

# AFRAN NISHO

## riding the 'Shurongo' wave



**Afran Nisho, known for his stellar performances in TV dramas and web films, has stepped onto the big screen with *Shurongo*. His film hit 31 theaters across West Bengal recently, marking his first film to be released in the neighboring country. The film's release in Kolkata has been met with overwhelming love and admiration from both the media and the audience from Kolkata.**

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After a successful premiere in Kolkata, Nisho appeared in a gracious mood, expressing his satisfaction at the reception he received.

"I feel extremely lucky to have appeared in Kolkata in such a grand manner," Nisho stated. During his stay in Kolkata, he engaged in numerous interviews and interactions with the media, enjoying the warm reception he received.

As *Shurongo* enters its fourth week in Bangladeshi theaters, the streets of the Kolkata on the other hand are adorned with posters and banners, reflecting the widespread popularity of the film.

"I feel delighted to witness the film's success both in Bangladesh and Kolkata. It proves that the audience always look for good stories. If you can give that, your film will run successfully," Nisho said.

The actor was deeply moved by the enthusiasm of Kolkata's audience during his movie's screenings. Their overwhelming response, applause, and appreciation made the Kolkata release of *Shurongo* a truly memorable event for Nisho.

"I can't forget the moments," Afran Nisho expressed emotionally as he returned to Dhaka. He encouraged the audience to support good movies and show love for Bangladeshi cinema, underscoring the importance of backing local films.

"Although it was a short tour for me, I can't forget the love they gave me during my trip. They were so friendly that I couldn't differentiate between Bangladesh and Kolkata," he concluded.

It is being speculated that the actor's next film signing will be with director Abrar Athar, with whom he worked with in his very first web film, *Mainkar Chipay*. However, the actor is holding out until the official announcement before commenting on it.



## 'Ami Ki Tumi?' will reveal all the answers today

After the release of the trailer of Vicky Zahed's web-series *Ami Ki Tumi?*, the audience finds the director continuing to tell unique stories filled with thrills, mystery and drama like any of his other projects.

The star-studded show, starring Mehazabien Chowdhury, Shamol Mawla, Tariq Anam Khan Fazlur Rahman Babu, Wahida Mallick Jolly and Sadia Islam Mou will start streaming the iScreen from today.

The trailer gives the audience a glimpse into the mysterious world of *Ami Ki Tumi?*, highlighting a series of murder folded in mysteries and a hint of possible alien invasion. To know what new twist Vicky has prepared this time, one must subscribe to the newest OTT platform, iScreen.



## Aryan opens up about web film 'Flight 227'

Mizanur Rahman Aryan has piqued the curiosity of audiences by unveiling the first look of his upcoming Bongo original web-film, *Flight 227*, yesterday on social media.

The intriguing poster has left netizens wondering if the aviation disaster is based on a real-life story.

In a conversation with The Daily Star, Mizanur Rahman Aryan refrained from divulging too many details about the project, but did reveal that it comprises of multiple interconnected stories within the web film.

"Our web film *Flight 227* has a lot of stories within it. There are stories about relationships, friendship and love and it all revolves around a journey," the director added. The director disclosed that it will be released soon on the Bongo app.

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# Elita looks to highlight the youth with exciting new webcast

**The usual artsy vibe of the EMK Center was complemented by youthful jubilation, as the welcoming face of a renowned singer and journalist awaited young changemakers in her new webcast, "The Youth Unleashed with Elita Karim".**

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In association with EMK Center, and sponsored by the US Embassy, the ten-episode show will feature ten young changemakers from different professional sectors as guests. Planned, designed and scripted by Elita herself, the entire programme has been supported by Jaago Foundation, a partner to EMK Center.

"We have read their stories many times in the newspaper, sometimes on social platforms. However, through this show, their entire story will unfold in front of the viewer like never before. I believe it is important to create an avenue for their visual recognition as well," shared Elita, who had been nurturing this idea from a long time.

"One of my guests on my show is Tawhida Shiropa, who left her journalism career and built her own platform for mental health and well-being support. The founder and CEO of the platform had this urge of creating it because of her mother, who was suffering for a long time -- and they could not identify her health issue." Elita wants to bring forth such unheard stories, which might inspire more people and initiate to become one.

Since she was the Editor of Star Youth at The Daily Star, she had a rough plan to start her own podcast. However, she became set in her goals while completing her Fulbright Scholarship as a

or a crime thriller story, people would listen to it at their own leisure."

The ten participants to tell their journey of becoming a changemaker includes



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Humphrey Fellow 2021-2022, in the USA, for 15 months. "We had worked on various dimensions of media, out of which I was most interested in podcasts and webcasts," she added. "Essentially, the difference is miniscule between podcasts and webcasts. Podcasts are just audio shows, there are no visuals to those contents -- be it news,

Ayman Sadiq (10-minute school), Tawhida Shiropa (Moner Bondhu), Shah Rafayat Chowdhury (Footsteps), Sadia Jafrin Khan (Grow Your Reader), Syed Rashad Imam Tanmoy (Unmad and Cartoon People), Arian Arif (Mojar Ishkool), Diptha Saha (Agroshift), Shamsin Ahmed (Identity Inclusion), Shitom Ahmed

(Musician), and Kaarina Kaiser (Content Creator).

The webcast will begin airing from the first week of August. Throughout ten weeks, each episode will be released, and will be available on all the social platforms of EMK Center.

What about her musical journey? Upon being asked, Elita shared that she is waiting for a bunch of projects to be released. "I did one song in a mixed album with Joy Shahrir. I also lent voice to one of Bappa da's (Bappa Mazumder) ventures titled *Beautiful Voices*, where female vocalists including the likes of Kona, Konal, Ankhi apa (Ankhi Alamgir), lent their voices." The song has already been recorded, the music video will be shot soon. The song will be released from Bappa Mazumder's YouTube channel. "I have also recorded a song composed by Kishore Das, while I was in the US. The lyrics have been penned by Kabir Bakul, the song is supposed to be a film track, so I am waiting for it." She also did multiple songs with musician Shaker Raza.

Elita is also collaborating with Shitom Ahmed very soon. "We are planning for a duet, Shitom is quite popular at Spotify, and doing really well." The song is expected to be released next month.

