







Tamanna Rahman performs at the programme.

Professor Stephen Hawking has filmed a

due to be aired next month

cameo for US sitcom The Big Bang Theory,

The famous physicist will appear in a

scene with socially awkward scientist Shel-

Producers had asked Professor Hawking,

best known for his best-selling book A Brief

before, but he had been too ill to take part.

He previously recorded voice-overs for

animations The Simpsons and Futurama.

Brave New World for Channel 4, which

how they might benefit mankind.

unable to speak.

Last year, he fronted his own TV series

looked at new developments in science and

voice synthesizer, which replaced the robotic

speech software to communicate because of

It also showcased the Professor's new

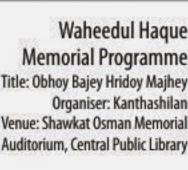
voice he has come to be associated with.

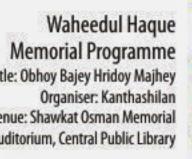
Professor Hawking relies on text-to-

motor neurone disease, which leaves him

History of Time, to appear on the show

don Cooper, played by Jim Parsons.







In conversation with Intekhab Dinar

Intekhab Dinar has cemented his place as an actor, with a constant display of talent throughout his decade-long career. He has a natural knack for acting, with fluent performances in both positive and negative roles. Although he began his journey with theatre, he has been busy in the TV medium of late.

Dinar recently talked to The Daily Star (TDS) on his thriving career, his beginnings in the media and much more. Excerpts from the interview:

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

How did you begin your journey as an actor? Dinar: I joined Nagorik Natya Somproday in 1995 and

became involved seriously in acting since then. With the theatre group I performed in "Nurul Diner Sharajibon", "Ocholayoton", "Mrityu Sangbad", "Galileo", "Dewan Gazir Kissa" and "Shankha Chil". However, I left the theatre world in

Was there any specific reason behind the decision to quit the stage?

Dinar: Yes. I became too busy with my work in TV plays. I felt that I couldn't keep on ignoring my theatre responsibili ties and still be a member of the group. I must say one thing though -- that during the time I was involved with theatre, I never missed a rehearsal or a show. I moved away from theatre after realising that I couldn't dedicate myself completely to

Did you dream that you would become an actor? Dinar: No I didn't have any such plan. After passing my Intermediate exams, some of my friends went to see a play by Nagarik. It felt amazing watching the performance and I went back for more. Gradually I felt theatre was my calling. Then I saw an advertisement for new actors for Nagarik Natya Somproday. I faced an interview and was one of the 21 selected. What was your first TV play?

Dinar: It was Salahuddin Lavlu's "Gor", written by Gazi Rakayet. After that, directors were interested in casting me. The play created quite a stir. The mega-serial "Bondhon" soon followed and after that, there was no turning back for me What were the turning points of your career?

Dinar: My TV debut in "Gor" was definitely a significant point in my career. "Bondhon" also acted as a turning point Other mentionable dramas that helped shape my career are "Share Tin Tola", "Kachher Manush", "Sporsher Baire" etc. What projects are keeping you busy now?

Dinar: I'm currently acting in "Poush Phaguner Pala", which is being aired by ATN Bangla. Ntv is also airing a serial titled "Poth Gechhe Beke"; "Komol Bibir Otithi" and "Kana Sirajuddoula" are being aired by Channel i. I'm also doing several new serials like "Gronthikgon Kohe", "Restaurant 21" "Villa Pabna" and "Chorkata".

You've also worked in movies? Dinar: I acted in "Jaijatra", "Phire Esho Behula". I want to act

WAEPA, Bangladesh celebrates International Women's Day

Professor Stephen Hawking films Big Bang Theory cameo

Professor Hawking will appear alongside actor Jim Parsons.

He turned 70 earlier this year but missed

The Big Bang Theory is the second high-

some of his birthday celebrations due to

est-rated comedy on US television, just

behind Two and a Half Men. Both were

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more for the silver screen, but the projects will have to be appealing to me. I'm set to work on a new film this year by Afsana Mimi, called "Camp".

What characters interests you most?

Dinar: Any character which gives me the opportunity to act seems appealing. It doesn't matter if it's a positive or a negative role. Any artiste will look for characters that allow them to demonstrate their acting skills; I'm no different.

What is your opinion on the overall situation in the TV

Dinar: There is a mix of both good and bad productions. But I'm disappointed at the overall situation, as viewers dox not have the time to watch good works among the flurry of channels and TV plays.

Women Architects Engineers Planners Association (WAEPA),

according to a press release.

experiences with the audience.

and planning

The Big Bang Theory is screened on Chan-

The self-styled "geek sitcom" revolves

around four insular and awkward scientists

and their neighbour Penny, an aspiring

nel 4 and E4 in the UK

7), of Bir Uttam C.R. Datta Road, Dhaka.

Bangladesh celebrated International Women's Day with an infor-

mal gathering of architects, engineers and planners on March 10,

The venue was the conference room of Planner's Tower (Level

The focus of the celebration was to give recognition and recep-

tion to three distinguished pioneering women graduates from the

first batch of each of the disciplines of architecture, engineering

Architect Wajeda Rab, engineer Khaleda Shahriar Kabir and

planner Monowara Begum -- all three pioneering graduates from

the technical profession were given crests. Later, they shared their

The event also featured a vibrant cultural programme where

WAEPA, Bangladesh is a non-profit organisation dedicated to

the cause of the development of women professionals of the coun-

try by further enhancing professionalism, expertise and knowledge

actress who works in a Cheesecake Factory

actors such as Wil Wheaton, Summer Glau

George Smoot and theoretical physicist Dr

Professor Hawking has been referenced

During the fourth series, comic book fan

Howard Wolowitz (Simon Helberg) left Shel-

"I wish to discuss your theory on black

holes," said the message. "Meet me at

Professor Hawking's cameo will be

don a fake voicemail, pretending to be the

appeared, including astrophysicist Dr

It has attracted many cameos from sci-fi

Several high-profile scientists have also

base so that women's contribution can benefit our society, nation

and Leonard Nimoy.

in the series once before.

Brian Greene.

British physicist

Randy's Donuts."

Source: BBC

noted dancer Tamanna Rahman gave a performance.

and the progress of human heritage in general.

Street theatre fest in Sunamganj ends

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

A three-day street theatre fest with the theme, 'Sunamganj Proscenium Pathanatok Uthsab-2012' concluded on March 11 in the district town of Sunamganj. The event drew a good number of spectators every day.

To observe the 9th anniversary of the theatre group, Sunamganj Proscenium, the event was held at the Sunamganj Municipality intersection. Prosenium chief Sadigur Rahman chaired the inaugural function on Friday, while veteran dra-

matist Sukumar Das and Satyaranjan Talukder;

adviser Shergul Ahmed; Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad's local unit president Prodip Paul Nitai and theatre activist Anish Talukder addressed the audience.

Seven theatre groups of the Sylhet division performed at the event. Naboshikha Natya Dal staged "Janoni Birangona" while Digonto Theatre staged "Modhupur Thana". Theatre Bangla was on the stage with "Ronger Manush" and Nandik Natya Dal staged "Mora". Besides, Beanibazar Sangskritik Command staged "Antar Baul", Nagar Nat staged "Kala Mahut" and Sunamganj Proscenium staged "Bold Out" and "Trunk".

Baul Rashid Festival in Netrakona

JAHANGIR ALAM, Netrakona

The Baul Rashid Memorial Festival was held at Rajurbazai Collegiate School premises i Netrakona town on Friday night to pay tribute to the late Baul Rashiduddin and recall hi outstanding contribution to folk culture.

inaugurated by Matiur Rahaman Khan, Administrate of Netrakona Zila Parishad and organised by Baul Rashid Academy, Netrakona. The festival was presided over by president of Baul Rashid Academy Nazrul Islam Khan Local MP Ashraf Ali Khan Khasru was present as chief guest. ADC Netrakona Mohammad Anwar Hossein Chowdhury, Police Super Joydeb Kumer and Netrakona Sadar Upazila Chairman Tafsiruddin Khan addressed the gathering about the outstanding contribution of Baul Rashiduddin to folk culture. Renowned folk singer Bari Siddiqui, Sirajuddin Pathan,

Abdus Salam and other Bauls

bard such as "Manush Dhoro Manush Bhojo" and more.

areas under greater

The night-long fest featured noted folk artistes of the region.

The night long festival was

Lyrics such as this by Baul Rashiduddin won the hearts of Rashiduddin was born in Bahirchapra village on January 21, 1889 and passed away on September 10, 1964. He was awarded by Bangla Academy in from different parts of the coun-2003 posthumously for his try performed the songs of the outstanding contribution to

folk culture. Rashiduddin along with some other renowned folk singers including Abdul Karim, Jalal Kha, Ukil Munshi and Chand Mia formed a society of bard singers in the downstream

Mymensingh region at the beginning of 19th century to highlight the folk culture of the

Hasan Azizul Haque honoured in Sylhet



Hasan Azizul Haque (3-L) receives award at the programme STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

PHOTO: STAR

Veteran writer Hasan Azizul Haque was accorded a warm reception at a function at the Sylhet Zila Shilpakala Academy Auditorium last Friday evening

Vice-chancellor of the Shahjalal university of Science & Technology (SUST), Professor Md. Saleh Uddin, chaired the discussion while Vicechancellor of the Metropolitan University, Sylhet, Professor Md. Abdul Aziz; writer Wasi Ahmed;

Professor Suresh Ranjan Basak; Dr. Moshtaque Ahmed Deen and poet Shuvendu Imam addressed the gathering.

The cover jacket of a publication on the writer was unveiled at the function.

After the discussion, a session of Shah Abdul Karim songs was also held at the event. Artistes Jamal Uddin Hasan Banna, Shamim Ahmed, Mitali Chakrabarty, Lincoln Das and others performed while Nandita Dutta conducted the func-

Charuniram holds public screening of one-hour TV plays

A CORRESPONDENT

Cultural organisation Charuniram had arranged a six-day public screening of one-hour TV plays at the Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library in Dhaka. The screening began on

The screening mainly features one-hour plays, already aired on different TV channels Director-actor Gazi Rakayet, also directed of

screened in the US on 5 April, and on Channel 4 in the UK at a later date.

screening to give the audience a chance to enjoy the works without any interruption such as constant commercial breaks.

An award-giving event was also part of the programme. A total of 24 plays have been screened throughout six days.

On the inaugural day, five plays -- "Abar Falgun" "Rajab Ali O Taar Kafoner Kotha", "A Journey by Politics" and "Shanibar Raat Doshta Challish Minute" -- were screened. On the following day, "Nishi Kabya", "Thatamata Shohore", "Dahlia" and "Pancham Bibaho Barshiki" were screened.

Yesterday, the last day, featured "100 Meter", "Chhabir Deshe Kabitar Deshey", "August-e Lekha Galpo Shamagra" and Metric Pass Fakir". Charuniram has been arranging such festivals since 2009.

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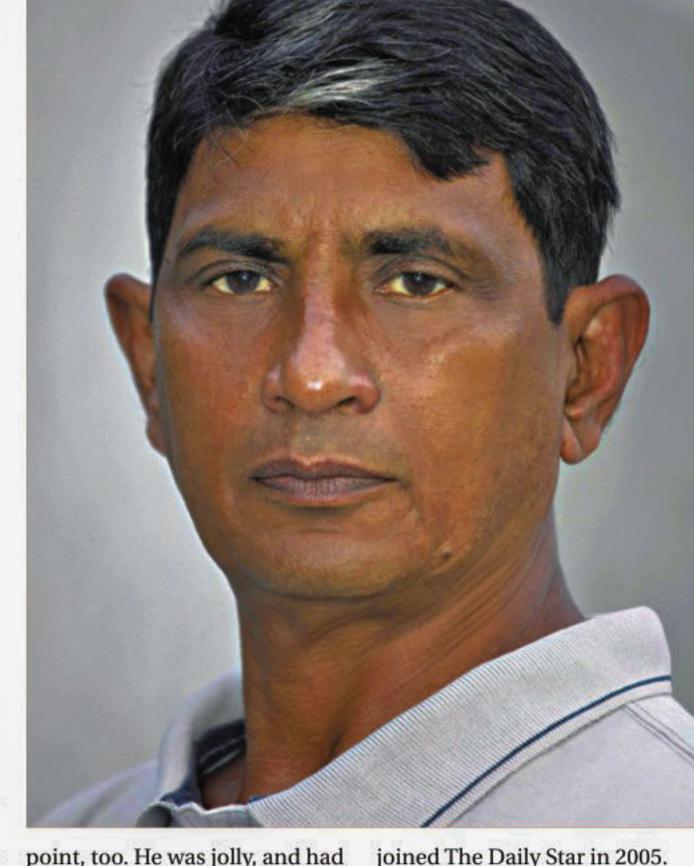
To have worked with him and to have seen him go about his work, was surely more vital than flashing him an ever ready smile. When I learned about his sudden death, I could not quite accept the Creator's ways. Why Shawkat Jamil, the popular but quiet photojournalist? I was going in the crazy heat to Gulshan, and then coming to Dhanmandi at past five. At six pm, there was no one to come with to office on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue.

We all, I'm sure, grieved with the passing away, who will join us no more, like so many of our colleagues and friends.

giant among us -- working tirelessly. Photojournalists are people that go about their work, with a nod and smile. They often don't indulge in banter and guffaw. They remain subtle shutter clickers. What they feel or think comes through the lens. They remain persons with more action than words. "A photo says what a thousand words do" goes the adage.

I have worked with other photographers and they are not as kind and understanding as Jamil. Till the sands of life have run, we'll always remember him, Jamil with his strides, ready to toil and tussle, till his last breath.

Jamil was brief, and to the



was a friendly face, in the rush of the newspaper existence. His silent determined ways were surly admirable. Action-packed, but peace loving -- who could help but like him? There was surely not a bone in him that one could pick a quarrel with. Gentle, quiet, never aggressive, nor intimidating in any way, he

Many of us are shocked into silence with our grief and our memories. We have only our work and our friends and families, who understand, what his sudden departure means to us. Golden men and women must go. We must shout them on. God loves those who die young. Jamil gave us at least almost seven years of his company.

Citi-Ananda Alo Sahitya Puroshkar 2012 conferred

The fifth Citi-Ananda Alo Sahitva Puroshkar (Literary Award) 2012 ceremony was held at the Channel Center at Tejgaon in the city recently, says a press release.

Bangla Academy Director General, Professor Shamsuzzaman Khan; Managing Director of Channel i, Faridur Reza Sagar; Managing Director and Country Officer of Citibank NA, Bangladesh Rashed Maksud and Editor of Ananda Alo, Rezanur Rahman, were present at the event. Litterateur Professor Harishanka

Jaldas was awarded for his novel while Shahabuddin Nagori was honoured for his poem; Lutfar Rahman Riton and Anjeer Liton jointly for literature for adolescents; Saymon Zakaria and Nazmin Mortuza jointly for essays and actor Afzal Hossain for the best cover.



Awardees along with the guests at the ceremony.

Mazhar Sarkar was also awarded as an upcoming poet.

The awards were given in two categories -- Tk 25,000 and a crest

Ananda Alo, a fortnightly entertainment magazine, in collaboration with Citibank NA, Bangladesh introduced the award in 2008.

and Tk 10,000 and a crest.

by Mort Walker

by Don Tranchte

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Henry







Maasranga Television

06:30 Char Deyal-er Khela 11:00 Tomay Gaan Shonabo





09:30 United 93 11:50 Clash of the Titans

Shorashori Doctor

Boishakhi TV

11:30 The Big Bang Theory **National Geographic** Channel

11:30 Banged Up Abroad

Discovery Channel 02:30 Man vs. Wild

DRAMA SERIAL

09:05pm Oloshpur 19:35pm Shokal Shondhya Raat 09:50pm Dhan Shaliker Gaon 08:15pm Rupkotha 08:15pm Sat Kahon Maasranga Television

> 09:30pm Dilur Golpo **NEWS BULLETIN**

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12:00am Zero Hour BANGLAVISION

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2:30am Lead News 09:45am Tritio Matra

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10:30pm Desh E Golpo