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# Shakib's hunt for a soulmate

The film, *Moner Moto Manush Pailam Na*, starring Shakib Khan and Shobnom Bubly has been approved for release in Bangladesh by the censorship board. The film has been directed by Zakir Hossain Raju, who also wrote the songs of the film, alongside Gazi Mazharul Anwar. The songs were composed by Shafiq Tuhin. The script of the film was written by Abdullah Zahir Babu, and it was produced under the banner of *Desh Bangla Multimedia*. Regarding the film, Shakib said, "The censor board has approved the uncut version of this film. The board members have called me to express their opinions, and give me positive feedback regarding the film. Apparently, a film like this hasn't been made in Bangladesh in recent years. I'm very happy to hear this. The audience will be able to experience a story of love and familial bond through this film."



# Kornia's Pathos

Singer Kornia will be releasing a new song this Eid, titled, *Mon Kharaper Din*, under the banner of *CD Choice*. Faisal Rabbekin has written and composed the song alongside her, and the musical arrangements have been made by Sheikh Rezwan. Kornia said, "Nowadays, music videos play a vital role in catching the audience's attention. So, I tried to create something new and different this time. We hope the audience will appreciate our hard work, and that the song will be well received." Kornia's previous music videos of *Ki Kore Toke Bojhai*, *Ekbar Chuye Ja Hridoy*, *Megh Boleche*, *Elomelo Jibon* and *Tomar Hashi*, with co-artist Asif, received positive feedback from the audience.

# Farida Parveen Receives 'Feroza Begum Memorial Gold Medal'

Popular singer Farida Parveen was recently awarded with the *Feroza Begum Memorial Gold Medal*, at a ceremony held on August 4, 2019. The award was handed to her by Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University, Professor Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman. Upon receiving the award, Farida Parveen expressed her gratitude to Dhaka University, and said, "I am really honoured to get an award named after Feroza Apa. I feel proud of it." Dhaka University has been giving the *Feroza Begum Memorial Gold Medal* to prominent Bangladeshi

musicians since 2016. Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Professor Dr. Abu Md. Delwar Hossain and Treasurer, Professor Dr. Md. Kamal Uddin were present as special guests. Late Feroza Begum's brother, Mr. M. Anis Ud Dowla, Chairman of *ACI Foundation* gave a heart-warming speech in which he thanked Dhaka University for their initiative. The *Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban* auditorium was filled with many teachers, students, musicians, writers and cultural personalities alike.

