

# WOMEN-CENTRIC ROLES FLOURISH ON OTT: MITHILA

ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT DESK



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Rafiath Rashid Mithila has taken on several remarkable roles in the OTT space, from Shayla in *Myself Allen Swapan* to the journalist Jinia in *Baaji*. She is naturally drawn to characters that challenge her, and allow her to push the boundaries of her craft.

According to Mithila, OTT platforms have played a major role in amplifying female perspectives by making space for more women directors and female-led narratives.

"Movies are mostly dominated by the male perspective, where stories are usually told from a man's point of view. With the rise of OTT, more female directors are stepping forward and telling stories through a woman's lens," she said.

"We are now seeing more female-centered stories told from their own perspective, which is crucial. Genres like thrillers and dramas are exploring these narratives with more depth. Even in *Myself Allen Swapan*, where the focus is on Allen Swapan, Shayla's character plays a significant role in driving the story forward," she added.

The actress also shared that *Myself Allen Swapan* is full of emotional highs and lows, and Shayla is a character who experiences intense inner conflict. "I have portrayed many characters throughout my career, but this is the first time I have played someone like Shayla. I gave my full effort to bring her to life. For days, I immersed myself in becoming her and living within her world," she said.

Speaking about her role in *Baaji*, the actress said, "I approached my character in the show with the same dedication. We all worked on this project with great eagerness, and I believe the audience will appreciate it."

Beyond OTT, Mithila also impressed viewers with her performance in *Kajol Rekha*. Her portrayal of Kankon Dasi in the anthology film earned her widespread praise, with many suggesting it ranks among her finest performances to date.

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### India ignoring

FROM PAGE 12 anyone is involved in any radical militant group.

"Two more people have been arrested on the same charges. We have been given an indication that more arrests will be made," he said.

Earlier, the ministry of foreign affairs said Dhaka will cooperate with Kuala Lumpur in the 'terror investigation' after Malaysia arrested 36 Bangladeshis in recent security operations.

If anyone is involved, they want punishment according to the provisions of that country.

"If proven against them under the law there, they can be jailed for two to seven years. If they are acquitted, it

will be fine."

Meanwhile, while addressing the inauguration of a month-long photography and graffiti exhibition at the Foreign Service Academy, Touhid said the history of the July movement will serve as a mirror for future leaders of Bangladesh, reminding them of the distinctions between justice and injustice, who stood where, who spoke the truth and who ultimately paid the price.

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### 'Prove they're Rohingyas'

FROM PAGE 12 the National Register of Citizens", reports NDTV online.

"I challenge you to prove that Bengali speaking people are Rohingyas," the CM said yesterday. She launched a sharp attack at the BJP, accusing it of rigging polls in Maharashtra and Delhi by "removing names from electoral rolls."

"BJP won in Maharashtra by removing names from electoral rolls, it is doing same in Bihar now. BJP has plans to remove names from Bengal's electoral rolls, we will fight them inch by inch," the TMC leader added.

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A local elderly resident, Rabindranath Paul, 69, also a journalist, told this correspondent the house is the ancestral home of Ray family. Later, Ranada Prasad Shaha bought the house from the Ray family.

Social activist Ali Yusuf in his Facebook post claimed the house was constructed by Maharaja Shashikanto Acharya.

### Man shot dead

FROM PAGE 12 Rubel and Sajib were hospitalised.

A pistol and a magazine were recovered from their possession, said the police official.

In another incident, a 30-year-old man, Al Amin, was stabbed to death by criminals over a previous enmity in the Dhaka Udyan area around 7:00pm yesterday, said Hafizur Rahim, inspector (investigation) of Mohammadpur Police Station.

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