

My husband was happier than me for this award: Orsha

Nazia Haque Orsha impressed critics with her genuine depiction of a character battling a mental disorder in the Chorki film **Jahan**. Her performance earned her the Best Actress award in the critics' category.

"My husband was excited because **Jahan** was produced by his company, Methodica. I didn't have high expectations, but with three nominations – Best Film, Best Actor, and Best Actress (Critics) – he remained hopeful that we might win at least one. When I won the award, he was overjoyed. This was only the second project from his production house, and winning an award made him incredibly proud. My mother was also extremely happy and excited for me.

The psychological nature of the film required deep research and wasn't aimed for all audiences. Being recognised for such work inspires me to take on more projects like this."



Grateful to audiences for my hattrick win: Tasnia Farin

It was a hattrick win for Tasnia Farin, as the actress continues her winning spree. She won the Best Actress award in the popular category for her performance as Sultana in **Nikosh**.

"It feels amazing to receive this recognition. Since the first OTT awards, I've felt the audience's love – winning in the Popular category the first time, then Critics the second, and Popular again this year. It's definitely a great feeling. In Bangladesh, The Daily Star is the only platform giving awards for OTT, it's rewarding to be acknowledged every year. I didn't have high expectations this time, but receiving the award again felt really special," she said.

Awards are always encouraging: Afran Nisho

Afran Nisho has been awarded three times in a row at **The Blender's Choice-The Daily Star OTT & Digital Content Awards**. His first award was for the antagonist role in the Chorki web series **Morichika** in 2021, donning the role of Salam Sharif. Last year, he took home the Best Actor award in the popular category for the Chorki web film **Redrum**.

This year, the actor was honoured with the Best Antigonist award in the popular category for his performance in the Hoichoi web series **Sharey Showlo**.

He told The Daily Star, "Every time I receive an award, it fills me with a childlike sense of happiness and wonder. These ceremonies are more than just celebrations of success; they are a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with beloved colleagues from the industry. It's heartwarming to share in their joy and applaud their achievements as well.

This time, I must express my gratitude to Yasir Al Haq, the talented and promising young director of **Sharey Showlo**, the project that earned me this award for portraying an antagonist.

As with all my achievements, I dedicate this award to the legendary Humayun Faridee. Whenever I hold an accolade in my hands, his name is the first that comes to mind."

