kantha-stitch cape. By his side is his pet Hulo, a cynical ginger cat who serves as his furry conscience. Lyadh-man is a highly multi-talented young man currently working at a top newspaper publishing house.

**The Great Shonibarar Deadline part 1 of 2**

# Biswa Gourab - Ami Bangali

Dear Readers and Fellow Global Bengalis,

From the labs of NASA to the galleries of London, and from the boardrooms of Silicon Valley to the heart of the Kolkata startup scene—the Bengali spirit is making its mark. But many of these stories remain untold.

We believe that your journey deserves more than just a quiet mention; it deserves a celebration. We are officially opening submissions for our 'Ami Bangali' (I am Bengali) spotlight—a dedicated space where we highlight the achievements of our community members.

Why should you participate?

This isn't just about personal recognition. By sharing your portrait and your story, you become a "North Star" for others. Your path—the hurdles you cleared and the peaks you reached—is the blueprint that could inspire a young student in Durgapur or a professional in Dubai to dream bigger.

Don't let your modesty hold you back. In the true spirit of a Bhadrakalok, we often stay quiet about our wins. But this is your opportunity to shine and, more importantly, to inspire.



SCAN ME

Your help in sharing the vision of BiswaAdda is vital to our growing community. While our journey has just begun, many of our fellow Bengalis have yet to discover us. An annual subscription to the Biswa Patrika digital newsletter is an investment of just \$1 per month—a small step to stay connected to your roots. Delivered to your email inbox every week!

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