

WHAT'S ON

Recitation Evening by
Tanveer Mokammel
Organiser: Platform
Venue: Bangladesh Film
Institute
Date: August 1, Time: 5pm



Grand Final of Bitarka Bikash
Organiser: BRAC, ATN Bangla & Debate for
Democracy
Venue: Bangla Academy Auditorium,
Dhaka.
Date: August 1
Time: 11am

বিতর্ক বিকাশ
Bitarka Bikash



Film Show
New Films, New Makers
Organiser: Moviya Film Society
Venue: Art Gallery Plaza, Shilpakala
Academy
Date: July 31; Time: 3:30pm



Concert
Charm of Korea VII
Organiser: Korean Embassy
Venue: International
Convention City, Bashundhara
Date: July 30; Time: 7pm

CHARM OF KOREA VII
'Woong San Jazz Story'



Solo Painting Exhibition
Colliding Collages
Artist: Harun-ar Rashid Tutul
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance
Francaise de Dhaka
Date: July 27-August 5
Time: 3pm-8pm

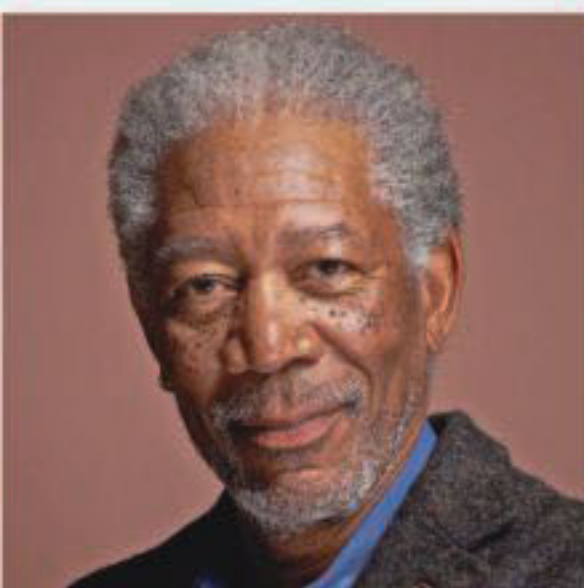


NEWS bytes

Morgan Freeman to star in 'Down to a Sunless Sea'

Morgan Freeman has signed on to star in action movie "Down to a Sunless Sea," set up at Focus Features.

Focus has bought the script by David Gleeson. The logline is under wraps, but is said to be similar in tone to "Air Force One." Producers are Bruce Cohen and Freeman's Revelations, which is headed by Lori



McCreary.

Freeman starred in last year's sci-fi hit "Lucy" with Scarlett Johansson and in "Ted 2." He'll be seen next year in "London Has Fallen" and the "Ben-Hur" remake.

Cohen's producing credits include "Silver Linings Playbook," "Milk" and "American Beauty."

IT'S TRUE!

Matt Damon began acting at the age of 10 while attending Rindge & Latin prep school alongside his neighborhood friend Ben Affleck. Later he went to Harvard to study English but dropped out 12 credits short of graduating to pursue his acting career. He used to breakdance in the middle of Harvard Square for money as a teenager. While trying to find gigs in the acting world, he lived with Ben Affleck and his brother Casey. Damon and Ben decided to write their own script and they wrote "Good Will Hunting". He sold the script of "Good Will Hunting" along with Ben to Miramax for \$500,000.



MINIONS crosses \$500m mark at foreign BO

Kevin, Stuart and Bob are making their masters very happy as "Minions" has crossed the \$500 million mark at the international box office, Universal Pictures announced Monday.

The comedy opened in first



place in 55 territories, setting the record in 29 markets, including Brazil, France, Mexico, Russia and the U.K., for biggest opening weekend of all time for an animated movie.

"Minions" is also Universal's highest-grossing debut ever in seven territories and became the top launch of any film in Russia and Venezuela. "Minions" has hauled \$261.6 million in the U.S. after three weekends.

But it's not over. "Minions" still has plenty of gas in the tank with seven more markets to go, including China, Korea, Japan, Italy, Turkey, Greece and Slovenia.



Never imagined I would be around for so long: Juhi Chawla

Bollywood actress Juhi Chawla, who has completed more than 25 years in the film industry, said that when she was at the beginning of her career, she never imagined that she'll have such a long innings in Bollywood.

Talking to IANS, Juhi said, "My journey has been wonderfully long. And today, I am amazed that I am still around, relevant and visible, which I never even imagined 25 years ago. I just had no clue that I would be around for so long. I am really grateful and happy for this. So overall, my journey has been very eventful, and I am very glad that I have been in the industry."

"Well, sometimes it's been a little overwhelming, but now I make sure to just take one thing at a time. So that's why I pick and choose what I do," she added.

Her performance in a negative role in "Gulaab Gang" was well appreciated and she was nominated for the Filmfare best supporting actor category. She will now be seen in the role of a teacher in upcoming educational drama "Chalk N Duster".



Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) and Bangladesh Institute of Performing Arts (New York) jointly arranged a dance programme titled "Noibedyo" at the National Music and Dance Centre auditorium of BSA on July 26 evening. Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor attended the programme as chief guest while US Ambassador to Dhaka Marcia Bernicat and BSA director general Liaquat Ali Lucky were special guests. Planned and directed by Anny Ferdous, the programme featured 12 dance pieces of different genres. Tasin Ferdous presented Bharatnatyam at the event which also included a display of contemporary dance pieces.


Photography Exhibition on Tajuddin's birth anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Marking the 90th birth anniversary (July 23) of Tajuddin Ahmed, the first prime minister of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh, Gallery 21 has organised a three-day photography exhibition from July 30 to August 1, shedding light on the life sketches of the luminary who led the Liberation War of 1971.

Tajuddin Ahmad's single most significant contribution to history remains his leadership of the Bangladesh government-in-exile at Mujibnagar.

Eminent educationist and Emeritus Professor Anisuzzaman and noted jurist Barrister Amir-ul-Islam will jointly inaugurate the exhibition on July 30 at 4pm at Gallery 21, in Dhanmondi.



TV serial "Rain Forest" on SATV



A CORRESPONDENT

Drama serial "Rain Forest" goes on air on SATV every Wednesday and Thursday at 8pm. Written by Habib Zakaria Ullash and directed by Ananno Emon, the popular series features the everyday lives of city dwellers.

The play casts popular faces of television and film, including Sajal, Shahed Ali, Amin Khan, Kushum Sikder, Nayeem, Kallyan, Farhana Mili and Ishana.

Post Eid Apurbo is back in action



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Post the Eid vacation, television actors are returning to the shooting sets to gear up for upcoming Eid-ul-Adha. Popular actor Apurbo has a number of single episode television plays at hand.

He is currently shooting Mehedi Hasan Johnny's TV plays "Miser" and "Kaaktuarar Prem".

"Miser" casts Sharlin alongside Apurbo who plays a frugal man. "I have donned this avatar for the first time. While working on this play, I got an insight into the psyche of a miser," said the actor.

On the other hand he will be seen as a young man who fears marriage in "Kaaktuarar Prem". This play, helmed by the same director, also casts Sharlin opposite Apurbo.

Moreover, Apurbo will start shooting another television play "Back to Love" directed by Sohag once these two are over.

In addition, three Apurbo-starrer drama serials - "Lake Drive Lane", "Life In Metro" and "Daag" - are to air on different satellite channels.