

I may not be a superstar, but I am an actress:

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Tanzika Amin began her career in the showbiz industry in 2004 via the popular reality show, Lux Channel i Superstar. She ultimately became the first runner-up and since then, she has appeared in dramas, cinemas and web-series.

This year, after a long hiatus, Tanzika amassed much love from the audience by acting in the popular web-series *Mohanagar* Season 2. Her role as Mitu, in the series, leaves an undeniable mark in the minds of audiences of all ages.

Concerning *Mohanagar* 2, the actress said that the series was assembled really well by director Ashfaque Nipun as the script was well-written. “The making of it is why it became popular. I’m glad to have received appreciation for my character, people close to me have been loving her,” she said adding that Mitu most likely made a place for herself in the minds of audiences.

Tanzika made her silver screen debut with *Bakul Fuler Mala*, directed by Delwar Jahan Jhantu. She shared the screen with Riaz. Later, she acted in dramas to take a brief interval from films. She eventually returned to silver screen with *Gohiner Gaan*.

In terms of doing limited films, she said, “I already take on a small number of projects. Then again, there were times when the script was not a good one. If things had been different for me, then perhaps my career would have developed otherwise.”

She also said that even though *Gohiner Gaan* may not have been a huge hit, it earned her praise from the audience, which was huge for her.

Tanzika’s web-film, *Omimangshito*, is awaiting

release. It has been directed by Raihan Rafi. In regard to this, she said, “I acted in the role of a crime reporter in the web-film. It was an exceptional character for me and I believe the audience will like it.”

The actress will begin shooting for another new web film in November, and then in December, she is scheduled to begin filming a new still-untitled movie, which will be directed by Raihan Rafi.

The veteran actress has been in showbiz for around 19 years. Upon reflection on her achievements so far, she revealed, “I am satisfied with a few of my projects. I may not be a superstar, but I am an actress. I love acting. I am healthy, and so are my parents. There is no negativity around me. The fact that I am able to survive with honour is a definite achievement after all these years.”

Fascinatingly, Tanzika worked behind the scenes in the recently released film by Hridi Huq, titled *1971 Shei Shob Din*. Is a career behind the camera a possibility for the actress after she hangs up her boots? Only time will tell.



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‘Mujib: The Making of a Nation’ to hit theatres on October 13



Ace filmmaker Shyam Benegal’s upcoming directorial venture, *Mujib: The Making of a Nation*, a biographical drama on the towering legend of Bangladesh, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, will hit local theatres on October 13.

On Sunday, the official trailer of the highly-anticipated *Mujib* biopic was unveiled at a five-star hotel in Dhaka. Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud was present at the event.

The movie will be released in India on October 27. The latest trailer shows glimpses of the intense, patriotic story of the birth of Bangladesh.



Chanchal Chowdhury starrer ‘Padatik’ to screen at London Indian Film Festival

Srijit Mukherji’s *Padatik* centers around the life and works of the late legendary director Mrinal Sen. The film stars Chanchal Chowdhury, essaying the role of the legendary filmmaker.

The film will be screened for the first time at the London Indian Film Festival, one of the largest film festivals of South Asian cinema in Europe. The event will be held in four cities in England, namely, London, Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds from October 25 to November 4.

The Mrinal Sen biopic will be showcased on the last day of the film festival.

COUNTRYWIDE

When a century is not enough

PARTHA CHAKRABORTTY, Bagerhat

Though over a century has gone by since its establishment, the Government Textile Vocational Institute in Bagerhat, is yet to get a permanent campus.

Moreover, in absence of a permanent campus students are being deprived of practical training, which is the most important part of vocational education.

Apart from this, the institution is also suffering from shortage of teachers and other staff.

Since the year 2004, the lone vocation institute in the district, has been running at a rented house in Dashani area of Bagerhat town.

According to the sources at the government institute, the institute was established at a rented house in Alia Madrasa Road area in 1911.

But, after the country’s independence, the vocational institute was renamed as Textile Vocational Institute and has been running under the ministry of textiles and jute since then.

The institution has a total of 160 seats under four trades (subjects) that include apparel manufacturing, weaving, sweater-t-shirt making, and dyeing, printing and finishing.

But due to inadequate educational

facilities, the institution currently has only 98 students, 69 in Class IX and 29 in Class X.

Mentionable, when 80 students were supposed to appear in the public exams every year, only 38 of them appeared in this year’s exam.

Out of a total of 17 posts of teachers and other staff, five posts including the superintendent are currently lying vacant.

On the other hand, several costly machines like circular knitting machine, weaving air jet loom, and dyeing machine are gradually getting damaged due to lack of classrooms and open spaces at the rented house.

Shraboni Debnath, a student of Apparel Manufacturing, said they are being deprived of practical trainings as most of the equipment are not installed for lack of required spaces.

Another student Tamim Hasan said they do not even have a playground for physical sports.

Moreover, for higher study, they have to go to either Barishal, Faridpur and Gopalganj or Khulna, he added.

Acting Superintendent at Bagerhat Textile Vocational Institute Maksudul Hasan Sumon said the ministry concern will soon issue a letter regarding the land acquisition.

AL calls for 5 rallies in Oct

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after a joint meeting between AL secretaries, leaders of Dhaka city units and top leaders of the party’s associate bodies at the AL party office on Bangabandhu Avenue.

Activists of AL and its associate bodies from Dhaka and its adjoining districts, including Narsingdi, Munshiganj, Manikganj, Narayanganj, and Gazipur, were asked to attend the rallies, said meeting sources.

Besides, the AL will

also hold a “peace and development” rally at Amin Bazar in Savar tomorrow.

Briefing journalists before yesterday’s meeting, Quader said, “If Khaleda Zia needs to be taken abroad for treatment, it should be done according to the existing laws and as per the court’s decision. All decisions regarding Khaleda will be lawful.”

He said, “ASM Abdur Rab [Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal president] was also a convicted accused. In the

context of Khaleda, the case of Rab cannot be an example. Haji Mohammad Salim [Dhaka-7 lawmaker] was also not allowed to go beyond the law.”

Stating that the BNP is trying to make the government worried by carrying out violent activities, he asked the AL activists to stand against the violence.

“The BNP is hatching a conspiracy to form an unusual government like 1/11. Their only target is to overthrow Sheikh Hasina.”

12 containers sink twice

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the barge to hit a stone embankment and tilt. The containers then fell overboard.

The CPA issued a notice to mariners on Friday morning asking them to navigate with caution.

It also sent tugs and engaged its survey vessel Jarip-9 to locate the

sunken containers.

All the containers are yet to be recovered due to what PS Salvage said was a technical issue with the crane, said a senior CPA official, requesting anonymity.

He added that the salvage operation started in the early hours of yesterday.

Pangaon Express, owned

by the CPA, capsized around 12 nautical miles off Bhasan Char on July 6 noon while transporting 72 import-laden containers from the Chattogram port to Dhaka’s Pangaon Inland Container Depot.

PS Salvage managed to retrieve 23 containers from the sunken vessel last week.

Jubo league leader

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Yusuf and Utsar, were injured, police sources said.

The duo was rushed to the Sadar Hospital, where doctors declared them dead upon arrival, said Abul Khayer, assistant superintendent of police (Bahubal circle).

Ajoy Chandra Dev, officer-in-charge of Habiganj Sadar Police Station, said four people were detained when a clash among the other injured broke out again at the hospital.

Meanwhile, Yusuf and Utsar’s bodies were sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy, he said.

No case was lodged till the filing of this report at 7:15pm.

Geopolitics

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so over the past 30 years, and will continue to increase in the future.”

Human rights issues can be better addressed with a stable political situation and an inclusive government structure, the former ambassador added. He further said a free, fair and acceptable election will not only benefit the country’s internal governance but also cement its global connectivity.

“Bangladesh needs to march along with the change South Asia, as a whole, is facing.”

Badiul Alam Majumdar, secretary of Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik, said that so far in the country’s history, 11 national elections took

place and seven of those were held under partisan governments, with none being “acceptable”.

On the other hand, four elections were held under a neutral or caretaker government, and in all of those, the immediate past ruling parties were defeated.

He said the Election Commission is the most important entity to ensure a free and fair election. Though, he said, the current atmosphere is not congenial enough for that.

“The concerns of foreign nations should be considered a ‘message’ ... Sadly, we are treating them as enemies,” he said, stressing the need for reforms based on the messages.

Govt violating

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motorcade on.

Addressing the rally, Nazrul Islam Khan, another standing committee member, said the ruling party is unsettled by the huge public participation in BNP’s road march.

“You [people] have to oust the government and establish a caretaker government if you want to exercise your franchise, lead a better life, and live with dignity,” he told the rally.

“Awami League claims a lot of development has happened in the country. As per bank records, 14,000 new millionaires have been created in the country. And more than 3 crore people have become poor... They don’t want fair elections out of fear of losing,” he added. “She [Khaleda] is seriously ill but this inhuman government wants to send her back to jail,” he said.

Meanwhile, BNP leaders alleged that at least 15 leaders and activists of the party were injured in two attacks during

the road march.

Emran Saleh Prince, BNP organising secretary, alleged that their vehicles came under attack by ruling party men in Ishwarganj upazila of Mymensingh around 3:00pm. He said the attackers vandalised three microbuses in front of the Bhuiyan filling station.

Contacted, Md Mustahibur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Ishwarganj Police Station, said a couple of motorbikes were damaged.

Asked about AL activists’ involvement in the attack, he said police have not received any complaints.

The second attack, according to the BNP leaders, took place when the motorcade was passing the Abdul Jabbar intersection and KR Market area of the Bangladesh Agricultural University.

They said two microbuses were vandalised by Chhatra League activists.

However, Taifur Rahman, president of BAU unit of BCL, denied the allegation.

‘Pressure of controversy’

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controversies is excessive. The pressure stemming from 2014 and 2018 is on us ... they [allegations] could be true or false, but we are not going into that.”

Awal said there can be various types of debates and criticisms about the elections. It happened in the past. Such controversies and debates will also be found while going through the election history of the last 50, 60, or 70 years. Even the elections during the British era have had some controversies. Maybe the magnitude of controversy was low then, he said.

The BNP did not take part in the 2014 polls and 153 candidates were elected unopposed.

Over the 11th parliamentary election, held in 2018, there are allegations that the ballot boxes were stuffed the night before election day.

While addressing the UNOs, the CEC said, “The responsibility that will be given to you must be carried out strictly. We will seriously monitor the matter by collecting information from different sources. We will try to know how you are performing your duties.”

“There is a perception ... We cannot be trusted, the government cannot be trusted, and elections are not held in an acceptable manner. We want to accept this challenge that the elections under us will be free, fair, and transparent.”



The rented campus of Bagerhat Government Textile Vocational Institute at Dashani in Bagerhat town. PHOTO: STAR