

Leading actors jubilant in **CELEBRATION**

As the leading actors at The Blender's Choice-The Daily Star OTT & Digital Content Awards celebrate their big win, they share the emotions of the winning moments with us.



Zinnat Ara



Pori Moni

We risked our own money for 'Adhunik Bangla Hotel': MOSHARRAF KARIM

"We never really thought that this series would ever be showcased. Kazi Asad, Daniel Dany, and I sat together and realised we loved the story, but we didn't have the money or the means to finance it. At that moment, we decided to work on the first episode with our own money for *Boal Macher Jhol*. When Chorki saw it, they really liked it and agreed to finance the rest of the series. That's how the dream of *Adhunik Bangla Hotel* started taking shape."

Heartiest gratitude to Blender's Choice The Daily Star, to my theatre troupe, Natyakendra, and to my *guru*, Tariq Anam Khan. Their guidance and support have been invaluable throughout my career."

I dedicate this award to my wife: F S NAYEEM

"I am so happy and grateful that you have given me such respect and honoured me with this award. My heartfelt thanks go to Blender's Choice - The Daily Star OTT & Digital Content Awards and to the jury for believing that I could be the Best Actor in the Critics' Choice category."

"In 18 months, I gained 45 kgs for this role. During this time, Nadia was extremely scared and worried about my health, in case something might happen to me. But by the grace of the Almighty, I am safe. I dedicate this award to her as well."

