

The quintessential BENGALI BEAUTY

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Emerging actress Shahnaz Sumi first caught the audience's attention with her debut film "Paap Punno", directed by Giasuddin Selim. Besides acting, she is also a dancer and a model. She was a participant in the talent hunt Shera Nachiye, in 2016.

Now, the quintessential beauty of Bengal is winning over hearts with her performance in "Damal".

How do you feel about the showbiz industry?

I always wanted to watch myself on the big screen. I feel lucky that at the beginning of my career, I got to work with senior directors like Salahuddin Lavlu and Gias Uddin Selim. Apart from that, I also did some modeling. Honestly, I love our showbiz industry.

Tell us about your character in "Damal"

In the film, I have played the character of a refugee in 1971. While playing the character, I had to keep in mind the suffering of the refugee people had to go through, during the liberation war. To be honest, the film *Damal* has everything from love, action to the war.

You debuted in the film industry through the film "Paap Punno". Tell us about your experience.

I was selected through auditions for *Paap Punno*. I was feeling nervous on my first day of shooting, because I had to share the screen with such indomitable actors. I had only seen them on the screen before that. However, they made me feel so comfortable and easy, that my nervousness was gone.

Do you remember your first scene?

Yes! The dialogue of my first scene was *Choto Lage?* When I first gave my shot, nobody was telling me anything, including the director. I was feeling anxious at that time. However, when I asked the director if my take was okay, he said yes. After that, I felt relaxed.

You have also appeared in television dramas. Tell us about the experience.

I have appeared in two dramas titled *Shonar Kathi, Rupar Kathi* and *Priyo Din Priyo Raat* directed by Salahuddin Lavlu. Both of the dramas gained popularity among the audience. I learned a lot from the brilliant actor.

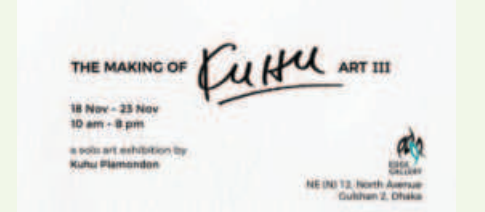
Whose films do you watch the most?

I watch a lot of films of different genres. However, am obsessed with Shabnur. She is my favourite actress, and Salman Shah is my favourite actor. I have watched this duo's film *Anondo Osru* a lot of times. I don't know why, but I was obsessed with Shabnur growing up and kept waiting to see her on the silver screen.

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Out and about IN DHAKA



The Making of Kuhu Art III
November 18-23 | 10 am - 8 pm
EDGE, The Foundation, Gulshan 2



**AnimeCon Dhaka presents
Yukii Matsuri**
December 2 | 11 am
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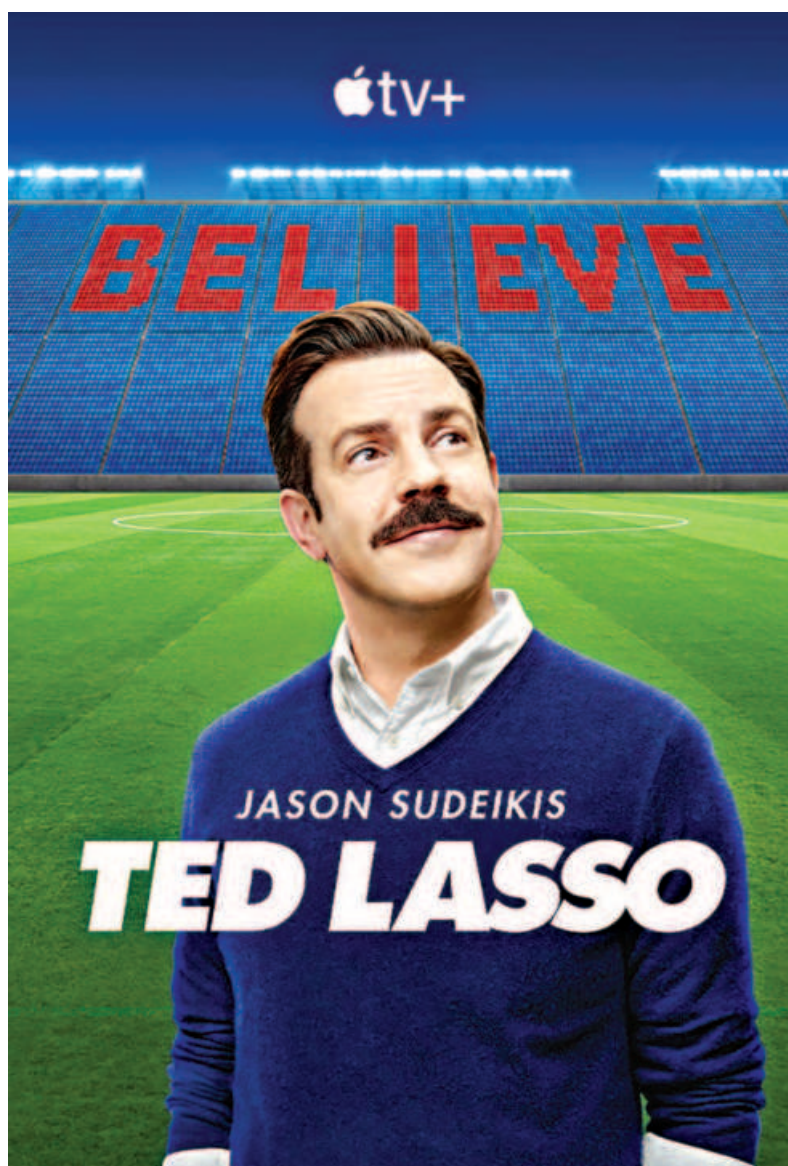


Classical Night
November 25 | 6 pm
Satori Meditations

TRENDY STREAMS

Netflix
Monica, O My Darling
Chorki
Theeran
Hoichoi
Ek Phali Rodh
Amazon Prime
The people we hate at the wedding
Disney plus
Atlas of Cursed Places

TV TALKIES



TED LASSO

Since the FIFA World Cup is just around the corner, we know that people all over the world are going to be obsessively watching football-related content over the coming month or more. So, with that in mind, our recommendation for this week is to watch the Apple TV+ original, *Ted Lasso*.

Starring Jason Sudeikis, of *Saturday Night Live* fame, *Ted Lasso* follows the tale of an American college "football" coach, who is hired to manage an English Premier League team called AFC Richmond.

While Lasso, the title character and coach in question, is hired by the club's new owner, Rebecca to fail—hoping it will spite her ex-husband who deeply loves the club—the soft-spoken and kind-hearted American finds himself on a journey that not only changes the life of those in the club, but also his own.

At present, only two seasons of *Ted Lasso* have come out, but have already resulted in the show receiving critical acclaim, earning seven Emmy Awards. If you're worried that a show about football will not be enough to keep you intrigued, then know that *Ted Lasso* is a story about life, not just football. This heart-warming show will definitely keep you occupied between your World Cup fixtures, so I would recommend you get started on it just prior to the start of the tournament.



WHAT'S ON THE GRAM

**RANVEER
SINGH**

The dashing Ranveer Singh looked suave in a set of pitch dark and washed-up jeans. The fashionista kept his look simple, with a tight ponytail and a pair of aviator square sunglasses. The red stripes on one side of the jacket, complemented by his diamond earrings, gave it an even edgier look upfront.