



# 46th North American Bengali Conference 2026

On 3 - 5 July

At Westchester County Center, NY

## Message from Convener

### NABC 2026 Announces Successful Completion of Visa Process for All International Artists

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The Organizing Committee of the 46th North American Bengali Conference (NABC 2026) is delighted to announce that all international artists and their accompanying musicians have successfully received their U.S. visas and are now traveling according to schedule to participate in NABC 2026, taking place July 3-5, 2026, at the Westchester County Center in White Plains, New York.

After months of dedicated planning, coordination, and continuous communication with the concerned authorities, we are pleased to confirm that every scheduled international performance will take place as planned. This is wonderful news for the thousands of attendees who have been eagerly looking forward to experiencing an extraordinary celebration of Bengali culture, music, literature, and heritage.

This year's distinguished lineup includes legendary Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, the internationally acclaimed Kaushiki Chakraborty and her ensemble, celebrated composer Shantanu Moitra, renowned percussion maestro Tanmoy Bose, acclaimed choreographers Kumar Sharma, Sanchita Bhattacharya, the dynamic ROOTS folk ensemble, distinguished vocalist Manashi Ghosh, Subhajit Chakraborty, and many other accomplished artists who will grace the NABC 2026 stage.

On behalf of the entire NABC 2026 Organizing Committee, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who worked tirelessly to make this possible. We sincerely appreciate the cooperation, guidance, and support extended by the U.S. Consulate General in Kolkata, the Embassy of the United States, the Consular Affairs team, and all individuals and organizations who assisted throughout the visa process.

We also thank our artists, musicians, sponsors, volunteers, partner organizations, and the Bengali community worldwide for their patience, confidence, and unwavering support during this journey.

With every artist now confirmed, the stage is set for an unforgettable weekend celebrating the richness of Bengali heritage and the enduring bond of our global community.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to NABC 2026 for three memorable days of world-class performances, inspiring conversations, meaningful connections, and the celebration of our shared cultural legacy.

As we celebrate this important milestone, on behalf of the entire NABC 2026 Organizing Committee, I wish to express my deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to our own beloved Padma Bhushan Swadesh Chatterjee. His unwavering guidance, personal involvement, and steadfast support throughout this challenging journey were truly invaluable. Without his leadership and commitment, NABC 2026 would not have been possible. His dedication to our community and to the success of this conference will always be remembered with profound respect and gratitude.

See you in White Plains this Independence Day weekend as we celebrate Bengali culture while joining America in commemorating its historic 250th Anniversary of Independence.

**Milan Awon**

*Convener, NABC 2026*

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