

MINAR

SINGER, COMPOSER

With 'Jhoom' becoming one of the most viewed Bangladeshi music videos ever, Minar is on a roll when it comes to capturing the audience's imagination with his dreamy tunes. The "Minar Craze" is nowhere near the end as he plans to change it up a little for next year.

Plans for New Year's Eve

A lot of my cousins have arrived from abroad, and I plan to spend some time with them on the 31st. I might get around to doing a show as well.

My Biggest Achievements of 2017

I would have to say that it is the fact that I could do things my way. You see, there is a lot more to making a song than just lyrics, tune and composition. You need sound, execution and proper visual aid. This year, everything I have done, I have done them my way and this is my biggest achievement of 2017.

New Year's Resolution

In 2018, I want to bring a change in my lyrics. I will

write some songs

which are different than what I have been producing over the years. Also, you might know that I am also a cartoonist. Unfortunately, I do not get as much time to draw anymore. I also resolve to draw a lot more in 2018.

Something I'd like to change about myself in 2018

I have gained a lot of weight! I would like to keep that in check and lose some weight in 2018.

A memorable moment of 2017

Look, 2017 was a very important year in the context of the music industry so the year itself is very memorable. The medium has been changing for quite a while but it has arguably reached fruition over recent years. People

have been streaming songs through apps and watching them on YouTube so it is a lot easier for us to convey our music directly to the audience.

If I have to talk about a personal moment, it would definitely be during some of the live shows that I did. For example, I did a show at CGS (Chittagong Grammar School) a few days ago and every single person sang the lyrics to *Ahare*. I did not have to sing a single word after that. Moments like these are what I live for.

What I plan to achieve in 2018

I don't really think about achievements that much. I love doing music, and will continue to do so in my way. I have some very interesting plans, but I will not reveal them yet. Hopefully the audience will like them.

Interviewed by Sadi Mohammad Shahnewaz



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SABNAM FARIA

ACTOR

Sabnam Faria started her acting career in 2013 and ever since she has been mesmerizing fans with her impressive works. She made her debut in the media industry with the television commercial of *Pran Chanachur* and has performed in a number of dramas over the years.

Plans for New Year's Eve

I will go on winter vacation this year. Since childhood, our father used to take us to vacations after our final exams. I have kept this tradition alive even now. This vacation is my way of giving time to my family. This time we are going to India, Goa, to be specific.

My Biggest Achievements of 2017

I haven't really achieved anything significant in 2017. Rather the most miserable incident took place this year. I lost my father. I am still struggling to cope up with this loss. After this, the only mentionable thing I did was visiting Nepal and Malaysia. Since I am a passionate traveler, this has been a remarkable tour for me. Both of them are beautiful countries and

I would love to visit them again.

New Year's Resolution

I have many resolutions for 2018. In fact, having different resolutions at the beginning of the year helps me get a good start.

Firstly, I have decided to be more calculative about my acting career. I want to prefer quality over quantity in terms of signing any IVC or television drama. Secondly, since I lost my father very recently, I would like to spend more time with my mother now. Finally, I want to visit two more countries in 2018.

Something I'd like to change about myself in 2018

I want to change so many things about myself in 2018. I am an impatient and short-tempered person. I want to work on these

two negative aspects. I also want to work less this year, as sometimes I put a lot of pressure on myself which affects my personal life.

A memorable moment of 2017

I don't have any positive memorable moment of 2017. The death of my father affected me in many ways. He was more of a friend than a father to me. It is an irreplaceable loss for me and my family.

What I plan to achieve in 2018

In 2018, I want to work on my resolutions. I want to lose some weight as well, at least 5-7 kilograms. I want to be selective about my work and arrive home early after shooting.

Interviewed by Sanjida Chowdhury