

FROM A CURIOUS CHILD TO 'LITTLE MISS CHAOS': Sadnima's story

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When *Little Miss Chaos* premiered on Chorki, audiences were instantly drawn to Ira — a fiery, bold young woman played by newcomer Sadnima Binte Noman. Her natural, unfiltered performance captured hearts and introduced a promising new face to Bangladesh's OTT scene.

The web film, directed by Mahmuda Sultana Rima, starred Sadnima opposite Saad Salmi Naovi. But what made her portrayal remarkable was how far-removed Ira was from the actress herself. "Rima *apu* told me that grooming me for Ira would be a challenge," Sadnima recalled. "The character was bold and sassy, whereas I am, by nature, calm and soft-spoken."

The project became a turning point in her career — one that came after an audition she didn't even follow up on. "I gave the audition and forgot about it. Then one day, the casting director called to say that Rima *apu* wanted to meet me. I went after office hours, and she told me she was determined to cast me."



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despite knowing it would take work to mould me into Ira."

After she was selected, rehearsals began in earnest. "We did 20 days of rehearsal, and during that time, I was completely immersed in the role. That's how Ira came alive on screen," said Sadnima. The preparation paid off; her performance was met with critical praise, and audiences began to remember her name.

The role also left something deeper behind for the artiste. "Something that will always remain in me from Ira is that I've learnt people need space and a chance to start afresh. I think I'll apply that in my own life. I'm too emotional and afraid of attachments."

Yet, long before *Little Miss Chaos*, Sadnima's life had already played out like a scene from a film.

It all began one ordinary afternoon in Uttara. A six-year-old Sadnima was playing with her cousins when a film crew nearby caught sight of her.

"Someone from the Half Stop Down production house approached me and asked if I wanted to shoot," she laughed. "I was told by my mother never to talk to strangers or eat anything they offer, so I was very confused. Then he said I would be on television — and I immediately said, 'No!'"

The production was none other than Amitabh Reza Chowdhury's. "It was Amitabh Reza himself who told his team members to go to my parents. He said, 'She's a kid, go to her parents!'" she shared. Her mother soon handed over some photographs, and within a month, she got her first offer.

The commercial aired, and more followed. Between 2006 and 2015, she appeared in numerous advertisements, working repeatedly with Amitabh Reza Chowdhury and other leading directors. During that time, her



parents encouraged her to explore dance, singing, and art — but it was performance that truly drew her in. She learned classical dance for several years and, in 2010, made her fiction debut as the young Jaya Ahsan in Nurul Alam Atique's *Dubshatar*.

After years in front of the camera, she chose to step back in 2015 to focus on her studies. "After 2015, I took a break to focus more on education," she said. When she returned in 2020, she was no longer the little girl people remembered. "By that time, people had forgotten me. They knew me as a new artiste."

She re-entered the industry through commercials, working with Adnan Al Rajeev and reuniting with Amitabh Reza Chowdhury. Then came her supporting role in Mohammad Mostafa Kamal Raz's *Moneri Rong Rangive* (2025), followed by her first lead role in Parthe Sarker's *Gold Fish*, opposite Khairel Basar.

But *Little Miss Chaos* truly marked her arrival. Its director, Rima, became a mentor figure, pushing Sadnima beyond her comfort zone. "Rima *apu* groomed me so well that the result is what the audience loved," she reflected. "That film changed how people saw me."

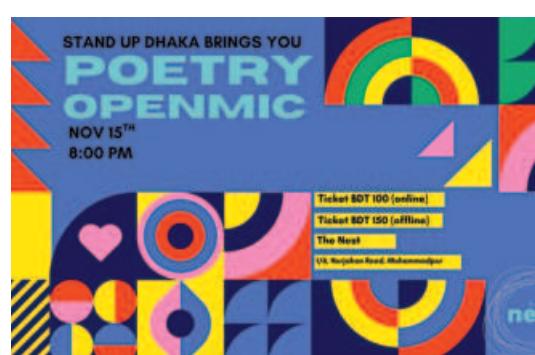
Having worked with both male and female directors, Sadnima has observed subtle but striking differences. "I've so far worked with two female directors, and they are Subrina Irene and Mahmuda Sultana Rima. They're both very particular about what they need," she said. "There's less room for improvisation, which I found while working with Rima *apu*. We rehearsed for a long time, and hence we didn't need to, either. Another thing is that they like to work in detail. I haven't seen that level of thoroughness in any male directors yet."

Off-screen, Sadnima leads a dual life. A graduate of North South University, she holds a full-time job and takes on acting projects only on weekends. "My workplace is flexible, and my colleagues are supportive," she said. "At this stage, I'm selective about scripts and prefer weekend shoots. I want roles that challenge me, stories that have a message."

As a newcomer, she observes that the industry still struggles with script quality. "Most of the good scripts go to big artistes," she admitted. "For new actors like us, there aren't enough good stories, nor chances to work with senior actors to learn from them. We're affordable, but with budget cuts, opportunities have shrunk."

Still, her ambitions reach far. "I want to work with Raihan Rafi, Mizanur Rahman Aryan and Jahid Preem," she said. "And internationally, with Imtiaz Ali and Anurag Basu — they're my favourites."

From a six-year-old who stumbled into the world of television to an actress creating waves with *Little Miss Chaos*, Sadnima Binte Noman's journey is a story of quiet persistence, courage, and charm. She may be calm in nature, but as Ira taught her, sometimes a little chaos is what makes you unforgettable.



Poetry Open Mic
Nov 15 | 8 pm onwards
The Nest, Nurjahan Road,
Mohammadpur



Play: Siddhartha
Nov 19-21 | 7:30 pm onwards
Experimental Theatre Hall,
BSA



'Sound of Soul'
Nov 28 | 3 pm-11 pm
Swadeshi Arena, 300-feet
Expressway

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'The Fate of Ophelia' by Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift stakes her claim with *The Fate of Ophelia*, a pulse-driven blend of synth-pop and theatrical flair that turns a Shakespearean tragedy into pop-cultural triumph. The lead single from her 12th studio album *The Life of a Showgirl*, it opened on October 3, 2025 and went viral at warp speed. The numbers are staggering: it set Spotify's single-day streaming record (over 90 million plays) and claimed the No 1 spot globally with 128.9 million streams in one week. It also maintained its dominance, holding the top spot on the Spotify Global chart for more than 36 consecutive days.

Styled like cinematic runway pop, the track fuses post-punk guitars, and polished vocals. It's Swift's curtain call to heartbreak and her encore to herself — where she doesn't mourn Ophelia; she turns her into the muse.

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TV TALKIES
Idli Kadai



Idli Kadai has won hearts with its simple yet emotional story about family, love, and tradition. Set in a peaceful Tamil village, the film follows Murugan (played by Dhanush), who returns home after his father's death and rediscovers his roots by reviving the family's old idli shop. The film beautifully blends nostalgia and cultural pride. Released on Netflix on October 29, 2025, *Idli Kadai* became a global favourite ranking among the top non-English films. Filled with warmth, food, and family bonds, it is a comforting story that celebrates love, resilience, and home. It is available in five languages — Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, Malayalam, and English (dubbed). A heartfelt celebration of home and heritage, it is now streaming on Netflix.