



MIM

continues the big-screen grind

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Leading Bangladeshi film actor Bidya Sinha Mim, who traveled halfway across the world to the UK for her most recent film "Bhalobasha Emoni Hoi", is set to pack her bags for scenic Switzerland for her upcoming venture. She will fly out on June 17, and is expected to remain there for quite some time after Eid.

The film, "Yeti Obhijaan", is an India-Bangladesh joint venture directed by Srijati Mukherjee, based on Sunil Gangopadhyay's novel "Paharchuray Atongko" from the famous Kakababu series. Prominent West Bengal actor Prosenjit Chatterjee plays the male lead in the film, while Mim will appear as a police officer. "I immensely enjoyed playing the role; there's lots of action in it," Mim told The Daily Star.

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Mim is also working in "Dulabhai Zindabad" for which shooting began earlier this year. In this venture, Mim shares the screen space with veteran film actor Moushum for the first time. Next week the star will shoot a music video for the film, "Bappi and I Raggi film the scenes together," said Mim.

For Eid, Mim is participating in a dance programme to be aired on ntv. For the small screen, the artiste will appear in only one TV play that will be telecast by Channel i during Eid.

"I have signed on to work in a new film as well," revealed Ullof Pactor. Shooting will begin in July," titled the actor.

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A collective approach towards art and artists

BIN Art Event 2017 held in Nepal



Participating artists at the art camp.

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BIN, an organization that abbreviates the name of three countries – Bangladesh, India, Nepal – organised an international art camp and exhibition that was held at Nepal Art Council in Kathmandu, Nepal last month. Bangladeshi artist Nasima Khanam Queenie was the curator of the workshop, participated by artists of the three countries.

Mashrafe Binte Shams, High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Nepal presided the event as chief guest. The High Commissioner, along with Ragini Upadhyay, Chancellor, Nepal Academy of Fine Arts jointly inaugurated the exhibition.

"BIN International Art Camp and Exhibition has been organised to bring together artists of Bangladesh, India and Nepal together. It is a collective initiative to

showcase the depth and variety of talent in the field of visual arts that exists in this part of the world," said Mashrafe Binte Shams.

Nagendra Pd. Paudyal, event director; Elham Haq Khuku, event coordinator and curator Nasima Khanam Queenie were among others who spoke at the event.

The participating artists at the event included Vinod Sharma, Lok Chitrakar, Madan Chitrakar, Ragini Upadhyay, Ratan Kumar Rai, Shashi Bikram Shah, Professor Dr Farida Zaman, Ranjit Das, Elham Haq Khuku, I B Malla, Istiaque Talukder Sunny, Nagendra Pd. Paudyal, N. B. Gurung, Nasima Khanam Queenie, Nazia Masud Khan, Pak Bahadur Thapa, Ram Pujan Thakur, Rebika Shakya, Reta Manandhar, Reishana Akhter Bano, Samjhana Rajbhandari, Sapna Poudel, Sarder Md. Bakiruddin, S. C. Suman and Surem Desai.

First posters of "Jab Harry Met Sejal" out

Imtiaz Ali helming SRK, Anushka's upcoming film

The name and the first posters of Imtiaz Ali's next film with Shah Rukh Khan and Anushka Sharma were revealed late on Thursday.

Titled "Jab Harry Met Sejal", the film is the first collaboration between Shah Rukh and Imtiaz, who has directed six films in his Bollywood career of more than a decade. Sharing the posters, Imtiaz Ali wrote on Instagram, "Seeking your love."

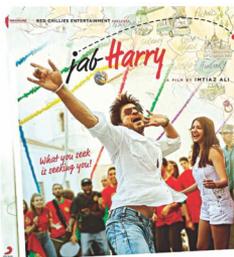
Shah Rukh plays a tourist guide from Punjab and Anushka a Gujarati girl in the movie. The two shot "Jab Harry Met Sejal" in Budapest, Punjab and an interesting tweet, SRK wrote, "Just in case Ranbir Kapoor ever claims it...the title

"Jab Harry Met Sejal" was never suggested by him! So he doesn't win the Rs.5000 reward."

When asked if he was under any pressure while directing Shah Rukh, Imtiaz said, "No. That is not the reason with which we are working. The reason why Shah Rukh and I are working is because both us wanted to do something that we were not doing really," Imtiaz had earlier said.

Shah Rukh and Anushka have earlier worked together in "Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi" (2008) and "Jab Tak Hai Jaan" (2012).

Source: Hindustan Times



BODIES THAT THINK

Dance workshop at BSA

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A dance workshop titled "Bodies That Think" is set to be held at the Conference Room of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy later this month.

The workshop will be organised by prominent dance school Shadhona, ITI and Kissa Kabini, on June 16 from 10am to 2pm.

The workshop will comprise insights in and around a number of

materials, focusing on topics such as the history of dance from being a colonial subject to being an artistic endeavour; dance as a language; dance as a structured movement system; dancers are the new researchers and how do we research dance.

Further information on the workshop can be found on the Facebook event: Workshop on "Bodies That Think".

Sumedha Bhattacharyya, an ICCR-

empaneled Kathak dancer, will conduct the workshop. Sumedha is currently pursuing her Masters in Dance Research, Practice and Heritage under Erasmus Mundus in Norway, France, Hungary and the UK, the only Indian to be selected in the programme on full scholarship. She is also an avid photographer and painter, and tries to incorporate these skills in her work to create interdisciplinary performances.

"Game of Thrones" Season 7 episodes to be the longest yet

Season 7 of HBO's "Game of Thrones", the most popular fantasy series based on the books of George RR Martin, will debut on the premium network July 16, but devoted followers will soon notice (if they haven't already) that this penultimate season is the shortest one yet. Seasons 1-6 have all featured 10 episodes, each roughly an hour long on average. Season 7 will only feature seven episodes. While those missing three hours of sword-and-sorcery action will surely be felt, the fact that some of these episodes are the series' longest yet will go a long way towards closing that gap.

As the HBO Facebook page for "Game of Thrones" confirms (via community page

"Watches on the Wall"), three of the upcoming season's episodes will exceed an hour in length, with the two final episodes each breaking the record for the show's longest episode so far. That record was set last year's Season 6 finale "The Winds of Winter" which weighed in at 68 minutes. The first five episodes are between 50 and 63 minutes, but episode 6 stands at 71 minutes and the season finale at a whopping 81 minutes.

It's looking like episodes 1-5 are going to be the standard fare that fans have come to know and love, all setting the stage for the mini-episodes that are the final two episodes.

Source: Collider



NEWS bytes

TAYLOR SWIFT returns to streaming

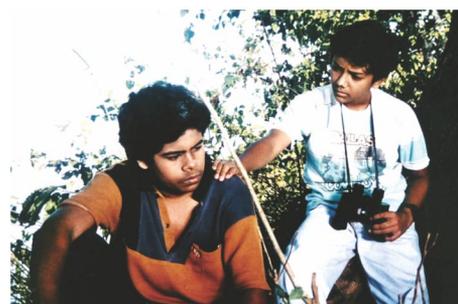
Taylor Swift, long recognized as one of the great streaming service holders, allowed her music back onto all major streaming services as clock struck midnight, East Coast Time, USA on Thursday. The news was announced via an Instagram message on the site TaylorNation.

A source close to the situation confirmed the authenticity of the message to Variety.

Swift's famously removed her music from all streaming services shortly before the release of her 2014 album "1989", decrying the services' royalty payments. In 2015, she called out Apple Music for failing to pay royalties on streaming during free trial periods for the service. She later relented with Apple Music after a Fathers' Day 2015 conversation with Apple SVP Eddy Cue.

Swift's decision on Thursday applies to all streaming services.

Source: Variety



TV WATCH

"Dipu Number Two" on Channel i

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"Dipu Number Two", arguably the most famous adolescent-centred film ever made in Bangladesh, will air today on Channel i at 1:05pm. Directed by Moshedul Islam from Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal's adolescent novel of the same title, the 1996 film stars Babita, Bulbul Ahmed, Abul Khair, Dolly Zahur and Golam Mustafa among the

familiar names, but it was schoolboy Arun Saha in the titular role, that won one of the two National Film Awards for the film, as Best Child Artist (the other was for Bulbul Ahmed for Best Supporting Actor).

The film chronicles the journey of a young boy raised by a single father to a new school, where he fits in, finds new friends and discovers himself in new light, and goes on an epic adventure.