

# Tunes of the perilous times

Shujeo Shyam on his latest venture

NOVERA DEEPIA

"THE new generation does not often realise the significance and impact of the spirited songs of our Liberation War. The main objective of the album *Bahanno Thekey Ekaturi* is to make the young people imbibe the essence of the War for which many Bangalees sacrificed their lives," says celebrated music composer Shujeo Shyam about his forthcoming album.

The album is a collection of the patriotic and motivational songs dedicated to the Language Movement of 1952, Mass Uprising in 1969 and the Liberation War. The album is basically the brainchild of Mahbubur Rahman Jaynal of popular production house Tonatuni. Shyam says, "When Jaynal asked me about the possibility of releasing such an album, it took only a second for me to accept the proposal. Mujibar Rahman Dilu and I have worked on the album for the last two years. But unfortunately due to the sudden ailment of Dilu, the production process is delayed and at present I can't advance any further." According to Shyam, 98 percent of the album is complete and it is expected to be released this December.

Shyam complains, "The original records of the songs of our Language Movement were lost. Even the original tunes and lyrics of the songs we used to render in Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra (SBBK) were not preserved by the Bangladesh government. Though different documents and specimens have been preserved and collected by the museums, nobody took the initiative to preserve these songs or the records of



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SBBK properly and institutionally."

Against this backdrop, it was hard labour for Shyam and Dilu to get the original songs with

undistorted tunes and lyrics. They had to collect them from individuals who have personal collections of these records or notations.

Two noteworthy songs of the album are yet to be recorded: the incomparable *Amar bhaiyer rokeye rango* and the victory-marking song *Bijoy nishan udchhey*. Because the original records are not available any more, Shyam had to re-record the songs anew. Eminent singers including Subir Nandi, Rathindranath Roy, Bipul Bhattacharyay, Shahin Samad, Rafiqul Alam, Abida Sultana and Shakila Zafar as well as some promising artistes have rendered the songs for the album. The songs have been recorded in Sriti Studio.

Other songs of the Language Movement include *Ora amar mukher bhasha kaira nitey chay*. Among the songs of 1969 *Jantar sangram chalbe* has been chosen. *Rokto palash tapto phagun* and *Rashtra bhasha andolon korilorey Bangalee* will also be in the album. Shyam says, "The latter was originally rendered by martyred composer Altaf Mahmud during the Language Movement at the Paltan Maydan. Rathindranath Roy will render the song."

For Shyam, the album is the realisation of a dream. He hopes that in the process it will rekindle the spirit of the Liberation War and the Language Movement while bringing the younger generation closer to important milestones in the nation's history.

## TV Highlights

### Special programmes on Nazrul Death Anniversary

August 27 marks the 29th death anniversary of our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. The Bangla channels will telecast daylong special programmes on the occasion. The channels will feature musical programmes, talk shows, special drama and dance programmes. The focus will be on Nazrul's works and life.

#### BTV

**Khunji Tarey Ami Aponay**  
Hosted by celebrated Nazrul singer Sadya Afreen Mallick, the special magazine programme will feature Nazrul singers Khairul Anam Shakil, Sujit Mustafa, Parveen Sultana and the host herself. Popular dancers Munmun Ahmed, Anisul Islam Hero and Chandni will perform special dance numbers. Litterateur Abdullah Abu Sayeed will speak on the works of Nazrul. Produced by Kamrunnessa Hassan, the main focus of the programme will be on his timeless songs and literary

works. The programme will be aired on 10:30pm.

**Padma Gokhro**  
Based on the story *Padma Gokhro* by Kazi Nazrul Islam, a special TV play with the same title will be aired on the occasion of the death anniversary of our National Poet. Adapted by Abu Muhammad Rais, the TV play features Meeta Nur, Sujata Azim, Kazi Khurshiduzzaman Utpal, Muhammad Babor, Nargis and Peerzada Shahidul Harun. Produced by Badruzzaman, the play will be telecast at 8:30pm.

#### ntv

**Harano Hiya**  
Fatema-tuz-Zohra, Khayrul Anam Shakil, Yasmin Mustari, Yakub Ali Khan, Ferdous Ara will perform their songs in this programme. ntv will telecast the programme at 10:30pm.

**Shapla Kuri**  
A special programme for children *Shapla Kuri* directed by Humayun Kabir will be telecast at 11:00pm. Child artistes will perform dance, recitation, music and short drama in the programme.

**Hridoyagon**  
This special programme is scheduled to telecast at 02:30pm. Bhashkar Bondhopaddhay, Rupa Chakrobarty, Hasan Arif, Shimul Mustafa, Mahidul Islam Mahi, perform in this programme.

**Kabita O Gaan**  
Directed by Tanveer Khan, renowned artistes Khalid Hossain, Shahin Samad, Rawshon Ara Mustafiz will perform in this programme, scheduled to telecast at 12:30pm.

**Ami Orfiaser Bashori**  
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