





Humayun Ahmed's widely read novel 'Debi' is being made into a film. The film is being released through Jaya Ahsan's company 'C-te Cinema', with help from the government. The film is scheduled to be released this October.

In the film, Jaya Ahsan will play Ranu, Chanchal Chowdhury will play Misir Ali, Animesh Aich as Anis, Shabnam Faria as Nilu and Iresh Zaker as Ahmed Saber. It is being directed by Anam Biswas. This film is serving as his directorial debut. Two music videos from the film have already been released on YouTube. Momtaz lent her powerful voice to one song, Doyel Pakhi Konna Re, and the other song was sung by Anupam Roy, Du Mutho Bikel. Both songs have attracted a lot of attention, and have gotten air time on both radio and television. Regarding the film, Jaya Ahsan said, "Humayun Ahmed wrote the story for *Debi* almost 30 years ago. Making books into films is always very hard. We tried to make the film as

close to the novel as possible. Anam took on a writer's psychology to write the screenplay for the film. Bringing the entire story into 96 sequences was quite a challenge. But, I think people will really like the story." Chanchal Chowdhury said, "Those who read Humayun Ahmed's Misir Ali knows that a 'Misir Ali' lives within them all. I kept that in mind when I portrayed the character. This was a very challenging role for me. I had to film this for one month straight. Even when I started shooting another film, I found myself behaving like Misir Ali."

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