DHAKA WEDNESDAY JUNE 18. 2003

Fruit fair June 18-21

The Royal Thai Embassy in Dhaka in collaboration with Thai Airways International inaugurates an exquisite fair of Thai fruits entitled Thai Fruits Fair: Exotic Fruits of Chiang Mai, at the Balcony of Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel. The exhibit will present an enormous collection of tasty and exotic Thai fruits. It also features a briefing for fruit importers. The inauguration starts at 3 pm Later the fair will be taking place at the Embassy ground from June 19 to 21 everyday from 10 am to 6 pm

RECOMMENDATIONS

Anniversary

June 18

June 18 is the first death anniversary of Neelima Ibrahim, one of the country's pioneer female educationists, litterateur and social activist. Neelima Ibrahim Bangladesh Study Centre will observe the occasion with several activities. A discussion and a launching ceremony of a book titled Neelima Ibrahim Smarok Grantho (Neelima Ibrahim Memorial Book) will be held at the VIP Lounge of the National Press Club. Nuriahan Begum, editor of the well-known magazine for women Begum will attend the event as the chief guest. The programme will start at 4.30

Exhibition

June 14-24

Dhaka Shahittya Sanskriti Kendra is holding the 6th caligraphy exhibition at the National Museum gallery on the occasion of Holv Siratunnabi (Sm.). The ehibition presents works of 42 artists. The exhibition is open for visitors everyday from 10 am to 5 pm.

Theatre

June 27-30

To mark the fourth Biannual Conference of Shattwik Nattya Somprodya, the theatre group arranges a drama festival at the Shawkat Osman auditorium of Begum Sufia Kamal Library. Entitled Molierre Drama Festival, the festival features staging of Molierre's drama by four reputed theatre groups of Dhaka. Besides, a seminar titled Molierre's Drama in Bangladesh will also take place during the 4-day long conference of Shattwik

Interview

A channel with promises

Channel-i is one of the country's pioneer TV channels in the private sector. Shykh Seraj, Director (News) gives his views on the channel in an interview with Harun ur Rashid and Kausar Islam Ayon of The Haily Star

CULTURE



RIVATE TV channels are quite new in Bangladesh. Meanwhile, however, it has acquired a mixed feeling of admiration and criticism among its viewers. What is very hopeful about these TV channels is that they are trying to set different trends and standards regarding programmes and news.

The Daily Star: You were very popular for your show Mati O Manush, but now that you are heading the Channel-i, why don't we see any such item on its menu?

Shykh Seraj: There isn't any full-length programme like Mati O Manush on Channel-i's schedule, but there are quite a few fillers and promotionals, which relate to agriculture. There is also one daily item, Janopoder Khabor, which picks stories from the life of our rural population. TDS: But this programme is

rather news-orientated.

SS: Yes, through the programme we are trying to create a new trend in news making. Just political news, crime reports, international affairs alone do not express the true characteristics of our country where more than 80 percent of the population are villagers and depend on agriculture. I believe news on agriculture

should also get similar priority in

TDS: Is there any reflection of that in Channel-i news?

SS: Channel-i placed the news on the crop havoc caused by severe cold last winter among the

TDS: What's your policy in news making?

SS: Channel-i conforms to the national interest and the ethical values of journalism. We are aware of the impact of what is shown on the TV, especially upon the young minds. For example, we don't show gruesome pictures of dead bodies, or the victims of rape case and likes.

TDS: Recently Channel-i

broadcast news on the Iraq-war with live spot reporting. How could vou make it happen?

SS: An Ajker Kagoj journalist, Anis Alamgir, was in Baghdad during the crucial situation, and we contacted him. We rented an APTN satellite-link through which we finally did the coverage of the war in Iraq

TDS: There is one major allegation against the private TV channels, that they often air substandard Bangla films containing obscene sequences. Your com-

SS: I won't deny the allegation. But people also have to consider one thing. There has to be certain programmes for a class of people, not just in the villages but also for the city dwellers, who find entertainment in these films. But we make sure that the films are censored before broadcast. Bangla films do attract a lot of commer-

TDS: Why doesn't Channel-i have enough programmes for children?

SS: I don't agree we do not have programmes for children. We started some children's programmes, like Boltey Pari Na. But we had to stop the programme due to lack of sponsorship. It's a major problem in this regard. A number of programmes and animations for the children are still in our hand and we are waiting for

TDS: What is the situation in sponsorship like?

SS: You can't imagine. Almost 60% of the ads go straight to BTV. The rest, which is a very small share, is distributed among the private channels.

TDS: Why do you think is the situation like this? Isn't that because your reach is limited?

SS: Yes it is partly true. But our programmes can be viewed anywhere in Bangladesh provided there is cable connection.

TDS: Do you have any plan to overcome this problem?

SS: Well, when we started we provided the cable operators with more than two hundred satellite receivers. But this cannot be the solution. We are now interested in making good programmes only. For the spreading of their network, the cable operators have to take TDS: You have given prefer-

ence to the younger generation especially in the news casting and anchoring of programmes. What kind of feedback are you getting

SS: The result is excellent, as anyone would agree. In the beginning, however, it wasn't very easy, many couldn't take the young people seriously in their roles. But gradually people seemed to be quite fascinated by the new trend. TDS: Channel-i schedules are full with repetitions. Your com-

SS: Yes, there's great scarcity of standard production. But we are very eager to lessen the repetition.

TDS: Do you have any good news for the viewers of Channel-i? SS: Channel-i is planning to

introduce some more news bulletins and entertaining programmes. A new programme called 'Breakfast news' will be aired very soon.

Around the world

which killed more than 200 people.



DENPASAR, BALI INDONESIA: Balinese women carry offerings on their head during the opening ceremony of the Bali Art Festival in Denpasar, recently. The month long festival is aimed at attracting tourists and assisting the recovery of the island's tourism industry which suffered due to the 12 October 2002 bombing



Ground Up

Earth Pulse

Return To The Wild

Dingoes: Friend Or

Survviving Everest

10th Rolex Awards

Dogs With Jobs

HELSINKI FINLAND: Rock icon Bruce Springsteen (C) performs with his E-Street Band at the sold out Helsinki Olympic Stadium, 16 June 2003. Seen with Springsteen are saxo phonist Clarence Clemons (L) and guitarist Steve van Zandt

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the

BTV

12:10 News Headlines 12:15 Shubhechha Nin Shanbadpotrer Pata

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Moron Bangladesh 01:30 Upahar News Headlines 02:00 Cartoon Film Udbhid-O-Jibon

03:05 Hijol Tomal Shukhi Paribar 03:35 News Headlines 04:00

04:30 Open University Desh-O-Bigyan 05:05 Apon Bhumi 05:30

Shomokalin Orthoniti News: Desh Janapad Hajar Bochhor Dhore 06:35 Programmes of

Chittagong Centre 07:00 News Headlines Share Market Weather Forecast Mati Omanish

Shorashori News at Eight 08:00 (Bangla) Shompurna Rangin 08:30

Natok Chokher Aloy Hajar Ronger Shapno News at Ten (English) Weather Forecast

10:30 News Reforting Jawab Selected programme 7:00 Abohoman Bangla 11:30 Late Night News/News Head-7:30

CHANNEL-i

06:10 Islamic Programme

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Drama Serial: Poster 9:00 10:30 Drama Serial: Sundar 9:25 Sharbonash 12:00 Grihagolpo 10:00 Drama Serial: Grohan 10:30 Drama Serial: Bhalo 01:00

Mondo Manushera Bangla Feature Film Bengali feature 12:00 Moumachhi

Jonopoder Khabor 05:35 05:45 Chitty Pelam Music Plus Chhaya Jhanker Channel-i News

07:45 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz 07:50 Kichhu Mone Korbena Dot Com

08:25 Drama Serial: Kichhu Megh Kichhu Roddur Channel-i News

09:31 Isphani-i Tele Quiz

ATN BANGLA Islamic prog. ATN Bangla News Computer based prog. ATN Computer Projukte Donddo Drama: Aronner 9:35

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Sangbadpotro Musical prog. 12:40 Priyo Silper Priyo Bengali feature film: Zener

Badsha Children prog 4:20 Cholo Gan Gai 4:50 The Daily Newspaper

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Musical prog. ATN Bangla News Musical prog: Music Vision 11:00 ATN Bangla News

film : Sadhona TARA BANGLA

Yes No Very Good 1:30 2:00 Taka na Sona 6:30 Aaiker Shironam 7:00 Gaan-War 7:20 Dhush Sambad 8:30 Tara News 9:30 Tara News Bangladesh

10:00 Banglar Mukh

11:30 Tara News

News Magazine

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10:50 Yaadein Radio

HBO Cinema Secrets

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Movie: US Seal 8:30 Who Dares Wins Profiler/Home for the Homicide 10:30 Earth Final

flict/Subversion 11:30 Courage Ripley's Believe It 1:30 Or Not! 2:30 Movie: US Seal

4:30 Who Dares Wins 6:30 Earth Final Conflict/ Subversion

7:30 Courage Profiler/All in the 8:30 Family 9:30 Guinness World Records:

Primetime 10:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation/ Recipe for Murder 11:30 Are You Hot? The Search for

America's Sexiest People 12:30 Guinness World Records: Primetime

1:30 Courage **ZEE TV** Piya Ka Ghar

Dollar Bahu Astitva... ek prem kahani Chausath Panne (Dil Na Jaane Kyon)

MGM 6:30 Diplomatic Immunity 9:00 Jackife 11:30 North of Chiang Mai 2:00 Full Moon High 4:30 Avalanche

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS STAR MOVIES: 9:05 p.m.Twister.



The entire crew of news-casters with Shykh Seraj.

TV weatherman Bill Harding is trying to get his tornado-hunter wife, Jo, to sign divorce papers so Melissa. But Mother Nature, in the form of a series of intense storms sweeping across Oklahoma, has other plans. Soon the three have joined the team of stormchasers as they attempt to insert a revolutionary measuring device into the very heart of several extremely violent tornados.

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11:00 Cartoon Network

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STAR MOVIES:7.00p.m. The Rock. A group of renegade marine commandos seizes a stockpile of chemical weapons and takes over Alcatraz with 81 tourists as hostages. Their leader, a former highly-decorated U.S. general, demands \$100 million to be paid in ransom, as restitution to

(Helen Hunt Sarah Jessica Parker) True Blood Jeff

Fahey Chad Lowe **ADVENTURE** ONE

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7:30 Ng Adventures 8:30 Fantastic Voyage 9:30 Explorer's Journal 10:00 Danger Diaries 11:00 Explorer's Journal 12:00 Surfer's Journal 12:30 Across The Line 1:00 \$100 Taxi Ride 1:30 Cycling Mongolia 2:30 Treasure Seekers 3:30 Danger Diaries 4:30 India Diaries Explorer's Journal 6:00 Ballooning Over

India Diaries

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11:30 Late Night [V]

STAR MOVIES

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Final Fantasy: The

Kindergarten Cop

The Puppet Masters

Hollywood Squares

Spirits Within

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people and the aging Emperor, Marcus Aurelius. Before his death, the Emperor chooses Maximus to be his heir over his own son, Commodus, and a power struggle leaves Maximus and his family condemned to death. The powerful general is unable to save his family, and his loss of will allows him to get

12:00 [V] Zabardast Hits 8:30 The Brady Bunch

> 9:30 Oprah Winfrey Show The Drew Carey [V] Zabardast Hits 10:30 [V] Back To Back Show [V] Zabardast Hits Whose Line Is It [V] Back To Back Anyway J.A.G. 12:30 Law & Order: S.V.U 1:30 Chicago Hope

Star Asia Travel

Cheers

2:30 Oprah Winfrey 3:30 Bold And Beautiful 4:30 Hollywood Squares [V] Zabardast Hits The Brady Bunch 5:30 Knight Rider [V] Zabardast Hits 6:30 The Simpsons 7:00 Everybody Loves 10:00 [V] Zabardast Hits Raymond 7:30 Dharma & Greg

Friends

Charmed

9:30 Ally Mcbeal 6:30 The Shrink Is In The Practice 10:30 While You Were Star Asia Travel 11:28 11:30 Baywatch 10:00 Arlington Road

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STAR SPORTS Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (R) Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (R) Pakistan Tour Of **England Natwest** Challenge 2003 Manchester

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Class 1 Powerboat

Highlights

10:00 Powerboating 2003

1:00 Crosscut STAR WORLD Friends 7:00 7.30 Dharma & Greg

Gladiator On HBO at 9:30 p.m.

PICK OF THE DAY

Maximus is a powerful Roman general, loved by the

10:30 Spanish Football League 2002/03 Spanish Football League (R) Motorcycle Programming Film World Individual Speedway Gp Series 2003 Stockholm Sweden Highlights(

World Champion-

ship Portuguese

Grand Prix(R)

1:30 Watersports Programming Hot Water (T) Asian 9-Ball Tour 2:30 San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour Manila Philippines

Finals(T) Futbol Mundial 4:00 Tennis Stella Artois Championships

2003 London England Quarterfinals(T) SBK World 7:00 Superbikes Championship Silverstone England Highlights(T)

8:00 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (L) 8:30 Moto Gp Highlights Moto Gp World Championship 2003 Catalunya Spain Highlights(T) 10:00 Dream Team (T)

10:30 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (T) 11:00 Wimbledon Library Films Wimbledon Official Film 2000

12:00 Cricket Talk Show Best Of Harsha Online (T)

ZEE CINEMA Hari Darshan (Dara Singh, Jayshree Gadkar)

10:30 Nadiya Ke Paar

Singh) 1:30 Sanam Bewafa (Salman Khan, Chandni) 5:30 Virasat (Anil Kapoor, Tabu, Pooja

9:30 (Govinda, Shilpashetty)

Biographies

Hotlist

10:30 Mera Vachchan

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(Sachin, Sadhana

Geeta Ki Kasam 1:00 Biographies RD Burman Festival 3:00 Aap Ki Kasam Hotlist

5:00 Hamari Bahu Alka 6:30 9:00 Current Bollywood

Khwahish

Dhadkan

Alpaviram

Paraya

Ghar Ek Mandir

Malgudi Days

Dekh Bhai Dekh

Just Mohabbat

Disney Hour

Chartbusters

Music Mantra

Boogie Woogie

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Naam Kum Jayega

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STAR PLUS Sant Asaram Vani Om Namath Shivay 6:00 Bhabhi Good Morning Star Geetmala 6:30 Disney Dr Morepen Tango 7:30 10:30 Chartbusters Daily 11:00 Music Mantra

7:00

8:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom Taaza Hits Hit Filmein Hit 9:05

Tarla Dalal 12:30 Sambhay Sangeet - 20 M Kkusum 9:30 Fox Kids Kuch Kehti Hai Yey Hit Filmein Hit Naam Kum Jayega Sangeet - 20 M Kutumb

Meri Saheli 11.00 Pal Chinn 11:30 Kabhii Sautan Kabhii Sahelii Kaun Apna Kaun Shanti (601 - 800) 12:00 12:30

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Film Topper - 301

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Film Topper - 301

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4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar NATIONAL **GEOGRAPHIC** Kaahin Kissi Roz Toyota World Of 5:00 Film Topper - 301 Wildlife S3 Series

5.05 6:30 Sea Bears Of The Diamond Coast 5:30 Nzou The Elephant People Out There 5:55 6:00

7:30 8:00 Mission Everest Young Global Hot 9:00 Shots Dinner On The 9:30 Diner

10:30 Croc Chronicles 11:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3 11:30 Dogs With Jobs 12:00 Earth Pulse 12:30 Time Of The

Elephants 1:30 Truth Files 2:30 Sea Hunters

Dinosaur Dealers

Africa From The

Mv Backvard

Serengeti

Boom 8:30 Sonpari 9:00 Kasautii Zindagii 9:30

7:30

Sanjivani - A Medical Boon 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar

09:35 Bela Sheshey