



**Rahul Anand** is a composer, lyricist and vocals for the eccentric musical group Joler Gaan. He also plays a number of unconventional musical instruments. Rahul is also a visual artist and theatre activist. This week the Star Weekend talks to this multi-talented artist about his work, his inspirations and much more.



**What was the first song you ever composed?**

*Kagojer Nouko* was the first song I wrote and composed. We still play this song in our live shows.

**If you were given an opportunity to go back in the past, what would you change?**

I would change my temper. This causes a lot of pain to my loved ones and I would definitely change this side of mine.

**What is the one song that really inspires you to get up in the morning and move?**

There is no specific song but for a couple of days I am listening to Tagore's '*Shokatore Oi Kadiche Shokole*'

**If you had a chance to meet a famous person, who would you want to meet?**

It would be Rabindranath Tagore. I want to know how a man does this amount of work in one life. And if not him, then Jibananda Das.

**If banished to an isolated island, what three things would you take with you?**  
My flutes, a notepad and a pen, and a compilation of Jibananda Das's works.

**Who is your musical inspiration?**

My mother. She is the only reason I am in this field.

**What is your advice for aspiring musicians?**

I am not capable of giving advise, but I can request them to do music for music. Don't think of fame and fortune.

— APURBA JAHANGIR  
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