



Chanchal Chowdhury



Mehazabien Chowdhury



Afran Nisho



Bidya Sinha Mim



Pritom Hasan

## MERIL-PROTHOM ALO AWARDS

# Honouring stellar performers of 2022

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### ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

The highly anticipated Meril-Prothom Alo Awards 2022 took to the centre stage on Friday evening at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center's Hall of Fame in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

This star-studded event brought together luminaries from the entertainment world, making the occasion an unforgettable one.

The event commenced with a welcome address from Prothom Alo Associate Editor Anisul Hoque. Following his remarks, Prothom Alo Editor Matir Rahman and Square Group Managing Director Anjan Chowdhury took to the stage, setting the tone for an evening of glitz and glamour.

Eminent singer Syed Abdul Hadi was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement award at the event which was presented to him by noted singer Runa Laila.

"I have always longed for love and respect, and this award gave me both," said Hadi, the five-time National Film Award winner.

He was handed over a cheque worth Tk 2 lacs, which he donated to Prothom Alo trust.

Prominent faces of the industry, including Jayanta Chattopadhyay, Tariq Anam Khan, Nima Rahman, Chanchal Chowdhury, Runa Khan, Azmeri Haque Badhan, Bidya Sinha Mim, Mehazabien Chowdhury, Sabila Nur, Puja Chery, Pritom Hasan, and Xeler, among many other popular names, graced the event.

In the popular choice category, Bidya



From left, Runa Laila, Syed Abdul Hadi and Anjan Chowdhury

Sinha Mim won the Best Film Actress Award for her outstanding portrayal of Ananya in *Poran*, while Chanchal Chowdhury bagged the Best Film Actor Award for his exceptional performance in *Hawa*. Rodela Tapur, the young talent, received the Best Debutante Award for her performance in the film *Deshantor*.

In the category – Television Drama, Limited Feature Film, Digital Medium, TV Series, and Web Series – Mehazabien and Afran Nisho were awarded Best Actress and Best Actor (popular) for *Punorjonmo 3*, respectively.

Meanwhile, Nazia Haque Orsha received Best Actress (critics) for *Galiber Prem O Boshonter Kabbo* and Pritom received Best Actor (critics) for *Araal*.

Coming to the Critics' segment, Mejbaur Rahman Sumon bagged The Best Film Director



From left, Nusrat Imrose Tisha, Nazifa Tushi and Mostofa Sarwar Farooki

Award for his directorial debut *Hawa*, while Nazifa Tushi earned the Best Film Actress Award for playing Gulti in the film. The Best Actor title was claimed by Chanchal for his stellar performance in *Dui Diner Duniya*.

*Shaaticup* claimed the Best Web Series Award while the Best Director (web series) was awarded to Nuhash Humayun for *Pett Kata Shaw*.

Alongside the award distribution, many prominent faces took to the stage, presenting dance and musical performances.

Apart from these entertaining segments, the audience also enjoyed the company of hosts Siam Ahmed and Pritom who made sure that the evening was enjoyable to all.

The glamorous night concluded with a promise to a grander show in the following year.

## Mithila to appear next in spy thriller

After donning the dynamic role of a modern lady Macbeth in Raajhorshee De's *Mayaa*, Rafiath Rashid Mithila is now gearing up for Dulal Dey's upcoming spy thriller project *Aranyer Prachin Probad*.



According to media reports, Mithila will be paired with Indian actor Jeetu Kamal in this film.

Director Dulal Dey spoke about his project, saying, "My story has many shades. The hero becomes a detective unexpectedly when he gets entangled in a mystery. He also has a love for Bengali literature."

In addition to Mithila and Jeetu, *Aranyer Prachin Probad* features Suhotra Mukhopadhyay, Silajit Majumder, Loknath Dey, and others.

## 25 poets to act in 'Street Philosopher'

The realms of poetry and philosophy are set to intertwine in a cinematic experience as director Masud Pathik begins his latest project, *Street Philosopher*.

The film will bring together a remarkable ensemble of 25 poets from Bangladesh, including Nirmalendu Goon, Ashim Saha, Kachi Khandkar, Dr Tapan Bagchi and Aslam Sani amongst many others, in the movie that delves into the philosophical musings of French and German thinkers Michel Foucault and Bertolt Brecht, respectively.

The poster of the movie was unveiled recently and the shooting of the project will begin from October 15.



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## Let us have a look at the nominations for Best Director this year

Ispahani Tea Limited and The Daily Star have collaborated to recognise the best of OTT and Digital Media once again.

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### Best Director (Series)



**Syed Ahmed Shawki**

The director is nominated for the much-hyped production of 2022, *Karagar*, creating a benchmark in the OTT industry.



**Shihab Shaheen**

Known for romantic projects, the director wowed the audience with his web-series *Syndicate*, featuring Afran Nisho, Tasnia Farin, and Nazifa Tushi in the leading roles.



**Nuhash Humayun**

The young director stunned everyone by introducing the horror genre to the web platform with his debut series *Pett Kata Shaw*.



**Tanim Noor**

*Kaiser* was one of the most-loved productions of 2022. The director brilliantly executed the entire series, which earned him a nomination.



**Mohammad Touqir Islam**

The director surprised the audience with his debut production *Shaaticup*. The crime-drama explores a new narrative of the localities of Rajshahi in their own language.

### Best Director (Film)



**Robiul Alam Robi**

Robi's *Cafe Desire* explores human relationships, which connects the plot in a hyper-linked narrative. His excellent direction earned him the nomination.



**Vicky Zahed**

Vicky's first web film, *Redrum*, explores the old-school traits of a 'whodunit' through characters that are realistic and relatable.



**Anam Biswas**

*Dui Diner Duniya* is the mystery-thriller that tells how life's simplest philosophy of retribution has the strangest ways of manifesting itself. Anam Biswas masterfully brought the story to the screen.



**Raihan Rafi**

The director is known for introducing twists in each of his works. *Taan* is no different. Raihan Rafi surely deserves a nomination for this film.



**Sanjoy Somadder**

The director managed to highlight the emotional journey of a mother and a child, facing many social turbulences in his web film *Daag*.