

## IN CONVERSATION WITH Towhida Srabonno

*Towhida Srabonno is a successful model, actor, presenter and doctor. The versatile talent is currently busy hosting cricket shows on TV. In a recent interview with Star Showbiz, Towhida talks about her busy life.*

**You are a doctor and a popular TV show presenter. How do you balance both the professions?**

I am a very hard-working person and from morning till night I keep on working either at the hospital or the television stations or even studying in the library or working out at the gym. I never stop myself from anything. I never gave up on my medical studies while being a presenter. I have completed my MBBS, FCPS part one and I have also cracked the BCS examination. So, I kept on pursuing both my profession with the same passion and diligence.

**How did your family encourage you in all this?**

I come from a family where education comes first and my father always wanted me to become a doctor. So I was always encouraged to become a doctor rather than a presenter. Even today I have plans to continue my higher education in medical studies as per my father's wish. My family has been my support system throughout, even though I did not get much encouragement for pursuing anchoring.

**Could you share your journey as a TV show presenter?**

Well it all started back in 2014. Channel 24 was looking for a new presenter for a few shows and I decided to appear at the audition. I was selected and eventually I started working for them and did a few shows. Later, the turning point of my career came when I started to host a cricket show for GTV during ICC T20 World Cup 2014.

**How did the passion for anchoring begin?**

Since my childhood I was always very much interested in extracurricular and cultural activities. I used to sing, dance, act, anchor or host events and debate programs. As I loved all this, I wanted to study in Dhaka University and even got selected during the admission test. However, I also got selected at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital, and my parents wanted me to study medicine rather than fine arts. But my passion for anchoring never died and I finally went ahead with this in 2014 and whatever I am today is because of my dedication and focus.

**Tell us more about the projects have you worked in?**

I have done 15 television commercials for brands like Robi, Ispahani, Samsung, Vision Washing Machine, Berger Paints, Pran Froto and many more. I have also worked with many fashion houses and have been published on the cover of many different magazines.

**Did you ever consider acting in any television dramas or movies?**

I am more focused on anchoring and my entire day goes by either working in the hospital or the television stations. However, I did work for a television drama last Eid and hopefully my audience will see me in a drama for Valentine's Day 2019. I feel that I cannot act that well. Plus I have already so much on my plate that choosing acting as a profession would be the last thing I would want to do right now.

**Do you prefer live cricket shows or recorded television programs?**

I am more comfortable doing live shows as they are more challenging. Usually people say the opposite, but I feel that this gives us the scope to grow. I am very hard working and I believe that if I am capable of doing anything interesting, then I should always go for it. Even if I do not have any experience in any new field of work, I always learn and train myself to do better.

**How did you train yourself as a sport presenter?**

It was hard at the beginning, because to be a host in a cricket show I needed to have the knowledge of the sport. The show is usually a discussion of the game with sports analysts and former players. So I needed to read journals, watch shows and gather in-depth knowledge about cricket. Eventually all this studying paid off and today I can confidently talk about the entire game and love doing live shows.

**Finally, as you host cricket shows our readers must know which team you support and who is your favorite player?**

I undoubtedly support and love the Bangladesh Cricket Team and when it comes to the players, I am a big fan of Mashrafe Bin Mortaza and then Shakib Al Hasan. Thank you so much. It was wonderful talking with you.

Thank you too! It was great having this conversation.

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