

## NEWSbytes

### Nolan lines up mystery project at WB

Since the release of "Interstellar" last fall, Christopher Nolan has kept mum about what he plans to make as his next big feature film. No one knows whether he'll return to the world of large-scale sci-fi/fantasy, or has ideas about shifting gears and making his next movie a smaller drama. However, what is known at this point is when the project will wind up finding its way to cinemas, as Warner Bros. just announced an official release date for the potential blockbuster.

According to Deadline, Nolan has made a deal to



once again work with the studio - his seventh collaboration with the company - and together they have decided to have the big feature film ready to come out on July 21, 2017. The report doesn't make mention of any details regarding what the movie will be about - but the high-profile summer release date does suggest that the filmmaker and WB are cooking up something big.

Knowing how far away the release date is, and how secretive Christopher Nolan tends to be about his projects, it may be a while before the Hollywood filmdom actually learn what he's cooking up.

Source: **Cinemablend**



### Apurbo to turn crime reporter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Popular TV actor Apurbo has been around on the circuit for a while, and has played a variety of roles, but for Taneem Rahman Angshu's next, he will be donning a first-time role.

The shooting for "Apar Onubhuti Ki?" where Apurbo plays a crime reporter for a TV channel, began shooting yesterday in the capital. Sharlin Farzana will be acting alongside Apurbo in it.

About his role, Apurbo said "I'd been watching crime reporters on TV all these years, but as I slip into the character, it looks like they do a tough job." The actor further informed that the plot revolves around a bomb attack at a rail station, which the TV reporter must solve.

"Apar Onubhuti Ki?" is being produced for the upcoming Eid-ul Adha.



## Nusraat Faria

gearing up for Bollywood debut

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nusraat Faria Mazhar has been in the buzz ever since the Jaaz Multimedia-Eskay Movies joint venture film "Aashiqui" was in the works, and after a few songs were released from the film set to bow in cinemas this Eid (September 25), that buzz has only gotten louder. But now, the gorgeous young woman is stepping into territories only one Bangladeshi actress from post-Independence Bangladesh has done: playing a central role in a Bollywood movie.

Bishnu Dutta's thriller "Gawah", also starring Emraan Hashmi, Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Paayel Sarkar, has finalised Nusraat in a crucial role. The last time a Dhaka girl took to the camera in a Bollywood feature was nearly three decades back, when Shabana portrayed a lead against Rajesh Khanna in "Shatru" (1986).

The actress is in full prep for it. "I have had to audition for my Hindi-speaking abilities for the role, and have been practicing my Hindi, and preparing on some other frontiers for the role," Nusraat told The Daily Star. "I play a modern Mumbai-based girl in the film who falls in love with a detective," she said, adding she is not at a liberty to reveal too much.

Nusraat will sign the film after the Durga Puja, and shooting is expected to begin in November. The actress is currently focused on the promotion of "Aashiqui", directed by Ashok Pati and co-starring Tollywood's Ankush.

## Anushka Sharma begins shooting "AE DIL HAI MUSHKIL"

"NH10" star Anushka Sharma has begun shooting for Karan Johar's next "Ae Dil Hai Mushkil" in London. The 27-year-old actress took to Twitter yesterday to announce the starting of the film's shooting and asked her fans to send their good wishes for the project.

The film also stars Anushka's "Bombay Velvet" co-star Ranbir Kapoor and actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan in the lead roles.

Johar is returning to the director's chair with the film after a gap of three years. His last movie was "Student of the Year" in 2012, which starred Sidharth Malhotra, Varun

Dhawan and Alia Bhatt. "Ae Dil Hai Mushkil" has a storyline based on relationships and heartbreaks, quite typical of a Karan Johar feature. It will also be the first time that Aishwarya would share screen space with Ranbir and Anushka, in what is her first work with Johar.

The movie will hit theatres on Diwali next year and will clash at the box office with "Shivaay", which is to be helmed by Ajay Devgan.

Source: **PTI**



## Sahana returns with "JA BOLO TAI BOLO"

Rabindra Sangeet album set for Dhaka launch

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sahana Bajpaie, who made waves with her first Rabindra Sangeet album "Notun Kore Pabo Boley" in 2007, may have long left Bangladesh, but she still has a special place in the hearts of many back here. Eight years later, that voice of innocence and exuberance is returning, as the artiste just released her new album of Rabindra Sangeet, titled "Ja Bolo Tai Bolo". Although the album came out under an Indian label (Major 7th) in Kolkata, India yesterday, her Bangladeshi fans may not have to sigh in sadness of not getting a copy, or wait too long for one.

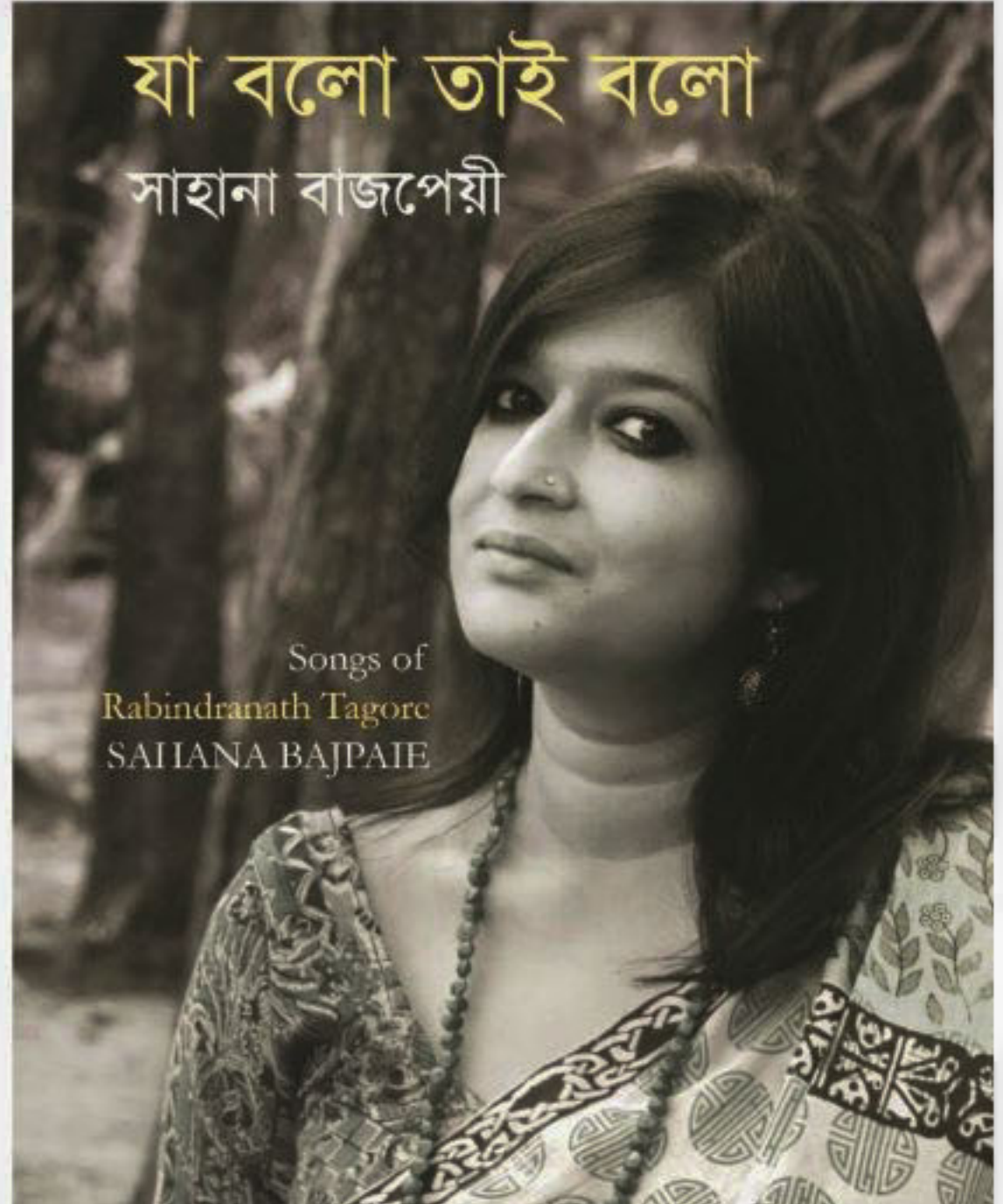
ME Label, the record banner for Mushroom Entertainment, is releasing the album in Bangladesh today. The event will be held at the Longitude Lattitude's Art Gallery in Banani this evening, where Sahana herself is set to make a Skype appearance. Acclaimed filmmaker Mostofa Sarwar Farooki,

Shehzad Chowdhury of Longitude Lattitude, Mir Rabby from Radio Shadhin (the radio partner for the launch), Armeen Musa from ME Label and special guests Srabanti Dutta and Gitanka Dutta will be present to launch the CD.

"Ja Bolo Tai Bolo" contains 12 Rabindra Sangeet numbers, recorded in London and Kolkata, where Sahana currently splits her time. Eight of the tracks are arranged by Samantak Sinha, while one is arranged by Zoe Rahman and Idris Rahman and one by Probuddha Banerjee.

The album is currently being played exclusively on Radio Shadhin 92.4 FM.

The album is available for download on etunes in mp3, as well as caller tunes. Limited CDs will be available from Jatra and rokomari.com, as well as selected music outlets in the city in the following weeks. Digital downloads are also available for all major online platforms globally.



## Khude Gaanraj Grand finale tomorrow

In conversation with director Ijaz Khan Swapan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Starting in 2008, Channel i's children's musical reality show "Khude Gaanraj" has come a long way. Every year, the platform is getting bigger and better. The grand finale of the ongoing fifth season is set to take place on September 11 at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) in the capital. Ahead of the event, the programme's director Ijaz Khan Swapan, who is also the Programme Planner and Project Director of Channel i, talked to The Daily Star.



Top seven contestants of Khude Gaanraj pose for a photo.

**How did you select the participants?**  
**Swapan:** Initially, when we launched this season, 65,000 participants from seven divisions registered for it. Of them, we selected 210 contestants. After a rigorous screening process, the number of

participants came down to 24 who then took part in a residential camp in Dhaka.

**Tell us something about the grand finale.**

**Swapan:** The top seven contestants—Mahin, Rafti, Arpita, Pushpita, Maharaja, Payel and

Bijli—will perform at the grand finale. One of them will be crowned as "Booster Energy Biscuit Channel I Khude Gaanraj". Channel i will air the porogramme live from 7:30pm. Along with two main judges, eminent singer Runa Laila will attend the finale as a guest judge. The event will features a choreography by Aupee Karim based on three songs of Runa Laila.

**What will the winners take home?**

**Swapan:** The champion will get taka 5 lac, along with a diamond crown worth 3 lac (sponsored by Diamond World). The first runner up will be rewarded with 3 lakh taka and the second runner up will get taka 2 lac. Also, they will receive 10-year education free of cost at Cambrian School. Moreover, they will get the opportunity to release albums from Impress Audio Vision.

**What types of songs does the programme highlight?**

**Swapan:** We remain cautious about selection of songs. Only Bangladeshi songs are promoted in the show. We prioritise on lyrics. We have also done special episodes featuring songs of Nazrul, Rabindranath, Lalon, Radharaman, Shah Abdul Karim and the likes.



## Sia to direct film starring young muse

Singer Sia Furler has revealed she is directing her frequent collaborator, dancer Maddie Ziegler. The Australian singer announced the film, called "Sister", at Venice Film Festival, said the Hollywood Reporter.

Furler said she had initially been "embarrassed" about her ambition to get behind the camera. But, after making a video for her song "Chandelier" last year, she realised she was "pretty good" at directing and "felt a little bit braver."

Ziegler, 12, starred in a trilogy of videos for Sia, including the controversial "Elastic Heart", which co-starred Shia LaBeouf.

The singer said her film was based on a one-page story she wrote eight years ago. She was initially "too embarrassed to tell anyone I wanted to make a movie, because I thought it would be seen as a vanity project, because I was a singer" but overcame this after trying her hand at directing.

The screenplay was a collaboration with children's book author Dalles Clayton, and she said she really enjoyed the creative process. She added that although film-making is different from songwriting, she found there were similarities.

But she stressed she was not a "technical person", adding: "Like, when I sing, I just want to sing the melody and write the lyrics. I don't want to have to do production, which is very technical. I don't enjoy that."

The media-wary star, 39, often obscures her face and turns her back on the audience.

She performed on the Graham Norton show last year facing the back of the stage, telling Norton that while she was ambitious, she did not want to be famous, as she had famous friends and did not like the way they had to live their lives.

Source: **BBC**