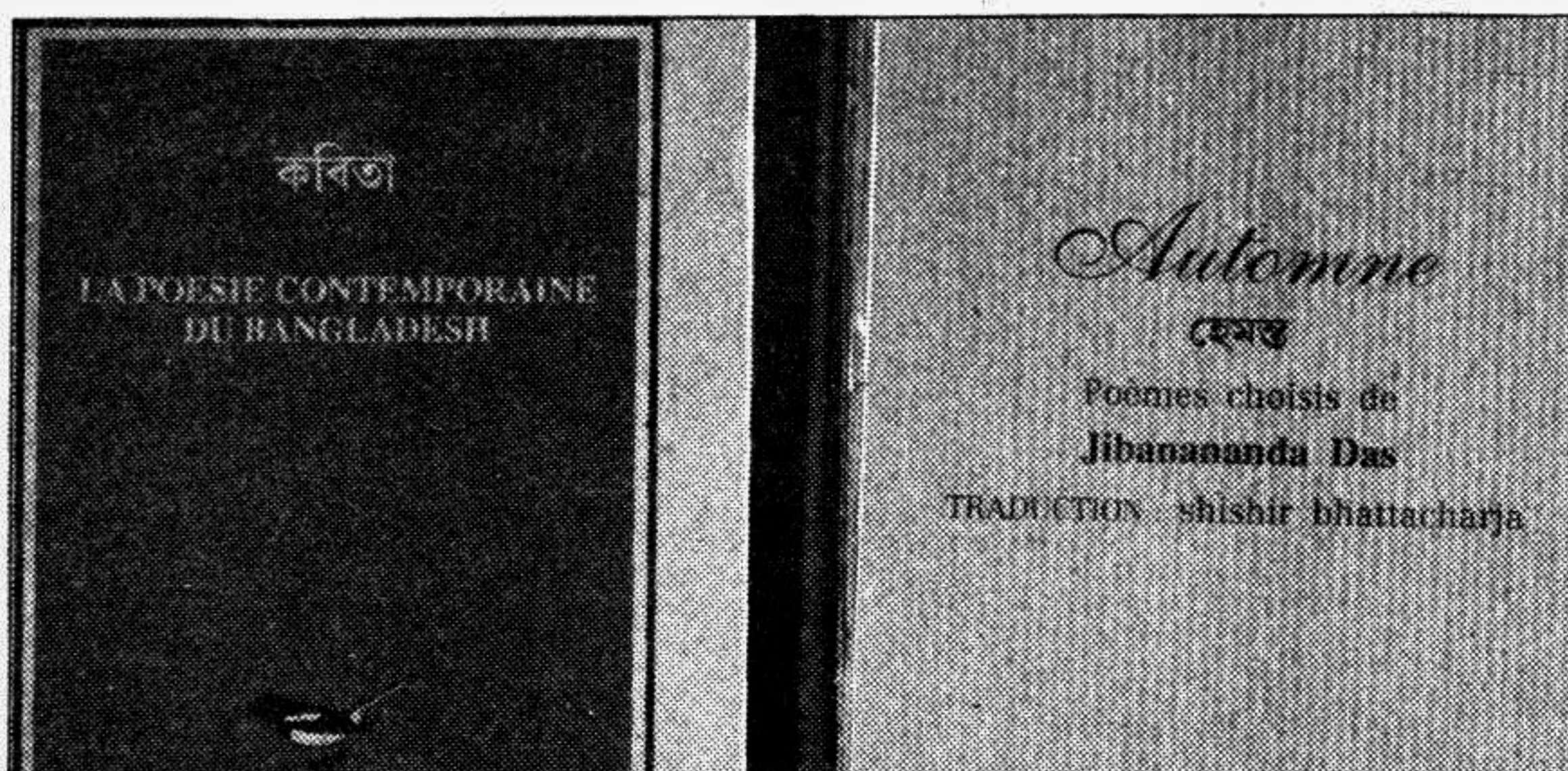


poetry

A Sip from the Chalice of Poetic Nectars

International poetry reading to be held today



by Fayza Haq

POETRY in various languages — French, English, German and Bangla will be heard at the Alliance Francaise on today at 6.30 pm. Students will read their own poetry along with choice ones in various languages, according to their fancy, imagination and inclination. The purpose of the evening is to encourage and to encourage promote poetry from world-over. The students of Alliance Francaise, being exposed to the culture and civilisation of various countries, being at the heart of Bangladesh, will bring forth the cream of fitness of words with their melodious cadences and rhythmic power. Some of the poems date from a century back while others belong to the present century and contemporary works will also be recited. Thus there will be an evening of sensational intellectual satisfaction for those who care for alliterations, assonance, hyperboles, liting metaphors, internal

rhymings, octaves, sextets, rhyming couplets and blank verses.

Among the poets whose works will be recited will be that of Paul Verlaine (1844-1896), born in the eastern part of France, which has repeatedly changed hands between the French and the Germans, so that his poems appealed to even the Allied occupying forces, who naturally used them for their own ends. Incidentally all the Bengali poets of the 30s like Shudhindranath Dutta and Anya Chakrabartee were influenced by poets like Verlaine, Mallarme and their contemporaries.

The other popular poet of the students is Jacques Prevert (1900-1977), who wrote a book "Paroles" which was a best-seller in France in '46. His characteristics are that he used simple language that appealed to the masses. He also wrote for the cinema for films like "Mardi-Carnes", "Children of Paradise" and "Visitors of the Evening" so that he was very much a versatile writer.

Another French favourite will be Jean Orskov (1871), whose first book "Errance" was published in '62 and contained his childhood memories and early travel experiences. He is famous for his "L'horloge de vie", "Tu transformes tout" (1968), "Miroir Oblique" (1969) and "Si l'enclencheur entrave le temps" (1973) for which he got the Charles Villedieu Award. He has won many other prizes besides this.

Among the Bengali poets whose works will be recited will

be Rabindranath Tagore (selected excerpts), Nirmal Goon, (Amalanttra and Manush O Eshor) dealing with both political and spiritual aspects of life, Jibananda Das' "Autumn", Asad Chowdhury's "Butterfly", Shamsur Rahman's "Shudhangsu Jabena", Al Mahmud's "Kobita Ekhon", Syed Shamsul Huq's "Guerrilla", Rudro Mohammad Shahidullah's "Ek Glass Ondhokar", Taslima Nasreen's "Narir Drobbho", and Abid Azad's "Baloker Mritu".

The participants in the poetry recitation include Mehjabeen Rahman, who will be reading her own poems like "Yellow Promise", Rayhanuddin Md Bayezed, Md. Naimul Hoque (Mitu), Rubababa Ali, Subonto Rokho, Sunny, Nowshin Jahan, Madinah Halim, Marina Joarder and Syeda Maria Ferhat.

Along with the recitation of poetry will be *Ragu Madhuvanti* (alaap, jod, vilambit gat and drut gat with tabla by Niti

Ranjan Biswas and thumri, with the tabla. The musicians, Ebadul Huq Shaikat and Niti Ranjan Biswas will provide a backdrop of traditional music and some break as well as a variation in the evening's format.

Ebadul Huq Shaikat began learning the tabla from Sri Madan Gopal Das of Chayanotte. Later he learnt the sitar from the famous sitar player Ustad Khurshid Khan. He has completed his B. Mus. (in sitar) from Ranindra Bharati University, Calcutta. He is at present, being trained by pandit Ajoy Sinha Roy, a senior student of Ustad Allauddin Khan Saheb of sentia gharana. He won



and Indian government scholarship for B. Mus course and has given several performances in India and Bangladesh.

Niti Ranjan Biswas has done a five-year course on tabla from Chayanotte under the guidance of Sri Madan Gopal, and has completed his MPA in tabla from University of Barodah with a first class. He has won the "Acharya Alauddin Khan" gold medal for his performance on the tabla. He learnt under Prof. SK Saxena of Barodah and, at present, is learning from Yogesh Samsi of Mumbai, one of the senior students of Ustad Allah Rakha Khan. Although a solo player, he also accompanies classical vocalists and other instruments, and plays for dance occasions too.

An evening such as this should surely bring poetry and music enthusiasts in the city by the droves. It will also encourage poetry recitation among our young ones, giving them the confidence to perform with ease in public.

exhibition

Promoting Rights of The Human Family

Poster exhibition on human rights opens at Alliance Francaise



Visitors look at a poster of Picasso's *Guernica* at the poster exhibition at Alliance Francaise gallery.

ALL human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. So says the first article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights signed at Palais de Chaillot in Paris in 1948. There are others which proclaim the individuals' rights to privacy,

religion, expression, protection by law, etc. The declaration in fact covers almost all aspects of human rights and if applied will actually ensure the protection of all human beings. But the fact remains that even so many years after the declaration of such a charter, its articles remain little known to the average person.

The golden jubilee of the signing of the Universal Declaration was celebrated last year. On the occasion the French government has taken up steps to publicise the articles and provisions of the declaration around the world to make them more familiar among the people. Exhibitions were arranged throughout the world through the French missions and the Alliance de Francaise offices in order to exhibit the provisions of the declaration. On this line

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Alliance Francaise de Dhaka began a month long poster exhibition in the city yesterday.

The Deputy Director of Alliance Francaise Christophe Steyer explains that the exhibition has travelled a little late into the city, but is nevertheless being held in order to publicise the articles of the declaration. He explained how each poster explains the individual articles of the agreement signed in Paris.

The exhibition displays the articles and the provisions of the Paris declaration through posters in French. Some 17 posters are on exhibit here.

each one dealing with the different articles of the charter. The first poster explains the preamble of the declaration which explains that the recognition of the inherent dignity and of equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom and justice and peace in the world.

Another emphasises the on articles 3, 4 and 11. It highlights article 3 which says that everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person. Other posters also emphasise on some of the fundamental provisions of human rights. There

are also excerpts from the articles that call for protection of the environment from different forms of pollution for the survival of the human beings and other forms of life.

The exhibition also includes a poster of one of the paintings by Pablo Picasso. The item titled *Guernica* (1937) depicts a scene of the gruesome war of Spain, and is symbolically identified with the situation that would arise if not the articles of the Paris declaration are implemented all over the world.

The neat and spacious display of these posters on the ground floor of Alliance Francaise reminds one of a cool and serene environment, one that seems far away from the hassles and hazards of our day to day life. Perhaps this is more so because the exhibits on the walls declare a safe and protective world for the human family — i.e. if they are properly made known to the masses and implemented therewith. The exhibition has been opened with such a purpose in mind.

The poster exhibition will continue till April 30th. It will remain open to the public from 10.00am - 12.00pm and 5.00pm-8.00pm everyday except Saturdays.

TV Guide

Friday 2nd April

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

BBC

6:00 BBC World News 6:05 USA Direct 6:30 World Living: Talking Movies 7:00 BBC World News Inc. World Business Report/24 Hours 10:30 World Focus: USA Direct 11:00 World News 12:30 World Living: Top Gear 1:00 World News 1:30 World Living: Hard Talk 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Living: Panorama 3:00 World News 3:30 Hard Talk 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: Talking Movies 5:00 BBC World Today 6:30 World Living: Panorama 7:00 World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC World Today — Asia & Pacific 8:30 World Living: Wilderness Walk 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Hard Talk: David Yallop 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 World Living: Question Time 11:00 World News 11:30 World Living: Top Gear

12:00 BBC World Today 1:30 Hard Talk 2:30 World Focus: Correspondent 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 World Living: The Travel Show 4:15 Europe Direct 5:00 BBC News Inc. World Business Report/24 Hours

CHANNEL [V]

8:30am Rewind VJ Sophia 9:30 Zabardast Hits 12:00 House Arrest 12:30 Udam Singh 1:00 Zabardast Hits 2:30 First Day First Show 3:00 Turn On T [V] 4:30 Back-Bench 5:30 Turn On T [V] 7:00 Weekender Bheja Fry 7:30 First Day First Show 8:00 House Arrest 8:30 The Indian Top Ten 9:00 Turn On TV 9:30 First Day First Show Special 10:00 Turn On T [V] 10:30 The Ticket 10:45 Turn On T [V] 11:00 Get Up & Dance 2:00 Turn On T [V]

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:15 Dress Circle 9:30 Good Morning India 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 12:00 Awaaz 12:30 Ek Do Teen 1:30 Meri Awaz Suno 2:00 Apradhi 2:30 Yeh Hai Raaz 3:00 Swabhimani 3:30 Tea Time Cinema: "Kaalchakra" (Nana

Patekar, Madan, Nisha Singh 6:30 Small Wonder 7:00 So Let's Yahoo 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 Eureka 8:30 Maal Hai To Taal Hai 9:00 Ajeeb Dastan 9:30 Star News 10:00 Mustard - Family Fortune 10:30 Anul India Show 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 11:30 Saboot 12:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 1:00 New Hart 1:30 Baywatch Nights 2:30 The Knock 3:30 Series: L A Law 4:30 Santa Barbara 5:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show

STAR WORLD

6:00 Aerobics Oz Style 6:30 Britnash Empire 7:00 Pierre Franey: Cooking in France 7:30 The Wonder Years 8:00 Lassic 8:30 Newhart 9:00 Walker Texas Ranger 10:00 Theftakers 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Santa Barbara 1:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 1:30 Pierre Franey's Cooking in France 2:00 Christy 3:00 Lassic 3:30 Small Wonder 4:00 Britnash Empire 4:30 World News 5:00 Asia News Update 5:05 World Business Report 5:30 Home Improvement 6:00 Dr Quinn Medicine Woman 7:00 Anrew Lloyd Wabber A Celebration Friday 8:00 Making of Cats 9:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 9:30 Home Improvement 10:00 Dr Quinn Medicine Woman 11:00 Anrew Lloyd Wabber A Celebration Friday 2:30 3rd Rock From the Sun 1:00 Series: Home Improvement 1:30 Series: Newhart 2:00 Britnash Empire 2:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 3:00 The Wonder Years 3:30 Mr Belvedere 4:00 Nanny and The Professor 4:30 World News 5:00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea

MOVIES

7:00 Drama: The Verdict 15 9:30 Family: Imaginary Crimes PG 11:30 Comedy: Cemetery Club 1:30 Drama: Noises Off 3:30 Comedy: Vaptain Roundup 5:30 Comedy: Big Bully 15 7:30 Comedy: Skin Deep 9:30 UK Top Ten 12:00 Friday Night: All Stars: In Love and War 12:00 Comedy: Hapldio 15 2:00 Comedy: Cemetery Club 4:30 Comedy: Bus Stop G 6:00 US Top Ten

PTV-2

8:00 Tilwat Aur Tarjuma/ Hamd/Naat 8:20 Boltay Haath 8:35 Sada-E-Kashmir 9:10 Dastar Khwaan 9:35 Karb (Serial) 11:00 Aap Ke Farmaesh Pop 11:30 Fakir-E-Aalam Game Show 12:30 Sports Prog 2:02 Bismillah 2:15 Fehm-ul-Quran 2:40 Natak Rang (Sindhi) 3:25 Ek Raat Ek Kahani (Drama) 4:40 Sehat Aur Sukoon (Drama) 5:25 Biology for 10th 5:55 Uffaq (Serial) 6:25 Aio Course 7:20 Full House (Comedy News) 7:45 English News 8:10 Fun Time Pop-pet Show 8:00 Tiffin 8:45 Paal Do Paal (Serial) 9:00 Break for Headlines News 10:00 Khabarnama & Commercial News 10:35 Lollywood Top Ten Countdown Film Music 11:35 Serial: Pinjira 12:00 Friday Night Classic Cinema & Khas Khabrain/Close Down

ZEE INDIA TV

7:00 Jagran 7:30 Zee News- Hindi 8:00 Help Line 8:30 Zee News- Hindi 9:00 Centre Stage 9:30 Zee News-Eng 10:00 Mystry Unfolds 10:30 Naye Nagme 1:00 Hum Zameen 11:30 Zee Business Update 11:50 Zee Business News 12:00 Bournvita Quiz Contest 12:30 Hasen Pal (Trailer Show) 1:00 Zee Countdown 1:30 Zee News- Hindi Bulletin 2:00 Ad Mad Show 2:30 Money Game 3:00 Teen Kaman 3:30 News Line 4:00 Aashiana 4:30 Hum Honge Kamyab 5:00 Naye Nagme 5:30 Zed it Pro 6:00 PurushKhetra 7:00 Hasen Pal (Trailer Show) 7:30 Zee Sports Show 8:00 The Diplomacy Show 8:30 Zee News- English 8:50 Zee Face To Face 9:30 Zee News-Hindi 10:00 Disha Samvad 10:30 Zee News-Hindi 11:30 Zee Business News-Seshan 11:30 Zee News Roundup 12:00 Zee Countdown 12:30 The Dream Marchant 1:00 Vision Beyond-50 1:30 BQC 2:00 Zee News- Hindi 2:20 Zee Face To Face 2:30 Hum Zameen 3:00 Zee News-Hindi 3:30 Beech Shahar 4:00 Hindi Feature Film (B/W)



Top Gear on BBC World at 11:30 pm

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00 MTV Hanging Out VJ Rahul/Sonia 9:00 Classic MTV VJ Sarah/ Rahul 10:00 Non-Stop Hits 10:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Nadya 11:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Shehnaaz/Amrita/ Nikhil 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV House Full V Nafisa 1:30 MTV In Control Cricket 2:30 MTV Select VJ Nikhil 3:30 Thums-Up Non-Stop Hits 4:00 Non-Stop Hits 4:30 Pepsi Dance Connection Special-TV MTV 5:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Nadya 6:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Shehnaaz/Amrita/ Nikhil 7:30 MTV & Kenwood India Hit List VJ Rahul 8:00 MTV & Smirnoff Mega Mix VJ Nafisa 8:30 Non-Stop Hits 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 Housefull VJ Nafisa 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:30 Non-Stop Hits Continue...

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 B & W Gems 8:30 All Time Hits (Hit Songs Show) 9:00 Old Tavern- Sizzlers 9:30 Aalaap 10:00 All Time Hits 10:30 Bagpiper-

Rupkatha 2:00 Daily Sope: Kanakanjali 2:30 Daily Sope: Shree Ram Krishna 3:00 Daily Sope: Maha Prabhu 3:30 Daily Sope: Mohini 3:55 Daily Sope: Bhangagarar Khela 4:20 Nepali Prg 5:05 Aainer Darpan/Shilpa Jagat/Healrh 5:30 News 5:40 Gaan 5:50 Palli Katha 6:10 Shilpi 6:40 Khas Khabar 6:50 Daily Sope: Jannabhumi 7:30 Bangla Sambad 8:00 Bela Abela 8:30 Abahasee 9:00 Daily Sope: Jannabhumi 9:30 Daily Sope: Dropadi 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:10 Bengali Movie

DD CHANNEL-1

5:55 Vande Mataram & Thought of The Day 6:00 Serial: Aradhana 6:30 UGC Prog 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Suba Sabera 8:45 The News 8:50 This Morning's Business 9:00 Suba Sabera 9:30 Nayna 10:00 UGC Prog 10:30 Serial: Tarang 11:30 Serial: Young 12:30 Serial: Aurat 1:00 Serial: Aparajita 1:30 Serial: Ithaas 1:30 Serial: Waqt Ki Raftar 2:30 News in Hindi 2:40 News in English 2:50 Serial: Roon Suhane 3:00 Serial: Aap Ki Shanti 3:00 Serial: Ujala 4:00 Tea Time Monoranjan 4:30 Aladin Aur Jadu Ka Chirag 5:00 Gawwali 5:45 Raalo Se 6:00 Sath Sath 6:30 Panjabi Darpan 7:05 Special 7:50 Tap Tap Topi Topi 8:20 Chitrahaar 9:00 Samachar 9:30 News 10:00 Hindi Feature Film

SONY TV

7:30 Indian Holiday 8:00 Risprasad 8:30 Movers & Shakers 9:00 Chartbusters 9:30 Cine Clips 10:00 Star Yaar Kalakar (Contest Show) 11:00 The Pappadum Show 11:30 Banhar 12:00 Movers & Shakers 12:30 World of Cricket 1:00 Chartbusters 1:30 Cine Clips 2:00 Boggi Woogi 2:30 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh 3:00 Rang Bih Rangee- Songs 3:30 Junoon 4:00 Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature Film 7:30 Cine Clips (Trailer Show) 8:00 Chartbusters 8:30 Toofan Mail With Guest 9:00 Just Mohabbat 9:35 Heena 10:05 Choti Si Asha 10:40 Movers & Shakers 11:10 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka 11:45 Junoon 12:15 Cine Clips 12:30 Dekh Bhai Dekh

1:00 Chamatkar 1:30 Bhanwar 2:00 Saaya 2:30 Rang Birangee- Songs 3:00 Chartbusters 3:30 Cine Nite Show-Hindi Feature Film

ZEE TV

6:00 Yaadon Ki Pal-B/W Songs 6:30 Zee News (Rpt) 6:50 Jhalak- Trailer 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Jr Horlicks-Choti Choti Batein 8:30 Adhikar 9:30 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 10:00 Zara Has Ke-Filmi Chakkar 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Cross Fire 11:30 Zanjeerein 12:00 Kala Sona 12:30 Khana Khazana (Cooking Tips) 1:00 Baat Ban Jaaye 1:30 Naye Nazrane 2:00 Daily Sope-Hum Paanch 2:30 Saath Saath 3:00 Paribartan 3:30 Cinema Hits-HF Film 6:30 Ek Nazar (Film Trailer Show) 7:30 Disney Hour Cartoons 8:00 Enochalo Cinema 8:30 Close Up Antakshiri 9:00 Rishtrye- Rang 10:00 Ashirwad 10:30 Mano Ya Na Mano (Horror Drama) 11:00 Knock Knock Kaun Hai 11:30 Chahat Aur Nafrat 11:55 Jhalak- Trailer 12:00 Haad Kar Di 12:30 Rin Super 7 Muqabala 1:30 Banegi Apni Baat 2:00 Zee News 2:30 Zee Arabia: Kala Sona Ep-4/Do Aur Do Paanch 3:00 Hindi Feature Film

DD METRO

3:00 Jharokha 3.10 Sports Time 3:30 Dhalti Sham Ki Suraj 4:00 Ank Ajoba 4:30 Sports Hour 5:30 Jaldi Jaldi Game 6:30 Mickey And Donald 6:30 He Man & The Masters of Universe 7:00 Chip And Dale 7:30 Telesoccar 7:50 Entertainment Now/ Cinema Cinema 8:00 Light Music/Mazhab Nahil Shikha 8:30 Shreemam Shreemati (Serial) 9:00 All The Best (Countdown-20) 10:00 Ehsaas (Serial) 10:30 Aaj Tak (News Update) 10:50 Road Watch 11:00 Jharokha (Trailer Show) 11:05 Journeys To Art 11:30 Feature Film In English

DD INT'L

9:30 Opening & News in English 9:45 Business Plus 10:00 Chitrahari (Meet the Film Star) 10:30 Asian AM 11:00 Light Music 11:15 Suravi



Home improvement on Star World at 9:30 pm

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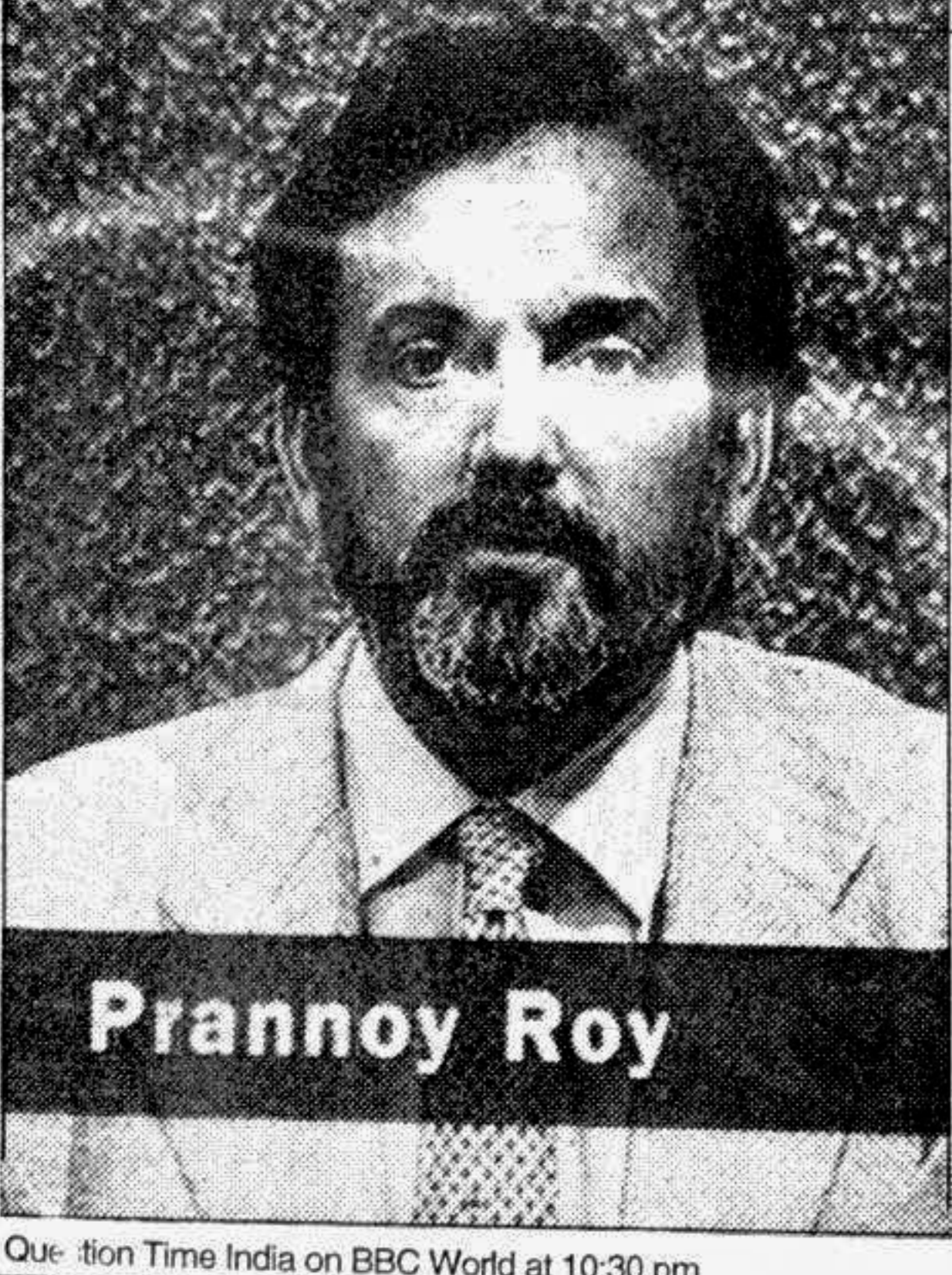
5:30 World Famous Toons 6:30 The Real Adventure of Johnny 7:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy D 8:30 Perils of Penelope 9:00 Josie & Pussycat 9:30 Drink The Little 10:00 Flinstone

Michael Foot with Tim Sebastian

on BBC World at 12:30, 3:30 pm
A lifelong socialist blamed by some for making the Labour party unelectable. Criticised by the media, at no time more than when he wore a donkey jacket to the Cenotaph for the Remembrance Day commemoration. Before his career as a politician he was a successful journalist — Editor of the London Evening Standard in 1942. A passionate believer and lifelong campaigner for nuclear disarmament, his new book "Dr Strangelove I presume" deals with the nuclear arms race in the Indian sub-continent.

Tim Trevan with Tim Sebastian

at 9:30 pm
Former UN weapons inspector Tim Trevan describes the frustrations of dealing with the Iraqi regime and the international community, faced with one of its most dangerous challenges. He predicts further conflict with Iraq and further disarray in the Security Council.



Prannoy Roy

Question Time India on BBC World at 10:30 pm