



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

Bangladesh National Museum to pay tribute to poet Talim Hossain

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

On the 100th birth anniversary of poet Talim Hossain, a poetry recitation programme is being held today at 5 pm at the main auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum.

The welcome speech will be delivered by Shahriar Chowdhury. Dr Anisuzzaman will be chief guest of the event, presided over by Dr Rafiqul Islam. Renowned personalities in the field of Bangla Literature will talk about the celebrated poet. The speakers of the event will include poet Asad Chowdhury, children's writer Ali Imam, poet Mohammad Nurul Huda and poet Jahanara Arzu among others. The event will also include poetry recitations and a cultural programme.



RANVEER SINGH AND ALIA BHATT win top accolades at Star Screen Awards 2018

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

Recently, the Star Screen Awards 2018 ceremony was held in Mumbai. It was a night of celebration for Ranveer Singh, as he was awarded the Best Actor for his portrayal of the twelfth-century Delhi Sultanate ruler Alauddin Khilji in Padmaavat. Alia Bhatt bagged the Best Actress award for her role of an Indian spy who is married into an army family in Pakistan in Raazi.

On the other hand, Rajkumar Rao won the Best Popular Actor (Male) award for his quirky performance in Stree. Pankaj Tripathi, who is well-known as 'Kaleen Bhaiyya' in Amazon's *Mirzapur*, won the Best Supporting Actor (Male) award for *Stree*.
Meanwhile, Neena Gupta and Gajraj Rao won the critics' awards for best actor female and male, for *Badhaai Ho*, in which they played the role of an elder couple, who run into trouble with their own family

and the society after learning that the wife is pregnant.
Stree was named the Best Film and *Mulk* won Best Film (Critics) award. Sriram Raghavan was awarded the Best Director for the thriller *Andhadhun*, starring Tabu, Ayushmann Khurrana and Radhika Apte.
Gulzar was awarded the Best Lyrics for his song *Ae Watan* in *Raazi* and the Lifetime Achievement Award was given to eminent actor Shabana Azmi.

MAMO'S 'Shopner Ghor' opens today

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

National award-winning actor Zakia Bari Mamo, who has many successful ventures to her credit, has garnered immense praise for her versatile roles, both on the silver screen and television. Her latest venture, 'Dohon', created quite the hype upon hitting the screens last month. The bonafide beauty will next be seen in the psychological thriller, 'Shopner Ghor', which releases today. The film also stars Anisur Rahman Milon, Quazi Nawshaba Ahmed and others. In a recent chat with The Daily Star, Mamo discusses her expectations from the film, her aspirations and more.

What can you tell us about *Shopner Ghor*?

Shopner Ghor is a psychological thriller film with horror elements. We have tried our best to make something which the local audience has not seen before. I had a great time working with the entire cast and crew, and hope that our hard work pays off.

This is the first time that you have delved into the thriller-horror genre. What made you choose the script of *Shopner Ghor*?

As an artiste, I am always looking for multi-dimensional characters to play. For me, it was exciting to come across a psychological thriller and horror story, which provided me with so much to explore. I have enjoyed the experience immensely.

Which aspect of *Shopner Ghor* do you feel will persuade the audience to come to the theatres?

Even though we have rarely seen films of the thriller-horror category in Bangladesh, I believe that a large section of the viewers is interested in watching films of this genre. Many people in our country love foreign thriller and horror films, so, I am confident that our film will impress them as well.

How do you feel about the massive success of your latest release, *Dohon*?

The credit for the success of *Dohon* goes to the entire cast and crew. I feel privileged to have been a part of that film. I am delighted to see that so many people have loved it.

Undoubtedly, with three film releases, it has been a great year for you. What are your aspirations, when it comes to your career choices in the movie business?

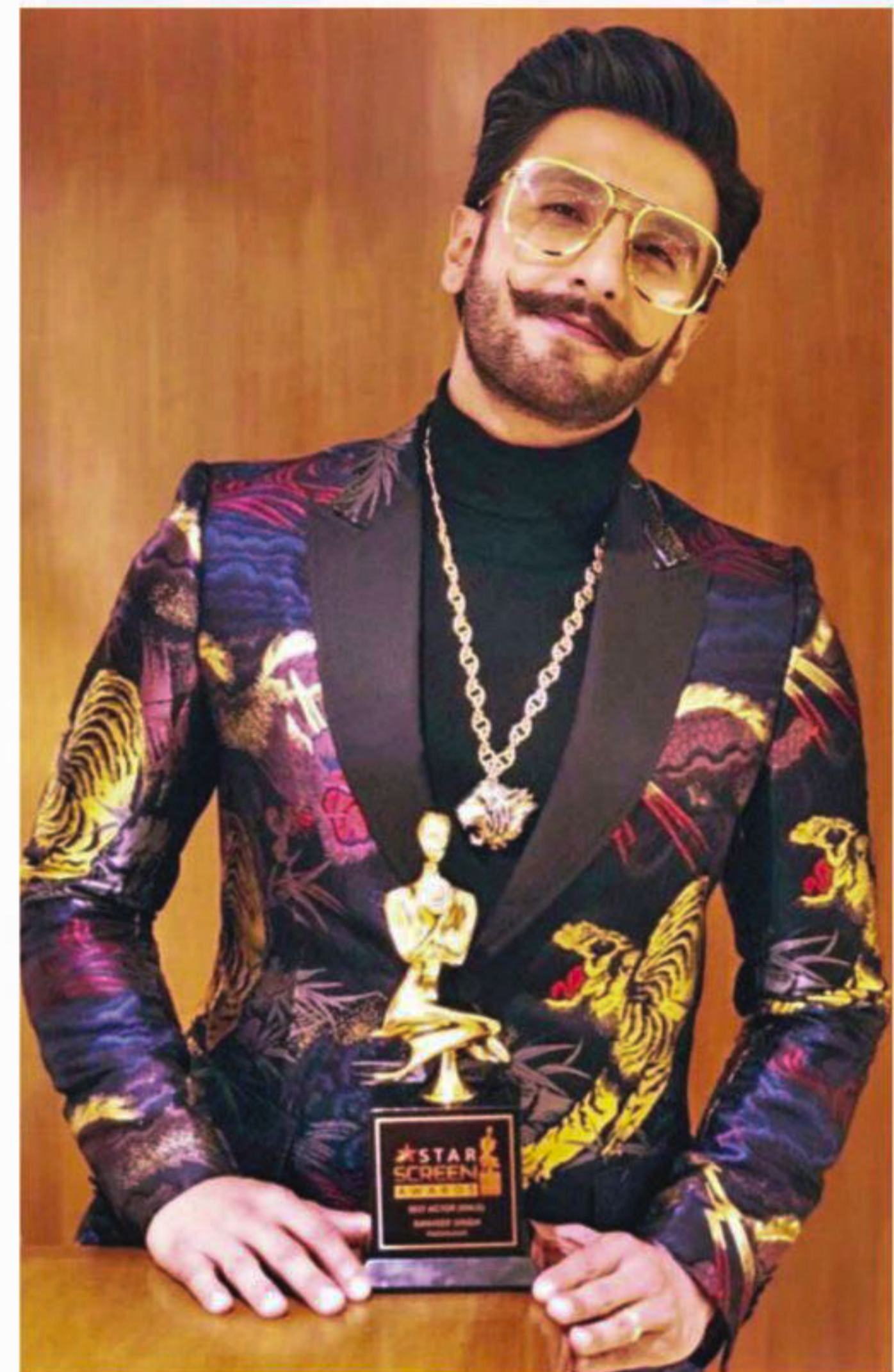
Yes, I have had an incredible year indeed and I am really grateful. I want to work on movies that the audience can connect with. I hope to do two to three films every year.

What can you tell us about your upcoming projects on television?

Tele-fictions keep me the most occupied. As of now, I am shooting for some TV specials for the forthcoming Valentine's Day.



Alia Bhatt



Ranveer Singh

PHOTO: TWITTER

'Who Cares' about anti-bullying



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

The consequences of bullying can often have a severe and at times, deadly impact on the victims. In an effort to raise awareness and inspire the youth to stand up against bullying, former Beatle front-man Paul McCartney recently paired up with Oscar winner Emma Stone in a music

video titled *Who Cares*. The track is from McCartney's 17th solo studio album, *Egypt Station*.

In the music video, McCartney plays a psychologist, while Stone depicts the patient. From the therapist's office, the scene transcends to a black and white realm with unique visuals. Choreographed by Ryan Heffington, the

music video blends the artistry of mime along with the dance moves. McCartney's vocals emphasises on the anti-bullying message as the duo try to escape the tormentors.

McCartney collaborated with several non-profit organisations to set off an anti-bullying campaign titled #WhoCaresIDo on social media.

'Aquaman' to surface at Star Cineplex today

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

DC Comics fans worldwide can finally take a dive to enjoy the much anticipated Jason Momoa starrer *Aquaman*. It is the sixth instalment in the DC Extended Universe, and is directed by James Wan. The story revolves around the half-human prince of Atlantis, Arthur Curry, played by Jason Momoa. He is the heir to the underwater kingdom of Atlantis and must face his half-brother King Orm. Arthur needs to prove himself and save his people before the power-hungry brother unites the seven underwater kingdoms against the world on the surface.

Besides Jason Momoa, the cast of the Warner Bros film includes Amber Heard, Patrick Wilson, Willem Dafoe, Nicole Kidman amongst others. *Aquaman* had a world premiere in London on November and is slated for release internationally today. The Dhaka audience will get to experience the film on the same day at Star Cineplex.

