



Chanchal Chowdhury is one of the most popular names in Bangladesh's entertainment industry. His spontaneous, captivating performances in both television and silver screen have enchanted millions of his fans all over the country. This talented actor has received National Film Award for his remarkable acting in the movie *Monpura* which is one of the most successful commercial movies in the history of Bangladesh's film industry. Starting his career as a theatre artist by joining Aranyak Natyadal, Chanchal has presented Bangladesh's audiences with some of the most acclaimed drama serials. This iconic artist talks with the about his career, next project and insight on the art of acting.

What was the inspiration behind your acting career?
My father was a great inspiration for me. He used to organise 'jaatra' (street theatre) during festivals and I was a passionate audience of those performances. I think those village theatres motivated me a lot to adopt this art.

Acting, to you...
It is an art that has the power to take people into a different, imaginary world. By captivating our mind, it can deliver messages which cannot be told through any other art form.

Your acting mentor....
The legendary actor Mamunur Rashid, the iconic figure of Aranyak Natyadal.

What is your message to emerging actors?
My message to them is that please learn before you enter the industry. Acting is about art, not just being famous.

What is your upcoming performance?
It is a cinema titled *Ainabaji* directed by Amitabh Reza. I have performed the role of Aina, which is one of the most challenging roles I have ever played. Hopefully it will be released in the beginning of the new year.

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