

IT'S TRUE!

Quentin Tarantino wrote the role of Jules in his 1994 classic "Pulp Fiction" specifically for Samuel L. Jackson; however, it was almost given to Paul Calderon after a great audition. When Jackson heard this, he flew to Los Angeles and auditioned again to secure the role. Calderon, meanwhile, ended up with a small role as Paul.



NEWS bytes

KATY PERRY Forbes' highest paid female celeb

Katy Perry has been named the highest paid female celebrity of the year, beating Taylor Swift to the top spot. Ellen DeGeneres, Lady Gaga, Beyoncé, and Kim Kardashian's millions followed not too far behind in the women's category - though they didn't make it into this year's top ten highest paid



celebs which was 80 per cent male.

30-year-old Perry earned \$135 million over the past 12 months, according to a report published in the latest edition of Forbes. That number makes her not only the biggest female money-maker but also the third-highest-paid celebrity in the world this year. Taylor and Katy were the only women on the top 10 list. The rest of the big money-makers were men - Howard Stern, Garth Brooks, James Patterson, Robert Downey Jr., and Christiano Ronaldo - or a group of men - One Direction.

Source: Daily Mail



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Malti Shyam performs in Dhaka Nrityanchal concludes workshop with presentation



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

India's noted Kathak artiste Malti Shyam spellbound the audience on June 29, at the National Music and Dance Centre auditorium of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. The artiste, one of India's most prominent Kathak dancers of Lucknow gharana, performed at the programme organised by Nrityanchal along with her local disciples. The programme was an outcome of a 10-day workshop where 70 Nrityanchal students trained on Kathak. Malti Shyam conducted

the workshop along with Bangladeshi trainers at Nrityanchal.

Noted dancers Kajol Ibrahim, Munmun Ahmed, Shibli Mohammad and Shamim Ara Nipa attended the programme, among others.

The event began with a dance demonstration featuring young dancers who took part in the workshop followed by a dance piece by Snata Shahreen.

This was followed by a performance by Malti Shyam in sync with Tagore's "Ami Choncholo Hey" followed by another classical performance.

RAMADAN CHRONICLES

"Vital to stay hydrated"

...Sabila Nur

NAHIN TAHER

Sabila Nur is a promising young star, who has stolen many hearts in a rather short span of time. Her vivacious and cheerful persona has been a gateway for her entry into the media. While talking to The Daily Star, she spoke about her first health priority on Ramadan, and also on the transition of season from summer to the monsoon.

"As the month of Ramadan is here, we all need wholesome food and water. We tend to get dehydrated during this time. Even though I eat junk food a lot, I am always careful to drink water or lemonade so that I am hydrated and my metabolism



remains steady. Although I am not the biggest fan of fruits, it is a must during this season and this special month." "Summer hardly says goodbye when the monsoon begins. The combo of these two seasons spells fun and joy. But it is also the season when the sun beats down mercilessly and yet there is intermittent rain. You always have to apply a sunscreen when you are out while you carry an umbrella with you so you are not caught off guard by the rain."



PHOTO: RIDWAN ADID RUPON

Milon in four roles in "Criss Cross"

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anisur Rahman Milon, one of the busiest TV actors of the current times, has his schedules packed with last-minute shooting for Eid plays. Two of those are Chayanika Chowdhury's directorial projects, one of which casts Shomi Kaiser opposite him. He is also doing a play by Sokal Ahmed (with Kushum Sikder) and two by Kaiser Ahmed (with Nadia and Prova). "I don't remember the names of the dramas, to be honest. I remember them by director," said Milon. In a conversation with The Daily Star

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however, seemed the most excited about a play called "Criss Cross". The play, directed by Golam Sohrab Dodul, casts Richi Solaiman and Aparna alongside him. "Viewers will see me portray four roles in the play; it is an absolutely brilliant story," he said.

A few of Milon's films are also awaiting release. "Blackmail" is ready to hit the theatres, in which he will be seen romancing Bobby and Moushumi Hamid. He also recently wrapped up shooting for "Bhalobasha'r Golpo", and has already completed work on "One Way", "Target", and "Lalchor".

Ekti Sutar Jobanbondi screened at NHK Television

A CORRESPONDENT

Kamar Ahmed Saimon's TV documentary "Ekti Sutar Jobanbondi" was screened on Japan's NHK Television on June 29. The film earlier bagged an award at The Asian Pitch for its screenplay for its screenplay.

The film is based on the conversation of four characters from Bangladesh's garments industry, and it tells the inside-out story of the

apparel industry.

About the documentary, Kamar Ahmed Saimon said, "This is my first work for TV. I started this project after the Rana Plaza tragedy had invoked a sense of responsibility in me."

The documentary, produced by Sara Afreen, will be eventually screened at Korean channel KBS, Singapore's MediaCorp and Taiwan's Taipei Television, and is expected to release in Bangladesh in a few months.



"I did Minions movie for my son" ... Sandra Bullock

Sandra Bullock is one of a handful of Hollywood stars joining the lovable, pill-shaped creatures of "Despicable Me", the minions - as they take centre stage with their own movie spin-off.

It's been 17 years since Sandra Bullock last starred in an animated film, lending her voice to Dreamwork's "Prince of Egypt". But when asked about her decision to join the cast of "Minions", she couldn't have responded quicker.

"My son," she smiles. "I wanted to do something that he could see, that I was in." Bullock has an adopted son called Louis, who travelled with her to London ahead of the movie's world premiere.

The film is a spin-off prequel to "Despicable Me" and "Despicable Me 2". The latter alone took \$970.8 million at the worldwide box office, and it was the top grossing film of 2013 in the UK.

In "Minions", it transpires the yellow creatures have actually been serving despicable masters since time began, from dinosaurs to vampires - but because of their accident-prone ways, they have been completely unsuccessful at keeping their jobs.

Without a master to serve, they are driven into a depression, before one of the more proactive minions, Kevin, hatches a plan to find someone new to work for. Along with fellow minions Stuart and Bob, they head to a villain convention which leads

them to their next potential master - Bullock's Scarlet Overkill, the world's first-ever female super-villain.

Overkill proves a contrast to the Oscar-winner's usual roles, which have given her the reputation of America's sweetheart. "As an actor, being a villain is a great thing. Everyone wants to be able to do that. And we're human beings - we're crabby - so to be able to be mean the entire time you're working? It's a great release." But she admits it was no easy job.

"It was one of the harder things I've done. Every day was different and every day was a struggle. I'm so used to using a prop or a person or my body to sell something and I couldn't sell the character that way. I had to only use my voice, which was tricky," says Bullock. "It was not an easy road to get there, but I'm so glad I did it."

Pierre Coffin not only directs the film but also voices the entire minion population, including Kevin, Stuart and Bob. The appeal of the minions is apparently unbounded, with Universal already confirming "Despicable Me 3" will be released in June 2017.

"It's their innocence," says Bullock on their level of popularity. "They don't mean to harm or make something collapse or explode. It's accidental. They have such sweetness and good will. And we all understand them. No matter where we come from, we all understand the minions."

Source: BBC



SONAM

steady through ups and down

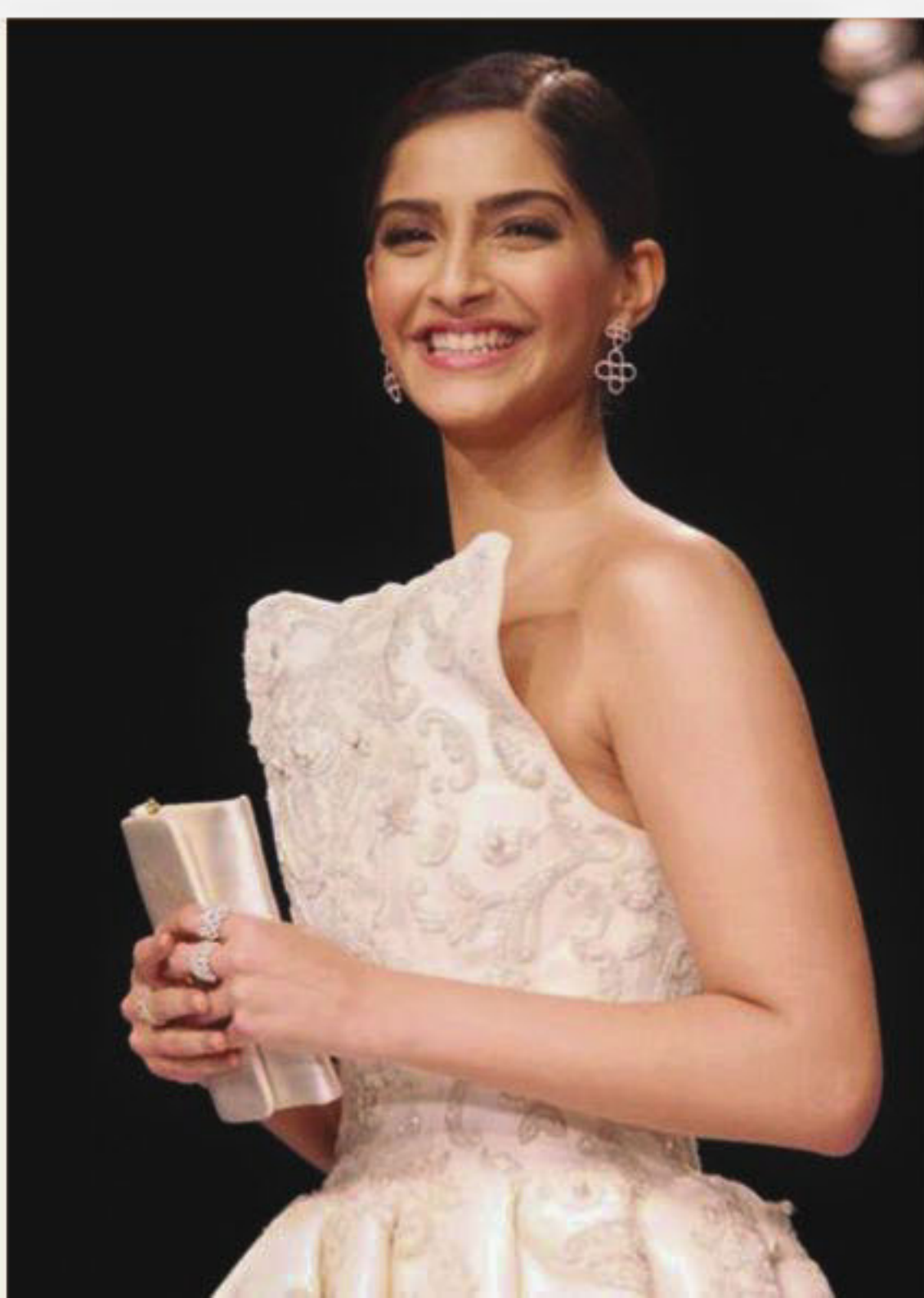
Sonam Kapoor's career graph has witnessed quite a few hits and flops ever since the actor joined Bollywood in 2007, but the 30-year-old is known for keeping her composure through rough times. "One has to accept that ups and downs are a part of life. As long as there are people who think I am good enough to work with them, I am happy. I'd be worried and unhappy if there were no filmmakers who wanted to work with me. But right now, I'm getting to work with great people and in great films," she says.

"In the last couple of years, things changed for the better, especially after "Raanjhanaa" (2013). And, it has been a slow yet steady game since," she adds. Elaborating on the highs and lows, the daughter of veteran Bollywood actor Anil Kapoor says, "After "Raanjhanaa", 'Bhaag Milkha Bhaag' did so well. Alright,

'Bewakoofiyaan' didn't do too well, but 'Khoobsurat' did extremely well. Hopefully, two of my upcoming films will do well too."

And just like her dad, Sonam wants to try her luck in Hollywood, too. There was buzz that she auditioned for the "Pirates of the Caribbean" franchise back in 2013. She has followed it up with more. "I am auditioning for a few international projects. I can talk about them only when they think I am good enough, and finalise me," she says, and adds, "That's how my career in Bollywood also started. I was born with a silver spoon, but I auditioned a lot and worked hard. That's how I got my first film, 'Saawariya', in 2007. I have worked really hard to get my career going."

Source: Hindustan Times



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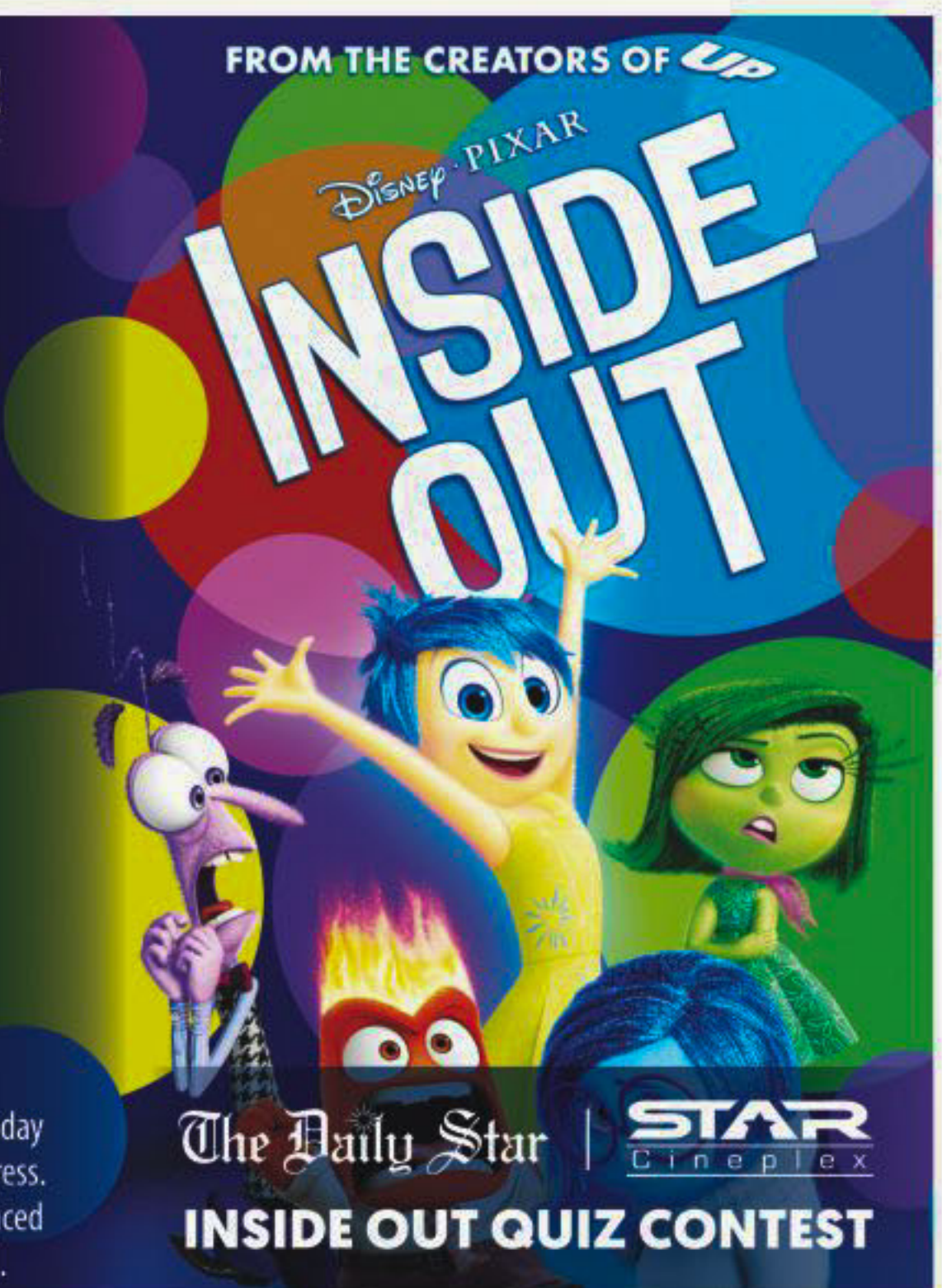
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4. Ajwad Ahmed, Uttara
5. Zidan Khan, Begum Rokeya Sarani Road
6. Farhan Ahmed, Malibagh
7. Mohammad Tarek, Dhanmondi (8/A)
8. Ahsan Uddin, Dhanmondi
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