

GRAPEVINE



## MOUTUSHI BISWAS speaks about nature

Everything is at a halt because of the pandemic and everyone from the entertainment industry has been remaining indoors. It has been almost one and a half months that actor Moutushi Biswas has been staying home with her husband and daughter. She has been spending a lot of quality time with her daughter and reading her favourite books. The actor said, "This pandemic was supposed to happen. We have been polluting our

planet with so much waste that mother nature decided to take revenge. We forgot that the planet is not only for humans, but there are other living things as well. We have been torturing animals, cutting down trees, and the novel coronavirus is just a response from nature for our crudeness. I am trying to create a positive and jovial ambience at home because we need physical strength and mental peace to get through this crisis."

## OYSHEE'S New Song



Singer Oyshee recently released a new song, *Joibon Gelo*, written and composed by Habib Mostafa. The music for the song has been directed by Anu Mustafiz. Regarding the song, Oyshee said, "The song has a unique melody and depth in it. My audience will find me in a new light in this song. I gave

my voice for a song after a long time. Besides, I have also been singing from home on songs related to COVID-19 to promote awareness. Further, composer Habib Mostafa stated that the music video for the song, released under the banner of *G Series*, has been appreciated by the audience.

## Bappy Chowdhury's INITIATIVE

During this holy month of Ramadan, popular actor Bappy Chowdhury's fan club has been regularly distributing Iftar. He has also been sending Iftar to BFDC's Mosque and mentioned that this will be done until Eid-ul-Fitr. Since the year 2015, Bappy Chowdhury's fan club has been providing free medical aid to underprivileged children in Feni. In 2016, the members established a primary school for the children and currently has fifty-six students. Like every year, the club is providing Iftar to the students. However, due to the nationwide shutdown, the club is distributing Iftar packages to their doorsteps. Bappy said, "To maintain social distancing and keep everyone safe, we have made the arrangements for distributing fifty-six Iftar packages to their houses. We are also trying to look after their other needs and help them with their necessities."



# Ferdous Ahmed



*Popular actor Ferdous Ahmed has been maintaining social distance and staying indoors. He has been spending time with his family and learning to cook. In this interview with Star Showbiz, the actor shared what he misses most during quarantine and what he will be doing after shutdown lifts.*

**What have you been doing during quarantine?**

Before quarantine, I never got to spend much time with my family. I have been able to do that now due to quarantine. I spend a lot of time with my family cooking, playing games or watching movies together. I never got to spend this time with my children. I also spend my time watching the news. There are a lot of unread books at my house, and I plan on reading all of them before quarantine ends. By doing some freehand exercises, I have been staying both physically and mentally healthy. I've been making some videos at home where my daughters act as my cameramen. Another thing that I spend a lot of time doing is checking up on my colleagues. In the past, I would only call them to ask things like when we have to go to shooting or what I have to wear for an event. Now, I call them to ask how they are doing, how their families are. I have also been calling to check up on my senior artists. I didn't get to talk to them regularly before, but now I make sure to check on them regularly. One thing that I think everyone should be doing is helping those in need. I opened a *Bkash* account to do that. I see how many people who worked in films are facing a financial struggle, and I try to help them to the best of my abilities. I would like to especially express gratitude to our honourable Prime Minister as she is doing her best to help the people of Bangladesh. It is all of our duties to help others out.

**What new skills have you learnt while in quarantine?**

I have learnt a lot of cooking by watching *YouTube*. It seems that I have a knack for making food. I can now make a wide variety of foods. Since we cannot bring food from outside for my children, I try to make whatever they want at home.

**What do you miss the most while you are in quarantine?**

I miss acting. I am an actor by profession, so that is what I miss the most. Sometimes, I even have dreams where I am going to a shooting spot to shoot a film, and at other times, I think about when I might get to act again. I also miss how people would get excited whenever they got to see me in public. However, I understand that if I gain something, I have to lose something. I am getting to spend more time with my family now, but I am not being able to act.

**What is the first thing that you will do once quarantine ends?**

At first, I will have trouble believing that it is actually over. I really don't know what I'll do once it ends. Now, it feels like it will go on forever, so when it ends, it will seem kind of unbelievable. I know that I will be ecstatic, and the feeling will be similar to that of winning a war.

**Do you have any message for the readers?**

Throughout my whole career, I have never spent this much time staying at home not doing anything. Acting is my main source of income, and since I cannot act, I have not been earning anything. This is not just the case for me; many artists are facing the same problem. We still stay at home because that is the only way to not just keep ourselves safe, but to keep others safe as well. I am certain that Allah will save us from this virus, and until this crisis ends, people should not go out unless it is absolutely necessary. We should stay at home and regularly wash our hands. I also see that many policemen are getting infected. If we stayed at home, the police would not have to risk their lives by going out to make sure that people don't come out. If they can risk their lives, we should support them by staying at home. I urge everyone to stay healthy and safe.

Ridwan Intisaar Mahbub



## POPCORN HIGHLIGHTS

*Here are some binge worthy movie and series you can spend your time watching while you stay at home social distancing, keeping yourself, as well as others, safe.*



### The English Game

*The English Game* is a historical sports drama television miniseries on *Netflix*. It has been created by Julian Fellowes, alongside others, produced by Rhonda Smith, and stars Edward Holcroft, Kevin Guthrie and Charlotte Hope, among others. The series focuses on the origins of modern football and how it broke the division between classes. It was released on March 20, 2020.

### THE HALF OF IT

*The Half of It* is a coming-of-age drama-comedy movie on *Netflix*. It has been written and directed by Alice Wu, produced under the banner of *Likely Story*, and stars Leah Lewis, Daniel Diemer, Alexxis

Lemire, and Collin Chou, among others. The story focuses on an introverted girl who acts as the wingman of a popular jock at school to get a girl that she secretly likes. It was released on May 1, 2020.



### Extracurricular

*Extracurricular* is a South Korean drama TV series on *Netflix*, directed by Kim Jin-min, written by Jin Han-sae, produced under the banner of *Studio 329*, and stars Kim Dong-hee, Jung Da-bin Park and Joo-hyun, among others. It follows the life of a high school student with an illegal business to pay for college who has to deal with the consequences after being caught by a classmate. It was first released on April 29, 2020.

Shreya Shomoyeeta & Amina Hossain

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

6 Find the differences from, "Ocean's 8"



ANSWERS FOR THE PREVIOUS ISSUE:

1. Pocket 2. Eyelashes 3. Silhouette 4. Bracelets 5. Luggage



*Never Have I Ever* is a coming of age comedy-drama television series on *Netflix*. It has been created by Mindy Kaling and Lang Fisher, who also produced the series alongside others, and stars Maitreyi Ramakrishnan

Ramona Young and Lee Rodriguez, among others. It tells the story of an Indian-American teenager as she faces and overcomes unique struggles thrown at her in life. The series premiered on April 27, 2020.