



# MEENALAAP

## Wins Another Award

The Suborna Senjutee Tushee directed short film *Meenalaap* has won the Critics Award at the 8th DIDOR International Film Festival at Dushanbe, Tajikistan. Previously, the film had won the Grand Prix Award in the short film category at the 14th Eurasia International Film Festival. The film, which was premiered last July in Kazakhstan, was also screened in Kerala, India. It was also shown at the Italy Film Festival in Rome. *Meenalaap* is a film about a working couple from West Bengal who shift to Pune. The story revolves around their life, and includes major moments like the birth of their first child.



# Nayok

## Gaining a Lot of Attention

The film *Nayok* was released last week, along with the Joya Ahsan production *Debi*. Starring Bappy Chowdhury and debutant Adhora Khan, the film was released in over 70 theatres nationwide. Audiences have been hailing the film. The film's songs, making and acting have been heavily praised. On quite a few occasions, the movie had packed theatres. The Ispahani Arif Jahan directed film also stars Moushumi,



Amit Hasan, Aman Reza, Papia, Shimul Khan and others. Bappy said about the film, "I sat with audiences and saw *Nayok*. I am very honoured to receive their love and affection. The audiences seemed to really like my look for the film. I asked around at a few movie theatres, most of them told me that *Nayok* has been bringing in a lot of people. The film is on the way to success. If people keep on watching Bangladeshi films at theatres, the future is bright for Bangla movies. I believe that this film will entertain the audience."

# AJ is Back with a Bang!

Speculations of a new Ananta Jalil film have been in the air for quite some time, but now it has been confirmed. Ananta Jalil's new film, *Din: The Day* is set to be produced by Ananta Jalil, where he will play the lead role. It is a joint production between Iran and Bangladesh. The official contract signing for the film recently took place. It took place in Iran's capital, Tehran at the luxurious hotel Espinas Palace. During the signing, former president of Dhaka's Iranian Cultural Council, Syed Hossaini, Ananta Jalil and Mumt Al-Rashid were present, alongside some others. The film's plot will be based around the oppression Muslims worldwide are being subjected to. Shooting will take place in Iran, Bangladesh, Syria and Lebanon. Most of the scenes will be shot in Iran and others will be shot in different locations around Bangladesh. Barsha will be starring in the film alongside Ananta Jalil.