

**EID CHRONICLES**

# "Our first Eid after marriage was really bad"

## ...Dipa and Shahed

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Actor couple Dipa Khandakar and her husband Shahed Ali live a happy family life with a son and a daughter, but both are dedicated professionals. The duo took out time from their hectic schedule ahead of Eid-ul-Azha, to talk about their Eid plans, family life and more. Excerpts:

Tell us about your Eid plans.

**Dipa:** I love spending the day with my family. I'm busy with the day's responsibilities during Eid-ul-Azha. The day after Eid, there is the grand feast for our family members. Like previous years, we will also jointly celebrate this Eid.

**Shahed:** After returning from Eidgah, I get busy with the sacrificial animal. The day after Eid, the family members of my father and in-laws visit our home and enjoy the celebration together. We don't go usually outside during this Eid.

How was your first Eid celebration after

your marriage?

**Shahed:** It was not great (laughs). During Chaand Raat, the eve of the festival, I had to work for editing a play. I was assistant director for a play. My wife repeatedly phoned me but I could not pick the call for my work because if the editing did not complete in time, the play would not telecast during Eid.

**Dipa:** I will never forget that Eid. I waited for him at his house but he was not coming. I kept calling him but at one stage, Shahed switched off his phone. I waited for him awake the entire night. Shahed was even late on the day of Eid, and I was in a bad mood.

**Who usually does the Eid shopping?**  
**Dipa:** I do the whole planning in this regard. I do shopping for all including my domestic help. I usually do it alone.

Has the idea of Eid changed over the years?

**Dipa:** Now, it's a responsibility. During childhood, there was no responsibility centering Eid celebrations. We could do whatever we wanted. After marriage, the first Eid was a bad experience for me. But everything is okay now and we look forward to Eid.

**Shahed:** I agree with her. To me, the true happiness of Eid is for children.

**Who is in charge of the cooking?**

**Dipa:** I cook on the occasion. Beef is the obvious first priority on the menu. Besides, chicken curry is prepared for children.

How would you say your life has changed after marriage?

**Dipa:** I'm learning from everyday family life, and we make memories together every day. I'm really happy with my children and family.

**Shahed:** I have learnt many things after marriage, and it is a fulfilling experience.



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## PORI MONI on Eid special Alap

A CORRESPONDENT

On an Eid special episode of Boishakhi TV's celebrity chat show "Alap", film star Pori Moni will be the guest. On the show, she will talk about her recent film "Rokto" (which releases this Eid), more about the Dhallywood industry, and her personal life. She will also share her Eid plans, and answer viewers' questions sent through SMS. The show, produced by Palash Mahub, will air at 10pm on the eve of Eid, September 12.

# "Mary Kom' much more than a movie"

## ... Priyanka

Priyanka Chopra-starrer "Mary Kom" just completed two years of its release, and the actress says the film was so much more than a movie for her. Priyanka on Tuesday night shared a still from the biopic on Facebook, and reminisced on the impact it had on her.

"...this film was so much more than a movie for me. I think I poured all my grief after losing my dad into it," the actress captioned it.

In the title role of the biopic of real-life boxing champion MC Mary Kom, Priyanka played a fearless woman who becomes an icon through her determined pursuit of sporting excellence.

The 34-year-old actress also thanked everyone who worked with her in the

film. "Sanjay Sir, Omung, Saiwyn, Mary and everyone who worked on the film. Thank you. And for all those who gave it so much love gratitude," she added.

Produced by Sanjay Leela Bhansali productions and Viacom 18 Motion Pictures, the film which was directed by Omung Kumar also starred Darshan Kumar.

Priyanka is currently busy shooting for her American drama series "Quantico", where she will be seen playing a CIA officer named Alex Parrish. She will also be seen in the Hollywood film "Baywatch" along with Dwayne Johnson and Zac Efron.

Source: IANS



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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Although Suborna Mustafa has been a regular on the small screen, Asaduzzaman Noor, one of the most powerful actors of his generations, has been busy with his role as the Cultural Affairs Minister of the country. He had worked in just one play since being elected a member of parliament, but had expressed interest in acting in a BTV play. "Mati'r Prodig" marks his return to the BTV studios after 16 years. He will be seen as a flute player named Asad in the play.

About his work, a joyous Noor said "I want to especially thank Harunur Rashid, the Director General of BTV, who has taken my

interest into consideration and made the arrangements. This is where it all began for all of us, and it's always good to be back here."

Suborna Mustafa, meanwhile, said "Noor bhai is one of my favourite co-artists. We have a special chemistry on screen, and off screen he is one of my best friends in the industry."

Asaduzzaman Noor made his first appearance on BTV through "Rong'er Fanush", and went on to work in many acclaimed TV productions, the last of which was "Char Oddhaye", based on Rabindranath Tagore's novel of the same title. His last screen appearance with Suborna was in the series titled "Gohine", directed by Badrul Anam Soud.

# Noor-Suborna on BTV after 26 years!



## Rebecca Ferguson joins GREATEST SHOWMAN

Rebecca Ferguson has been cast opposite Hugh Jackman in Fox's PT Barnum musical biopic "The Greatest Showman" as Swedish opera singer Jenny Lind.

She joins Zac Efron, Michelle Williams and Zendaya on the project. Michael Gracey is directing from a script by Michael Arndt.

Chernin Entertainment and Laurence Mark are producing. Production is set to begin in the fall.

Justin Paul and Benj Pasek, who were Tony-nominated for "The Christmas Story", are writing original songs for the film. Kira Goldberg is overseeing the project for Fox.

The project has been in development since 2009 with Jackman attached to play the showman, who rose from humble roots and was able to hoax a gullible public, as he created the three-ring Barnum & Bailey Circus that made him famous. Barnum gained fame as a 19th century impresario with tours of Tom Thumb and Lind; he began calling it the "Greatest Show on Earth" near the end of his career.

Ferguson, who broke out in "Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation" last year — will next star in "The Girl on the Train", due out October 7 from Universal. She will also star in Daniel Espinosa's "Life", opposite Ryan Reynolds and Tomas Alfredson's "The Snowman" opposite Michael Fassbender and Chloe Sevigny.

Source: Variety

