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Barshon exudes brilliance

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With a keen interest in acting, Imtiaz Barshon, following a friend's advice, took part in a stage play held near his residential area in Chattogram. It changed his life, as he felt the urge of becoming an actor after being regular in theatres. He took appreciation course in the Fame School of Dance, Drama and Music.

Making his silver-screen debut with *Unoponchash Batash*, he caught the attention and further wowed the audience when he donned the role of Barrister in the web-series, *Kaiser*. Barshon, a member of Theatre Avant-garde, assisted noted filmmaker Nurul Alam Atique during his initial days. Yesterday, *Ora 7 Jon*, featuring Barshon hit the theatres across the country.

“My passion for acting grew gradually, as I was involved with theatre and began working in this fraternity,” shared Barshon. “Sort of unwillingly, yet, I had to join a regular job, which I was not interested in at all.” Resigning from the job, he shifted to Dhaka to pursue his ultimate dream of becoming an actor.

While Wahid Tareq's *Alganagar* was supposed to be his debut film, the film was



shelved due to some reasons. *“Unoponchash Batash”* and *Chandrabati Kotha* brought me appreciation, yet, my role in *Kaiser* was much more popular,”

digitisation, things have changed and every medium has a shelf life.”

Ora 7 Jon tells the tale of seven freedom fighters who run an operation during the Liberation War of Bangladesh. “We had to struggle getting good enough screens, as we all know that the Indian blockbuster film *Pathaan* was also likely to be released at the same time.” According to him, the hall owners were more interested in *Pathaan*, and Khijir Hayat Khan's *Ora 7 Jon* alongside Fakhru Areef Khan's *JK71* faced tough competition. “We really worked hard for our film, and to watch all the efforts going in vain is really heartbreaking.”

Apart from acting, Barshon is also the member of the newly formed band, Halley'r Dhumketu. “We have a few songs including a Tagore rendition, which were released under the banner of G-series. We are working on our original numbers, which we plan to release soon.”

As fans wait for *Kaiser* level 2, Barshon hinted that an announcement might come soon. He will be seen in the government-granted film *Japito Jibon*. He will also be seen in the Deepto Play original project, *Apolaap*.

TV TALKIES

Gilmore Girls: Finding warmth in the classics



Despite being released back in the early 90s, the warmth of *Gilmore Girls* still holds up to this day. Young heartthrobs, warm cocoa and the bitter-sweet bond of a mother daughter duo encapsulates everything that the series is all about. The romantic drama follows the lives of both the Lorelai Gilmores (Lauren Graham and Alexis Bledel), the daughter being named after her young mother in a morphine-induced euphoria.

While Lorelai, the mom struggles with raising her young daughter Rory, her own rich parents come into the picture, sweeping aside the values Lorelai had worked so hard to preserve. Meanwhile Rory struggles to grapple with her private school, a cute boy named Dean (Jared Padalecki) and keeping herself fed on their family friend, Sookie's (Melissa McCarthy) delicious food.

The 90s nostalgia and the quaint town of Stars Hollow provides the modern millennial with the perfect cosy atmosphere to escape into. In a time of teen angst and rom-coms, *Gilmore Girls* provided the reprieve that the older millennials required during that time in the form of Lorelai, who went about the series trying her best to recover from her past mistakes, while also ensuring that Rory grows up without having it held over her head.

TRENDY STREAMS

Netflix
Unlocked

Binge
Friday

Hoichoi
Dakghor

Disney plus
Star Wars: The
Mandalorian

Amazon Prime
Daisy Jones and
The Six

OUT AND ABOUT IN DHAKA



Rock N Rhythm 2.0

March 9 | 2 pm – 10 pm

International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB)



Classical Night

March 4 | 6 pm – 11 pm

Satori Meditations



Nutrition Stories

March 4-6 | 4 pm

Kala Kendra

WHAT'S ON THE GRAM

PUJA CHERY

Dhallywood bombshell, Puja Chery is setting social media on fire with her jaw dropping outfits. The glamorous diva donned a gorgeous off-white sequin saree, paired with a scintillating backless blouse—raising her glam level three times higher. The sweet, yet sensuous Puja Chery topped-off the whole look with a glossy lipstick, as she gave an enticing look in front of the camera to melt the hearts of her fans.

