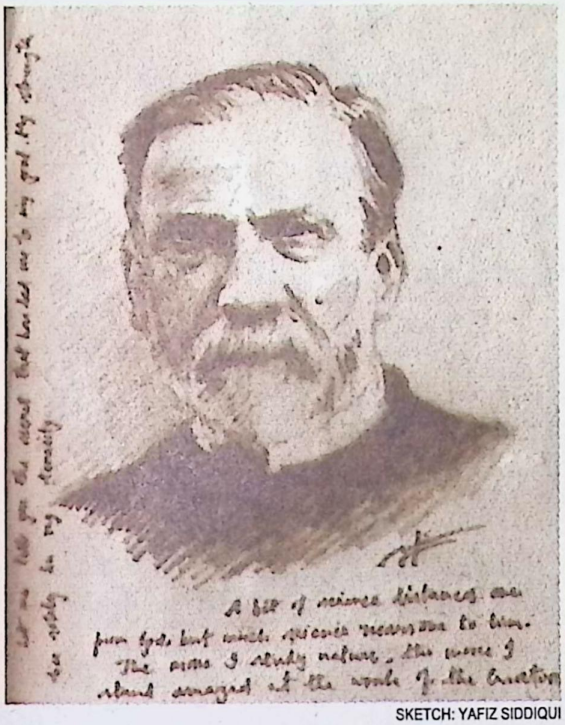
Louis Pasteur was a French chemist and microbiologist. He is well known for his discoveries of the principles of vaccination, microbial fermentation and pasteurisation. He is remembered for his remarkable breakthroughs in the causes and preventions of diseases, and his discoveries have saved countless lives ever since. Pasteur reduced mortality from puerperal fever, and created the first vaccines for rabies and anthrax. His medical discoveries provided direct support for the germ theory of disease and its application in clinical medicine.



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LOUIS PASTEUR

"Fortune favours the prepared mind.

Do not let yourself be tainted with a barren skepticism.

The universe is asymmetric and I am persuaded that life, as it is known to us, is a direct result of the asymmetry of the universe or of its indirect consequences.

Let me tell you the secret that has led me to my goal. My strength lies solely in my tenacity."

PLEASE! 1 MINUTE

Rasheduddin Ahmed Topu, widely known as Topu, is one of the most prominent young artistes in the contemporary music scene. Vocalist of the band 'Yaatri', Topu has created a number of melodious tracks like *Ek paye nupur, Meye* and many more. After releasing his first solo album *Bondhu Bhabo Ki?* in 2006, over the years he has successfully cemented a niche for himself. This young singer-musician shares with *the Star* some facts of his musical journey.



Rasheduddin Ahmed Topu

If you were not a singer
I would have been a detective! I was very motivated by the books of *Tin Goyenda* and used to desire to be someone like them.

Most favourite creation of yours
My song *Ekta Gopon kotha*

First full song that you learnt
When I was in my second standard I learnt this song called *"Tiye pakhi ayna."*

Inspiration that keeps you going
My love for music inspires me to come up with new songs every time.

Favourite workstation
My rooftop.

The city/town that is very close to your heart
Bhola

Most significant achievement of your life
The songs (which is around 50) that I have composed so far in my career.

— FAYEKA ZABEEN SIDDIQUA