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## Lux Super Star 2018 dazzles as Mim Mantasha takes the Crown

If there is one pageant that never fails to capture the attention of the people around the country, it is Channel i presents Lux Super Star. In an exquisite display of grandeur and elegance on the grand finale of this year's event, Mim Mantasha became the winner of Lux Super Star 2018, surpassing finalists Sarwat Ajad Brishti and Samia Athoi.

Organised jointly by Lux and Channel i, the spectacular grand finale of the competition's 9th season was broadcasted live on May 11 at 7:30 pm. The presence of the country's most popular celebrities added to the grandeur of the event, alongside an estimate of one thousand guests at the Bangabandhu International Convention Center. The top five contestants- Nabila Afrose, Sarwat Azad

Brishti, Mim Mantasha, Ishrat Zaheen and Samia Othoi blew the audience away with their performances on stage. As an added bonus, the judges Sadia Islam Mou, Arifin Shuvoo and Tahsan Khan graced the stage with their performance and lifted the contestants' morale. Moreover, guest judges Aly Zaker, Hon'ble Minister of Cultural Affairs Asaduzzaman Noor, MP and actor Ishita made the already star-studded event even more glorious.

Previous winners of the event, Bidya Sinha Mim, Zakia Bari Mamo and Mehzabien Chowdhury made a moment worth framing by performing together for the first time, and there were more from previous Lux stars Nazifa, Supriya, Swarna, Heera and Samia. Nemesis's frontman, Md Zohad Reza

Chowdhury also made a surprise appearance at the gala, entertaining the audience with his powerful voice.

The spirit of Channel i presents Lux Super Star 2018 maintained that a girl is not just a pretty face. She is defined by her talent, confidence, diligence and determination. Mim Mantasha became the winner by showcasing these qualities and earning the respect of both the judges and the audience. Having started her journey in January, she withstood a rigorous search of over five months alongside many talented contestants discovered by the competition, who were chosen among thousands of applications. The competition proved once again that it is one of the most must-see pageants in Bangladesh!

## Mithila on being a mom

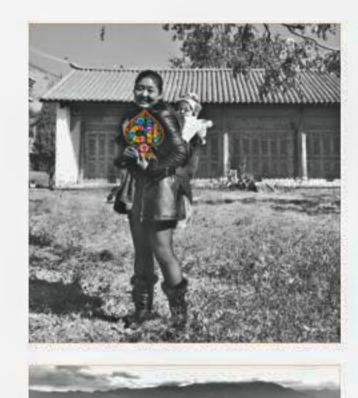
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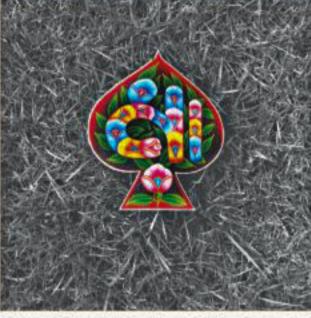
Rafiath Rashid Mithila is the epitome of beauty, talent and grace. She has become the symbol of empowerment, seamlessly maintaining her professional life, acting career and motherhood. Her social media posts showcase the special bond that she has with her 5-year-old daughter, Ayra.

Ayra likes to accompany her mother on shoots, training sessions and workshops. Recently, the mother-daughter duo visited China and Tanzania together. "We also love to draw and colour together," says Mithila. "Ayra also loves playing with puppets."

Mithila sees motherhood as the most important part of her life. "Being a mother inspires me to be a better human being everyday because I know my daughter looks up to me," she adds.











## **BISHWAJIT GOSWAMI** Travelling with Mother

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Bishwajit Goswami, one of the finest contemporary artists of Bangladesh and a lecturer at the Department of Drawing and Painting of University of Dhaka, works on many significant art projects. An alumnus of University of Dhaka and Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan, he experiments with time and space.

The artist travels with the iconography "Ma" (Mother), depicted in the form of a conventional rickshaw painting, which epitomises the cosmos, nature, motherland, the society and culture.

"When I visited China for an art project in 2015, my wife was expecting a baby; absence made my heart grow fonder and I contemplated about my wife and the expected baby. This was how I started the art project titled 'Traveling with Mother," said Bishwajit.

In this ongoing project, he performs with women from different cultures and geographical areas. "Six accomplished female artists are helping me in the project enacting six interconnected characters — "Ma (Mother), Mati (Soil) Manush (Human Beings), Bhasha (Language), Swadesh (Motherland) and Prokriti (Mother Nature) for the comprehensive art project."

## Universal Medical College and Hospital to honour mothers of three celebrities



Kumar Bishwajit with his mother.

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On Mother's Day, Universal Medical College and Hospital has been honouring mothers of renowned media personalities for the past few years. This year, too, mothers of three celebrities will be awarded.

The award is named Gorbini Maa. Well-known singer Kumar Bishwajit's mother Sova Rani Dey, actor Mosharraf Karim's mother Mamtaj Begum and actor Bidya Sinha Saha Mim's mother Chobi Saha, are receiving the awards today.

Today, in the auditorium of Universal Medical College, Mohakhali, three mothers will be honoured. Their children will be with them during the award ceremony.

"I am what I am today, because of my mother," says Bidya Sinha Saha Mim. "My mother's role is the most important in this regard. I am very happy that my mother is being honoured today!"

According to Mosharraf Karim, his mother raised him alone after his father passed away. "The news of my mother getting recognised is a great achievement for me," he says.



Mosharraf Karim and Bidya Sinha Saha Mim with their respective mothers.



Fashion show at Jamuna Future Park during the launching ceremony of KLUBHAUS.

International Mother's Day



We should love and take care of our mothers before they become only memories.





