



SPICING IT UP WITH SHAJAL

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

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Shajal Noor has made a name for himself in the industry, not only for his acting ability, but also for his style. The actor melted the hearts of his female fans when he swooned into TV after his successful stint in modelling. Currently, he is busy acting in both TV series, movies and OTT projects. Recently, he also lent his voice for Lee Min-ho's super hit drama *The Legend of the Blue Sea*.

In a fun conversation with The Daily Star, the dashing actor opened up about his films, plans and much more.

How did you begin your modelling journey?

My modelling journey has been one hell of a ride. I had the wonderful opportunity to learn modelling under the legendary actor Afzal Hossain, and later on, got to train new

models under my guidance.

What was the experience of working with Afzal Hossain and Humayun Faridi like?

Words fall short to describe their sheer talent. They are such renowned actors, that it's a major achievement to simply work with them. I still remember the wonderful acting of Faridi *bhai*, his mannerisms and his personae, all of which were brilliant. Afzal *bhai* was such a supportive actor, I will never forget the way he breathed life into his characters.

You have worked with Moushumi, Purnima, and Popy in films. Who did you enjoy working with the most?

It's really hard to mention just one of them. I have really beautiful memories with these gorgeous artistes. Moushumi *apa* treated me like her younger brother, while Purnima's smile was breathtaking, Popy was fantastic as well. Every one of them have been extremely sweet to me.

You have worked with Mamo and Mehazabien in TV. Did you ever fall in love with them?

No, I did not fall in love with any of these actresses. Both of them are beautiful and talented in their own ways, and I feel both of them are very dear to me.

Many people say that you haven't aged even a bit in the last 20 years.

It's really a blessing from the Almighty that I am able to maintain myself. I try to eat healthy and sleep on time. I am grateful that I have been given a healthy body and I try to keep myself fit.

Currently, what are you working on in OTT?

Currently, I have my hands full with OTT projects. I have completed shooting for one, while the others are still on-going. My projects will be available for streaming later this year and I hope the audience will love all of them.

Are you working in a Liberation-War based film?

Yes, I have worked in a wonderful story and audiences will get to see me in a completely new look. I will be playing the role of a freedom fighter. I really want to work in such films, as these stories are really close to my heart.



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TV TALKIES

AFTER LIFE

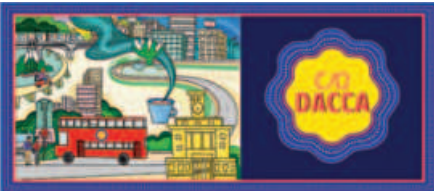
Dealing with grief through comedy

Does the world give you a pass for tragedy? The answer to that question is explored in this 2019 Netflix 'dramedy', headlined by the sharp-witted legendary comic, Ricky Gervais.

Tony (Ricky Gervais) has the perfect life that anyone can wish for, until he loses his wife. The series takes flight after she has passed, portraying the turbulence and bitterness that Tony goes through. With a series of misadventures and unlikely friendships, the series explores the moral question of how long one should have to grieve and whether that grief, should spill onto people who had no choice in causing it.

A perfect visual narrative to delve into, the series does make the audience question an individual's belief systems and code of conduct. Ricky Gervais's witty comebacks and sometimes blatant insults prevents the secondary characters from pointing it out and holding him responsible. Unlike the general one-dimensional TV series characters, the story actually gives backstories and explores real life consequences, in ways people don't even do in reality.

Out and about IN DHAKA



Spring Carnival
February 3-4 | 10 am - 8 pm
MIDAS



Goethe Cinema
January 31 | 5 pm
Goethe Institut Bangladesh



Theaterian presents 'Death of a Salesman'
January 31 | 7 pm
Bangladesh Mohila Samity

TRENDY STREAMS

Netflix
Mission
Majnu
Chorki
Jahan

Hoichoi
Eken
Babu:
Ebar
Kolkatay

Amazon
Prime
Shotgun
Wedding

Disney
plus
King
Shakir
Recycle

WHAT'S ON THE GRAM

Mehazabien Chowdhury

The gorgeous Mehazabien Chowdhury has been on fire this New Year, grabbing the eyes of audiences with Vicky Zahed's 'Kajoler Dinratri'.

Now, she is all set to scare the audience this Valentines' day with Vicky Zahed's Binge web-series *Silence*.

Mehazabien is famous for being a trendsetter with her iconic fashion style and panache. This time she stole the hearts of audiences by wearing a deep-violet, cold shoulder kameez with a hint of sequin and silver. She topped it with a simple nude lipstick and her beautiful smile. The dress has been specially designed by Vogue by Prince.

