



# ON-SCREEN LOVE AND HAPPY ENDINGS

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Through heartbreaks and happy endings, romantic duos in cinema have carried us all on many emotional journeys. There are some screen pairs whose chemistry sizzles more than others, going onto working together in many subsequent films. There are some treasurable instances where on screen romance transcends into real life, yielding in happy marriages and growing families.



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The first memorable pairing in Bangla cinema occurred before our nation's independence when Sujata and Azim shared the screen space in *Roopban*. They became an iconic on-screen couple in the '60s and acted in many films together including *Obanchito*. As their characters fell in love in many narratives, the couple's attraction for each other grew, and they got married.

Shabnam and Rahman are another popular couple of the '60s. Shabnam had acted in Urdu films earlier with Nadeem, before landing a role in *Rajdhani'r Bukey* with Rahman. The couple also went onto act in another hit film titled *Darshan*.

Post independence years saw the rise of Kabori and Razzak. While Razzak appeared alongside many leading ladies, his roles with Kabori became especially popular with the audience. They appeared together in *Neel Akasher Niche*, *Abirbhab*, *Sritituku Thak*, *Darpachurno*, *Rongbaaj*, *Shorolipi* and a few more.

After Raj Razzak, Alamgir became the next actor to gain hero status in Bangladesh's budding film industry. The audience found themselves rooting for his pairing with Shabana, and they acted together in a staggering 120 films.



Babita found immense popularity in Bangladeshi cinema as a lead actor and worked alongside many male leads throughout her career. However, her pairing with Zafar Iqbal proved to be the most popular. Zafar Iqbal's image as a romantic hero and a singer complemented perfectly with Babita's glamour, resulting in many hit films. Some of their popular works together include *Obuj Hriday*, *Ek Mutho Bhaat*, *Shongram*, *Shurjo Grohon* and many more. The pair continued to work

together until Zafar Iqbal's tragic death.

Actor Farooque also worked with popular stars such as Babita and Kabori during his career. His top films with Kabori include *Sarang Bou* and *Sujon Shathi* and his popular works with Babita include *Noyonmoni*, *Lathiyaal* and more.

Furthermore, Ilias Kanchan is most remembered for his roles with Chompa, particularly their performance together in the films *Shohojatri* and *Bheja Chokh*. Chompa worked

alongside Manna in many films later in her career.

The 1990s observed the emergence of Nayeem and Shabnaz in *Chadni*. The pair won each other's hearts as well as those of the audience, and later married.

But in the same era another hero and heroine took the country by storm, ending in a tragedy the nation would never forget. Salman Shah and Moushumi made their debut in *Keyamot Theke Keyamot*, and would only act together in four more films before pairing up with other actors. Salman Shah went onto appear in a few more films with Shabnoor before his untimely death, while Moushumi graced the screen with Omar Sani. Moushumi and Omar Sani tied the knot in real life, and continue to work together today. Shabnoor garnered popularity with actor Riaz, appearing in many box office hits.

In today's era of films, Shakib Khan has become the 'King of Dhaliwood'. He gained popularity with his appearances alongside Apu Biswas, and they worked in over 70 films together. The duo fell in love on the sets and married, but the match was not meant to be as the couple parted ways recently.



## Amitabh Bachchan showers praises on Vicky Kaushal and Taapsee Pannu



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Amitabh Bachchan is known to shower praises wholeheartedly on actors who manage to impress him with their work. He is an ardent social media user but he prefers the old-school way when it comes to complimenting actors. In a gesture that has moved several actors in the past, Big B sends a bouquet of flowers and a handwritten note to tell them how much he has loved their work. He was full of praise for Vicky Kaushal and Taapsee Pannu's performances in *Manmarziyaan*.

Recently, an overwhelmed Vicky Kaushal shared a photo of his letter and bouquet on Twitter, expressing his happiness and how much it means to him. Amitabh Bachchan sent a similar hand written note to Taapsee Pannu, who is also part of the film. The stunning actor, who has worked with Big B in *Pink*, shared a photo on social media, featuring herself with Amitabh Bachchan's note and the bouquet. "Finally! This letter! A milestone achieved," she captioned the photo. Amitabh Bachchan's son Abhishek Bachchan also stars in *Manmarziyaan*.

## 1 MINUTE PLEASE Nadia Dora

SHABABA IQBAL

Young singer Nadia Dora began her journey in social business and music altogether along with performing in university programmes. She worked with a band named Dharok to build up her career in the music industry in 2012 and afterwards, she started a fusion band called Pandora all around the country and works at a private television channel. We sat down with her for a fun round of "One Minute Please!" this week.

What was the last song you listened to?

A Lalon Geeti called *Itorpona Karjo Amar*. I have been humming this since the morning!  
If you could access a time machine, where would you go?  
I would like to be present in the era of Rabindranath Tagore in Kolkata.  
What was the last film you watched?  
I watched *Mission: Impossible - Fallout*, as far as I can remember.  
What is your favourite junk food?  
Fried chicken! I could eat it all day! (Laughs)  
What is one thing that annoys you?  
Rude behaviour.  
What makes you smile?  
Music!



Eighteen popular artists including Zakia Bari Mamo, Apurba, Rawnak Hasan, Nayem, Sabnam Faria, Shaju Khadem, Arfan Ahmed, Shahadat, Nadia Nodi, Niloy are currently residing in Nepal for the tele-fiction 'Off The Record'. Directed by Shafiqur Rahman Shantanu, Off The Record consists of 52 episodes. The team started filming in Nepal from August 28 and is planning to return to Bangladesh tomorrow.