



First trailer of "Doob" is out

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There has been a lot of talk, but not much to look at until now from Mostofa Sarwar Farooki's much-anticipated Bangladesh-India joint production "Doob" ("No Bed of Roses"). All that changed on Wednesday night when the film released its official trailer on YouTube, and the internet is abuzz.

"He was a curious man," the trailer opens with a deep-voiced narration, and takes the audience through snippets of the life of Javed Hasan (played by global cinema A-lister Irrfan Khan) and his relationships with his daughter Saberi (played by Tisha), and a young (possibly second) wife Nitu (Parno Mitra of Kolkata). A strong ensemble cast including Rokeya Prachi and Nader Chowdhury are also given glimpses of, but Javed Hasan and Saberi remain the centerpieces. The cryptic narration gives just enough away to keep the audience interested, as the visuals provide an ample dramatic quotient, including a dead body being carried away, and Javed Hasan being dragged away by police.

Irrfan Khan embodies the spirit of a conflicted man going through a turbulent life, and even in the less-than-three-minute trailer exhibits his acting chops. Tisha also blends bursts of anger and hurt with moments of calm in what appears to be a

nuanced character.

It is too little at hand just yet to say how good the film will be, but it is clear that "Doob" will be a sensitive yet intense family drama with entangled relationships and their consequences. The trailer also highlights the high praise that the film has got from leading international film magazines Variety, Hollywood Reporter and Screen Daily, and lists an illustrious festival lineup that the film is part of.

Produced jointly by Jaaz Multimedia and Eskay Movies India, the film premiered at the Shanghai International Film Festival this year in competition, and won the Komsarsant Jury Prize at the Moscow International Film Festival. Farooki is currently on tour of the film festival circuit with "Doob", where the film is being screened in competition of the inaugural edition of the El Gouna Film Festival (in Egypt), and will travel to Vancouver International Film Festival (Canada) where it is also in competition, and as an official selection at the Busan International Film Festival (South Korea). The film is also in competition at the prestigious Asia Pacific Screen Awards (to be held in Melbourne), and will be the closing film of the South Asian Film festival in Paris (France).

"Doob" will release simultaneously in Bangladesh and India on October 27.

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YOUNG SHELDON makes splashing premiere

CBS already had the biggest comedy on television with "The Big Bang Theory", and the network debuted a brand new series this week, about one of the key Big Bang Theory characters. "Young Sheldon" premiered on September 25, and has received a full season order from CBS.

The ratings for the series premiere were solid enough that it would have gotten the good news from the network even if it had no connection to Big Bang Theory. Young Sheldon's first episode was the most-watched comedy premiere on any network since 2011, with 17.21 million people tuning in. The premiere also scored the highest rating for any new comedy since back in 2013, with a 3.8 in the all-important 18-49 age demographic.

Sheldon Cooper is arguably the biggest character of "The Big Bang Theory", and the actor who plays adult Sheldon, Jim Parsons, is on board the spinoff as narrator.

Young Sheldon will move to its regular time slot when it returns to the airwaves on November 2.

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A full-fledged family affair Uttam and Chित्रalekha's Duga Puja



Arnisha, Uttam, Arnila and Chित्रalekha Guha.

NAZIBA BASHER

National film award-winning actor Chित्रalekha Guha and six-time winning art director Uttam Guha make a popular couple in the entertainment industry. With their daughters, Arnila and Arnisha Guha, the couple annually celebrate Durga Puja in their hometown in Comilla. For the past two years though, they have had to celebrate without their daughters since both have moved abroad for higher education.

"Usually we go to Comilla much earlier for Puja celebrations, but this time we are going on the Ashtami (8th day of Durga Puja)," says Uttam Guha. Uttam is currently busy giving art direction to Alamgir's new film, "Ekta Cinema'r Golpo", and Chित्रalekha herself is busy shooting for TV plays. Due to the hectic schedule, the couple has delayed their trip.

"Another reason we are going a little later is that we don't have our daughters with us once again this year. Usually, it is their hype and excitement that really drives us to go and celebrate with zeal. Now it sometimes feels like just a responsibility without them," says Uttam.

With their entire family in different parts of the country, they all come together during this special time of the year. "All of

us brothers get together. I have a flat in Comilla, and we all gather and live there together throughout the holiday. No one let's me cook during this occasion, so instead I delve into long 'addas' with my brothers and their children, and all the wives get the delicious Puja cooking done. I also have my childhood friends over there with who I share plenty of football and theatre memories. I also meet them every year during this time," says Uttam.

Every other time, their daughters and all the cousins would hold impromptu cultural shows for the rest of the family that involves dancing, singing and a lot of laughter. "Ever since they moved abroad to study, the entire family, including their aunts, uncles and cousins, miss them very dearly," says Chित्रalekha.

Arnila, who lives in the US, and Arnisha, who lives in Canada, informed their parents that they usually find certain places where Puja is celebrated and spend their day with their friends over there.

Chित्रalekha Guha has starred in popular films such as "Ekkatorer Maa Jononi", "Lalsalu", "Molla Barir Bou", and "Khondogolpo 1971". Uttam Guha has given art direction to many successful films such as "Onno Jibon", "Mrittika Maya", and the upcoming "Gohin Baluchor" by Badrul Anam Saud.

Kadambari: A retelling through dance

ROBINA RASHID BHUIYAN

Before her identity as a popular actress, Nadia Ahmed's heart and feet were set to dance since early childhood. She has now balanced a career between both arts, and to celebrate the ninth day of Sharadiya Durga Puja, or nobomi, Nadia will step into the tragic shoes of Kadambari Devi, in a dance drama titled "Ami Kadambari." The performance will take place today at the capital's Banani Puja Mandap.

Stylised in the Rabindrik form, the drama is an arrangement of some of Tagore's songs, interspersed with dialogues to bring the story together. Choreographed by Likhon Rai, who plays the role of Jyotirindranath Tagore, assisted by Ivan Shahriar Shohag, the role of Rabindranath Tagore is donned by Rabbi. Biplob Saha, founder of Bishwo Rang, has directed the piece.

"Kadambari was a graceful figure, and she was not only an important muse in Tagore's works, but she was an influential critic who has made many contributions towards his writings," stated Nadia. "Her life was a tragic one; married very young to Jyotirindranath, she quickly bonded closely with Tagore, who was nearly her age. However, the intense relationship culminated into her suicide four months after Tagore's marriage. There are very few women in history that possess her grace and endurance, and I feel it is fitting for the festival."

In the acting realm, the artiste has recently wrapped up shooting for "Birobona," directed by A Jabir Russell and which began airing a couple of days ago, and "Shob Janta Shamsher" which is scheduled to air soon.



Demi Lovato announces documentary coming to YouTube

Demi Lovato will unveil a new documentary, "Demi Lovato: Simply Complicated", October 17 on YouTube. The feature-length film will find the pop star sharing "never before told stories and personal footage that reveal a raw and intimate look into her life."

"Simply Complicated" will follow Lovato as she makes her new album, "Tell Me You Love Me", and reflects on a career filled with triumphs and setbacks. The singer will open up about her battles with an eating disorder and substance abuse, as well as her quest to get sober while serving as a judge on The X Factor. The pop star will also discuss her romantic life, including the end of her six-year relationship with actor Wilmer Valderrama and being single for the first time in her life.

"My fans have been on this journey with me since I was eight years old and have shared in some of the most important moments in my life," Lovato said. "As I embark on a new journey both personally and professionally, it was important to me to create this documentary with a platform that would allow me to continue to bring my story directly to my fans."

Lovato will release "Tell Me You Love Me" today, September 29. The album marks the pop star's sixth studio release and follows her 2015 LP "Confident". Lovato previewed the album with four tracks, "Sexy Dirty Love", "You Don't Do It for Me Anymore", "Sorry Not Sorry" and "Tell Me You Love Me".

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