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COVER STORY

TV

TV audiences nowadays are very hard to captivate as they used to be in the past. People have somewhat turned away from TV dramas, but countless ones are still being produced regardless. However, the number of talked about productions have fallen significantly. The artists have failed to impress the viewers and the lack of good or innovative stories and the incessant screening of advertisements have added to their disdain. Most viewers have resorted to watching the good ones on YouTube. Yet, some actors and actresses did make a considerable impact among the fans, despite the difficulties.

MOSHARRAF KARIM: This man was as much discussed as he has been for the last couple of years. Productions such as "Sikandar Box Ekhn Rangamati", "Sikandar Box Ekhn Nij Graame", "Jomjo 4" and the likes have made him a fan favourite and he successfully became a bigger star than he already was.

TISHA: For the last few years, Tisha has held her very own place in the biz. She appeared in few dramas, but was very involved in terms of her character, dedication and acting skills. "Angry Bird", "To Airport", "Commercial Break", & "Protikkha" were just some of her most talked about appearances. She also films like "Mental" and "Ostitto", which became instant crowd favourites.

ZAHID HASAN: As an actor, he spent a busy year and appeared in many talked about dramas like "Baba Amar Eid" in addition to pulling a few directorial stints in the process. He did however face a bit of criticism for appearing in a drama titled "Kopa Shamsu".

MEHAZABIEN: The Lux-Channel i Superstar was the busiest among the newcomers of the industry with favourites like "Bibhor Bonolota", "Shonaye Shohaga", "Unmarried" etc.

Other mentionable events include Toukir Ahmed making a return to the stage after 12 years. Tinni also returned to dramas after 2 years with "Eki Brinte", as did Gias Uddin Selim by directing "Kaktarua".



FILMS



2015 saw the release of a total of 66 films and in addition to the commercially successful ones, many of the unsuccessful ones made an impact among the fans and critics in a positive manner. New faces adorned the screen and a few made it big in a very short time, as did newcomer directors.

PORI MONI: With 6 movies this year, this actress has been talked about all over the showbiz scene. Although none of her films were commercial successes, her performances were widely praised in many of the movies, especially "Mohua Shundori". At the end of the year, she was penned to appear in Gias Uddin Selim's next production "Shopnojal", and census shows that she has the potential to make it big in the following years.

SHAKIB KHAN: For two decades, he has consistently mesmerized cinema-goers of all ages. This year was no different with 5 crowd pleasers, 2 of which were huge hits. Actresses long for a chance to star alongside him. Pori Moni and Bindu were two of the lucky newcomers who got that chance. The New Year also holds prospect of many releases by the star.

BIDDYA SINHA MIM: She was widely acclaimed for her performance as Fuleshwari in "Poddo Patar Jol". Her appearance in "Black" recently was also praised by fans, even though it was not a commercial success. The New Year also

holds good prospect for this glamorous actress with her new film "Sweetheart" releasing soon.

ARIFIN SHUVO: He was the most talked about after Shakib Khan among actors as his good performances were also complemented by commercial success of the films. Seen as the "Smart Hero" of the new generation, his performance in "Chuye Dile Mon" was widely



acclaimed. Shafiuddin Shafi's "Warning" was also a good experience for him, and the new year holds many releases by the star, notable of which are "Ostitto" by Ononno Mamun and "Musafir" by Ashikur Rahman.

JOYA AHSAN: Her inclusion needs no explanation as her appearance in "Zero Degree" and "Rajkahini" created quite the stir. She was widely praised by



fans and critics alike for both the performances and from the looks of it, the coming year holds many releases for her.

BAPPI: He was one of the acceptable newcomers to the fans, although he still has a long way to go. Some of his movies were not much appreciated as well, but his acceptability with the fans, especially with "Ajob Prem" has created considerable potential for him in the



coming year.

MOUSHUMI HAMID: The "Jalaler Golpo" actress made a big impact as a newcomer with hat trick appearances the past year. She has good potential and "Purnodoirgho Premkahini 2" will be her first release of the New Year.

ANISUR RAHMAN MILON: The TV star is trying to be a regular in films with 3 releases this year, and his performances in both were widely praised, despite failing to be commercially successful. However, he has immense potential, from his TV experiences, to be one of the leading character actors in film.

NUSRAAT FARIA: She has appeared in two joint collaboration movies by both sides of Bengal. None of the films were successful, but Nusraat's performances successfully sent her on a fast track to being a buzz in the industry with 2 more releases lined up for the coming year. Among directors, Abu Shahed Emon, Tonmoy Tansen and Ononno Mahmud were the most praised in the industry.



MUSIC

Audio CDs as a medium is slowly heading towards retirement as digital content is much more accessible and convenient than CDs. The visual elements have become trendier and both artists and fans prefer making a few good singles along with music videos rather than producing complete albums. Many have chosen YouTube as their medium for release, but the audio CD publishing has not completely gone out of style yet. Many new albums were published by musicians, especially the new and upcoming artists. Here's looking back at the best of music in 2015.

TAHSAN: With no solo albums published this year, Tahsan managed to not only stay, but top everyone's chart and audience buzz throughout the year. The title track of the movie "Chuye Dile Mon" was wildly popular among the fans. His single "Shudhu Tomar Jonno" was also popular and received a considerable amount of requests on the radio. The duet "Onubhobey Tumi" with Puja was also widely praised by the fans.

KAZI SHUVO: He successfully created a separate specialty and persona for himself this year by keeping busy with music throughout the year. He managed to take part in several successful mixed albums, with great feedback from audiences.

MILA: She managed to stay among her fans with the one song she released this year titled "Nacho". The music video received more buzz than the song itself, and the fans just can-

not have enough of her. Aside from lending her voice to the theme song for the Comilla Victorians cricket team, the pop artiste was busy with stage performances throughout the rest of the year.

PUJA: Singing a duet with Tahsan (Onubhobey Tumi) and Kazi Shuvo (Shaht Jonom) had this singer popularize among the fans almost instantaneously. In addition to keeping busy with playback singing, she will be more visible with the fans as she has more works coming up in the New Year.

In addition to more output from talented musicians like Kona, Nancy, Habib Wahid and Imran, bands like Chirkutt, Shironamhin and Lalon were highly popular. We also lost the likes of the great Gobinda Halder, Farida Yasmin and Khyali Kormokar, and Showbiz fondly remembers their contributions to their fields.

