

Nazrul Sangeet
artists and
people from all
walks of life
gathered
yesterday at the
Central Shaheed
Minar to pay
their last respect
to Sudhin Das, a
torchbearer of
Nazrul's music.
The eminent
singer-
researcher
passed away
due to old-age
complications on
June 27.



NEWS bytes

DESPICABLE ME 3 set to dominate weekend BO

The summer box office this year hasn't been the friendliest to franchise films, but "Despicable Me 3" looks to buck the trend. In a record 4,529 locations — the widest domestic release ever — Illumination and Universal's threequel could land in the \$90 million-\$100 million range this weekend, says Variety. The studio is estimating slightly lower, around \$85 million.

The franchise has grossed over \$955 million domestically and \$2.7 billion worldwide with the first three installations (including the "Minions" spinoff). The franchise has historically performed well overseas — this installment has already taken in \$20 million internationally from six select territories over the past two weekends.

Steve Carell plays double duty in "Despicable Me 3" as the series' protagonist Gru, and now also his twin brother, Dru. The plot centers on the brothers, as they team up for a criminal heist. "South Park" co-creator Trey Parker joins the franchise to voice the villain. Critics are generally on the movie's side, earning it a 71% on Rotten Tomatoes.

Source: **Variety**



NABILA juggles anchoring and acting

NAZIBA BASHER

Nabila Islam began her career in the television industry a mere two years ago, with Imraul Rafat's drama serial, "Calling Bell". She then starred in Joyonto Rozario's telefilm "Upohar". From then on, one led to another and now, Nabila is a rising face television in the country.

Along with drama serials, single-episode plays and tele-films, Nabila also regularly anchors various television programmes and models for TVCs. She began her career as an anchor for corporate shows, and slowly moved on to television shows, both live and recorded. Some of her more popular shows are "Somoy Katuk Gaane Gaane", which was her first television anchoring gig, on Boishakhi Television. She also anchors "Lux Star of the World" on Asian TV, and "Sandalina Roopkotha" on Maasranga Television.

On juggling the careers of an actor and an anchor, Nabila says, "It gets a little difficult at times, especially if they are live shows. Sometimes I have to pick between the two because live shows require you to be absolutely on time, and shooting for serials or even one-hour fictions don't have a fixed times." She also has on-going drama-serials, such as "Mohaguru" directed by Kaysar Ahmed on Banglavisian, and "Home Theatre", directed by Khairul Papon on Maasranga Television, along with a few more.

This Eid, the audience can see Nabila in a number of Eid specials. She is a cast member in Masud Sezan's six-episode drama-serial called "Chhotolok". "The story for 'Chhotolok' is very gripping. This will definitely be a great Eid special. I'm very glad to be a part of it," she says.

She also worked for another TV play for Eif, by director Mozammel titled "Ei Toh Akash Amader Shopno Purabar", on Rtv.



Tiger Shroff, Nidhhi sizzle in new "Munna Michael" song

Tiger Shroff and debutante Nidhhi Agerwal have already set the expectations high with their racy dance moves evident in their film "Munna Michael" trailer, and its recently released song, "Ding Dang".

With their next track, "Pyaar Ho" from the dance-action film, the duo

shows off some serious on-screen chemistry. "Pyaar Ho", the third song the makers have released after "Ding Dang" and "Main Hoon" is sung by Vishal Mishra and Sunidhi Chauhan, with lyrics penned by Kumar.

"Pyaar Ho" is the only romantic

song in our dance-heavy album," says director Sabbir Khan. "We wanted to shoot it at an exotic location. After a lot of contemplation, we zeroed in on Jordan and Egypt which add a classic romance feel to the number. Tiger and Nidhhi have become buddies and

their chemistry translates beautifully on screen."

Directed by Sabbir Khan, the film also stars Nawazuddin Siddiqui in a never-seen-before avatar. The film is slated to release on July 21.

Source: TOI

EID TV WATCH

Musical programme "Amar Gaan" on BTV

A CORRESPONDENT

"Amar Gaan", a special musical programme featuring music and chitchat will be aired on BTV today at 5pm. Noted singer Samina Chowdhury will host the show, her first as a TV anchor. The songs of the programme have been written by Kabir Bakul while SI Tutul is the composer of all the songs, which Samina Chowdhury and SI Tutul will sing. Apart from the performance of songs, the trio has taken part in a vibrant adda shedding light on their memories of the songs.

Mahfuza Aktar has planned and produced the programme.



Musical Live "Sur Ar Gaan" on Desh TV

A CORRESPONDENT

A live musical programme "Sur Ar Gaan" will be aired on Desh TV today at 3pm. The featured artistes of the programme are Alope Sen and Dithi Anwar. The singer duo will render popular Bangla songs of the last 100 years. Apart from rendering songs, they will take part in live adda with the TV audience through phone-ins.



Tele-film "Atotayi" on Ekushey Television



A CORRESPONDENT

As part of their special Eid entertainment, Ekushey Television is airing a telefilm each day. Today, on the 5th day of Eid-Ul-Fitr, tele-film "Atotayi" will air at 11am. Written and directed by Mahmud Didar, it stars Zakia Bari Mamo, Maznun Mizan, Shampa Reza, Leon and others.

The story revolves around a famous actress named Isabella, who has now become a part of the underworld. Not

obeying the orders of the underground kingpin Bidisha, Isabella becomes a target and contract killer Mrigoya is hired to kill her. But every time Mrigoya is ready to shoot her, he is hypnotized by Isabella's beauty. He does not seem to want to kill Isabella, but he has been assigned only three days to do it. He knows going against Bidhisha's orders has a lot of consequences, but he begins believing that in Isabella's life of heroine, he is the hero.



Single-episode TV play "Sabuj Manush" on Banglavisian

A CORRESPONDENT

Single episode TV play "Sabuj Manush" will air on Banglavisian tonight at 7:50pm. Written by Masum Shahriar, the play has been directed by Chayanika Chowdhury. The cast of the play includes Mahfuz Ahmed, Prova and Tasnova Tisha. The story of the play revolves

around the married couple Adnan and Borsha. Adnan, an artist, works in an advertising agency while Borsha works in a corporate house. Adnan dreams of holding his solo exhibition. For that he will require a sponsor. Borsha knows that Adnan will not accept any help rendered by her in this regard, and what she does takes the story forward.