



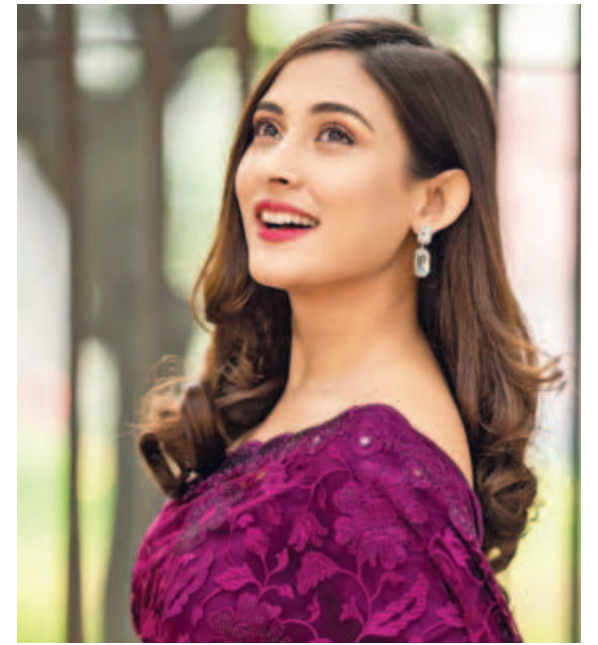
Bidya Sinha Mim



Rafiath Rashid Mithila



Jaya Ahsan



Mehazabien Chowdhury

STARS HOPE for a fresh start

Bidding 2022 a proper goodbye, we have welcomed 2023 with renewed hopes and dreams. Stars share with us some of theirs, in this feature.



Ferdous

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

I want to be consistent: Jaya Ahsan

May this year bring happiness and prosperity to everyone. I can say that 2022 been a great one, and I want to be consistent. I want to explore more with the roles I play, both in Bangladeshi and Indian Bengali films.

Will not take too many projects: Bidya Sinha Mim

Last year was a turning point in my career. The way that the audience showered me with their love is priceless. I want to keep working the same way this year as well. I was never into working in too many projects at a time, so I'll focus more on working in good projects.

Want to be more industrious: Ferdous

In 2022, I was busy working in films, hosting shows, and working in Tollywood after a break. I have completed working in two films—one of which is based on the Liberation War of Bangladesh, and the other focuses on the life of Sheikh Russell. Since acting is everything to me, in the coming year, I want to work more in films.

I will bring more variety to my works: Apurba

I am happy to have spent a year where I could make

the audience happy with lot of good projects. I want to dedicate this year to my audience, and work in a way that will make them happy. I have always believed in variety. At the end of the day, they remember us for our works. I always want to remain alive through my works.

Hoping to get cast in brave stories: Mehazabien Chowdhury

I hope that this year brings joy to everyone. I expect that directors will come forward in telling more brave stories with variety and new techniques. I want to work in those projects, and I hope that my fellow colleagues also get chances to work more in the industry.

The previous year was great for me. I am happy with the projects I have worked in, and that I could reach the audiences' hearts with my acting. May this flow continue.

Want to work on both sides of the border: Mithila

Even if I want to, I can't give more time to acting, because I have another profession. Within my limitations, I always try to be part of quality works. I wish to add some more good projects in my career. I want to spare some time for working in both Bangladeshi and Kolkata films.



Apurba



New year, new films

ZAHID AKBAR

The last six months have been akin to a festival of amazing films for the audience. Hoping to continue this fever of wonderful productions in the upcoming year, the filmmakers, actors and associated parties eagerly lined-up several big budget films awaiting releases soon.

Arifin Shuvo starrer *Black War*, set to appear in theatres screens, both nationally and internationally, on the second week of January.

The Sanny Sanwar and Faisal Ahmed directorial film also stars Taskin Rahman, Jannatul Ferdous Oishee, Sadia Nabila, Raisul Islam Asad, Fazlur Rahman Babu, Misha Saudagar, Shatabdi Wadud, Manoj Pramanik, and Iresh Zaker amongst many others.

Abu Raihan Jewel's debut directorial film *Adventure of Sundarbans* will be released on January 20. Featuring Siam Ahmed and Pori Moni in lead roles, the childrens' film will also star Shahidul Alam Sachchu, Azad

Abul Kalam and Ashish Khandaker, alongside 20 child artists.

The government grant film *Adventure of Sundarbans* is adapted from Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal's novel *Ratuler Raat Ratuler Din*.



"I played the role of Tisha in this film. While shooting it, we were not allowed to get off the launch, but I wanted to touch the ground. I have annoyed my director a lot about this," said Pori Moni to The Daily Star.

"I have known Ratul's character for a long time but never thought I will be able present him before the audience," mentions Siam Ahmed. "Just like many of us have survived the wave of Covid-19, this film also survived the pandemic and returned to us.

Renowned director Uddin Selim's new film *Kajol Rekha* is also scheduled to be released next February. The film stars Sariful Razz and Mandira Chakraborty in the lead roles. Iresh Zaker, Rafiat Rashid Mithila, Azad

Abul Kalam, Khairul Basar and Sadia Ayman amongst others will also appear in the film.

The film is all set to take the audience 500 years back, the tale has been adapted from a folk song of Mymensingh.

Shakib Khan, Shabnam Bubby and Misha Saudagar starrer *Leader Amie Bangladesh* is scheduled for release within the next few months. The Tapu Khan directorial, themed around action, romance and social awareness, received much appreciation from the censor board.

Dipankar Dipan 's *Antarjaal* is also prepared to take the audience by surprise next Eid. The cyber thriller features Siam Ahmed as Siam Lumin and Bidya Sinha Min as Nishat. It also casts Sunerah Binte Kamal and ABM Sumon, among many others.

Written by Dipankar Dipan himself, alongside Saifullah Riyad and Asha Zahid, the film was produced by Motion People Studio which is an initiative of the ICT Division of the government.

I tried my best for my son, but can't anymore PORI MONI

Pori Moni opened up to The Daily Star about her rumoured divorce, soon after she put up an explosive status on Friday after she claimed that her relationship was 'toxic'.

"I am not doing well, and what can I say about this? My relationship with Razz was not going well," she said over the phone, distraught. "Just looking at my son, Rajya, I tried to stay in the relationship. However, it is not possible anymore. I don't want to stay in a relationship like this. I will let everyone know about the divorce soon."

The Daily Star also tried reaching out to Sariful Razz, but he was unavailable over the phone.

The actress announced on her Facebook status that she has had enough of being with her husband and been separated from him.

