

## IN BRIEF


**J.J. Abrams to write Spider-Man miniseries**

LOS ANGELES  
Filmmaker J.J. Abrams, along with son Henry, will pen a new Spider-Man comics miniseries. They will also launch a new villain, Cadaverous, in the series arriving in September. The story will follow Miles Morales as Spider-Man and how Cadaverous will create problems for him. PTI


**Arundhati Roy's book to hit the stands soon**

NEW DELHI  
Author Arundhati Roy's new book will hit the stands soon across India, said Penguin publishing house on Saturday. *My Seditious Heart* is a collection of her entire body of political essays spanning over two decades. She is best known for her debut novel *The God of Small Things*, which won the 1997 Man Booker Prize. PTI


**Microsoft, NASA to offer space lessons to children**

SAN FRANCISCO  
Microsoft's education arm and NASA have come together to create online lessons to get school students interested about space. The eight online lesson include 3D design challenges, Virtual Reality (VR) experiences and data analysis. Most of the courses would require three or four 50-minute time commitments. IANS

## ASEAN vows to tackle ocean waste

Leaders are expected to sign a 'Bangkok Declaration' on fighting maritime trash

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
BANGKOK

With Southeast Asia awash in rubbish, from plastic-choked whales to trash-clogged canals, leaders are planning to push through a deal to fight maritime debris at a regional meeting this weekend.

Just five Asian countries – China, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Thailand – dump more than half of the eight million tonnes of plastic waste that end up in oceans every year, according to a 2017 Ocean Conservancy report.

The region has come under fire for not doing enough to tackle its mounting trash troubles, with single-use plastic and sub-par waste management adding to the problem.

Leaders at a weekend meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) are expected to sign a "Bangkok Declaration" on fighting maritime waste – a first of its kind – which promises to "prevent and signif-



**Green move:** Climate activists protesting outside the Foreign Ministry in Bangkok on Thursday. •AP

icantly reduce marine debris," according to a draft. But activists are worried the agreement doesn't go far enough.

**No penalties**

"If we are not reducing single-use plastic at the production process, this 'Bangkok Declaration'... will not succeed," said Tara Buakamsri of Greenpeace in Thailand.

The agreement also omits penalties for the worst-offending companies or countries, and fails to specify

measures to tackle the problem.

ASEAN summit host Thailand billed the forum as environmentally friendly, handing out recycled paper notebooks and tote bags and food containers made from reused plastic.

But venue meetings in giant air-conditioned hotels and rows of plastic water bottles next to signs promoting "green meetings" had some wondering how dedicated the hosts really were. In addition to spewing out

billions of tonnes of trash, these nations are among the world's top importers of trash from developed countries like the U.S. and Canada.

Activists have urged countries to stop accepting rubbish, which can end up in landfills and waterways if not properly processed. Mr. Buakamsri said the marine waste declaration should be broadened to include the thorny issue of banning plastic imports. "We don't expect them to actually incorporate this issue into the summit because there is no political will," he said.

Alarming images of polluted canals in the Philippines, plastic-laden Vietnamese beaches, or whales, turtles and birds choking on plastic debris have thrust Southeast Asia's plastic problem into global headlines. Some private firms in Thailand and Vietnam have started replacing plastic products like bags and straws with recyclable materials, but government policies are yet to catch up.

## Jumpin' Jack Flash Jagger back on stage after surgery

The band opened its tour in Chicago to a sold-out crowd

REUTERS  
CHICAGO

Singer Mick Jagger swaggered back to the stage on Friday in his first concert after undergoing a heart surgery in April as the Rolling Stones kicked-off a delayed North American tour.

The veteran British band opened its No Filter tour in Chicago at the city's 61,500 seat Soldier Field stadium, after delaying the 17-day U.S. and Canada tour to allow for the frontman's medical treatment.

Opening to a sold-out crowd, the band kicked-off with its classic hit "Street Fighting Man" as Mr. Jagger, strutting across the stage, singing and pumping his fist.

Mr. Jagger, 75, underwent a heart valve replacement surgery in New York in April, and in May reassured fans that he was back in shape by posting video on Twitter.

"He (Jagger) went



**Making a comeback:** Mick Jagger, 75, underwent a heart valve replacement surgery in New York in April. •AP

through it very easily," guitarist Keith Richards told the *Toronto Sun* in an interview ahead of the Chicago concert. "He's in great shape rocking. As I say, it seemed to be no problem at all really."

The 1960s band, whose current members Jagger, Richards, Ronnie Wood and Charlie Watts are now all in

their 70s, has played more than 40 tours, making the quartet one of the most enduring and successful rock musicians of all time.

The Rolling Stones kicked-off the No Filter tour in Europe in September 2017, which grossed \$116 million, according to *Pollstar*, making it the 10<sup>th</sup> biggest worldwide last year.

## From Japan, a museum of peace built on memories of war

Marks 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Imphal in which thousands died

RAHUL KARMAKAR  
IMPHAL

Japan on Saturday gifted Manipur a museum of peace built on the memories of one of the fiercest battles of the Second World War.

The inauguration of the Imphal Peace Museum at Red Hill, about 20 km southwest of Manipur's capital Imphal, marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Imphal.

Some 70,000 Japanese soldiers, alongside those of

Subhash Chandra Bose's Indian National Army, died in battles with the British-led Allied forces in areas around Imphal and Kohima from March to June 1944. The last of these battles was fought at Red Hill, where the Japanese War Memorial was built in 1944 to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle.

"While Imphal Peace Museum is a living memory of the tragic war, I sincerely hope that it will be a bridge to connect the past and the

future for a lasting peaceful world for all times to come," said Yohei Sasakawa, chairman of the Nippon Foundation that funded the museum. The 80-year-old Mr. Sasakawa recalled the suffering of war when he survived the Tokyo air raid in March 1945. He said that worst sufferers of in the Battle of Imphal were the local people who had little or nothing to do with the war.

**Diaries donated**

Hitoshi Tsuchiya, 64, was lucky to see his father Denki Tsuchiya who returned to Japan after the war. He paid



**Retracing footsteps:** Hitoshi Tsuchiya with his son Jumpei at the Imphal Peace Museum. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

his first visit to Manipur with his son Jumpei to donate the diaries and other memorabi-

lia of his father to the Imphal Peace Museum. Dominic Asquith, British

High Commissioner to India, said, "This museum symbolises the reconciliation between Japan and Britain and Japan and India. It is to reinforce the message that history changes and makes us learn from the past."

His Japanese counterpart Kenji Hiramatsu agreed. "The Japanese know of the tragic past of the people of Manipur. But we have come to a point when we need to look at the future," he said.

One of the highlights of the museum is a framed calligraphy by Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. It reads 'heiwa' – meaning peace – in

Japanese. Few would know this better than Nobuo Abe, a 77-year-old farmer turned collector of bones of fallen Japanese soldiers. His father Soichi Abe died at Red Hill on April 16, 1944, at the age of 30. "I was two-and-a-half years old when he died, and I do not remember his face since he left us for the war when I was one year old. Manipur will always be special to me because this is where my father died," he said.

According to Nippon Foundation's Yosuke Ishikawa, a person's bones are highly valued in Japanese culture.



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Chief Minister, Delhi

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