

WHAT'S ON

Group Art Exhibition

Title: Brave Heart

Venue: Gallery Cosmos, 101, Gulshan Avenue

Date: August 14-31

Time: 11am-10pm



Concert & Musical Adda

Megh-er Bhelaye Joler Gaan

Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct

Date: August 22

Time: 6:30pm



Solo Art Exhibition

Title: "Chitrapat-e-Bangabandhu"

Artist: Kiriti Ranjan Biswas

Venue: National Art Gallery, Shilpakala Academy

Date: Aug 23-31

Time: 11pm-8pm



Solo Sculpture Exhibition

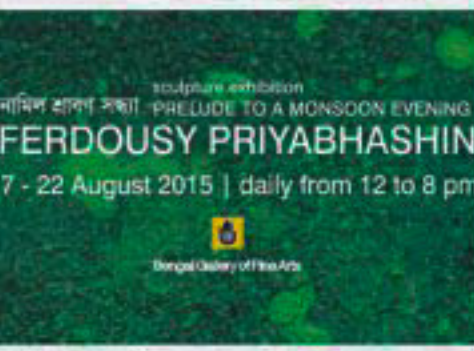
Prelude to a Monsoon Evening

Artist: Ferdousy Priyabhashini

Venue: Bengal Gallery

Date: August 7-22

Time: 12-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: Realms of Memory

Artist: Bipasha Hayat

Venue: Bengal Art Lounge

Date: Aug 8-29

Time: 12pm-8pm



MIR SABBIR

busy with direction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Beside acting, Mir Sabbir is busy directing television plays ahead of Eid. Recently he finished shooting single-episode television play "Rotoney Roton Chene" in different locations in the capital.

He has also written the script of the play where he will be seen in the lead role along with ATM Shamsuzzaman, Tarin and Waliul Haq Rumi.

Both ATM Shamsuzzaman and Mir Sabbir will be seen as pickpockets while Tarin plays the granddaughter of ATM Shamsuzzaman.

About the play Mir Sabbir said, "The play is packed with humour. It will entertain the audience through the depiction of a series of hilarious events."

In addition, he will also direct another play titled "Borishailya Bhai Dhakaiya Hoibar Chay," for Eid.

On the other hand, Mir Sabbir is also working with other directors. Recently, he has finished shooting a six-episode mini television series titled "Shotorko Shamser".



JUHI CHAWLA

looking for 'edgier' roles

Breaking away from her bubbly and positive image in Bollywood, Juhi Chawla played the grey shade character of Sumitra Devi in 2014 film "Gulaab Gang". The actress says she would 'love' to play more negative roles.

"I would love to do more negative roles. I am open to doing something unusual again but I am spoiled after the experience of 'Gulaab Gang'. The next negative character has to be something fantastic and edgier than Sumitra Devi," Juhi said here.

During her career, the 47-year-old mostly appeared in romantic or comic roles in films like "Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak", "Bol Radha Bol", "Hum Hain Rahi Pyaar Ke", "Darr", "Ishq", "Son of Sardaar" and "Bhootnath".

"In 20 years of my career, I was only known for my bubbly, positive, sweet roles. I was apprehensive to play this kind of character who was completely evil from the first to last scene. So, I refused the role at first. But I liked the spunk in 'Gulaab Gang'," Juhi added.

The actress, a strong believer in equality for women and women empowerment, is content with the way her career shaped up in Indian films. "When I look back at my career and my life and how much I have learnt, I feel blessed with what I have. I have stopped fighting with myself," she said. "There is an amazing power getting to know your inner self and learning how to use it and not fight with the world. If you know what makes you happy, your personality, interests and capabilities, just use them and everything else flows beautifully," Juhi added.

The actress will next be seen in "Chalk n Duster" along with Shabana Azmi, Zarina Wahab and Divya Dutta.



Artists and eminent personalities celebrate Baseer's birthday.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Murtaja Baseer, considered one of the foremost painters of Bangladesh, has established his individual style. He is also known as a resourceful genius.

Throughout his illustrious career, Baseer has gradually transformed his working style into abstract realism.

August 17 marked the 84th birth anniversary of the painter. Artists, eminent personalities, poets and writer celebrated his birthday with a befitting manner on

the day at Bengal Shilpalaya in Dhanmondi.

Baseer was born in 1932. He joined Dacca Art College (now the Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka) as a student in 1949. During the Liberation War, he left the country for Paris, and stayed there till June 1973. While in Paris, he studied mosaic and etching at Beaux Arts. On his return to to Bangladesh, Baseer joined Chittagong University as an assistant professor. He finally retired from teaching in 1998.

The painter is still actively exploring the

diverse world of art. He has done a series of works articulating contemporary life and issues.

Many are perhaps not familiar with Baseer's other identities as a poet, short story writer, novelist, researcher, numismatist and filmmaker. Baseer has written novels and was acclaimed for his meticulous style and unique choice of themes. In 1954, he wrote a novel, titled "Ultramarine", based on contemporary life in Kolkata and social issue of the time. He published a collection of short stories

called "Kanch-er Pakhir Gaan" in 1969. He wrote two more novels — "Mitar Shangey Char Shandha" and "Amitakkhar". He has a collection of selected works, "Murtaja Baseer: Murto O Bimurto".

Baseer has also worked as a screenplay writer, art director and chief assistant director for the Bangla film "Nadi O Nari" in 1964, and as an art director for the Urdu film "Kaise Kahoon" in 1965.

In 1987, he received a fellowship from British Council to carry out research on folk and traditional art of Bangladesh.

Two new movie theatres in city

Star VIP and Star Premium begin journey

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Star VIP and Star Premium, two premium movie theatres in the country, started its journey through a ceremonious event held at the Star Cineplex in the capital's Bashundhara City Shopping Mall.

Information Minister Hanasul Haq Inu attended the ceremony as chief guest while Engineer Mosharraf Hossain, Minister of Housing and Public Works was present there as special guests. In addition, Mahbubur Rahman, Chairman of Star Cineplex, along with noted media personalities, corporate personalities and showbiz stars attended the event.

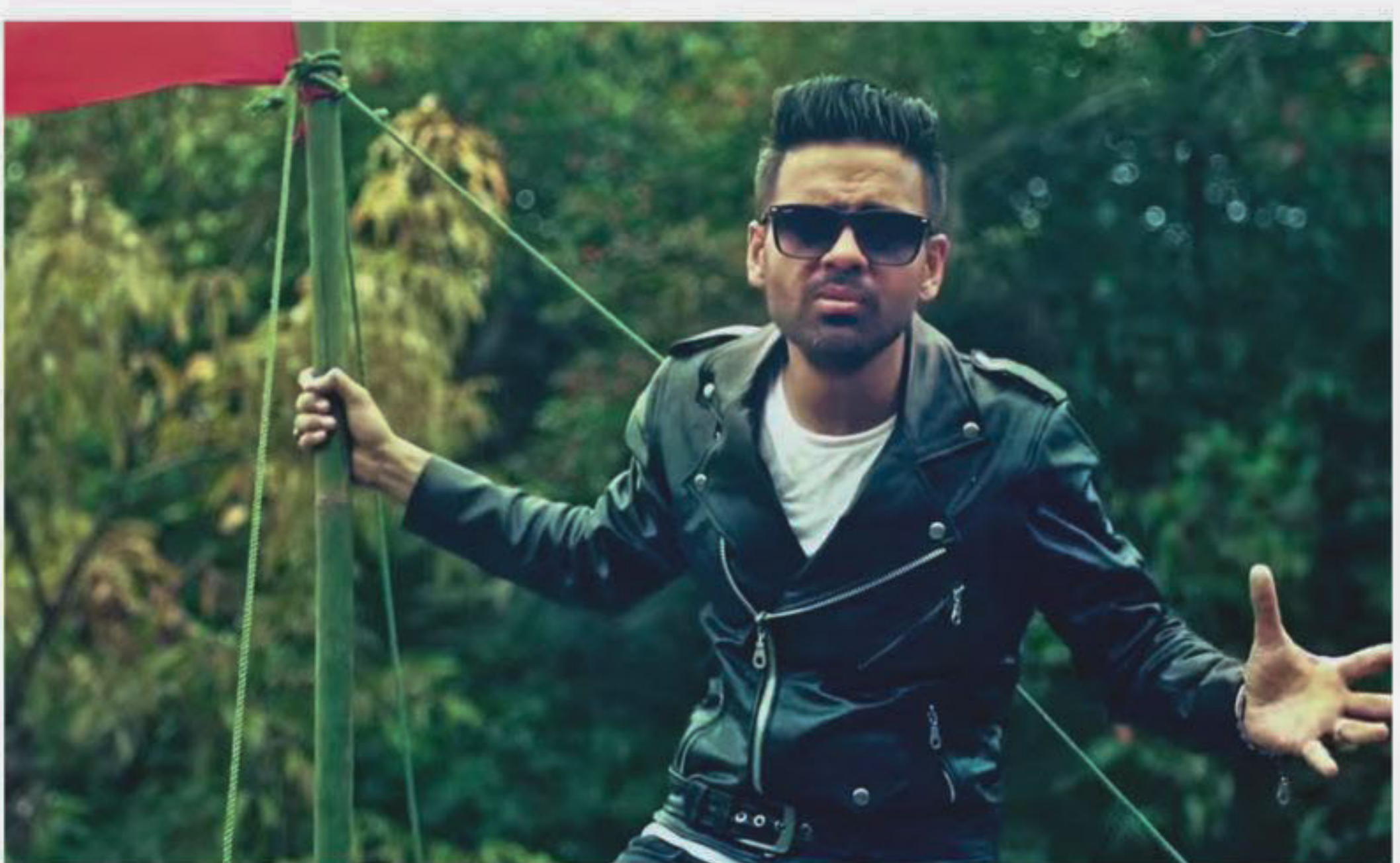


Guests inaugurate the new halls.

"At a time when many cinema hall owners in the country are closing their business, Star Cineplex is brining two new halls for the audience, which I think is good news for the filmgoers. Also, we have plans to bring more halls to cope up with the increasing number of audiences," said Mahbubur Rahman.

Followed by the inauguration, "Mission: Impossible -- Rogue Nation" was screened at the Star Premium Hall.

The new halls are equipped with latest technologies including a cozy seating arrangement, X-Mirror SD, Dolby Atmos sound system, a VIP lounge and world-class interior, which will give the moviegoers a completely new experience.



"Mon Ghumaye Re"

creating waves

Fans respond positively to new Habib single

FAHMIM FERDOUS

Habib Wahid's latest single, "Mon Ghumaye Re", is creating a stir among his fans. Anticipation for the music video was building up ever since a teaser was released on July 16, and after its release on Youtube a few days back, fans of the pop star have been all praise of the song, the video, and even his new look.

"Mon Ghumay Re" presents Habib in a rather different avatar than his usual well-groomed, shirt-and-blazer look to a more rugged, bad-boyish image with a body-hugging leather jacket, undercut hairstyle and full-grown stubble. The singer is seen alone throughout the video on three locations -- on a boat through a swamp forest (Ratargul in Sylhet), a rainforest (presumably Lauwachora National Park) and atop a roof near a crowd of buildings some-

where in Dhaka. Musically, the song has a strong Habib Wahid-flavour to it, starting from nifty work of keys dominating the track to the auto tune vocal processing. The song's lyrics itself is somewhat folk-inclined -- of a wandering mind that sways with the elements, but the musical arrangement is very contemporary, with hints of electronica. Habib's white keytar (a guitar-keyboard hybrid) that he often plays at live programmes, also makes an appearance.

Habib himself has done the composition and arrangement of the song written by Zahid Ahmad, while the video is directed by Nabil Khan of Hocus Focus Studio. The song was released under the banner of Multisourcing Limited.

Habib is currently in the UK, where he is scheduled to perform at the Bangla Beats promotions concert at Birmingham on August 26.


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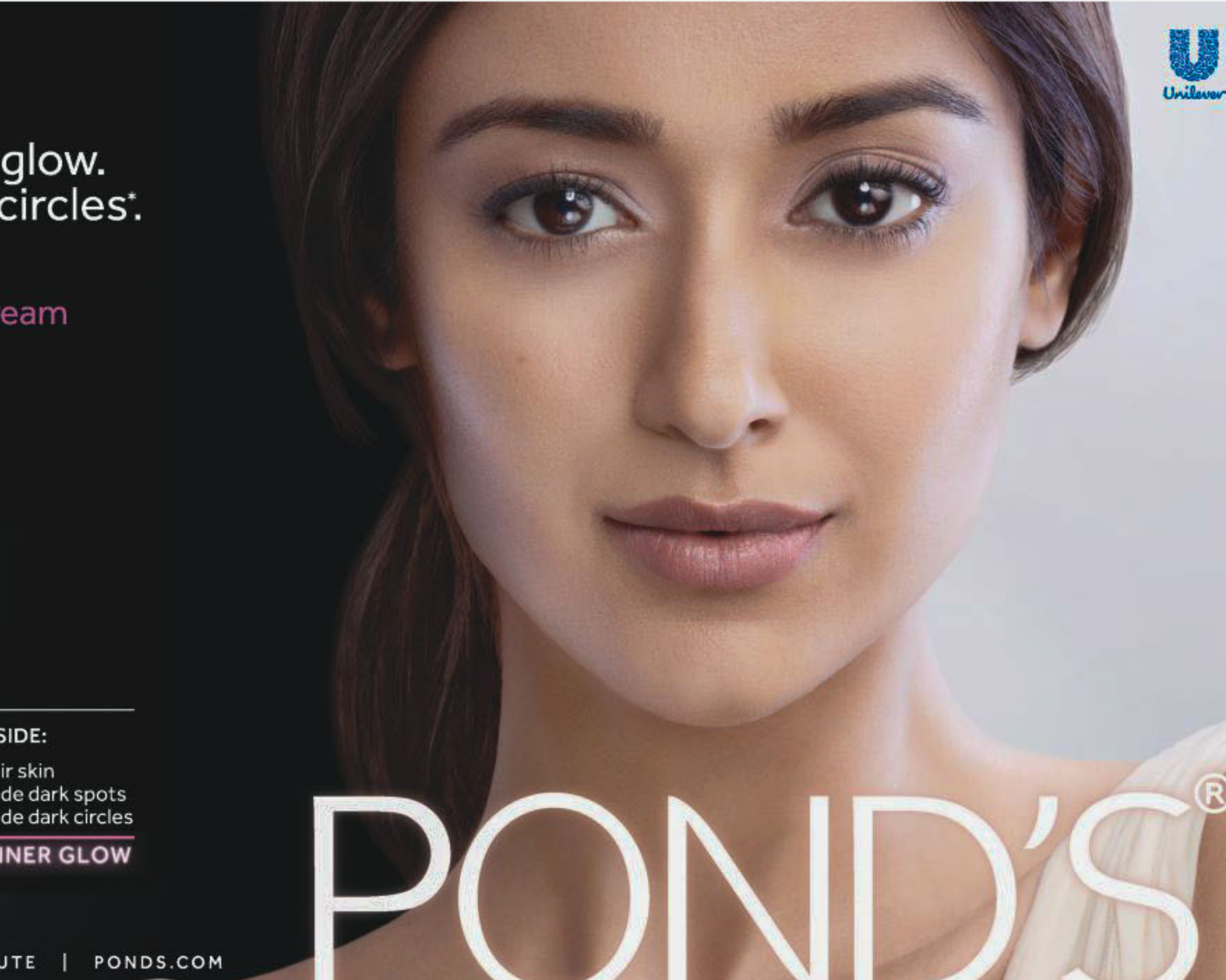
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