

## Stars pledge for a better 2022



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As we embark on the journey of a new year, stars reveal their expectations regarding 2022. We talk to the stars of the showbiz industry to find out their New Year's resolutions, and how they would like to spend the year.

**Let us be united in prosperity and health:**  
-Jaya Ahsan  
I wish to see a world, where we could rejoice together on different occasions. Being an actor, I also hope that I get to play characters that help me grow, and refine my craft.  
I want people to remember me through my work, and I wish 2022 had such roles in store for me. Let us be united in prosperity and health.

**Hope to see Bangladeshi films with international standards:**  
-Shakib Khan  
This New Year, I wish to see a happy, healthy, and Covid-free world.  
Let our fears wash away. I hope that we can be on par with international standards, when it comes to films, as I am confident that we will be able to achieve that.

**Do not want to take too many projects:**  
-Chanchal Chowdhury  
This New Year, I want everything evil to fade away. If all of us follow the path of righteousness, then this world will be a great place for us to live. As an artiste, I do not want to take too many projects. I want to be

fresh new perspective every day.  
I want to welcome the New Year with people's love and appreciation.  
**I want to write more scripts:** -Mehazabien  
I am really happy and fortunate that I was able to be part of such good projects this year. I want to keep on doing such good works in the New Year as well.  
This year I have written the script for "Alo", which has resonated well with people, as it dwelled on human stories. I am planning on writing more good stories.

I really hope that in the upcoming year, Covid-19 completely is wiped out from the world. I want everyone to be happy and healthy and I don't want Omicron to affect our life.

**Want to earn even more love from fans:**  
-Purnima  
Due to the out surge of Covid-19, everything came to a halt as many people lost their loved ones and the shootings were closed off due to the pandemic.  
My new film "Chironjib Mujib" will be released on the last day of the year. The movie is based on the unfinished

to do challenging roles that give me the scope to showcase my acting skills.

**Hope to be able to travel this year:**  
-Tasnia Farin  
2021 was a blessing for me, and I wish it continues this year as well. I want to do something other than acting, such as singing.  
If the pandemic subsides, I would also like to travel a lot, which would be another agenda for this year.

**Working on two films this year:**  
-Mizanur Rahman Aryan  
I am going to work on two full-fledged films this year, and will be working on tele-fictions for special occasions.  
My resolution is trying to bring a smile to people's faces every day. At the same time, I have made up my mind to support one person in need every month.

**Spending the year with my soulmate:**  
-Bidyā Sinha Mim  
Life's precious gift is to find a soulmate with whom you can spend the rest of your life

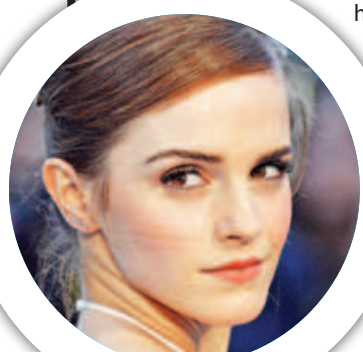
## 'Raat Jaga Phool' and 'Chironjib Mujib' open to positive reception

MD Nazrul Islam's "Chironjib Mujib", and Mir Sabbir's debut directorial "Raat Jaga Phool" released theatrically on December 31.  
"Raat Jaga Phool", a government funded project, stars Fazlur Rahman Babu, Abul Hayat, Mir Sabbir, and Jannatul Ferdous Oishee, among others. The story, script and dialogues is handled by Mir Sabbir himself. "Chironjib Mujib", the autobiographical feature film, is based on the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's autobiography "Ausamapta Atmajiboni" (The Unfinished Memoirs).  
It features noted actors Ahmed Rubel, Dilara Hanif Purnima, Khairul Alam Sabuj, late SM Mohsin, Dilara Zaman, Azad Abul Kalam, Swatabdi Wadud, Somu Chawdhury, Arman Parvez Murad, Shahjahan Samrat, the late Selim Ahmed and Jewel Mahmud, among others.



## 'I fell in love with Tom Felton'

In a sneak peek of the "Harry Potter 20th Anniversary: Return to Hogwarts" special airing January 1, Emma Watson — who played Hermione Granger in the movies — recalled her crush on Felton, who played villain Draco Malfoy, and how he made her heart skip a beat for the first time.  
"I walked into the room where we were having tutoring. The assignment that had been given was to draw what you thought God looked like, and Tom had drawn a girl with a backward cap on a skateboard. And I just don't know how to say it — I just fell in love with him," Watson admitted.



## Salman Khan teases film with Shah Rukh Khan

Bollywood superstar Salman Khan recently revealed that "Tiger 3" would release by December 2022, and teased the possibility of him and Shah Rukh Khan teaming up for another project.  
"We are coming together in Tiger and Pathan. Tiger 3 should be released by December 2022, before that Pathan will release. Then maybe both of us will come together," the actor told reporters.  
"Tiger 3" is helmed by Maneesh Sharma of "Fan" and "Band Baaja Baraat" fame.



selective regarding all of my projects.  
I want to showcase my talent in three mediums: movies, serials and web-films. Excited to see life with fresh perspective:  
-Badhon  
This has been one of my greatest years of my life, in terms of my career. I am really pleased with all the works that I have done this year.  
As a human being, I am constantly changing and transforming with each and every experience. I am excited to see life with

autobiography of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.  
This year, I want to keep on working on such good movies, earn even more love and appreciation from the fans.

**Don't want to do repetitive roles:**  
-Afran Nisho  
Acting is my love, passion and profession. My love for it knows no bounds, as my whole life revolves around it.  
I don't want to do repetitive roles. I want

with. This year came as a blessing for me, as I got engaged with my true love.  
In terms of work, I am currently focusing more on films, and I plan on working on more good scripts next year.  
I would request the viewers to watch more movies made in our country, and promote Bangladeshi cinema among their peers.

Interviews taken by Shah Alam Shazu, Sharmin Joya and Zahid Akbar.

# Stop piracy, it's 2022!

"Black Widow" star Scarlett Johansson's lawsuit against Disney listed "piracy" as one of the reasons she was against the makers releasing the Marvel film simultaneously in theatres and on Disney+.  
Pristine digital copies of the film were available within minutes of its release on the streaming platform.

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"Black Widow" was one of the most pirated movies of 2021.  
Let's be honest for a second: Most of us have downloaded pirated versions of various pieces of entertainment: classic movies, vast discographies, video games and popular TV shows, at one point or another.  
As more and more streaming operators come to the market, often hiding their own content behind exclusive paywalls, the confusion and high cost of subscription risks driving users to piracy.  
The theft of intellectual property does not necessarily mean that the owners have lost something



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physically, but that someone else is making money from their work. Pirate groups take someone else's work, share it, and earn money by placing ads.  
Most consumers would agree that stealing is illegal and that going into a store to take whatever you want is not something they would support. Why, then, is piracy so alarmingly common in today's society?  
If consumers lean towards pirated content, creators are not paid enough, which makes it difficult for new talented musicians to enter the industry. Many of us don't sit through the credits at the end of any Marvel movie or our favourite TV shows. But, while we may not be hurting the actors', producers' or

company CEOs' pockets through piracy, we must not ignore the fact that a lot of other people's labour goes into developing any source of entertainment that we enjoy.  
When we pay for a movie ticket, or watch a film on our favourite streaming service, that is how the shift workers and technicians, the "little people" behind the film, get paid.  
Global streaming giants like Spotify, Netflix, and Amazon Prime too are now players in the Bangladeshi market. Local platforms like Chorki, Bioscope, Shadhin Music and Bongo BD, among others, are also making their mark. As we head into a new year, let's make a conscious choice to consume content legally.