

# NEWS bytes

## MINIONS

headed for record opening

"Minions" is heading for a powerful performance at the US box office with a whopping \$118 million opening weekend, according to late Friday afternoon forecasts.

Earlier estimates had placed the 3D animated slapstick comedy at about \$110 million, but that number was revised upwards several hours later. "Minions" showed plenty of punch in Thursday night previews with \$6.2 million at 2,985 US locations — the highest preview gross ever for an animated film.

Recent forecasts earlier this week for the Universal-Illumination Entertainment movie have estimated at least \$100 million in its opening weekend at 4,302



locations. That will make the "Despicable Me" spinoff the fourth film this year to debut above the \$100 million mark — joining "Furious 7" (\$147 million), "Avengers: Age of Ultron" (\$191 million) and "Jurassic World" (\$208.8 million).

Should the forecasts hold, "Minions" will become the second best animated opener in the US. The record for an animated film opening weekend is held by "Shrek the Third" with \$121.6 million in 2007, followed by "Toy Story 3's" \$110.3 million in 2010.

"Minions" is written by Brian Lynch, directed by Pierre Coffin and Kyle Balda, and stars Sandra Bullock cast as the villainous Scarlet Overkill.

Source: Variety



## Five dance forms for Jacqueline's new song

The first song "Ishq Karenge" from the film "Bangistan" was recently released. Featuring Jacqueline Fernandez, the song has been an instant hit due to its catchy beats and sizzling dance moves by the diva herself. Seen in five gorgeous looks through the video, Jacqueline sports five different dances in the song.

Speaking about it, Jacqueline said, "This is the first time I've tried Belly Dance and the experience was absolutely amazing. It took me about two days to get a hang of the dance moves. But once I learnt the basics, the rest was a lot of fun. Bharatnatyam on the other hand requires a lot of discipline and it took about five days to get it right. But with intensive practice, I guess I managed to do justice to it. All of these dance forms are also excellent ways to keep fit."

Source: TOR



## Pearl Jam, Beyonce, Coldplay and Sheeran to headline anti-poverty concert

Pearl Jam, Beyonce, Coldplay and Ed Sheeran will perform at the 2015 Global Citizen Festival in New York's Central Park in September. The show, timed to coincide with the UN General Assembly meeting, will be broadcast on the BBC.

The meeting of world leaders will announce new goals designed to fight inequality, tackle climate change and extreme poverty.

It's being organised by film director Richard Curtis. He told BBC he'd be using many of the skills he learned while organising Red Nose Day to bring attention to the concert.

One Direction recently said they wanted to help change the world for

the better. Richard did not give details, but said the band would be part of his plans.

Richard further said one of the biggest contributions he's had organising the music has been from Coldplay's Chris Martin.

"Chris is the musical director so he's had a lot to do with making the calls. I haven't had to make any calls myself. As far as the concert is concerned, I'm a filmmaker.

What I have been doing is commissioning films about what has been done and making a film about what we hope will happen over the next 15 years."

Source: BBC



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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## EID DELIGHTS

# "The vacation comes as a blessing"

... Sharmin Lucky

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Like everyone else, popular model and television host Sharmin Lucky has special plans for Eid. In her words:

"I usually spend the three days of Eid with my family and in-laws. It's important to spend time with my family members since I remain busy throughout the year and we cannot spend much time together," said Sharmin.

"The Eid vacation comes as a blessing to us all. We arrange informal gatherings and make merry throughout the Eid days," she added.

She also plans ahead every Eid and

tries to see that her work schedule doesn't ruin her vacation.

"Every Eid, I usually go on an outing near Dhaka for at least half a day. This is very special for me since everybody needs some quality time. This year, I am planning to go to Kolkata. I think everyone needs a break from their busy schedule."

On the other hand, Lucky has to do all the Eid shopping for her family. "I bought a panjabi for my husband as he wears my favourite panjabi every Eid. Also I am thrilled when he gifts me a sari or perfume. I buy gifts for my dear ones and in return I receive gifts from them."

Sharmin Lucky will cook her favourite dishes on Eid day. She will spend time with her friends after the three days of Eid.

## Masud Sezan coming up with comedy plays



A scene from "Formal-In".

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Popular director Masud Sezan directs four television programmes for Eid. He has done a six-episode television play, one tele-film and two single episode plays that will air on different television channels.

"Formal-in-Action", a sequel to his popular play "Formal-In" will go on air on Rtv from the first to the sixth day of Eid at 11:05pm. Written and directed by Masud Sezan, the comedy series encircles Babu bhai and the trouble he faces from a previous relationship.

The play casts Zahid Hasan, Nipun, Dr. Ezaz, Shamima Naznin, Tarik Swapan, Mukul Siraj, Sazzad Reza, Rimi Karim and others.

About his Eid plays, Masud Shezan said, "The audience appreciated my previous plays, and I'm bringing out a sequel just for them. I hope they will enjoy it."

Also, he has worked for the first time with Mahfuz Ahmed in "Like & Comments".

The play is a sequel to his previous hits "Chiching Faak" and "Selfie". However, it breaks new ground as it incorporates a fresh plot and deals with contemporary social issues.

On the other hand, his tele-film "Phushmontor" is based on a new story. It casts Riaz in the lead role.

Masud Sezan is hopeful about another of his play titled "Shu-Shil". The story deals with hypocrites who blend in the society disguised as wise persons. Mosharraf Karim plays an outstanding role in the play.

## IT'S TRUE!



Australian-born actress Margot Robbie, best known for her role in "Wolf of Wall Street", began appearing as Donna Freedman on Australian TV soap opera "Neighbours" from June 2008, initially in a guest role, but she was soon promoted to a regular cast member. In an interview, Robbie said she had gone on a snowboarding holiday to Canada with her boyfriend soon after auditioning, but had to return after only two days when told that she had won the role.

## Hanif Sanket's Eid play "Sushomoy-e Shokolei"

A CORRESPONDENT

Apart from hosting a colourful "Ityadi", popular host and director Hanif Sanket comes up with a TV play every Eid. A single-episode TV play "Sushomoy-e Shokolei", written and directed by Sanket, will go on air ATN Bangla at 8:50 pm on Eid day.

Sanket's play has an appealing

social message. The play revolves around Mizan Saheb, a writer, who has many experiences both at home and outside.

Veteran actor Abul Hayat dons the role of Mizan Saheb while Dilara Zaman, Mir Sabbir, Tarin, Tania Ahmed, Shahriar Nazim Joy, Abdul Kader, Afzal Sharif and others are also in the cast.

## minions Quiz Contest

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QUIZ 02 Q1. What is the prequel of Minions?  
Q2. Who is the writer of Minions?

Winner list of quiz-1

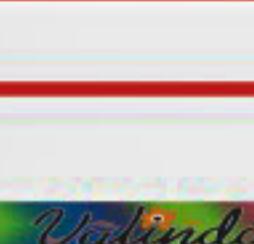
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