

In conversation

Mirana Zaman: Reminiscing on the past

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HE dedication and love that the yesteryear artistes had for their profession makes one look up to them with admiration and respect. Mirana Zaman is one such name who has been associated with Pakistan Betar (before Independence) and then with Bangladesh Betar since its inception. She gained popularity with the programme Buniyadi Gonotontrer Ashor way back in the 1960s. The programme continues to be aired today under the name Amar desh.

Mirana has a unique story to share-- unlike many from her generation who rebelled against family, society and in-laws. Her story is about a loving husband and encouraging in-laws who wanted her to be a part of the entertainment world, as they recognised her talent. "My husband loved songs and right after our marriage he bought me a tabla and harmonium and appointed a teacher. Can you imagine back in those times a husband keeping a teacher for his young bride so that she could learn to sing?" questions Mirana.

In Mirana's own words "I was obviously embarrassed to sing in front of my in-laws but they were so encouraging and supportive I relented ultimately." Her husband's iob required them to travel quite often and in each of the places he would keep a teacher for her. "I was



Mirana Zaman (R) at a recording session with her colleagues

hell bent on not learning, especially by wasting my husband's hard earned money and he was determined on making an artiste out of

Ultimately it was Mirana's sisterin- law Dr Nurunnahar Fyzennessa who managed to cajole her into oining free music classes on Radio Pakistan. "She assured me they were free of cost, so I could learn without feeling guilty. That's the only reason I joined," reminisces

Soon her voice captivated her teachers and she began to get offers to do shows on the radio. And not long after, she got offers from some of the biggest names in the film industry to join movies. As she says,"I absolutely freaked out since I had preconceived notions of

without hesitation "While on the one hand I sulked and accused my husband of being persistent, on the other hand I signed on two Urdu movies- Jaha baje shehnai and Kangan. Since then Mirana has worked in over 100 movies and has been a regular staff

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changed from the time she joined filmdom. I told my husband about it and while I was crying, my husband just laughed and told me to sign

am grateful for that."

the media: she is proud that girls from good families are flocking to be a part of the industry. "There is no reason why young talents from good families shouldn't join films. While there is an indecent trend in filmdom, there seems to be a gradual revival of a congenial atmosphere. Earning respect in the media world depends largely on one's personality," says Mirana.

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"Even though it has been over 40

years, I still go to Bangladesh Betar

where they air the programme

Amar desh. It is designed to appeal

to the villagers, to spread aware-

ness about various issues. It was a

unique theme back in my times,

asserts Mirana. She continues

"People respect me and that's

actually where I belong. Radio

gave me a new lease of life and

energetic people join the industry

Her viewpoints have drastically

Mirana likes seeing young

artiste on Bangladesh Betar.

Dolly Zahur is a name to reckon with on the small screen. Her launching pad was the TV drama Eishob Dinratri which won much acclaim. Dolly became the bhabi everyone adored. She went on to work in several TV serials, single-episode plays and some feature films. Among the films she is remembered for her performances in Shankoneel Karagar and Agun-er-Poroshmoni.

In a recent chit chat with The Daily Star, she candidly spoke on a gamut of issues. Excerpts:

What is your most treasured possession? Without a doubt my son.

Your favourite food?

Nothing in particular, I am carnivorous. What would you do if you were marooned on a deserted island?

I will wait for the time to end and in the meantime watch the sunset.

How about the best compliment you have ever received? Being dubbed as 'easy going'; I can get along with

What is the craziest thing you have ever done? I don't believe in doing crazy illogical things.

Your most embarrassing moment? I know how to adjust to embarrassing situations

hence don't get embarrassed. What is your dream role in movies?

I have always been keen to play the romantic role of Sophia Lauren in 'Sunflower.'

What is your musical favourite?

Khachar bheetor ocheen pakhi. Your favourite hang out places in Dhaka? Home is where the heart is:

Where do you see yourself 10 years from now? Trying to make my son a good human being Amoment you would like to remember?

Many good times spent with my husband. Are you a believer in the new age therapies like mediation, yoga and crystal therapy? I believe in walking.



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CULTURAL FEAST

Film Screening

Title: Raise the Red Lantern (1991) Director: Yimou Zhang Organiser: Ananya Film Club Venue: Ananya Auditorium, 10/14 Iqbal Road, Mohammadpur Date & Time: August 26, at 4:00 pm

Nazrul Sangeet Soiree

Time: 6:00pm

Organiser: Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Date: August 28-29 Venue: Nazrul Institute, Road no-28,

Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Nilufar Jahan Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya Date: August 23-29 Time: 10:00 am- 1:00 pm

Artist: Abdus Shakoor Venue: Shilpangan, Road 3, House Date: August 24-September 07 Time: 10:00 am- 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm-

Classical Musical Soiree

Artist: Shaheenur Reza and Rezwan Ali Organiser: Shuddha Sangeet Prosar

Venue: Bishwa Shahittya Kendra, Dhaka Date: August 31

Nazrul's death anniversary Special programmes on ntv

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The country is set to observe the death anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam on August 27. Ntv will telecast daylong special programmes on the occasion. These include musical soirees, talk shows and special TV plays.

Malobika

Malobika, a special musical programme based on Nazrul songs

will be telecast at 10:05am

Duranta Pothik Directed by Golam Sohrab Dodul and

adapted by Manik Manobik, the single episode special TV play *Duranta Pothik* will be telecast at 10:30am. The play revolves around a veteran artist and freedom fighter who has lived overseas for a long time. Acutely sensitive to the bleak present day situation of the country, he immerses himself in social work. The drama features Aly Zaker, Amirul Haque Chowdhury and others.

Bhalobasho Mor Gaan

A special episode on Nazrul songs will be hosted by eminent singer Ferdousi Rahman. Produced by Deepu Mahmud, the show will be



Aly Zaker (C) and co- artistes in a scene from Duranta Pothik

01:30



Swapna Nattyadal perform in Poddo Gokhra

aired at 12:05pm.

Nazruler Lokogeeti The programme Nazruler Lokogeeti based on folksongs by Nazrul.

The host, eminent folk singer Kiron Chandra Roy is the main attraction of the show. The show features popular singers Chandana Majumdar, Ambia Rahman and others. The programme is scheduled to be aired on 3:15pm.

Poddo Gokhra

Poddo Gokhra, a stage play, based on a story by our National Poet, will be aired at 3:50pm. Theatre troupe Swapno Nattavadal will perform. The drama features: Mahmud Jisan,

Jewel Arafat, Ali Hasan and others.

Baje Bansher Banshi

The musical programme Baje Bansher Banshi will be aired at 5:20pm. The show based on flute recitals along with Nazrul songs will be anchored by eminent Nazrul singer Sadva Afreen Mallick. Flute player Jalal Ahmed will perform at

Gaaner Pakhi

Popular singer Fatema tuz Zohra will render Nazul songs. The show will be telecast at 6:50pm.

Theatre Institute, Chattagram Learning the ropes of art forms

ERSHAD KAMOL

Eighty-four students have completed training on four sections of art forms -- theatre, dance, music and fine arts -- from Theatre Institute of Chattagram recently.

The institute offers three-month certificate courses in performing and fine arts. In its first academic curriculum, Theatre Institute, Chattagram offered foundation courses on stage design, Tagore songs, Bharat-natyam and paint-

Professor Monsur-Ul Karim. Golam Sarwar Shila Momen and Aminul Islam Hiru conducted the

The stage design course included set, light and costume design. Golam Sarwar, the chief instructor, conducted the course on set design while Thandu Raihan conducted a course on light design. Irene Parveen Lopa was the costumes design instructor.

Shila Momen on Tagore songs and Aminul Islam Hiru instructed the students on Bharatnatyam.

Fine arts students learnt basics of drawing, figure study, different media such as oil paint, acrylic, tapestry, mixed media and others. Professor Monsur-Ul Karim was

Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation, ABM Mahiuddin Chowdhury, also a patron of Theatre Institute, Chattagram, distributed certificates among the students. Dr Anupam Sen attended as special guest. Ahmed Iqbal Haider, director of the institute delivered the welcome speech. Evaluating the course, Haider said, "The first phase is satisfactory. We hope to extend the duration of the courses and boost the standard. We believe that Theatre Institute, Chattagram has the potential to create talented



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Young ones at a practice session

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

All programmes are in local time The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am.12:10 pm. 2:00 pm. 3:00 pm. 4:00 pm. 7:00 pm. News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm.5:00 pm.8:00 pm.

News (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00 pm. Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. **CHANNEL-i**

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am. 9:00am,

2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.

Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

ATN BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am.10:00am 2:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11pm. News (English) 8:20am,7:00pm Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m,10:00 am, 11:00 am.1:00pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am. 12:00 am. 6:15 pm. 9:30 pm. News (Bangla) 7:30 am. 2:00 pm. 5:00 pm.7:30 pm.10:30 pm. Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm. Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm. Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30

BBC WORLD

Every hour on the hour

BTV 11:15

Satellite Broadcast Tommy Miahar Kitchen 12:05 Sangbad Potrer Pata Maa O Shisur Kotha Shukhi Poribhar Drama 02:15 03:30 Matri Bhasha 04:30 Nobo Anande Jago 05:05 Chalantika Selected Programme 05:30

06:10 Aparupa Bangladesh Jiboner Alo Sangita Shomoyer Shonglap 08:35 Protidin Bangladesh 08:45 Weekly Drama 10:25 Teknaf Thekey Tetulia Apnar Shawsthyo 10:30

ATN

(Live)

BANGLA 09:15 Drama Serial: Tushar Rohoshyo Anyodrishti Bangla Feature Film ATN Rannaghar Shundor Jibonei Jonyo

05:10 Amader Joto Kotha Islami Sawaal O 05:45 Jobab (Live) Prapok Drama Serial: Hortoner

08:30 Drama Serial: Ferari 09:00 Musical Programme Drama Serial: Mon Tui Badhahin

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10:05 Chalochchitro Kotha Dhakar Cinema 10:30 01:05 Muktangan Drama Serial: 02:35 Labonyoprobha 03:15 Mega Serial: Ranger Manush 03:50 Amader Anondo Bari 04:25 Mon Amar Shondhan

Dindarpar Mohilangan 06:20 Shubho Shondhya 06:50 Right Click 08:25 Drama Serial: Kachhei Manush 09:00 Glamour World 10:00 Drama Serial: Kuhak

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Antorongyo Alap: 12:05 Jugolbandi 02:30 Islamic programme 04:20 Heart Beat 05:05 Swapno Diner Gaa 05:30 Children's Program 06:00 Ajker Bangladesh 06:35 Shaptaho Jurey 08:00 Drama Serial: Biye Cookery Show Drama Serial: Shure 09:20

Amader Joto Kotha On ATN Bangla 05:10pm Programme on indigenous culture Host: Dr. Afsar Ahmed

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Grihoshaili

Bishwa Jurey

Aka Chhobi

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Ferari On Channel i at 07:50pm Drama Serial Cast: Taukir Ahmed, Richi, Tony Dayes

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	10:30	Bangla Feature Film
	02:00	Expression
	04:00	Drama Serial: Kanor
		Kushum Koli
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ne	05:15	Small Ville
	06:00	Saaj Bela
	06:45	Jonotar Ishtihar
	07:00	Shombhabonar
		Bangladesh

11:00 Kaal Kotha **CHANNEL 1** 09:05 Cartoon

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BANGLAVISION 09:30 Drama Serial:

Gaurochandrika

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10:30 Music Beats Music 11:00 11:30 Kkussum Drama 12:00 Drama 01:00 Gham Drama 01:30 Drama 02:00 Rishton Ki Dor Drama

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Music Mantra Music Yeh Meri Life Hai Drama Jassi Jaissi Koi Nahin Kaisa Yeh Pyar Hai Thodi Khushi Thode Kabhie To Nazar Milao

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Saja Ke Rakhna Movie

12:30 V Trailers - Star Plus 01:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay 01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan 02:00 Bhabhi 02:30 Kesar 03:00 Saarrthi Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi 03:30 Bahu Thi

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Kahiin To Hoga 04:30 Pyar Ke Do Naam EkRadhaEkShyam 05:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain 05:30 V Trailers - Star Plus

Mum Tum Aur Hum

American Dragon: Jack

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Command

07:00 Phantom Below 08:45 STAR WORLD 09:00 09:30 Show 10:30 11:30 Boston Legal

Destination

The Oprah Winfrey 12:30 J.A.G. 01:30 Knight Rider 02:30 01:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 04:30 General Hospita 05:30

The Simpsons

07:30 08:00 Seinfeld Rockstar: Supernova 09:30 The Office 10:00 Arrested Development 10:30 Sons & Daughters 11:00 Growing Up Gotti 11:30 12:00 Friends NATIONAL

K.Street Pali Hill. **GEOGRAPHIC** Highwaymer 09:30 Nat Geo Junior 10:30 Bear Evidence Catwoman 11:30 Nat Geo Investigates For Love of the Game 12:30 Mummy Road Show New York Minute 01:30 Young Global Hot Shots Fahrenheit 9/11 02:00 Chasing Time Bad Boys (1995) 02:30 Huff 14: Maps Don't Talk Planet Wild 03:30 Nature Strikes Back

03:30 Nat Geo Junior Huff 14: Maps Don't Talk 06:00 Nat Geo Junior 06:30 Nature Strikes Back **STAR MOVIES** 07:30 Bringing Home The Bear The Legend Of Johnny MegaStructures Lingo 10:30 Agent Cody Banks 2:

The One Bio-Dome Rocketeer, The Racing Stripes Starsky & Hutch

The Drew Carey Show Rockstar: Supernova Oprah Winfrey Show

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Kavyanjali

Bahu Thi

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Kasautii Zindagii Kay

Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii

Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi

True Face of Hurricanes 11:00 Predators at War **DISCOVERY CHANNEL** 08:30 Wild India Weel Need for Speed

10:30 Stunt Junkies 11:00 African Adventures 11:30 Junkvard Wars 12:30 Desmond Morris Human 01:30 Tiger Week 02:30 **Detective Stories** 03:30 GeNext 04:30 05:30 06:30 07:30

Wild India Week Man Made Marvels Asia Urban Explorer Tiger Week 08:30 Animal Camera 9:00 Africa's Great River 9:30 Perfect Disaster 10:30 Space and Univers