

# The indomitable YASH ROHAN

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Yash Rohan never had to look back after his debut with 'Swapnajaal', opposite Pori Moni in 2018. With time, the young actor has marched on to become one of the faces of the next generation of our stars. His latest film, Ashutosh Sujon's *Deshantor*, released yesterday.

The Daily Star catches up with the star about the film, his philosophy in acting, and more.

**Congratulations on your new film, 'Deshantor'. Tell us about your experience of working in the film.**

*Deshantor* is a period film, directed by the indomitable Ashutosh Sujon. The story of the film excited me, inspired me and to some extent, intimidated me.

It is based on the partition of 1947, and thus portrays stories of people and communities displaced, having to find a new home. It is definitely a challenging concept, but it has been crafted with care.

**You will be seen opposite a stellar cast of Moushumi and Ahmed Rubel. However, the debut of 14-year-old Tapur has attracted attention.**

Tapur is a fantastic actress, and is extremely talented. It was a pleasure working with her, and obviously, acting in her blood, being the daughter of Chanda apa.

It was quite an experience working in the film, which transported us back to the 1940s and 50s – and I am sure that



the audience will feel the same. Ashutosh Sujon is a people's director – you'll know what I mean by it when you watch the film.

**Do you feel like you are getting typecast in the industry?**

That's a very good question. In *Deshantor*, I play an educated village boy who returns to his homeland after some time. While it is great to be associated with a character, the industry certainly seems to play it safe when it comes to casting. For example, they'll now look for me when they need a straight-up good character, and Razz bhai (Sariful Razz) when they want a negative one. I want to come out of that shell and play different characters, which I'm already working on.

**'Poran' is arguably a turning point in your career, which is still running in cinema halls.**

I can't even begin to describe how much this film changed my life. Whether it be a crowded hall in Dhaka or a remote one in Mymensingh, it gave me a feeling of stardom that I cherish to this day. Hats off to Raihan Rafi for his tendency to connect with the audience.

**Who is your favourite co-star in the industry? Don't be diplomatic!**

(Laughs) I cannot pick a female co-star, since I'll have to work with all of them! However, I want to mention Tariq Anam Khan – he is so powerful, so commanding, that even after all his accolades, I feel like he is being underutilised in this industry. There is so much he will teach you on the set, with a great sense of humour no less, that you can't help but admire him.



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## Out and about IN DHAKA



**November Rain Volume 2**  
November 12 | 2:30 pm  
Expo Zone, ICCB



**Arekta Rock Show**  
November 25 | 5 pm  
Krishibid Institution Bangladesh



**Classical Night**  
November 25 | 6 pm  
Satori Meditations

## TRENDY STREAMS

- Netflix
- Enola Holmes 2
- Chorki
- Daag
- Hoichoi
- The Bengal Scam
- Amazon Prime
- The English
- Disney plus
- The Lion Ranger

## TV TALKIES

# Doctor Who

Originally aired in 1963, *Doctor Who* is a British science-fiction series that follows the eponymous character, 'The Doctor'. An alien from the planet Gallifrey, The Doctor is part of the alien race called 'Time Lords'. Their powers centre around being able to see through time, discerning 'all that is, all that was, and all that ever could be'.

While the show originally began

airing in 1963, it would be cancelled in 1989. However, due to its impact on British pop-culture, the show returned in 2005—continuing from where it had left off. The most interesting part about *Doctor Who* is that the main character transforms whenever he is fatally injured, which is another special power of the Time Lords called 'regeneration'. So, quite conveniently, the main character

can be recast as many times as The Doctor regenerates.

*Doctor Who* is a journey through time and space, as The Doctor takes his Tardis (a blue police box which is his 'space ship') and companions to see the universe. If science fiction, British humour and charming British actors are your thing, then you should definitely check out *Doctor Who*.



## WHAT'S ON THE GRAM

MEHAZABIEN  
CHOWDHURY

The chic belle, Mehazabein Chowdhury raised the temperature in Mexico, with her peppy suit attire at the beautiful Cancun beach. The 'Lady in white' looked elegant in her white crop top and ambushed suit. She complimented the whole look with a pair of sunglasses and her hair in a tightly folded bun, with crimson white pearl earrings.

