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# Moushumi Hamid

## All set for challenges

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Moushumi Hamid rose to prominence after becoming the runner up in Lux Channel's Superstar 2010. Since then, she has worked in a wide range of TV shows. Most notably, the telefilm Roshni made her the talk of the town at the time of its release on Channel i and Kolkata's ETV Bangla. Apart from television, she has also been tremendously impressive on the silver screen in recent years. The actor took out some time to speak to The Daily Star about her upcoming ventures.

**How busy are you right now with Eid projects?**

**Moushumi:** I have been very busy with different Eid TV shows. Since Eid is just around the corner, these shows are taking up all my time. Besides, I have taken up some TV serials.

**Which projects have you wrapped up so far?**

**Moushumi:** I have finished shooting two telefilms called Komolar Bonobaash and Meghmala. On the other hand, I have wrapped up two TV serials. One of them is directed by Golam Sohrab Dodul. I am also keen for people to watch Efa Education, a telefilm that I recently completed.

**Out of all these TV shows, which one is closest to your heart?**

**Moushumi:** It is very difficult for me to pick one favourite show. I have enjoyed playing all these different characters for different reasons, but I would especially like to mention Komolar Bonobaash, where I play the titular character. I think it is a really good telefilm and I have loved working with the director, Sumon Anwar.

**You are known for choosing quite uncommon and unpredictable roles. Is there any particular reason why?**

**Moushumi:** To be honest, I am drawn to projects that have something different to offer. I want to be remembered for portraying a variety of characters on screen. As an actor, I am always up for challenges and hungry for more.

**After 'Jalaler Golpo,' you have been on a break from movies. Why so?**

**Moushumi:** It is every actor's dream to work in movies. I am no exception. However, I need to choose quality films and characters, which are hard to come by. Jalaler Golpo was well-received both at home and abroad, so I am just being careful about choosing films now. I will not say yes to a film unless it is something I really like.

# Let's play with clay

SHABABA IQBAL

Pottery is one of the most creative activities you can let your child experience. On May 28, Clay Station, a pottery studio in Dhaka, began a 4-day summer camp where children can learn different techniques of hand building with clay using pottery tools, know about different types of ceramics, and receive a certificate. At the camp, the children made dinner wares for their families as well as pizzas and burgers for themselves. In addition, they made animals out of clay to represent their own zoos and aquariums. On the last day, they will paint flags for themselves on tiles.

Children tend to not focus on a task for very long, but can get engrossed in their work when it comes to clay. "Pottery making has calming effects and it also improves a child's creativity and focus, which is necessary in a world where everyone is drawn to electronic gadgets," says Musharrat Murshed, a parent of one of the children. She further



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explains that working with clay allows children to have a physical outlet to express their emotions and ideas.

Furthermore, when it comes to children and pottery, the process of learning is often more important than how the product turns out in the end. The knowledge they gain from the creation, helps them gain self-worth and know that they have

the ability to create artistic pieces with clay. "Having a finished piece to hold on to or give as gifts to relatives adds a special value to the child's life and can make sculpting a very memorable experience with souvenirs of their past challenges and triumphs," says Sharmin Ahmed, founder of Clay Station. Another one of these summer camps will be held in June.

**Jim Carrey, an American-Canadian actor, popularly known for 'The Mask' and other prominent work, who is also a comedian, producer, screenwriter and painter, shares a heart-wrenching tweet on his twitter account. The tweet shows a brutal picture of an immigrant child being snatched away from its mother. In the background, Statue of Liberty, resembling Donald Trump, lights an American Flag.**

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