

'PORTRAYING BANGABANDHU is my biggest achievement'

Ahmed Rubel is an extraordinary actor, who has carved his place with his versatile acting and outstanding characterisation. He entered into the world of acting with 'Dhaka Theatre' and then slowly paved his way into television serials and movies. In a candid interview with The Daily Star, Ahmed Rubel opens up about the release of his upcoming movies "Chironjib Mujib" on December 31 and "Deshantor" next year.

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You will be playing the role of Bangabandhu in "Chironjib Mujib", based on the unfinished autobiography of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Can you tell us a little bit about the movie?

The movie will portray the life of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from 1947 till 1952. The movie will focus on Bangabandhu's life in prison, his youth and various other details that were written on the book. It is my biggest achievement to be able to portray Bangabandhu in this movie.

What did it feel like to act in the film?

I needed to know more about Bangabandhu. People who read the book got to know more about him deeply. People who will get to watch the movie, will get to know more details about him. I am really fortunate that I am able to enact him on-screen. Not many artistes get to enjoy their dreams roles but I am glad that mine came true.

Do you believe that there is no end to an artiste's aspirations?

An artiste's aspirations will keep on extending like the never-ending skies. Unfulfilled roles seed the plans of passion for more diverse roles. I am really happy with all the projects that I have received, and

sometimes I feel that I have got more than I expected.

However, I would be happy if the ongoing trend would change. Television serials and movies have moved away from what made them great, in these 10 years.

Who would you blame for the current scenario of showbiz?

I wouldn't blame anyone specifically for this condition. Every industry goes through some tough times, and then eventually everything gets fixed in one way or another. I think all of us are responsible for the current situation, in some way.

How did Dhaka Theater contribute to your acting career?

Dhaka Theater played an important role in my career, it acted as a grooming ground, where I got to learn the art of acting.

The poster of "Deshantor" has been released on social media. Can you tell us about the film?

The movie "Deshantor" is based on a novel written by renowned poet Nirmalendu Goon. The film revolves

around the theme of patriotism and women empowerment. The government granted film is being directed by Ashutosh Sujon. My character embodies the idea of patriotism.

During the partition, many of the people fled to other places, but he decided to stay put in his own country.

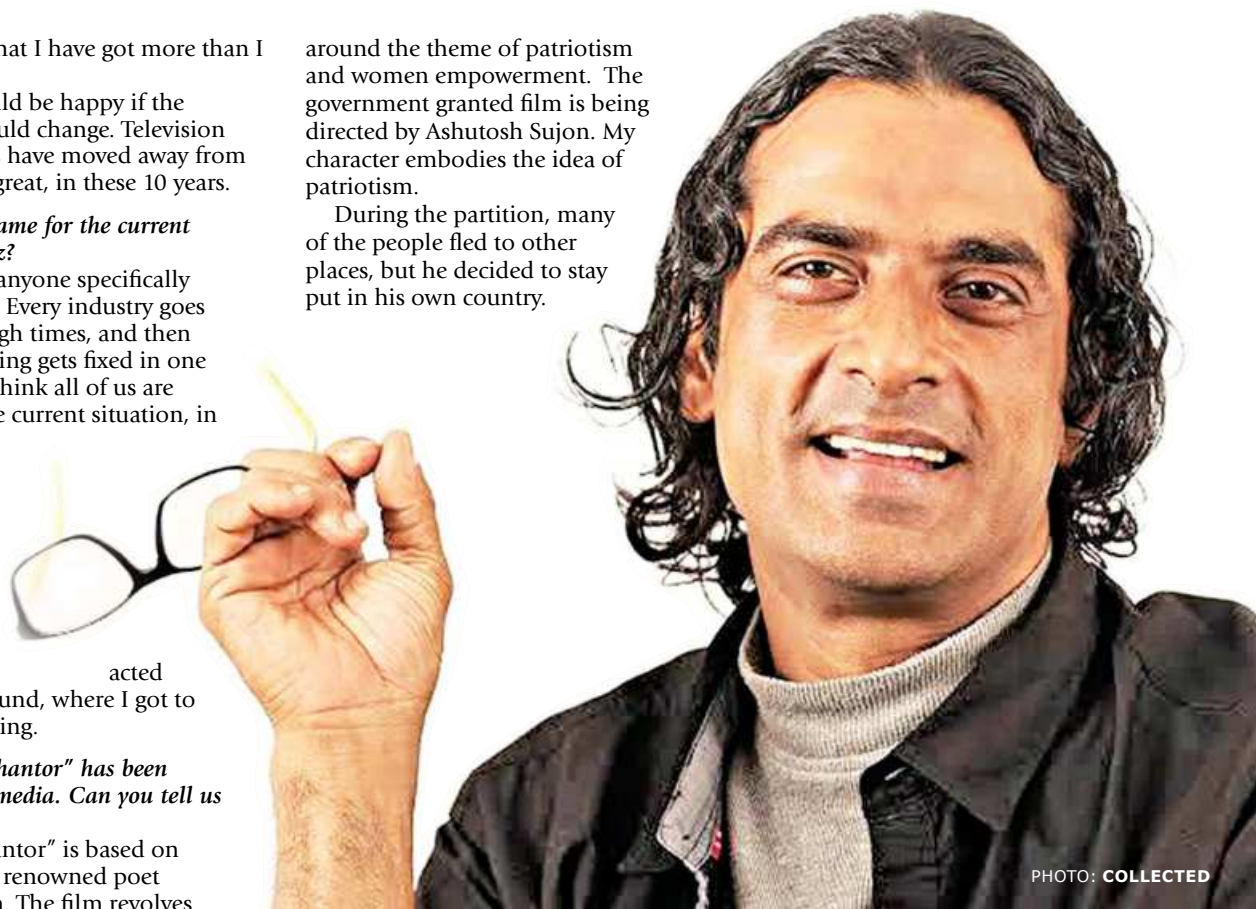


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'You can't take India out of me'

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Noted actress Priyanka Chopra has been busy promoting her upcoming film, "The Matrix Resurrections". She will be seen essaying the role of Sati in the film. Directed by Lana Wachowski, "The Matrix Resurrections" also brings back Keanu Reeves as Neo and Carrie-Anne Moss as Trinity.

In a recent interview, Priyanka opened up about how she always stays true to her roots and is surrounded by elements of Indian culture wherever she goes.

"You can take me out of India but you can't take India out of me. My culture or me being who I am just sort of goes with me in a bubble wherever I'm. So I never feel like I'm away from home at all. My home is always with me, my mandir (altar) is always with me, my mom is always with me, my achar (pickles) is always with me. So you know I'm good. I don't ever feel that way," she told Indian media.

Priyanka also added that she has been very strategic, as she always wanted to balance working in both India and the USA, because there are very few artistes around the world who have been able to do that.

"The Matrix Resurrections" is the fourth instalment of the franchise and is set to release on December 22. The film also stars Yahya Abdul-Mateen II, Jada Pinkett Smith, Jessica Henwick, Christina Ricci, Neil Patrick Harris, and Jonathan Groff.



A snippet from 'Ghosts'

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Hollywood starts to feel presence of Omicron

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Covid's latest variant, Omicron is here, and its spread has started impacting Hollywood premieres and Television productions.

The premiere of "Spider-Man: No Way Home" which maintained high level of Covid-19 safety protocols couldn't stop the spread of Omicron.

A top agent at one of the major talent agencies had tested positive for Covid-19 after

attending both the premiere and Holland's more selective after party for about 75 people.

Award shows such as Critics Choice Awards and the Sundance Film Festival might be cancelled due to the impact of Omicron.

CBS's hit sitcom "Ghosts" halted production until 2022 after there was a Covid-19 case detected on the sets. Netflix's popular series "The Crown" also wrapped up early amidst rising cases of the virus.

A 'Priyo' new face in Dhallywood

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Promising actress Priyo Moni's latest film "Koshai" alongside Nirab was released in a streaming platform during the pandemic.

The young actress, who is also working on the film "Valobashar Projapoti", has already signed up another project opposite Ziaul Roshan.

Directed by Hasan Sikder and Masud Mohiuddin, the untitled film will start production next year, in January.

In a conversation with The Daily Star, the young actress opened up about her upcoming film, and her passion for following her dreams in Dhallywood.

"My character's name is Mala, and the plot centers around her. It's a challenging role but I am preparing hard for the movie," mentioned the actress.

The beautiful actress is currently pursuing her studies in Jagannath University.

"I want to continue my studies, alongside working in films. I have huge dreams and aspirations for movies and I want to pursue it no matter what," added the actress.

Priyo Moni revealed that her closed ones and friends appreciated her performance in "Koshai". The new heroine is preparing to become the latest celebrated face of Dhallywood movies.

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SPIDERMEN SWING BY CINEPLEX!

"Spider-Man: No Way Home" opened in theatres recently to much anticipation. Members of BD Cosplayers attended the premiere of the film at Star Cineplex in Shimanto Shambhar in Dhanmondi, dressed in amazing Spider-Man costumes. The platform has been promoting the hobby of cosplaying amongst young people in Bangladesh since 2012 through regular seminars, workshops, live podcasts and cultural fests at renowned institutions.

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