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It's satisfying to be part of a film like 'Zed Plus': Mona Singh

Actress Mona Singh, who features in the recently released "Zed Plus", says it's satisfying for an actor to be part of a movie like the political satire as it requires one to portray a range of emotions. "It is very satisfying for an actor to be a part of a film like 'Zed Plus' because there is a wide range of emotions involved and the audience will get to see it when they watch the film," Mona told IANS. A socio-political satire, 'Zed Plus' takes a humorous take on existing polity and dance of democracy, and where the protagonist is the common man. Directed by Chandraprakash Dwivedi, "Zed Plus" also features Adil Hussain, Mukesh Tiwari and Sanjay Mishra. The film was released recently. Mona, who has played memorable roles on the small screen in shows like "Jassi Jaisi Koi Nahi" and "Kya Huaa Tera Vaada", was last seen on the big screen in films like "3 Idiots" and "Utt Pataang".



Cameron promises that the Avatar sequels will make your jaw drop!

Cameron is at least delegating writing duties this time, with Rick Jaffa and Amanda Silver penning Avatar 2, Josh Friedman writing Avatar 3 and Shane Salerno working on Avatar 4. The films will be shot back-to-back and are rumored to have a collective production budget of around \$1 billion. It'll be worth it, according to Cameron in a new interview with Empire. When asked about the storylines of the upcoming films, the director responded jovially, "They're gonna be b***hin'. You will s**t yourself with your mouth wide open." Rather than simply handing off writing duties to each of the screenwriters with a basic story framework, the initial story development process was collaborative and involved Cameron sitting down with all four writers to work on the plots for all the sequels. Avatar 2 is set for release in December 2016, with Avatar 3 and Avatar 4 following in 2017 and 2018.



I suffer from stage fright every single time: Farhan Akhtar

Bollywood actor-filmmaker Farhan Akhtar says for him getting onto a stage to perform is like jumping out of a plane and he is yet to shake off that fright. When asked whether he suffered from stage fright, Farhan told reporters here: "Every single time! I equate it to jumping out of a plane. I have done 100-plus jumps by now, but every time I go to the door, there's always that one little element of 'what if'? at the back of my head. But once you jump off, it's just incredible. "Even during my concerts, I get that same feeling when I walk up the stairs to the stage. I take a deep breath, but it's always good after that," he said. The multi-faceted Akhtar is performing live for the first time at a music festival this year, at the Windsong music festival.

Thorin's Epic New Armor Revealed

Already excited for the arrival of The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies? Massively over-enthusiastic about the prospect of spending another few hours in the company of Bilbo, Thorin and company? Totally looking forward to finally getting to see how the epic fantasy comes to an end? Well then, prepare to get

even more excited - because Empire has released the variant cover for their upcoming January issue, and it's practically bubbling over with awesomeness. Specifically, the kind of awesomeness that can only come from a bad-ass new suit of overwhelmingly golden armor!

