

THROUGH THE EYES OF

# SABERI ALAM

*An eminent Bangladeshi theatre and television actress, television show host and a dedicated mother, Saberi Alam has an amazing personality. She has a strong educational background in Journalism. She has acted in many Bangladeshi dramas and films, and she is mostly known for her outstanding performance in the films 'Madhumati', 'Rajneeti', 'Rina Brown' and 'Attodaan'. Her upcoming films include 'Altabanu', 'Jodi Ekdin' and 'Ekti Cinemar Golpo'. Some of her memorable works in television include 'Gronthik Gon Kohe', 'Doll's House', 'Shonar Shekol', 'Kagojer Phul', 'Premnogor', 'Tumi Acho Tai', 'Bohe Shomantoral', 'Shimanto', 'Gohine', 'Candy Crush' and many more. She started her career in 1979 in theatre and acted in many theatre dramas. Later, she became a popular TV actress in 1990s but she took a hiatus for 13 years. In 2007, Saberi Alam returned onscreen with a popular TVC of Banglalink. She received the Anannya Top Ten Award in 2016 for her remarkable contribution to acting.*

**INSPIRATION**

I am blessed with an indisputably favorable and warm cultural bloodline. Of course, my father is my first inspiration who bestrewed the seeds of humanity in me. He was an extremely motivational man. Additionally, my mother was a prominent singer of our country. Therefore, I grew up where everything was framed under the colossal grace of arts. My mother is also my inspiration. Even though I lost her when I was just eight years old, she has always been my inspiration. My brother is also my inspiration who taught me how to utilize the precious time of our lives. Unfortunately, I lost him too. After marriage, my husband who gave me a warm shelter has become my inspiration as well. Of course, my two beloved sons Ananya and Ananta always gives me the strength to live on; they are my lifetime inspirations.

**PHILOSOPHY**

One of my philosophies of life is to live in the present. I always try to be satisfied with what I have received in life from the Almighty. Life is momentous; in this uncertain journey, my motto is to not hurt anyone. If possible, I would love to help others; but cannot ever think of hurting someone. It gives me sanity and steers me toward the moral path. I always try to work with honesty, sincerity and dedication at my workplace.

**VIEWS ON HER PROFESSION**

In my view, every work can be framed as an art which needs to be learned in a proper manner. Learning is not a short-term process. Rather, it is all about dedication. To me, acting is more like a duty. I always try to give my highest effort and do justice to my job. The artists from young generation are really very talented and I appreciate their creativity.

Therefore, I would love to convey my message to the young generation to take proper lessons, do research as much as they can and always be sincere, passionate and dedicated to what they do. We should take necessary initiatives to encourage the young generation of our country.

**BOOKS**

*Shesher Kobita* by Rabindranath Tagore is on the top of my favorite list. *Golpo*



*Guccho* by Rabindranath Tagore and *Pather Panchali* by Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay are also my favorites. I love reading the books of Khaled Hosseini, specifically *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel García Márquez, *The Joke* by Milan Kundera and the books of Haruki Murakami are some other books I adore.

**FILMS**

*Pather Panchali* and *Nayak* are two of my most favorite Bengali movies. *Rain Man*, *One True Thing* and *Love Story* are my favorites among non-Bengali films.

**MUSIC**

As my mother was an eminent singer of our country, music has always been my loyal companion. I feel proud to say that

my mother was an accomplished Bangladeshi artist; her photo was even displayed in the Classical Festival. When it comes to my music preference, I love listening to all kinds of songs from classical to modern. Though I do not usually listen to hard rock, I do enjoy music of various genres.

**FUTURE PLANS**

Even though I have no specific future plan, I love working with the highest possible dedication at my workplace. Hence, I always try to maintain the quality of my work so that the audience can warmly accept what I do. Above all, I wish to have a peaceful life with my two sons and always pray for their welfare. I believe health is a major factor in living a happy life. Therefore, I pray to the

Almighty to favor me and my sons with a healthy and peaceful life.

**IDOLS**

Unquestionably, my beloved parents are my idols. My father was an amazing person with little need and was always satisfied about everything he earned. He never showed his anger to anyone. I also admire how beautifully my mother balanced her career in music and her family. In the end, the person who has left a deep impression on me was none but my husband. He taught me how to be patient and fight against unfavorable situations in life. Hence, I have the spirit to live my life to the fullest.

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