

GRAPEVINE

ITYADI joins the fight



In the ongoing battle between humanity and Covid-19, the show *Ityadi* is also taking some steps to make these trying times easier. On 1st April, the staff of *Ityadi* and *Fagun Audio Vision*, Arif Nazmul and the associated volunteers donated food to two hundred families in fifteen points in Dhaka, including Mirpur, Tolarbag, Shyamoli, Elephant Road,

Shahbag, Hatirjheel, Begunbari slum, Badda, Rampura, Shahjapur, Kuril and Kalshi. Aside from this, by *Ityadi's* initiative, countrywide awareness activities have been taking place since 31st March. Media personality Hanif Sanket has taken the initiative to propagate awareness through microphone announcements in own areas.

Tisha's motivation

Covid-19 has led the entire world into quarantine, and the economy has become stagnant. The heaviest toll of the current situation has fallen on those who earn their living on a daily basis as they are now unable to afford food and basic necessities. In this time of crisis, actor Nusrat Imrose Tisha has lent a hand to help deliver food to people in such difficult conditions. She said, "Bangladesh is going through a tough time currently. People need to be safe and healthy, but they also need access to food. Volunteers at *Bidyandono Foundation* have taken the amazing initiative of providing food to those in need. They are also spraying disinfectant, distributing PPE, etc. I decided to help by donating to their funds." She also added, "My father has always taught me to do charity in silence. Farooki and



I try to maintain this as well. However, today, I am making an exception with the hope to inspire more people to donate." Tisha herself has been in home-quarantine for two weeks to ensure her own and others' safety.

Stuck during shutdown

After completing the shooting for the film *Adventure of Sundarban*, the crew of 120, including actor Siam Ahmed and Pori Moni as the leads, headed towards Dhaka on March 26. However, due to nationwide shutdown, all road and water transportation were suspended and the team were stuck on the ferry for a week. Director of the film, Abu Raihan Jewel said, "After seeking permission from higher authorities, we started our journey on 3rd April, and we arrived in Dhaka on April 4. All sorts of protective measures were taken during



the shooting, and all of the members of the crew are now in home quarantine." The film is a government grant-winning film and an adaptation of Dr Muhammad Zafar Iqbal's novel *Ratuler Raat, Ratuler Din*.



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Md. Zohad Reza

Md. Zohad Reza is the frontman of the renowned rock band 'Nemesis'. In these challenging times, he talks to Star Showbiz about what he's been up to during quarantine, and urges everyone to stay at home.

How are you spending your time in quarantine?

I usually don't get to stay at home much, so it's very different for me to stay in quarantine. I'm trying to keep myself busy by doing many different things, like staying involved in music. I also have been covering songs and uploading them on *Facebook*. Normally, when I did shows on a regular basis, I wouldn't get to spend much time with my family. Now, I have been spending as much time as I can with them. I think that we all need to stay home now.

Can you tell us about the '#togethathome' challenge?

I did the *#togethathome* challenge where musicians all over the world would record a song from their houses and upload it on social media. If I'm not mistaken, Chris Martin from *Coldplay* started the challenge. I covered *Redemption Song* by Bob Marley for it. What I love about this challenge is that I can see everyone having a good time recording songs from their houses and releasing it. Also, right before we went into quarantine, all members of *Nemesis* came together and we went live to perform some songs for the viewers at home.

Would you like to tell the readers to stay home?

I would advise people to stay at home as that is the only way we can help fix this situation. The scientists who are working hard to find a cure have instructed people to remain at home, so we should follow that. I know that the times are tough as many people need to go out and work to earn their living, but there is no other option here. If you go out, you're not only risking yourself, but also others. You might infect someone with a weak immune system, and even if the disease doesn't harm you, it might kill that person. I urge everyone to stay at home in these difficult times. I hope everyone will stay at home as we have no other way to stop the virus.

Ridwan Intisaar Mahbub

POPCORN HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some binge worthy movie and TV series you can spend your time watching while you stay at home social distancing, keeping yourself, as well as others, safe.



URI The Surgical Strike

Uri: The Surgical Strike is a Hindi action film, written and directed by Aditya Dhar, produced by Ronnie Screwvala under the banner of *RSVP Movies*, and stars Vicky Kaushal, Paresh Rawal and Yami Gautam, among others. The story follows an operation undertaken by the Indian army forces in order to avenge the murder of their men. The film was first released on January 11, 2019.



Tales from the Loop

Tales from the Loop is a science fiction drama television series on *Amazon Video*. It has been based on the art book of the same name by Simon Stålenhag, and the eponymous roleplaying game from *Free League Publishing*. It has been written and developed by Nathaniel Halpern, pro-

duced by Matt Reeves, alongside others, and stars Rebecca Hall, Jonathan Pryce and Tyler Barnhardt, among others. It focuses on the experiences of people living in a town above a machine which bends the rules of reality. It was originally released on April 3, 2020.

Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem and Madness

Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem and Madness is a true crime documentary miniseries on *Netflix*. It tells the story of Joseph Allen Maldonado-Passage's life, who is also known as Joe Exotic. The series explores the community of people who collect and keep deadly pets. It has been directed by Eric Goode and Rebecca Chaiklin, produced by Chris Smith, alongside others, and stars Joe Exotic, Carole Baskin and Bhagavan Antle, among others. It was released on March 20, 2020.



MONEY HEIST

Money Heist is a Spanish crime-drama TV series, with its fourth part aired on April 3, 2020. It was created by Álex Pina, produced under the banners of *Vancouver Media* and *Atresmedia*, distributed by *Netflix*, and stars Úrsula Corberó, Álvaro Morte and Itziar Ituño, among others. The plot follows the lives of a group of robbers, lead by The Professor, who attempt to rob 2.4 billion euros.

Belgravia

Belgravia is a historical drama television series, based on the eponymous novel by Julian Fellowes. It has been directed by John Alexander, produced by Colin Wratten, and stars Philip Glenister, Tamsin Greig and Emily Reid, among others. The series revolves around the lives of London's upper class families and their experiences. It was released on March 15, 2020, in the UK on *ITV*.

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