

# 'Mukhomukhi' with MITHILA

Rafiath Rashid Mithila stars in well known director Partha Sen's short film, 'Mukhomukhi', opposite Kolkata actor Gaurav Chakraborty. The short film, which was released recently, revolves around a Bangladeshi filmmaker who travels to Kolkata for professional purposes and ends up befriending a man. She soon returns to the city, with the hope of seeing him again.

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Mithila, who has proven herself with passion and perseverance on screen over the years, felt confident when she took on the project. "Mukhomukhi, my first short film, gave me the opportunity to travel to Kolkata for the first time," says Mithila. "Even though I did not get to see many places in Kolkata, I had a good time. It was also a privilege to team up with Partha Sen."

Mithila also appeared in a couple of television commercials and as a judge on an episode of Duronto TV's *Teer Little Chef*, a cooking-based show for children, recently.

Besides modelling and acting, Mithila serves as the head of the Early Childhood Development department at BRAC International. She is currently putting together a storybook for children. "I think that it is important to provide interesting Bangla stories for children in our country. Since I work in the field of early childhood development, this is a project that I am really passionate about," she asserts.

In 2018, she hosted the radio show, *Berey Othar Golpo*, in association with BRAC and Radio Shadhin. It featured guests who discussed topics related to early childhood development with Mithila, and answered any queries on parenting. "This year, alongside my professional priorities, I aspire to focus on my health and fitness," smiles Mithila.



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## BOTTALA to stage 'Khana' in India

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The three-day-long Jalpaiguri Kalakushali Theatre Festival 2019 begins today. Theatre troupe, BotTala from Bangladesh, will stage their

production, *Khana* at the festival. A team of eighteen members left Bangladesh on January 9.

The play, scripted by Samina Luthfa Nitra and directed by Mohammad Ali

Haider, stars Samina Luthfa Nitra, Kazi Rokhsana Ruma, Evan Riaz, Taufique Hassan, Sheyuti Shahgufta, Mizanur Rahman, Pankaj Majumder and Hafiza Akter Zhuma among others.

## In memory of Mrinal Sen

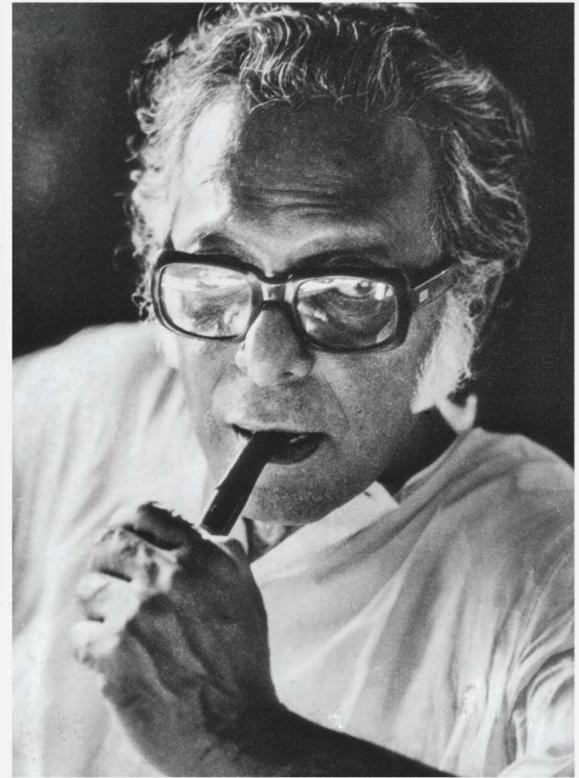
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The late filmmaker Mrinal Sen's contribution to cinema truly exemplifies the work of a maestro. Not only did he use cinema as a means of entertainment, but he also believed that it could be utilised to educate and enlighten the audience. The third of the Ray-Ghatak-Sen trio leading the new wave in Indian cinema, Mrinal Sen's various critically-acclaimed films gave a new meaning to Bengali cinema.

A national memorial has been organised to pay tribute to the



late filmmaker today. The memorial will be held at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy's (BSA), National Music and Dance Auditorium at 5:30 pm. The event will be organised on behalf of BSA, Federation of Film Societies of Bangladesh and Bangladesh Short Film Forum. Many renowned names from the entertainment industry are scheduled to attend and discuss the life and work of the icon. The memorial is open to all.



## Sheena Chohan stars in 'Tera Chehra'

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Sheena Chohan gained immense popularity in Bangladesh when she was a host for Bangladesh Premier League. The popular actor recently starred in the music video for the track, 'Tera Chehra', sung by talented artiste Vipin Aneja. "Vipin is a wonderful singer, and has even worked with A R Rahman in many projects. It was a pleasure to star in this music video," said Sheena to The Daily Star.

## 1 MINUTE PLEASE

### ABRAR ATHAR

APORAJITA MUSTAFA

Making his mark with the short film *Life in Other Words* and telefilm *Koli 2.0*, Abrar Athar quickly rose to fame with his storytelling prowess, bringing original ideas to the fore. We caught up with the writer-director for a quick round of One Minute Please!

**A television/web series you're currently watching?**

I just finished watching *Black Mirror's* interactive film on Netflix, *Bandersnatch*. I found it to be a great gimmick.

**A film you could watch time and again?**

*Taxi Driver*.

**Favourite actor(s)?**

Robert De Niro, Jack Nicholson, Christian Bale and Tom Hardy.

**Favourite director(s)?**

Martin Scorsese and Danny Boyle.

**If you had to pursue a career outside of the media industry, what would you choose?**

I'd either be a chef or a model. I'd probably be a horrible model, but a great chef.

**What is your ultimate directorial dream?**

I want to make something that lives beyond my years. Material success isn't something that appeals to me.

**What is your go-to comfort food?**

Indian food.

**Describe yourself in three words.**

Motivated, fussy and rebellious.



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