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Bollywood director fired in #Metoo storm

AFP | New Delhi, India

Fox Star Studios yesterday sacked a Bollywood director working on a Hindi-language remake of hit US movie "The Fault In Our Stars" after he was accused of sexual harassment by two women.

Mukesh Chhabra is the latest to get embroiled in India's #Metoo movement which has been gaining traction, with several women calling out powerful men in government, Bollywood and the media.

Fox Star Studios, a joint venture between Fox and Star India, said Chhabra had been asked to exit the project as it "takes allegations of sexual harassment of women at workplace very seriously".

An internal complaints committee would look into the allegations against Chhabra.

Two women have accused Chhabra of sexual harassment during auditions, according to the local media, both anonymously.

"He (Chhabra) asked me to enact a scene which had the hero and the heroine hugging each other," one of



Mukesh Chhabra (file)

the unnamed women was quoted as saying.

"Under the pretext of showing me how the scene should be performed, he grabbed me hard and felt me up. I could feel his hand on my butt." The other woman, also anonymous, told a newspaper that she has a recording of a phone call with him in which he said she would "have to compromise, get physical with people in power".

The film, starring Sushant Singh Rajput and Sanjana Sanghi, was supposed to

be the directorial debut for Chhabra, who was previously a casting director.

Chhabra has denied the "unsubstantiated wild anonymous allegations".

India's belated #MeToo movement has made headlines in recent weeks with women sharing accounts of alleged harassment on Twitter. The trigger appears to have been actress Tanushree Dutta, who accused well-known Bollywood actor Nana Patekar of inappropriate behaviour on a film set 10 years ago.

Marie Antoinette's jewels go on show

London, United Kingdom

Marie Antoinette's dazzling jewellery, unseen in public for two centuries, went on show in London yesterday before going on sale next month in a rare auction of such treasures.

The collection, held by the historic Italian royal House of Bourbon-Parma, is being sold by Sotheby's auction house in Geneva on November 14.

On show at their London headquarters, the lots include 10 jewels which belonged to Marie Antoinette, the last queen of France before



A model poses with a Diamond Tiara, 'Hubner', circa 1912 with an estimated value of \$350,000-\$550,000 USD

the French Revolution. She was guillotined in Paris aged 37.

The highlight is Queen Marie Antoinette's Pearl, a natural pearl and diamond pendant valued at \$1-2 million (870,000-1.75m euros).

A natural pearl and diamond necklace composed of three rows of more than 100 slightly graduated pearls is expected to fetch \$200,000-300,000, as are a pair of natural pearl and diamond pendant earrings.

A monogrammed ring containing a lock of her hair is valued at \$8,000-10,000.

Bangladesh music fans mourn rock megastar

AFP | Dhaka, Bangladesh

Thousands of Bangladeshi music fans gathered in the capital yesterday to mourn the sudden death of one of the country's most famous rock stars.

Ayub Bachchu, widely known as AB among his fans, started his music career in 1978 and was one of the pioneers of the celebrated underground rock music scene in Bangladesh.

The 57-year-old was also credited with introducing the blues music genre to Bangladeshi audiences and created several smash-hit rock tracks with his band Love Runs Blind.



Ayub Bachchu is widely known as AB among his fans

He was declared dead at a Dhaka hospital after a cardiac arrest on Thursday.

Fans grieved on social media over the passing of Bachchu, one of the major patrons of the rock genre in the conservative South Asian country.

Over 10,000 people took to the streets in the capital's Sha-

hid Minar neighbourhood with flowers to pay homage to the guitar maestro.

"He stood tall and will stand tall with his songs," said reputed musician Hamin Ahmed.

Bangladesh's president, prime minister and culture minister also all paid tribute.

Thousands of people attended his funeral prayers for Bachchu in Dhaka before his body was taken to the port city of Chittagong, his hometown, where he will be laid to rest.

"This is an untimely demise of such a legend," transport minister Obaidul Quader told reporters.

FIRST MAN
(PG-13) (DRAMA/BIOGRAPHY) NEW
⊛ RYAN GOSLING, CLAIRE FOY, JASON CLARKE

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 PM + (1.00 AM THURS/FRI)

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT (IMAX 3D): 3.00 + 8.30 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM + (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)

SAAR DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 5.15 + (11.00 PM THURS/FRI)

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + 11.15 PM

GOOSEBUMPS 2: HAUNTED HALLOWEEN
(PG-13) (ADVENTURE/COMEDY/FANTASY) NEW

⊛ CHRIS PARNELL, KEN JEONG, WENDI MCLENDON-CONVEY

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 PM + 12.00 MN

SAAR DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 3.30 + 7.30 + (11.30 PM THURS/FRI)

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 1.15 + 3.15 + 5.15 + 7.15 + 9.15 + 11.15 PM

MASRYCANY (KIDBA BYDA)
(PG-15) (ARABIC/COMEDY/ROMANTIC) NEW

⊛ SAMMY SHEIK, NAHED ELSEBAI, MOHAMED

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 PM + 12.00 MN

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM

SAAR DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 6.00 + (11.15 PM THURS/FRI)

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 2.00 + 4.15 + 6.30 + 8.45 + 11.00 PM

NAMASTE ENGLAND
(PG-15) (HINDI/ROMANTIC/DRAMA) NEW

⊛ SHREYA MEHTA, ARJUN KAPOOR, PARINEETI

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 PM + 12.00 MN

SAAR DAILY AT: 3.00 + 8.15 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 3.00 + 8.15 PM

THE OLD MAN & THE GUN
(PG-13) (CRIME/COMEDY/DRAMA) NEW

⊛ ROBERT REDFORD, CASEY AFFLECK, SISSY

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 1.15 + 3.15 + 5.15 + 7.15 + 9.15 + 11.15 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 6.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 PM

SAAR DAILY AT: 1.30 + 5.30 + 9.30 PM

AL KOUWAVEESEN
(PG-15) (ARABIC/COMEDY) NEW

⊛ AHMAD FAHMY, HUSSEIN FAHMY, SHEREIN

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 1.30 + 6.30 + 11.30 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM

BADHAAI HO
(PG-15) (HINDI/COMEDY/DRAMA/ROMANTIC)

⊛ SANYA MALHOTRA, AYUSHMANN KHURRANA

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 12.00 + 4.30 + 9.00 PM

LEGEND OF A RABBIT- THE MATERIAL OF FIRE
(PG) (ANIMATION/ACTION/ADVENTURE) NEW

⊛ YUNWEI HE, LEI HUANG, ZISHAN YANG

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.15 + 4.15 PM

VENOM
(PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE)

⊛ TOM HARDY, MICHELLE WILLIAMS

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT (IMAX 3D): 12.30 + 6.00 + 11.30 PM

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT (ATMOS): 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 PM + 12.00 MN

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT VIP (I): 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM + (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)

SAAR DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 PM + (11.30 PM THURS/FRI)

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM

JOHNNY ENGLISH STRIKES AGAIN
(PG) (COMEDY/ACTION/ADVENTURE)

⊛ ROWAN ATKINSON, OLGA KURYLENKO, EMMA

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 12.00 + 1.00 + 2.00 + 3.00 + 4.00 + 5.00 + 6.00 + 7.00 + 8.00 + 9.00 + 10.00 + 11.00 PM + 12.00 MN + (1.00 AM THURS/FRI)

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT (VIP II): 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 1.30 + 3.30 + 5.30 + 7.30 + 9.30 + 11.30 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 PM

NIGHT SCHOOL
(PG-15) (COMEDY)

⊛ KEVIN HART, TIFFANY HADDISH, ROB RIGGLE

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 4.30 + 9.15 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 6.00 + 11.15 PM

AL HAMRA DAILY AT: 6.00 PM + (12.00 MN THURS/FRI)

SMALL FOOT
(PG) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)

⊛ CHANNING TATUM, JAMES CORDEN, ZENDAYA

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 12.45 + 2.45 + 4.45 + 6.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 PM

A STAR IS BORN
(15+) (DRAMA/ROMANTIC/MUSICAL) NEW

⊛ LADY GAGA, BRADLEY COOPER, SAM ELLIOTT

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 PM

SAAR DAILY AT: 2.30 + 8.15 PM

EL BADLAKH
(PG-13) (ARABIC/COMEDY)

⊛ TAMER HOSNY, AKRAM HOSNI, MAJED EL MASRY, AMINA

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM

AL DIESEL
(PG-15) (ARABIC/ACTION/THRILLER/CRIME)

⊛ MOHAMMED RAMADAN, YASMINE SABRI,

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 4.00 + 9.00 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM

THE MEG
(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER)

⊛ JASON STATHAM, RUBY ROSE, BINGBING LI

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 2.45 + 7.15 + 11.45 PM

THE EQUALIZER- 2
(15+) (ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER)

* DENZEL WASHINGTON, PEDRO PASCAL, ASHTON SANDERS

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 1.45 + 6.30 + 11.15 PM

THE NUN
(18+) (HORROR/THRILLER)

⊛ TAISSA FARMIGA, DEMIAN BICHER, BONNIE

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 2.30 + 7.00 + 11.30 PM

THE HOUSE WITH A CLOCK IN IT'S WALLS
(PG-13) (COMEDY/FANTASY/THRILLER)

⊛ CATE BLANCHETT, JACK BLACK

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 4.15 + 9.00 PM

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE FALLOUT
(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER/CRIME)

⊛ TOM CRUISE, HENRY CAVILL, VING RHAMES

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 5.45 + 8.45 + 11.45 PM

PEPPERMINT
(PG-15) (ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER/DRAMA)

⊛ JENNIFER GARNER, RICHARD CABRAL, JOHN GALLAGHER

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 12.45 + 5.15 + 9.45 PM

HOTELTRANSYLVANIA 3: SUMMER
(PG) (ANIMATION/COMEDY/DRAMA)

⊛ ADAM SANDLER, ANDY SAMBERG

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 PM

ACCIDENT
(18+) (THRILLER) NEW

⊛ STEPHANIE SCHILDKNECHT, ROXANE

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 12.45 + 2.45 + 4.45 + 6.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 PM

HELLO GURU PREMA KOSAME
(PG-15) (TELUGU) NEW

* RAM POTHINENI, ANUPAMA PARA

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 1.15 + 4.00 PM

BADHAAI HO
(PG-15) (HINDI/COMEDY/DRAMA/ROMANTIC)

⊛ SANYA MALHOTRA, AYUSHMANN KHURRANA,

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 2.00 + 6.45 + 11.30 PM

SANDAKOZI 2
(PG-15) (TAMIL) NEW

⊛ VISHAL, KEERTHY SURESH, VARALAXMI

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 PM + 12.00 MN

AL HAMRA DAILY AT: 3.00 + 9.00 PM

VADACHENNAI
(PG-15) (TAMIL) NEW

⊛ DHANUSH, AISHWARYA RAJESH, ANDREA

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 2.00 + 5.15 + 8.30 + 11.45 PM

KAYAKULAM KOCHUNNI
(PG-15) (MALAYALAM)

⊛ NIVIN PAULY, MOHANLAL, PRIYA ANAND,

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM

ARAVINDHA SAMETHA
(PG-15) (TELUGU)

⊛ N.T.R. JR., POOJA HEDGE, SUNIL, JAGAPATHI

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + 11.15 PM

ANDHADUN
(PG-15) (HINDI/CRIME/COMEDY)

⊛ TABU, AYUSHMANN KHURRANA

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 12.30 + 6.15 PM + 12.00 MN

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(PG-15) (TAMIL)

⊛ VIJAY SETHUPATHI, TRISHA KRISHNANA,

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 3.15 + 9.00 PM

Giorgio says Armani to stay

AFP | Milan, Italy

Italian fashion house Armani will stay independent, its founder and designer Giorgio Armani in an interview published yesterday on business website Milano Finanza.

"I have always believed that economic independence was the fundamental principle to work in full freedom," said Armani.

The 84-year-old giant of Italian fashion said he had been approached about selling many times "but the answer is always the same".

A number of Italy's major

luxury brands have been sold to foreign outfits in the past couple of decades, including Gucci and Fendi. The latest one is Versace, which was sold to US group Michael Kors in September.

"For these houses, the esprit is Italian: if that can be kept intact, then international groups are suitable," said Armani.

Armani, Italy's second luxury group behind Prada, created a foundation in 2016 which will make it difficult for any outsider to gain control or dismantle the firm. Armani plans to lead the foundation until his death.