

## Tête-à-tête with Tupa

# New horizons beckon the model

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IT is goodbye to modelling for the successful Kawshiki Tupa Nasser, better known as just Tupa. After gracing the covers of magazine such as *Anyadin* and *ICE Today* during Eid time, she has decided to redirect her energies to her other interests—as freelance consultant for fashion magazines and choreographer. Latently a new English fashion magazine has offered her the post of consulting editor. She expects to take up the assignment this month.

That's quite a radical move for Tupa, who has been on the catwalk since 1987 when she was a young girl of 12. "My height went in my favour but I recall being scared and quite stiff initially. I did mostly fashion shows and some photo shoots for magazines like *Bichitra*.

"I did that on and off through my schooling till I was 17 and then it became a huge passion for me," reminisces Tupa.

So why did she give up modelling? One reason, she says, is that it had become boring and repetitive. On the lighter side, she adds, she was tired of watching her weight and shunning her favourite foods such as chocolate and ice-cream. On another front, she discovered that she had an aptitude for choreography and management which, as she points out, was more chal-



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lenging and gave her "a lot more creative space" than modelling, which she terms "one dimen-

sional". Hence the decision to make a break from the catwalk.

As a choreographer, she has had her share of success. Last September she groomed, trained and choreographed the contestants in *Lux-Channel- i Superstar*. This was a huge project and kept her tied up for three months. Another milestone was grooming the contestants in *Closeup 1* recently.

Tupa has also choreographed two other fashion shows: one with Farzana Shakil, a beautician. The latter had launched her own book called *Looks* and Tupa choreographed the fashion show that went with the launching. Her photographs also appeared in that book.

Last year she did a show for the Fashion Institute of Design where she did the choreography and modelling. Another high point was modelling for four international shows organised by Bibi Russell—one in Karachi, two in Kolkata and one in Bangalore.

Tupa has also been active in the print media. Until recently she was associate editor of *Daily Amader Shomoy* with the brief to bring out *Style Watch* as magazine editor. Impressed by her work, she received an attractive offer to take over the post of consulting editor in an independent fashion magazine.

On a two-month sabbatical from work, following her marriage, she looks forward to her new assignment. Her fans will, for sure, wish her the very best in her new avatar.

Mini Screen

## Jol Porey Pata Norey: A family drama



Azizul Hakim and Mridula Ahmed in a romantic scene from the serial

Here's a look at the storyline of the serial *Jol Porey Pata Norey*, directed by Azizul Hakim. Two ambitious sisters, Papia and Munia, belong to a lower middle class family. Their brother Ayon doesn't approve of his sisters' uninhibited behavior. Sometimes Papia would realise that Munia is provoking her into unrestrained activities. One day Munia elopes

with a young man and marries him. Papia begins to work and falls for her boss Shihab, a married man. Centering on these three individuals, chaos is unleashed in Shihab's family.

Meanwhile, Ayon falls in love with Neera, a neighbour's niece. Ayon and Neera gets married but his poverty proves a stumbling block. The bottom line is that

while people relentlessly pursue happiness, something inevitably goes wrong.

The playwright is Zeenat Hakim. The cast: Azizul Hakim, Taru Mostafa, Dilara Zaman, Abdul Kader, Apon Ahsan, Srabonti, Sweetey, Deepa, Mona, and Khursheduzzaman Utpol. The serial is aired on ATN every Saturday and Sunday at 8pm.

## Rahman Raheem : Bappa's latest venture

# Folk songs for the urban ears

KARIM WAHEED

Over the last few years, folk songs have made a major comeback in the mainstream audio market in our country, thanks to the increasing interest in the tunes of our roots among a new generation of musicians. Obviously, not all remade, rearranged or remixed folk songs have attained a particular standard but certain musicians have experimented with rural tunes and the music lovers have been blessed with newer versions of some folk classics. Bappa Mazumder is one such musician, whose version of *Gari choley na...* became a mega hit a few years ago. Bappa's most recent offering, *Rahman Raheem* is also an assortment of folk songs redone to satiate the urban taste.

The album includes eight songs and two instrumentals. Newcomer Kamal Chowdhury has lent his vocals to all the songs in the album. Bappa's quote regarding the singer: "His (Kamal's) raw, earthy vocal quality is immensely engaging -- almost like the fresh dew on Bangladesh grass and soil and it had the power to drag my mind away from the 'civilisation' to the very roots of our identity."

The album starts off with a Radha Raman song, *Bolo go bolo go shokhi konba desh-e-jai*. The song has all the qualities an "opening track" should have -- catchy and melodious. It's remarkable that these age-old songs never seem to lose their appeal. One notices that the singer



Kamal Chowdhury lends his voice to the album

has a Sylheti twang. However, that "twang" works in his favour; it makes the traditional Sylheti folks songs sound more authentic.

Hasan Raja's classic, *Agoon lagaiya dilo bone* has also been featured in the album. Bappa's skills as a composer become apparent in the song. The harmonising voices create the perfect ambience and Kamal's voice resonates the zeal that makes Hasan Raja's songs out-

standing.

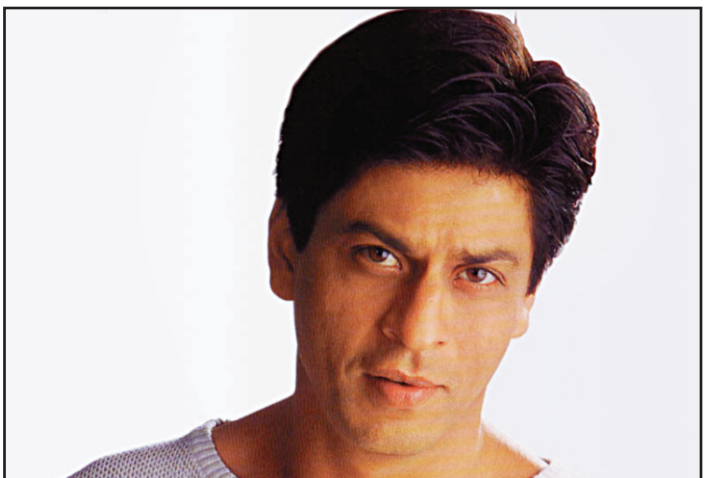
The club mix of *Tai bujhi aaj buk bheshey jai*, a ballad originally composed by Jalal, is another treat. The lyrics are unpretentious, yet heartening. One listens to the analogy between a 'melancholy lover deprived of love' and *Shukna brikhley kashtho jamon, pataa nai dal-e* and gets mesmerised.

*Kon mestori nao banailo*, written and originally composed by noted folk musician Shah Abdul Karim (of *Maya lagaiye* fame) may sound like it emphasises on the philosophy of *Dehotatwa* to some, while some may feel it speaks of other aspects. And that's what makes this song special. However, the artist sounded like he did not have absolute control over his vocals in places.

Kamal does justice to the title song, *Rahman Raheem*. Written and composed by Ameer Uddin, the devotional song speaks of eternal redemption and the bond between the 'Creator' and his 'creation'. An apt example: *Koruna shaban-er gola raahmat-eri dariya-e, Dhruley jonjal hoy porishkar paaponko jai mitiya...*

Some songs in the album may not be instant hits. These songs gradually grow on the listener, as one listens to them (the same can be said of some AR Rahman compositions). The album is a commendable effort by Bappa Mazumder to reintroduce some gems of Bangla folk songs.

## Shahrukh Khan spends time with cancer patients



Shahrukh Khan was in Kolkata recently. The actor spent time with the patients in the cancer ward of AMRU hospital.

One of the patients was a little girl named Meghna Ghosh who was diagnosed with cancer when she was two. Her family was visibly moved by the actor's kind presence. The actor is all the

more active on the cause of cancer because he lost his father to the disease. In fact, he wants to start a special ward for cancer patients in Mumbai's Nanavati hospital. His Kolkata visit caused a frenzy among his fans. The roads were lined with people waiting to just catch a glimpse of him.

## Child star Macaulay turns author

Actor Macaulay Culkin has penned his first book, a semi-autobiographical novel about a troubled father-son relationship. *Junior* is written in journal form, with the narrator telling of childhood abuses and his anger -- as well as remaining affection -- toward his father, *People* magazine reported.

Culkin, 25, became internationally famous when he starred in the 1990 hit film, *Home Alone*.

He has not spoken to his father, Kit Culkin, since a custody dispute in 1997, *Peoplesaid*.



Source: Internet

## TV GUIDE

### PICK OF THE DAY



Katha Mala  
On ATN Bangla at 10:40pm  
Talk Show  
Host: Mostafa Nurul Islam



Gia  
On HBO at 09:30pm  
Genre: Drama  
Cast: Angelina Jolie, Faye Dunaway

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

### News Bulletin

**BTV**  
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) at 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) at 8:20am, 7:00pm  
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

**ntv**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.  
News (Bangla) at 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 5:30pm, 7:30pm.  
Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm.  
Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

**BBC WORLD**  
Every hour on the hour

### CHANNEL-i

09:30 *Shongbad Potrey*  
Bangladesh  
09:45 *Tritio Matra*  
Grameen Phone  
10:45 *Cricket On Line*  
11:30 *Amar Chobi*  
12:30 *Aaj Dupurey*  
11:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
01:25 *Public Reaction*  
11:30 *Shongbadpotrey*  
04:00 *Special Programme*  
04:15 *Bashudhara*  
04:45 *Amader Gaan*  
05:30 *Cambrian Hey Taronna*  
06:00 *Saa Re Gaa Maa*  
06:20 *I-Sports*  
06:50 *Music Plus*  
07:50 *Antoralar Katha*  
08:20 *Shera Radhuni-1412*  
09:35 *Drama Serial: Ek Akasher Tara*  
09:35 *Drama Serial: Chalc'hhe Chalbe*  
10:00 *Drama Serial: Shei Tumi Ei Tumi*

### ntv

08:35 *Aajker Shokal*  
08:35 *Khoborer Shandhaney*  
10:30 *Bari Ghar Thik Thak*  
11:00 *Cine gaan*  
11:30 *Ganbhira*  
12:02 *Single Episode*  
12:30 *Drama Serial: Ramizer Ayna*  
03:15 *Tifiner Fakey*  
03:50 *Aakash Chhonya*  
04:25 *Gallary*  
05:20 *Apnar Jiggasha*  
06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*  
06:50 *Gaener Shomoy*  
08:25 *Drama Serial: Labonna Prova*

09:20 *Nupur*  
09:50 *Drama Serial: Amader Anondo Bari Dindarpan*

### ATN BANGLA

10:30 *Talk Show: Annodrishti*  
11:05 *Ek Akasher Taara*  
11:35 *Shagoto 2006*  
12:15 *Natok*  
12:45 *Musical Programme*  
01:30 *Cine Gaan*  
02:30 *Drama Serial: Ghunpoka*  
03:15 *Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai*  
04:20 *Chhotoder Prithibi*  
04:45 *Quiz Show*  
05:10 *Nari*  
05:45 *Islami Swal Jawab*  
06:20 *Aynar Shamney*  
08:00 *Drama Serial: Shukhnagar*  
08:30 *Apartment*  
09:00 *Ferari Siren*  
09:00 *ATN Taroka*  
10:40 *Mukta Shonglap*

### Rtv

06:30 *Deshar Gaan*  
07:30 *Hridoye Shur Ashyey*  
07:45 *Shukhey Thakun*  
08:30 *Dohor Money*  
09:00 *Baul Gaan*  
09:30 *Islam O Bigyan*  
05:00 *Making History*  
06:00 *Aajker Bangladesh*  
06:30 *Sawpno Diner Gaan*  
07:45 *Drama Serial: Baral*  
08:15 *Prithibir Pathe*  
08:50 *Jibon Charcha*  
10:50 *Biraj Bou*  
12:00 *Special Musical Programme*

### HBO

Genuine Risk

10:00 *Fortress 2 : Re-Entry*  
12:00 *Analyze that*  
02:00 *Nick of Time*  
03:45 *The Brady Bunch in the White House*  
05:30 *Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> Part VIII: Jason Takes Manhattan*  
07:30 *Double Team*  
09:30 *GIA*  
11:45 *Van Helsing*  
02:30 *Blue Collar Comedy Tour: The Movie*

### STAR MOVIES

09:00 *Thirteenth Floor*  
11:45 *The Whole Ten Yards*  
12:30 *Emmett's Mark*

02:15 *Good Shepherd*  
03:50 *The Mxp: Most Xtreme Primate*  
05:25 *Laws Of Attraction*  
08:35 *Tomcats*  
10:05 *Widow On The Hill*  
11:35 *Laws Of Attraction*  
01:05 *Hell Comes To Frogtown*

### STAR PLUS

09:05 *Hit Filmein Hit*  
10:30 *Sangeet- 20 M*  
11:00 *Meri Saheli*  
11:30 *Shagun*  
12:00 *Shanti*  
01:30 *Maan*  
01:30 *Kasautii Zindagii*

02:00 *Kay*  
02:30 *Bhabhi*  
03:00 *Kesar*  
03:30 *Saarrthi*  
04:00 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*  
04:30 *Kahiin To Hoga*  
05:30 *K.Street Paili Hill*  
06:00 *Hit Filmein Hit*  
06:30 *Sangeet- 20 M*  
07:00 *Maan*  
07:30 *House Of Mouse*  
08:00 *Hercules*  
08:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*  
09:00 *Akkad Bakkad*  
09:30 *Bambey Bo*  
09:30 *Mum Tum Aur Hum*  
09:30 *Kasautii Zindagii*  
09:30 *Milliee*

10:00 *Kavyanjali*  
10:30 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki*  
11:00 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*  
11:30 *Kahiin To Hoga*

### STAR WORLD

10:00 *Friends*  
10:30 *Married To The Kellys*  
11:00 *The King Of Queens*  
11:30 *The Office*  
12:00 *Coupling*  
12:30 *Everybody Loves Raymond*  
01:00 *Becker*  
01:30 *The A Team*  
02:30 *Oprah Winfrey Show*  
03:30 *Bold And Beautiful*  
04:30 *Hollywood Squares*

05:00 *Whose Line Is It Anyway*  
05:30 *Angel*  
06:30 *The Simpsons*  
07:00 *King Of Queens*  
07:30 *Friends*  
08:00 *Seinfeld*  
08:30 *2006 62nd Golden Globe Awards*

### ANIMAL PLANET

09:30 *Most Extreme*  
10:30 *The Snake Buster*  
11:00 *Chimpanzee Diary*  
11:30 *Animal Miracles*  
12:30 *Fun Zone Amazing Animal Videos*  
01:30 *The Horsemen*  
02:00 *RSPVA: Have You Got What It Takes*  
02:30 *Crocodile Hunter*  
03:30 *Fun Zone*  
04:30 *Most Extreme*  
05:30 *The Snake Buster*  
06:00 *Chimpanzee Diary*  
06:30 *Animal Miracles*  
07:30 *The Horsemen*  
08:00 *RSPVA: Have You Got What It Takes*  
09:00 *Fun Zone*  
09:30 *Equator*  
10:30 *Corwin's Quest*  
11:30 *Pet Powers*  
12:00 *Supernatural Nightmares of Nature*

### DISCOVERY

09:30 *Zero Hour II*  
10:30 *War Zone*  
11:30 *Extreme Engineering*  
12:00 *FBI*  
01:30 *Will Discovery*  
02:30 *Detective Stories*  
03:30 *Living Pulse*  
04:00 *Mystery Hunters*  
04:30 *Will Discovery*  
05:30 *History Week*  
06:30 *Dangerman Adventures With Geoff*

07:30 *Mackley*  
08:30 *Will Discovery*  
09:30 *Junkyard Wars*  
10:30 *History Week*  
11:30 *Science Frontiers*  
12:30 *Crime Night*

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

09:30 *Interpol Investigates*  
10:30 *Seconds From Disaster*  
11:30 *Spies That Fly*  
12:30 *Air Crash Investigations*  
01:30 *5 Weddings Couple Of Funeral*  
02:30 *Seconds From Disaster*  
03:30 *National Geographic Special*  
04:30 *Backyard Science*  
04:45 *Doc Eureka*  
05:00 *Serious: Desert*  
05:30 *Serious: Desert*  
06:00 *Serious: Desert*  
06:30 *Storm Stories*  
07:30 *Wonders Of The Sea*  
08:30 *Nat Geo Frontline*  
09:30 *Diaries*  
10:30 *Taboo*  
11:30 *Pet Powers*  
12:00 *Supernatural Nightmares of Nature*

### ESPN

08:43 *Tri-Series In Australia*  
09:30 *Vb Series Brisbane*  
10:30 *Australia South Africa*  
11:30 *Vs Sri Lanka 3rd Odi*  
12:00 *1st Sessi On(L)*  
12:30 *Cricket Classics*  
13:00 *Dravid: The Wall (R)*  
13:00 *Tri-Series In Australia*  
14:00 *Vb Series Brisbane*  
15:00 *Australia South Africa*  
16:00 *Vs Sri Lanka 3rd Odi*  
17:00 *2nd Sessi On(L)*

16:30 *Football Focus (L)*  
17:30 *Icc Cricket World*  
18:00 *Cricket Classics*  
18:30 *Dravid: The Wall (T)*  
19:30 *Tri-Series In Australia*  
20:00 *Vb Series Brisbane*  
21:00 *Australia South Africa*  
22:00 *Vs Sri Lanka 3rd Odi*  
23:00 *Highlight*

### STAR SPORTS

02:30 *Sportscenter*  
03:30 *Sportscenter India (L)*  
04:30 *Indian Premier Hockey*  
05:30 *Sportscenter Asia (S)*  
06:30 *Australian Open*  
07:30 *Australian Open (L)*  
08:30 *Ubs Golf Club (T)*  
09:30 *Icc Cricket World*  
10:30 *Australian Open Highlights*  
11:30 *Tna Wrestling*  
12:30 *Programming Tna Wrestling (T)*  
13:30 *Sportscenter India*  
14:30 *Sportscenter Update (L)*  
15:30 *Australian Open*  
16:30 *Australian Open*

### TEN SPORTS

09:45 *WWE: Raw*  
10:45 *Pakistan v India 06 (3 test, 5 ODIs) : Straight Drive*  
12:45 *Pakistan v India 1st Test, Day 5 live*  
09:30 *WWE: Smackdown*  
12:00 *Pakistan v India 1st Test, Day 5 H/Ls*