

Celebrities and new year resolutions

The Daily Star had a chat recently with prominent cultural personalities on the year gone by, their plans for 2007 and New Year resolutions, if any. Here's what they had to say:



SUBARNA MUSTAFA

"Work was good but frankly with the political turmoil in the country nothing else really mattered. When your country's political stability is at stake, it's my personal opinion that any personal achievement becomes dim. Though I have no New Year's resolutions, I can only hope the coming year is better than the previous one."

TAUQUIR AHMED

"Last year bought me heaps of luck. I directed two movies, *Roopkothar golpo* and *Padmaboti*. Both did well. At the personal level we were also blessed with our daughter Arisha. For the coming year I have no New Year's resolutions as such. However, I am directing two more movies- one is *Daruchinir Dwip* while the second one doesn't have a name as yet. I am also directing a mega serial written by Bipasha on



ntv called *Shongkhobash*. Hopefully they will go down well with the audience."

MOMO

"It was a lucky year for me. Career-wise I cannot imagine a better launch than Humayun Ahmed's *Daruchinir Dwip*. Shooting for the movie starts in the first week of February. For 2007, I hope the luck of 2006 continues and that I can keep



on doing good movies. Though I am under restrictions and cannot sign any movie until *Daruchinir Dwip* is completed, I hope to get good offers later on in the year."

CHANDNI

The year gone by was great but more important is the year ahead. My parents have arranged for my marriage and hence my New Year's resolution is to get married and set up my own home. I want to do a lot of good work before getting hitched. One can never guess the future and so I want to play memorable roles."

TANIA AHMED

"It was a great year for both me and Tutul. At the professional level I acted in Humayun Ahmed's *Noy Number Bipod Shonket*, which I personally believe was a great movie. For Tutul, also, the year turned out to be excellent. His song in *Hridoyer Kotha* topped the charts for five weeks. In our family life, with the grace of Allah, we could not have been happier."

"As far as 2007 is concerned I don't have any specific plans. However, I am thinking about going into direction, particularly directing serials. But frankly, it's just a thought and I will need a good script and other additional factors before venturing out seriously."



Eid specials on TV

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Channel i

Senior Junior: Directed by popular actor Zahid Hassan, tele-film *Senior-Junior* will be aired today at



A scene from *Football Fatafati*

2:30pm. Ahmed Yusuf Saber has penned the story. The story revolves around a father (Shikder) who is a miser. Montu is the only son of Shikder. One day some illegal loggers kidnap him. They demand Tk 5 lakh from Shikder and threaten to kill his son if he fails to pay the ransom on time. In this situation Shikder encounters an older man (senior) and a younger one (junior) who are in search of happiness and he hires them to rescue his son for a fee of Taka 1 lakh. Meanwhile the rescuers (senior and junior) discover the whereabouts of Montu but he doesn't want to return to his father. The film features actors Zahid Hassan, Mir Sabbir, Intekhab Dinar, Amol Bose, among others. **Football Fatafati:** Viewers will get to see a single episode play titled *Football Fatafati*, a comedy. Jointly directed by Pronob Bhatto and Chandan Chowdhury the play will be aired tonight at 7:50 pm. The cast of the play includes Dolly Zahur, Zahid Hassan, Eshita, Kazi Asad and others. **Bhabnagulo Annyarakom:** Shamima Shammi is set to launch a tele-film, titled *Bhabnagulo Annyarakom* for Eid. She is the director and writer of the play. The film will be aired today at 12:10pm. Subarna Mustafa, Dilara Zaman, Mahfuz Ahmed, Srabonti and others act in the tele-film -- a love story that reflects the common problems of our society.

Hero and Chandni work in tandem



ntv During the last Eid celebrations dancing duo Anisul Islam Hero and Chandni earned accolades as for their TV programmes. Now they will perform in another special dance programme : *Itushkhani dekho* to be aired tomorrow on ntv at 9:50 pm on the occasion of Eid- ul- Azha. In the programme they will perform to the beats of some famous film songs. The songs are *Itushkhani dekho ebong ektoo firey dekho*, *Gungungun gaan gahiya neel bhomra jay*, *O pakhi tor jontrona*, *Ekhanej dujoney nirjone* and *Bhalobashbo bashbo re bondhu*. The dance numbers have been shot in and around Dhaka.

IN MEMORIAM

Shefali Ghosh: Uncrowned queen of regional songs

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Folk singer Shefali Ghosh, widely known as the 'Queen of regional songs', passed away on December 31 in Chittagong. She never fully recovered after suffering from cerebral hemorrhage in April 2006. Embarking on her musical career at the age of seven, Shefali gained tremendous popularity for the 'dramatic presentation' of regional songs of Chittagong. Shefali's songs, such as *O shami Rangoon-e na jaiyo*, *Orey shampanwala*, *Jodi shundor ekkhan mukh paitam* and others depict the history, tradition and culture of Chittagong. *Malka Banur deshey rey*, a song by Shefali, has become an integral part of wedding celebrations in rural Bangladesh. Shefali and co-artist Shyamsundar Baishnab created ripples in the '70s with their spirited duets. A singer of Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, Shefali was centre stage in many historical moments of the country. She rendered songs during the inauguration of the television centres at Dhaka and Chittagong. A popular singer of Bangladesh Television and radio, Shefali received several awards in her glorious music career. Among these were Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Award in 2003, Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002 from Bangla Academy, Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra Shabdo Shainik Award in 1990 and others. Moreover, in 1998, Bangla Academy published a collection of 396 regional songs by her. She also rendered songs at the Royal Albert Hall in London. In addition, Shefali has done playback for several



films like *Malka Banu*, *Madhumita*, *Bashundhara* and others. Glamour International, a London based production company, has released two of her albums in UK. Milfa Limited released her LP in 1978 in UK. Over 60 albums of her regional songs are available in the market. Shefali Ghosh was cremated with full state honour. *The Daily Star* grieves the death of the gifted artiste.

Leading female artistes and their aspirations for '07

FAYZA HAQ

Speaking to some of the women artists, one comprehends their plan of work for the New Year, as well as their hopes for the holidays. They all aim at major joint and solo displays overseas and at home, and expect to get on with their home-making. Rokeya Sultana, Lalarukh Selim, who are both associate professors at the IFA, DU, and Kanakchanpa Chakma, who is a freelancer, speak out their thoughts for 2007. It is expected that the hopes and aspirations of their colleagues will tend to be similar, though perhaps not on that ambitious scale. Rokeya Sultana-- who has had rave reviews for her solo at Bengal Foundation in '05, and whose paintings are sold at astronomical prices -- has decisive plans for the New Year. She hopes to complete works for her future exhibits in Pakistan and France in '07. "Home-making for women artists

is a priority and we must divide our time accordingly. I also hope to make it to the neighbouring holiday spots. This is what our family and friends do whenever we have the time and inclination. We go to nearby beautiful holiday spots like



Kanakchanpa Chakma St. Martins and Cox's Bazar," Rokeya says. Lalarukh Selim (Tori) said that she hopes to utilise the sabbatical that she has from December'06 for a year to do research on her project for the Asiatic Society. She is hoping to finish some new research of her own choosing. Finishing some details of the magazine on fine arts, which she edits, is another ongoing project in her mind. Again, she expects to do some drawing and painting for her sculpture. "I hope to also make it to Kolkata, or Johannesburg, once my daughter Shebati's O Levels are

over around mid '07. Towfiq, my husband -- who is also a sculptor -- and the rest of the family of three will then have a restful time. This could be going to museums, book shops and places of historical interest," says Lalarukh. Kanakchanpa Chakma, who toils from dawn to dusk at her home and studio at Dhanmondi, will continue with her work of bringing up her two young children and helping her husband KM Mithu (a well-known artist and photographer). "I hope to spend time at Rangamati with my family and elsewhere in Myanmar, Pakistan, and other places. I have to see to my career and that of Mithu's, as well as promote those of my children," says Kanak. Clearly women have proved themselves through their ability to juggle home and work priorities. In the process they have been empowered and are role models for the less fortunate women.



Rokeya Sultana

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.		PICK OF THE DAY		04:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa 05:00 Krishna Kathaiyen 05:55 V First Day First Show- Starplu 06:00 V Trailers - Star Plus 06:25 Bolly V - Star Plus 06:30 Mickey Mouse And Friends 07:00 The Legend Of Trazan 07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus 07:30 Bolly V - Star Plus 07:35 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby 08:30 Antariksh 09:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay 09:30 Virasaat 10:00 Karam Apnaa Apnaa 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 11:30 Kahiin To Hoga 12:00 Paraya Dhan		07:00 Cheers 07:30 Friends 08:00 Seinfeld 08:30 Hope & Faith 09:00 According To Jim 09:30 The Office 10:30 Two And A Half Men 11:30 Desire: Table For Three NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 08:30 Wild 09:30 Guardians of Angkor 10:30 Telemali: Sauna Belt 11:30 Earth Shocks 01:30 Bombay Calling 02:30 The Living Edens 03:30 Guardians of Angkor 04:30 Nat Geo Junior 05:30 Big Bang 06:00 Taipan Reign Of Terror 06:30 Guardians of Angkor 07:30 Wild 08:30 MegaStructures 10:30 Show/Real Asia 11:30 Stalking Leopards STARWORLD 08:30 Cheers 09:00 The Simpsons 09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 11:30 Ed 12:30 Grey's Anatomy 01:30 Law & Order: S.V.U 02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show 03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 04:00 General Hospital 05:00 Desire: Table For Three 06:00 Arrested Development 06:30 The Simpsons		11:30 Contd. Contd. 12:00 Kaajjal - Sabbki Ankhon Mein Basi Drama 12:30 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si Drama 01:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama 01:30 Kulvaddhu Drama 02:00 Rishston Ki Dor Drama 02:30 Bigg Boss Reality Based 03:00 Maitnee - Virasaat Movie 03:30 Contd. Movie 06:30 Music Beats Music 07:00 Music Mantra Music 07:30 Chartbusters Music 08:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama 08:30 Kaajjal - Sabbki Ankhon Mein Basi Drama 09:00 Kulvaddhu Drama 09:30 Ek Ladki Anjani Si Drama 10:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama 10:30 Bigg Boss Reality Based 11:00 Left Right Left Drama 11:30 Music Beats Music 12:00 Kaajjal - Sabbki Ankhon Mein Basi
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