**Local Bus – Pritom** featuring Momtaz and Shafayet

A Holud night is incomplete without the folk queen! Along with her classics, the new hit number - Local Bus - would definitely be one of the top songs on the Holud playlist!

Kona's songs have always been a favourite in the wedding scene. This year Kona released her hit song Reshmi Churi which already has been a top chart buster on both the radio

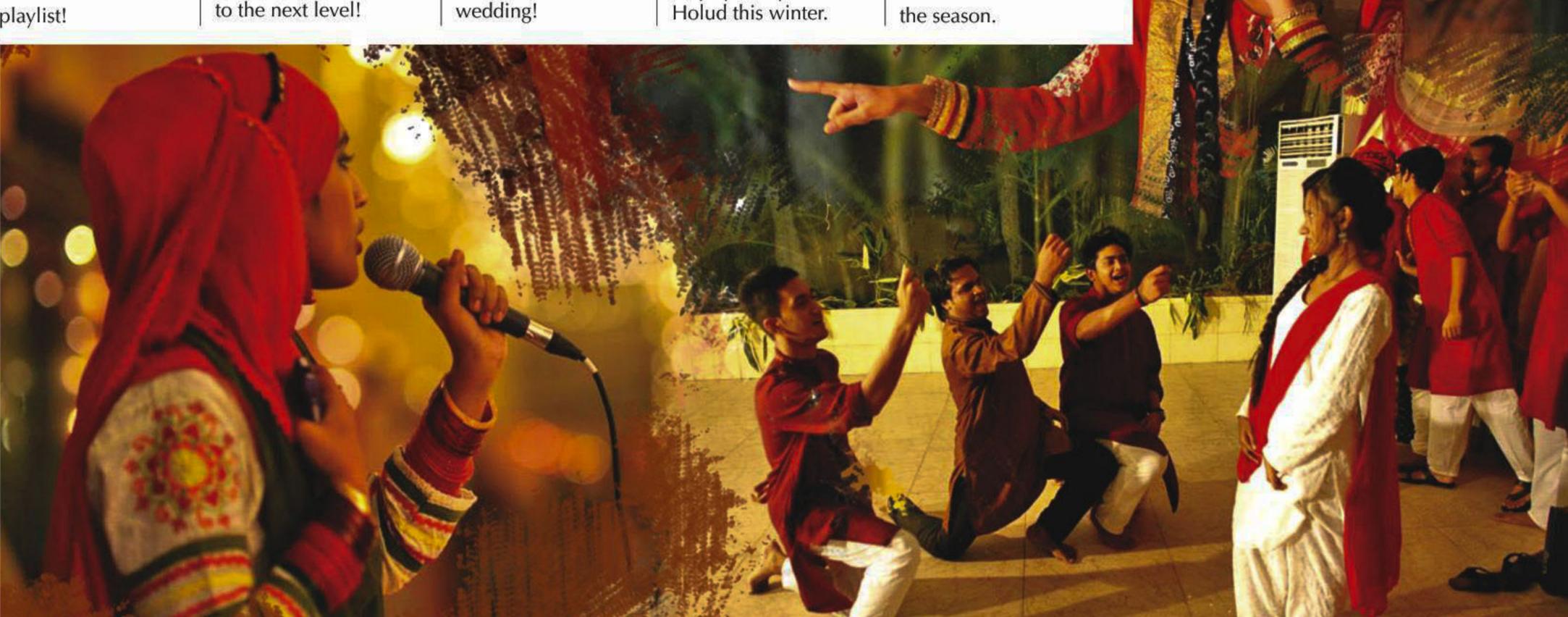
Reshmi Churi – Kona Though the song is a and television shows. This song will definitely take the Holud glamour to the next level!

## Alu Peyajer Kabbo -Shaan

bit on the mellow This love song from side, Jhoom is a song the movie Aynabaji which can bring the has already been 'Aww' factor to the buzzing in everyone's Holud playlist. Till headphones. Using now, this romantic Alu (potato) and Peyaj ballad has won the (onion) as hearts of millions metaphorical lovers, and surely will be a this song is sure to great addition to a help spice up a foodie

## Ure Jai – Adit **Featuring Bammy and** Shahtai

Weddings are also platforms for huge reunions! And Adit's Ure Jai is definitely a funky addition to the wedding play list. This song about friends and loved ones can be a terrific dance number at the season.



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## THE LEGEND OF MATHIN AND HER UNDYING LOVE

department.

heartbroken that she confined herself to

her room and refused all food and drink

After leaving the police department,

One day, Ma Thin's parents found her

Dhiraj worked in the film industry and

starred in fifteen highly popular Bengali

Dhumketu, Hanabari etc. His first movie,

lifeless body lying in her bed.

movies - Mrinalini, Nouka Dubi,

MD SHAHNAWAZ KHAN CHANDAN

**PHOTOS: COURTESY** 

t is said that in Bangladesh, nobody visits a police station until s/he is not forced to do so; however, the Teknaf police station has removed this stereotype with a very moving story. In its premises, this busy border police station holds a legendary site that has made it a sacred place for the visitors. Tourists from far and wide come to Teknaf police station to visit this site of a preserved well that has given birth to one of the most popular love legends of Bangladesh.

In the beginning of the 19th century when Teknaf was covered with evergreen tropical forests and sparsely populated with people of the Rakhine tribe, the British government decided to set up a border outpost at this remotest corner of their empire. The outpost was established at the site of the present Teknaf police station and a Bengali police officer named Dhiraj Bhattyacharya was posted as incharge of the outpost.

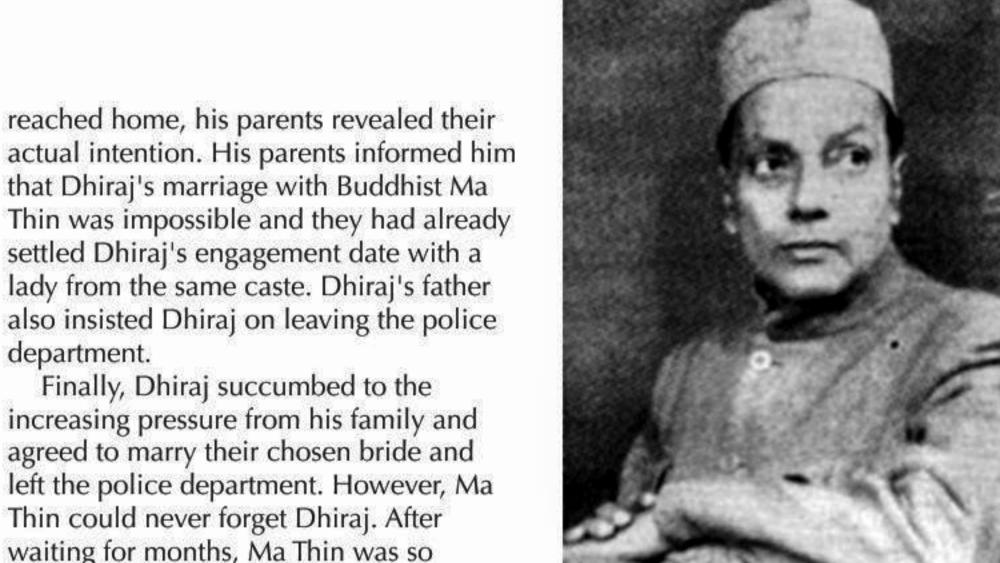
Dhiraj was born in 1905 in Jessore. An educated young man raised in a crowded Bengali town was presumably disappointed after coming to one of the most inaccessible places on the shore of Bay of Bengal. He had nothing to do in his leisure time except sitting idly or taking a stroll in the courtyard of his office/ bungalow. In one such afternoon, Dhiraj noticed that a group of Rakhine girls were coming towards the well which was the only source of freshwater for Dhiraj and his men.

It was the first time Dhiraj noticed graceful Ma Thin, daughter of Rakhine chief, coming towards the well with her friends to collect water. After a few weeks Dhiraj realised that he could not spend a day without looking at Ma Thin's beautiful

Fortunately for Dhiraj, Ma Thin also developed similar feelings for this handsome young man and both used to exchange adoring glances. Gradually the affair intensified and it became a habit for Ma Thin to come to the well before dawn to meet Dhiraj.

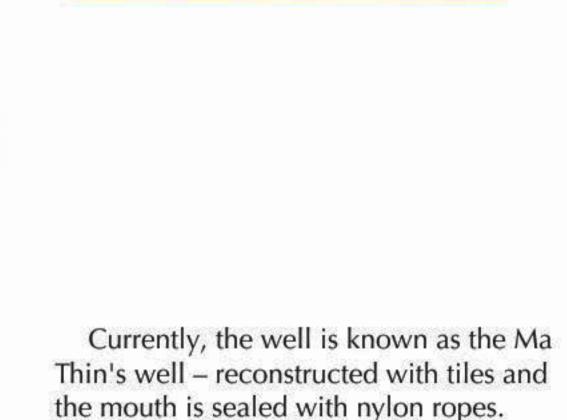
Dhiraj decided to marry Ma Thin and informed his parents in Calcutta - a daring decision for him, as the son of an upper caste Hindu family would never do such a thing! One day, Dhiraj received a letter from his parents saying that his father was seriously ill and he should return home at once. Dhiraj left Teknaf but promised Ma Thin that he would return soon.

However, Dhiraj's parents at Calcutta had planned otherwise. As soon as Dhiraj



Dhiraj Bhattyacharya

a successful career, Dhiraj died in 1959. Dhiraj wrote two autobiographical books titled "When I was a Police Officer" and "When I was a Film Star". In his book, "When I was a Police Officer" Dhiraj wrote his accounts of love for Ma Thin.



People of Teknaf still remember this

Ma Thin and her undying love. ■

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