



(From left) Gazi Rakayet won 4 awards for his work in “Gor”, the most this year; Siam Ahmed won Best Actor for “Bishwo Shundori”; Kabir Bakul, Belal Khan, Imran and Kona won awards this year; Deepanwita Martin received her first National Award (Best Actress).
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National Film Awards 2020 conferred in festive mood

It was a star-studded gala, as the grand reception of the National Film Awards was held yesterday at Bangabandhu International Convention Centre. The awards were handed over to recipients in 27 categories. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attended the event virtually as Chief Guest, while Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud conferred the awards on her behalf.

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In her speech, the Prime Minister highlighted the importance of films from the cultural perspective.

Hasanul Haq Inu, Chairman, Standing Committee of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, was present as the special guest.

During the event, the Lifetime Achievement Award was jointly given to esteemed artistes Anwara Begum and Raisul Islam Asad for the year 2020.

Anwara Begum’s daughter Mukti received the award on her behalf, due to her illness.

Siam Ahmed was presented with the award for Best Actor in a Lead Role (Male) for his performance in “Bishwoshundori”.

“My family was overjoyed when the awards were announced. My wife was really proud as well,” Siam told The Daily Star.

Deepanwita Martin won the award for Best Actor in a Lead Role (Female) for her role in “Gor”.

“The credit for my National Film Award goes to Gazi Rakayet, He made “Gor” with great passion and care,” said the young actress.

Gazi Rakayet and Faridur Reza Sagar’s “Gor” (The Grave), and Anjan Chowdhury’s “Bishwoshundori”, jointly won the award for Best Film.

Noted actor Misha Sawdagor won the award for Best Actor in a Negative Role for “Bir”, whereas Fazlur Rahman Babu won



Raisul Islam Asad won the Lifetime Achievement Award jointly with Anwara, who could not be present due to her illness.

the award for Best Supporting Actor (Male) for his role in “Bishwoshundori”. Aparna Ghose won the award for Best Supporting Actor (Female) for her performance in “Gondi”.

Mugdhota Morshed Wriddhi won the award for Best Child Artiste for “Gondi”.

“Bangabandhur Rajnoitik Jibon o Bangladesh Obhuyodoy”, directed by Syed Ashique Rahman, won the award for Best Documentary. “Aarong”, directed by Jannatul Ferdous, was awarded under the Best Short Film category.

Belal Khan won the award for Best Music Director for his work in “Bishshash Jodi Jayre” for the album, “Hridoy Jurey”. Imran Mahmudul and Dilshad Nahar Kona won the Best Singer awards for their song “Tui Ki Amar Hobi Re” from the film “Bishwoshundori.” Somnur Monir Kona also won the Best Singer (Female) award for her song “Bhalobashar Manush Tumi” from the film “Bir.”

The other awardees were: Kabir Bakul for Best Lyricist (*Tui Ki Amar Hobi Re*), Imran Mahmudul for Best Composer (*Tui Ki Amar Hobi Re*), Gazi Rakayet for Best Story and Best Screenplay (*Gor*), Fakhrul Arefeen Khan for Best Dialogue (*Gondi*), Uttam Kumar Guha for Best Art Direction (*Gor*), Pankaj Palit and Mahbub Ullah Niaz for Best Cinematographer (*Gor*), Shariful Islam for Best Editor (*Gor*), Mohammad Ali Babul for Best Makeup (*Gor*), Kazi Selim Ahmed for Best Sound Designer, Enamtara Begum for Best Costume.

A cultural programme followed, with performances from Emon, Dighi, Saimon, Tama Mirza, and Puja Chery. Veteran artistes Rozina, Anjana, and Aruna Biswas also graced the occasion with their performances. Ferdous and Purnima hosted the event.

Singers Abida Sultana, Momtaz, Luipa, Protic Hasan, Rafiqul Alam serenaded the audience.

“Gor” and “Bishwoshundori” bagged the highest number of awards, with 11 and 8 wins, respectively.

‘Paap Punno’ hits theatres this Eid

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The poster of Gias Uddin Selim’s much-awaited film “Paap Punno” was unveiled recently, featuring the silhouette of a man, who appears to be in prison.

The multi-starrer film features Chanchal Chowdhury, Afsana Mimi, Siam Ahmed, Farzana Chumki, Mamunur Rashid, Fazlur Rahman Babu, and Shahnaz Sumi in pivotal roles.

The movie, produced by Impress Telefilm, is based on the lives of rural people in Bangladesh.

“Paap Punno” is slated to be released this Eid-Ul-Fitr in theatres.



Ranveer Singh to play superhero in ‘Jayeshbhai Jordaar’

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Yash Raj Films’ “Jayeshbhai Jordaar”, starring Ranveer Singh in the titular role, is a superhero film disguised as a comedy of errors.

As per reports, Ranveer plays a feeble Gujarati man who overnight acquires superhero powers. It is like the Malayalam blockbuster “Minnal Murali” in concept, but designed as a comedy. The film will be released on May 13, 2022.

Furthermore, producer Aditya Chopra plans to turn Jayeshbhai into a comic book hero. The comic book for “Jayeshbhai Jordaar” will coincide with the release of the film.



COUNTRYWIDE



After four years of suspension, Sreerampur Village Youth Society, a voluntary organisation, built this 90-foot-long wooden bridge on Kali Ganga river to restore road communication between 25 villages under two unions in Jhenidah’s Shailakupa upazila. The photo was taken recently.
PHOTO: AZIBOR RAHMAN

Fish worth Tk 10 lakh poisoned over enmity

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Miscreants poisoned fish to death in a pond over previous enmity in Ghatail upazila of Tangail.

The affected fish farmer has incurred a loss of about Tk 10 lakh following the incident.

Fish farmer Iqbal Hossain of Khilpara village said he has cultivated different fish, including carps, in a pond on 73 decimals of land after taking it lease from a local man at a cost of Tk 1 lakh.

On Monday early morning, when he went to visit the fish farm after the Fajr prayers as usual he found the dead fish floating on the water.

Hearing his scream, neighbors rushed to spot and found the dead fish.

They said that criminals may pour poison on the pond at some

point at the night due to enmity. They also demanded exemplary punishment of the culprits.

Being informed, a team from

Police Station, said they have already received a complaint in this regard.

However, it will have to be confirmed whether the fish were



local police station later visited the spot.

Contacted, Azharul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Ghatail

poisoned or died of other reasons, he added.

Necessary steps will be taken after investigation, said the OC.

Investigate their unnatural deaths

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and perceived benefits of outward migration and the Gulf states’ effective use of economic and political leverage deter the host countries from collective demand for better protection.

He further said that in the absence of proper mitigating measures migrant workers are exposed to hard climatic conditions and these risks are compounded by abusive working conditions, including

excessive working hours and intake of a non-nutritious diet.

He added that a lack of implementation of occupational safety measures and mental stress are some of the factors resulting in the untimely death of migrant workers.

Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua reminded that conducting an autopsy of all unnatural deaths of its nationals is the legal obligation of Bangladesh.

He also called for engaging the ILO and

World Health Organization to ensure the health protection of workers in the destination countries.

Shariful Hasan, head of Brac Migration Programme, emphasised the need for developing a module for the health protection of migrant workers in the pre-departure training manuals.

Former foreign secretary Touhid Hossain regretted that the host countries have been unable to exert sufficient pressure on the

countries of destination to ensure the protection of migrant workers.

Ruling party MP, Tanvir Shakil Joy, highlighted the need for mobilising the collective strength of the sending countries through various regional and international forums.

Mehjabin Khaled, secretary general of Bangladesh Parliamentary Caucus of Migration, underscored the need for a public discussion on protection issues in the parliament.

Power division

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it possible,” Nasrul said, adding that the criticisms on different power projects have also helped them attain the milestone.

Another organisation and nine individuals will also be receiving the prestigious award.

According to the amended Independence Award list, six recipients – Ilias Ahmed Chowdhury, Col Khandoker Nazmul Huda (posthumous), Abdul Jalil, Siraj Uddin Ahmed, Md Sohiuddin Biswas (posthumous), Sirajul Haque (posthumous) – have been named for their contributions to the 1971 Liberation War.

Kanak Kanti Barua and Md Kamrul Islam will be awarded for

their contributions to the medicine sector while Mainul Hossain to architecture.

Bangladesh Wheat and Maize Research Institute will be awarded in the research and training category. It will receive the award jointly with the power division, officials said.

The power generation capacity shot up to 25,514MW from 4,942MW in 2009, while the maximum power production rose to 13,792MW, up fourfold from 3,268MW 13 years ago, showed power division data.

In 2009, only 47 percent of the population had access to power. Per capita power generation

more than doubled to 560 kilowatt-hour from 220 kWh during the period, making frequent power outages a thing of the past.

On March 15, the government issued a notification by picking 10 individuals including Amir Hamza (posthumously) and one institution for this year’s Swadhinata Padak.

The name of Hamza, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in a murder case, led to various discussions and criticism, and after that, the government dropped it.

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque has termed the inclusion of Hamza’s name in the list a failure of the respective committee.

“There were mistakes.

It’s a collective failure and the committee’s failure,” he said at a press conference at the Secretariat.

About Hamza’s inclusion in the list, he said it was due to false information given by some people.

“They confused us. They will be punished. Since there is a committee, it will take a decision in this regard after a meeting.”

He said the government will observe the genocide day, independence and national day and 50 years of independence through seminars, rallies, concerts, laser shows and quiz competitions, between March 25 and March 31. The series of events has been termed “Joy Bangla Joyotshob”.

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prison sentence five times. Khaleda’s brother Shamim Iskander wrote to the home ministry regarding this last week.

According to the notification, imprisoned Khaleda will receive treatment at her home in Dhaka and would not be able to travel abroad.