

NEWS bytes

Jurassic World sequel announced

"Jurassic World" is getting a sequel, according to film studio Universal Pictures. The news was revealed after the fourth film in the dinosaur franchise made \$1.5 billion around the world. The sequel will be released in June 2018. "Jurassic World", which rebooted Steven Spielberg's "Jurassic Park" in June, has become the third highest-grossing film in history behind James Cameron's "Titanic" and "Avatar". It made more profit than expected, to achieve the largest opening weekend in movie history with \$524m



at the global box office. The sequel will see Chris Pratt and Bryce Dallas Howard return, along with Spielberg as executive producer and "Jurassic World" director Colin Trevorrow writing the script. An official title for the sequel and a director are yet to be announced. The three original "Jurassic Park" films were the 1993 original, "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" from 1997 and 2001's "Jurassic Park III". Source: **BBC**

IT'S TRUE!

The original name of Mickey Mouse was "Mortimer." Mickey Mouse is virtually synonymous with Disney's company, but if the animator's wife hadn't intervened, he might have been represented by Mortimer Mouse instead. In Micky's first few shorts, he was referred to as Mortimer Mouse, but Lillian Disney managed to convince her husband that Mickey would be a more marketable name. Mortimer later became Mickey's Brooklyn-accented rival, vying for Minnie Mouse's affection.



LISA RAY returning to Bollywood

Lisa Ray will be making her Bollywood comeback this year with Sameer Sippy's "Ishq Forever". She also plays a significant role in Prawaal Raman's Hindi remake of "Oculus", titled "Zahhak", co-starring Huma Qureshi and Saqib Saleem. The 43-yearold actress took a break from shooting in mid-June to vacation in the South of France with her husband, with whom she tied the knot in October 2012. The couple landed in Paris but didn't go the typical touristy route, choosing instead to go valley hopping. For 10 days, they cruised through Loire, Rhone and Deauville. Lisa Ray has been an actress, model, TV host, philanthropist and social activist over the years. Born in Canada to a Bengali Hindu father and a Polish mother, she spent her early years in Kolkata – and made her Bollywood debut in 2001 with "Kasoor". Source: **Mumbai Mirror**



A cornucopia of artistic expressions

Art Weekend at Five Embassy residences ends today

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It's an innovative idea to pass weekends in arts and with the artists. Five embassies -- Brazil, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Switzerland have hosted a two-day (July 24-25) joint "Art Weekend" at their respective ambassador's residences. The exhibition remains open from 2pm to 8pm every day. The rationale of the art weekend is to highlight and exhibit the works of local artists and photographers, and to foster a dialogue between the expat and local art lovers, prominent and emerging artists. Accomplished printmaker-painter Rokeya Sultana along with 10 of her students from various departments of Faculty of Fine Art of University of Dhaka, are displaying their artworks at the gallery and open space of Norwegian residence.

Art lovers will get marveled with seeing a big canvas of tempera. Every single space of the canvas tells the tales of artistic saga. Warm blue, oceanic green and a matured orange dominate the canvas depicting the unfathomable beauty of the sea. The art piece is magically textured with burnt sienna, black and light purple. Rokeya's other works are abstract, semi-abstract, figurative and of nature. The students' works are no less impressive than Rokeya Sultana's. The talented young artists have worked on diverse media -- metal, ceramic, watercolour, acrylic, sculpture and more. The artworks exclusively delineate compositional beauty, light and shade and colours. Folk-themed forms on several small and flat ceramics are mention-worthy, while a tapestry work shimmers in vibrant hues. "Art Weekend" is the brainchild of Merete Lundemo, the Ambassador of Norway in Bangladesh and an avid art connoisseur. "I hope the artists of Bangladesh will be motivated through the art initiative. The local art scene will be mingled with the international community. Here art lovers will find a space to look at art and to exchange dialogues with the artists and with me," said Merete Lundemo. Mahbubur Rahman, Tayeba Begum Lipi and others' work are being displayed at the Brazilian residence while Vinita Karim's works are being displayed in the residence of the Netherlands. "Bangladesh, Seen from Within by DRIK" is being held at the residence of Germany while Abir Abdullah's images are being on display at the residence of the Swiss ambassador.



TV WATCH GRANDMASTER on Channel 9

A CORRESPONDENT

Drama serial "Grandmaster" will air on Channel 9 tonight at 10:15pm. Written by Shahjahan Sourav and directed by Dipangkar Dipon, the serial is about a politician and his family members who aspire to gain fame in the world of politics. "Grandmaster" has a heavyweight cast including Raisul Islam Asad, Syed Hasan Imam, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Tarin, Kalyan, Hasin Rowshan, Shahed Ali and Kazi Ujjal.



Single-episode drama "Meghla" on ntv

A CORRESPONDENT

Single-episode TV play "Meghla" will air on ntv tonight at 11:30pm. Written and directed by Wahid Anam, the drama casts Nayeem, Mehzabien, Allen and Bappy Ashraf. The drama surrounds Meghla, who is close friends with Ashiq. While Ashiq is deeply in love with her, Meghla does not reciprocate those feelings. When Jimmy vies for Meghla's hand in marriage, a rift comes between Meghla and Ashiq, and an enraged Ashiq hires a serial killer to kill Meghla. But when Meghla eventually returns to Ashiq, he fails to get in touch with the serial killer.

Shaon seeks help to establish cancer hospital



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Actress-architect Meher Afroza Shaon, wife of the late Humayun Ahmed, has sought help from all parts of society to establish a cancer hospital. While paying her respects to the wordsmith's grave at Nuhash Polli on his third death anniversary, Shaon said it was Humayun Ahmed's dream that she still holds, but added that she needs support, from the government as well as the important people in the society, to carry out such an elaborate project. Family members of Humayun Ahmed -- including his brothers Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal and Ahsan Habib, his sons Nishad and Ninit, and countless fans paid their tributes to the writer at his niche in Nuhash Polli on July 19.

MOUSHUMI pumped for big-screen debut

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Popular small screen actress Moushumi Hamid had a busy shooting schedule before Eid. Aside from acting in several television plays, the actress eagerly awaits the release of her debut film "Black Money" on August 7. Ahead of this milestone, she talked to this correspondent about the film and more. Excerpts: **What are your expectations from your new film?** **Moushumi:** I'm excited and happy that my debut film is going to hit the screen. Since I get accolades from the television audience, I hope film goers will appreciate my efforts too. I have high expectations from "Black Money". **Tell us about the film.** **Moushumi:** Directed by Shafi Uddin Shafi, the film will open countrywide on August 7. I play the lead role opposite Saimon. **Any more films in the pipeline?** **Moushumi:** Ananya Mamun's "Blackmail" will release on August 14. I played a key role in the film alongside Anisur Rahman Milon and Bobby. We shot a song for the film in Nepal. Also, I'm working on a new film titled "Protishodh". Moreover, I'm currently shooting for a film with Shakib Khan, titled "Purno Doirgho Prem Kahini 2". **How many plays did you do for Eid?** **Moushumi:** I did nearly a dozen plays for Eid. This time I worked with some prominent directors and the audience was happy to see me playing some very good roles. **Where did you spend Eid?** **Moushumi:** I spent Eid at my ancestral home in Tala, Satkhira. I loved celebrating Eid with my family and we had great fun together. Also my childhood friends paid me a visit during Eid; we hung out or played cricket -- a real treat as I remain busy throughout the year. Eid for me spells celebration and fun.



Teenager uncovers Nirvana's debut show photos

This year's Kurt Cobain documentary "Montage of Heck" unearthed a bounty of Nirvana artifacts, but a Seattle teenager found something even director Brett Morgen missed. Nineteen-year-old Maggie Poukkula unearthed photos of Nirvana's first show last week and shared them via Twitter. Her dad, Tony Poukkula, was a friend of Kurt's and hosted Nirvana's first show in his basement at 17 Nussbaum Road in Raymond, Wash. This was back in 1987, when Nirvana's lineup featured Cobain, bassist Krist Novoselic, and drummer Aaron Burckhard. Poukkula joined them on acoustic guitar for a couple of Led Zeppelin covers. The younger Poukkula told Rolling Stone that she found the photos tucked inside some of her father's books. "I had no idea that those were during Nirvana's first concert," Poukkula said. "My dad showed me them a while back, but he never mentioned that's what was going on in the photos. I found out because of all the articles. I didn't realise it was such a historical thing. I thought they were just cool pictures of my dad and Kurt jamming together." Source: **Billboard**

