

WHAT'S ON

An Evening of Storytelling
 Title: Amar Spreeha
 Venue: Spreeha Bangladesh, Dhanmondi
 Date: August 31

Photography Exhibition
 Title: Shutter Up Exhibition 2018
 Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi
 Date: September 9-10
 Time: 10am - 7pm
 Contact: shutterupbd@gmail.com

Photographic Experience
 Title: Photo Day at Panam City
 Venue: Panam City
 Date: September 1
 Time: 7am - 6pm
 Contact: tukitakifactory@gmail.com

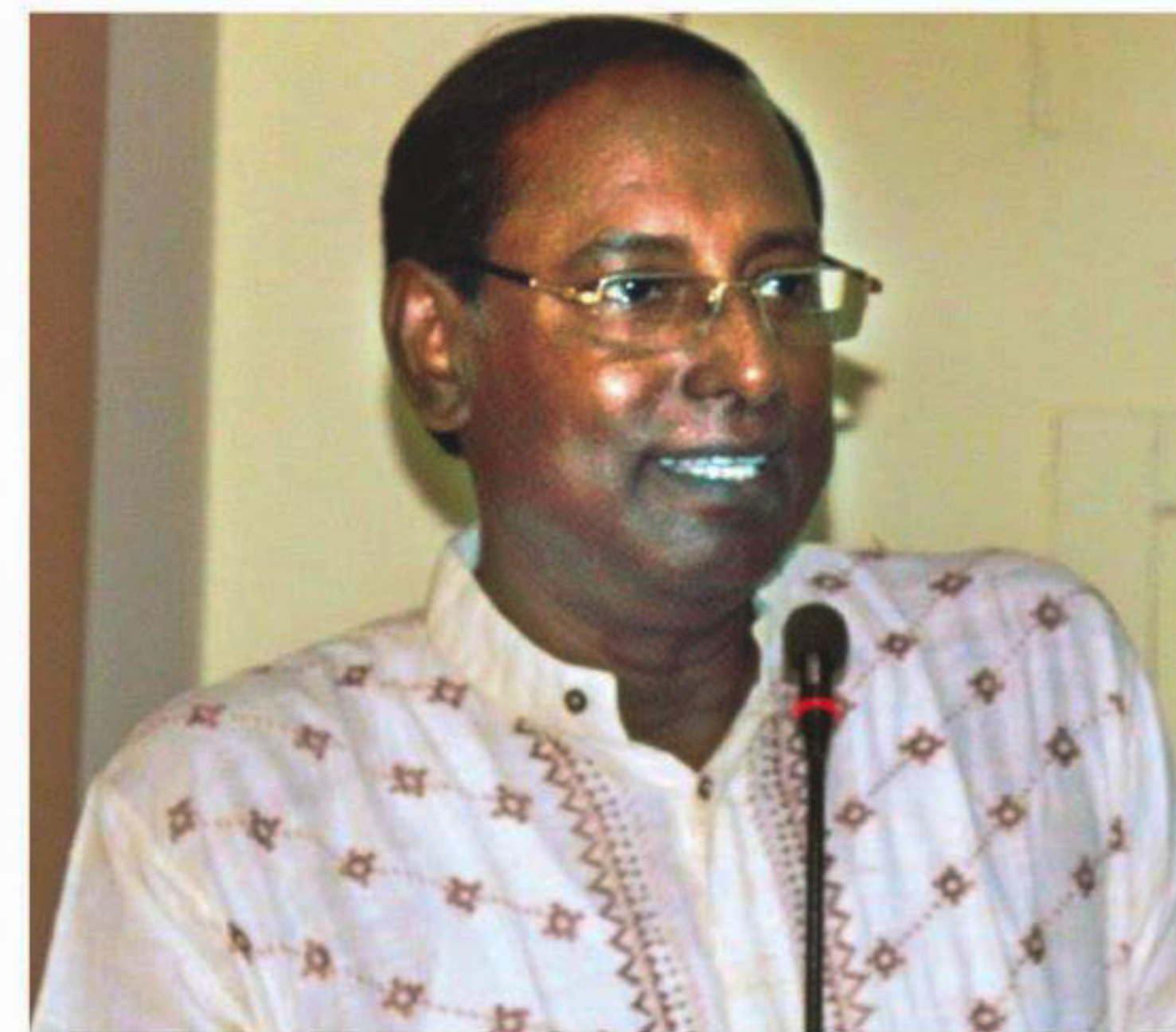
Art Exhibition
 Title: 18th ASIAN ART BIENNALE BANGLADESH 2018
 Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
 Date: September 1 - 30
 Visit: bangladeshshilpakalacademy.gov.bd

Musical Event
 Title: Celebrate Friendship with Armeen Musa
 Venue: The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Bangladesh
 Date: September 9
 Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Today marks the 42nd death anniversary of our National Poet, Kazi Nazrul Islam. The legacy of the rebel-poet will forever live as long as we nurture, preach and practice the art with authenticity and devotion.



Khairul Anam Shakil



Prof Dr Rashidun Nabi

Kabi Nazrul Institute to confer Nazrul Award 2017

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Some people have dedicated their lives to make sure that the true essence of Nazrul remains an integral part of our culture. Out of the various initiatives taken by the Nazrul Institute, one such venture is to recognise and honour those Nazrul exponents who work tirelessly to uphold the opulence of Nazrul Sangeet, during the poet's death anniversary every year.

During today's occasion, the Nazrul

Institute will pay homage to the bard by presenting the Nazul Award 2017 to deserving advocates along with a discussion and cultural programme which will be held at 4:30 pm today in Begum Sufia Kamal Auditorium of the Bangladesh National Museum.

This year, 'Nazrul Puroshkar 2017' will be bestowed upon Khairul Anam Shakil, who is a talented and much renowned Nazrul exponent; and Prof Dr Rashidun Nabi, head of the Department of Music of Jatiya Kabi Kazi

Nazrul Islam University. Both have conducted outstanding work in the field of Nazrul Sangeet.

During an interview with *The Daily Star*, Khairul Anam Shakil said, "With the full support of The Ministry of Cultural Affairs along with a handful of dedicated colleagues, our institute, Bangladesh Nazrul Sangeet Sangstha (BNSS) strives to maintain the authenticity of the heritage. Alongside, during our workshops, we ensure that the young attendees also learn the philosophy of the

poet and garner in-depth knowledge about the poet's works."

"My involvement with Nazrul was from 1978. I have tried to contribute as much as I could through my works. If I had to talk of the achievement that I am most proud of, it would be *Nazrul Sangeet Songroho*, an authentic compilation of more than 3000 songs. It helps as a guide for those who wish to learn more and is a favourite collection amongst Nazrul fans worldwide," mentions Prof Dr Rashidun Nabi.

Minister of Information Hasanul Haque Inu will attend as the chief guest of the event, which is presided over by Professor Rafiqul Islam, current chairman of Nazrul Institute. Nasir Uddin Ahmed, Secretary Ministry of Cultural Affairs of Bangladesh, and Dr Muhammad Samad, pro vice-chancellor of the University of Dhaka will also grace the event as special guests. The welcome speech of the event will be delivered by Khilkhil Kazi, granddaughter of Kazi Nazrul Islam.

Moutushi Biswas talks upcoming ventures

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Moutushi Biswas has been a part of numerous notable television projects and hit films. She is currently busy with the TV serials 'Yureka Rezwan,' 'Khelewar,' 'Dugdugi,' 'Mr Tension,' 'Shoshuraloy Modhuraloy' and 'Dui Generation.' She has worked on films like 'Bachelor' and 'Krishnopokkho' and turned to hosting on many occasions as well. The Daily Star catches up with the actor to talk about her latest projects



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What can you tell us about your television ventures for Eid?

I have done a 7-episode TV serial called *Uro Chhiithi*, and two one-hour tele-fictions called *Kuwasha Bhor* and *Bangla Teacher* for Eid.

You are currently working on several TV serials. What is the most challenging part of essaying the different characters?

I shoot for different TV serials throughout a month, and I am someone who takes each day as it comes. So, I try to analyse and focus on whichever charac-

ter I am portraying on that particular day and just do my best.

Can you update us on your latest TV serials?

Soon, I will be seen in the TV serials *Khandaani Manzil* and *Pagla Hawaa*. Are there any shows you are hosting in the festive season of Eid?

I will be hosting a show for Eid, which I am really excited about because hosting is always fun. Stars from the world of cinema will appear as guests on the show.



Why you need to watch Netflix's 'TO ALL THE BOYS I'VE LOVED BEFORE'

SHABABA IQBAL

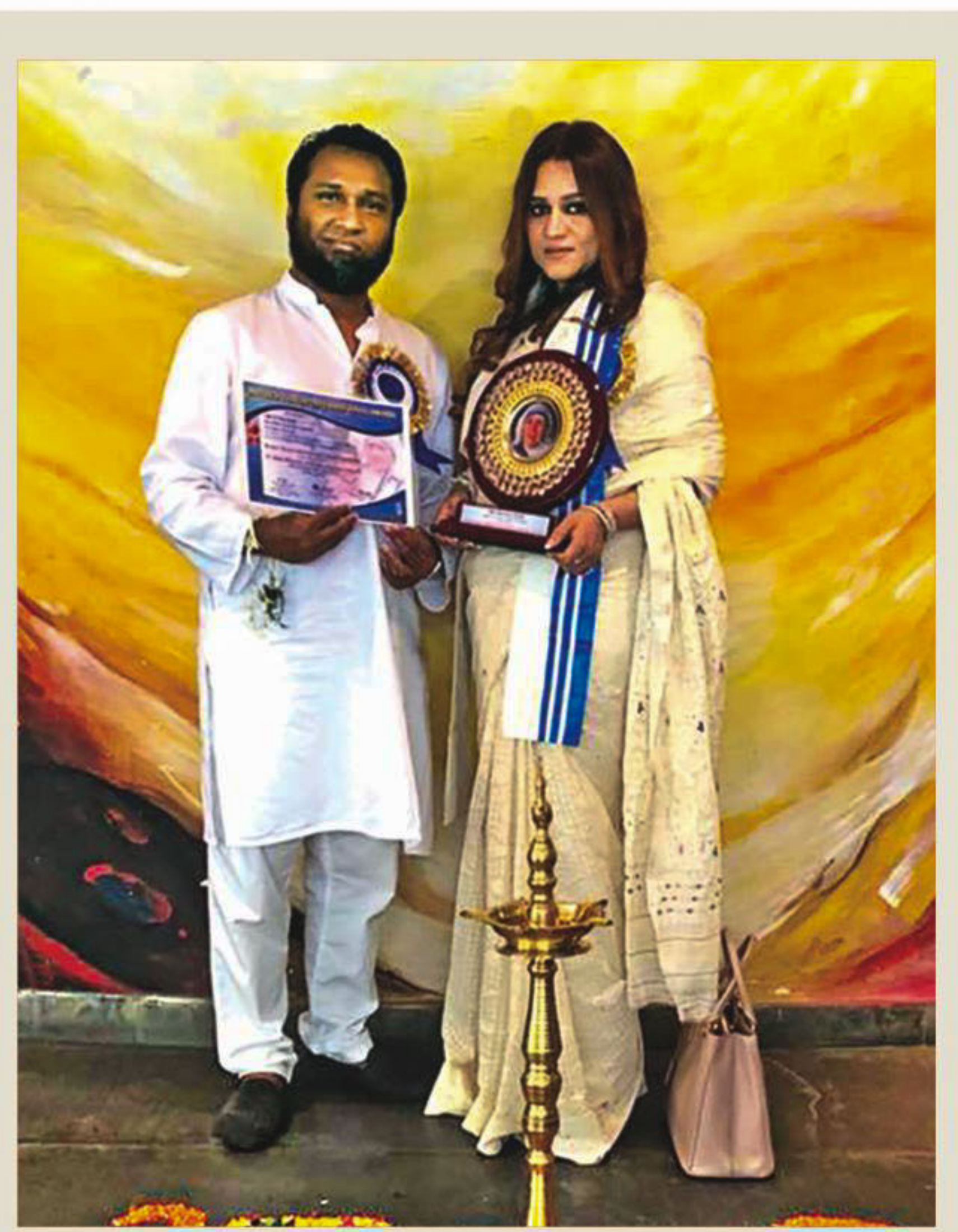
I watched 'To All The Boys I've Loved Before' a day after it came out on Netflix this month, and felt like it was a day well spent. I recommended it to all my friends and anyone who loves teen romantic comedies right after.

The story follows Lara Jean, a half-Korean and half-Caucasian 16-year old girl who keeps love letters to all the boys she has ever loved in a teal hatbox given to her by her late mother.

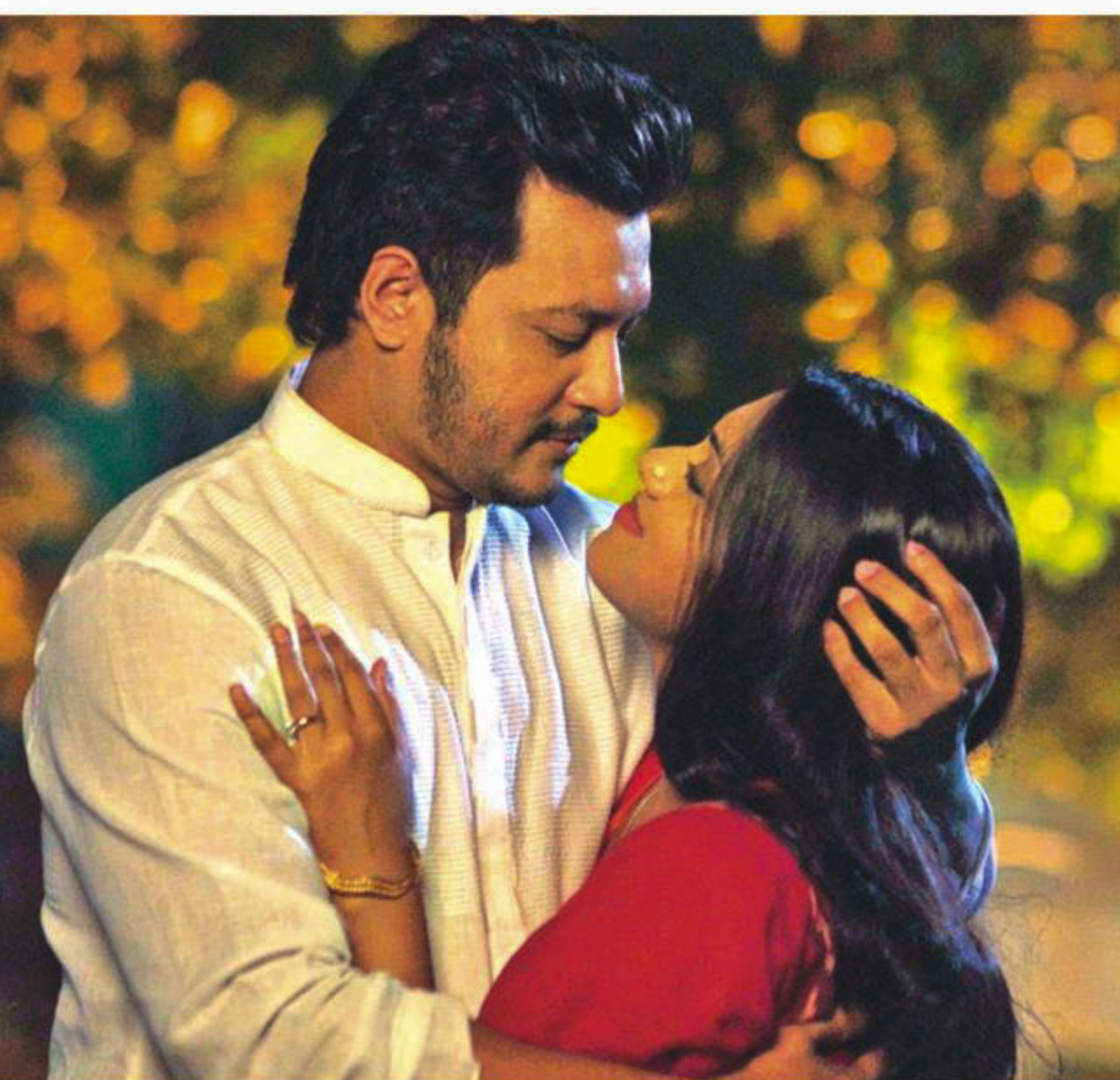
To All The Boys I've Loved Before is the kind of movie that is as sweet and addictive as candy and that wants its audience to indulge in multiple repeat viewings.

Particularly that's because of the way it plays off of familiar tropes and archetypes: not deconstructing them or taking them apart, just executing a classic formula with care and affection. But mostly, it's because of the unabashed sweetness of this movie, and the way it builds itself around nice people who care about each other and want to do nice things for each other, like for instance, writing each other love letters or letting the other person use them as a pillow during a nap. It is heart-melting. Plus, Peter Kavinsky, the male lead of the story, embodies the perfect boyfriend!

To be fair, it does have an existing fanbase to draw from. The movie is based on a 2014 YA novel of the same title by Jenny Han, which became a New York Times best-selling series. But the adaptation adds to its recognition in that it knows every single one of the romantic tropes it's working with backwards and forwards, and loves them with all its pure and wholesome heart. Watch it on a cosy, relaxing night with your close ones, if you haven't already!



Kaushik Hossain Taposh won the prestigious Mother Teresa International Award 2018 yesterday. The Gaan Bangla CEO posted about the tremendous achievement on his Facebook page, and this is the second time that he is being honoured in India this year. Taposh had previously won the Dada Saheb Phalke Excellence Award in April.



'Ek Mutho Roddur', directed by Kaushik Shankar Das will be broadcast on NTV at 2:20 pm today. The telefilm features Tisha and Emon in the lead roles.