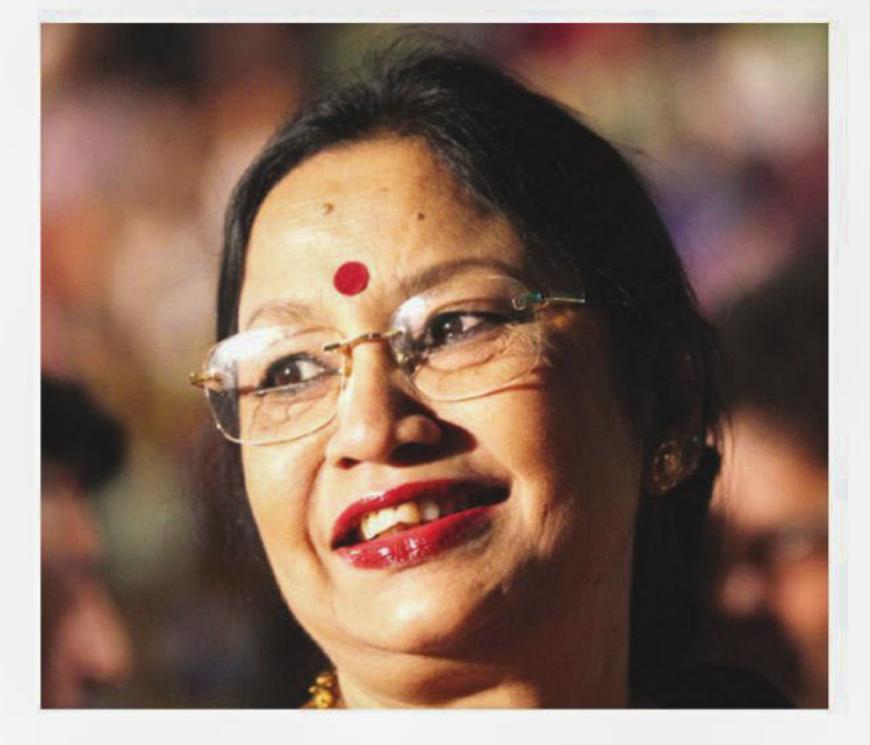


RAZZAK

Abdur Razzak is famous for his contribution to the industry as an actor. Having starred in variety of films, he has grabbed multiple awards throughout his career. We asked the famous actor to share one of his experiences with the poet Syed Shamsul Haq.

I've worked with Syed Shamsul Haq on eleven of his screenplays throughout my career. I believe this is a huge accomplishment for me to be able to work with such an amazing personality. The first screenplay that I worked on with him was in "Moynamoti". I have always been astounded by the level of quality work done by him. After acting for a long time, I decided to direct a film and I went to him for a script. He invited me to his home where I clearly described what I was looking for, after which he asked for some time to complete the script. After three months, the script had been completed, and I turned the amazing script into the film "Obhijan". The film was praised a lot by the audience and critics, for which I believe the great poet is to be thanked. I feel extremely proud and privileged to have worked with such a great contributor to society.





FERDOUSI RAHMAN

Raised in a family of musicians, Ferdausi Rahman is a veteran singer who has contributed to the industry immensely. She worked with Syed Shamsul Haq on various occasions and believes the great poet contributed a lot to her development, for which we asked her to say a couple of things about Syed Shamsul Haq.

I have sung many songs penned down by Syed Shamsul Haq, of which I think the most notable one is "Jar Chaya Poreche Monero Aynate". To this day I hear praises about the song from many people. Another Syed Shamsul Haq song that I really love is "Nodi Baka Jani Chaad Baka", which has been sung by me and my brother, Mostafa Zaman Abbasi. The song was also received very well by the audience. He always motivated and told me to write new materials, for which I thank him dearly. I believe that even though he may be gone physically, his spirit is among us all through his thought-provoking works. I think he achieved everything there is that includes all the great lyrics, scripts, and respect and honour from everyone, for which, he died peacefully in my opinion. One thing that saddens me is that we will not receive such amazing works anymore.

ANDREW KISHOR

Andrew Kishor is a renowned playback singer who has been active in the industry since the 1980s. On the death of poet Syed Shamsul Haq, we asked the singer to share few thoughts about the poet.

I've had the privilege to sing three songs written by Syed Shamsul Haq, that includes "Hayre Manush Rongin Faanush" and "Ami Chaad er Shathe Dibo Na Tomar Tulona", from the film "Ashirbaad" which has been an important song for my career as the audience appreciate it till now. "Hayre Manush Rongin Faanush" has also played an important role as it has previously been praised by critics both in the country and in West Bengal. All the critics admired the amazing lyrics penned down by Syed Shamsul Haq. I always wanted to sing more songs penned down by him, which after hearing, he sent me the lyrics to four new songs for me to sing. He also mentioned that he wanted Alam Khan to tune the songs. I will record the songs in the coming days hopefully, but it breaks my heart to realize that he can never listen to those songs.

