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## An Evening With Poets

After a five day-long workshop, Rainbow Film Society, on celebrating the Bengali New Year organized a poetry evening at The Goethe Institut, Dhaka on May 6, '99. National Professor Kabir Chowdhury attended the programme as chief guest while renowned poet and film director Buddhadeb Dasgupta and poet Somorendra Sengupta of West Bengal along with

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renowned poets of Bangladesh - Samsur Rahman, Bellal Chowdhury, Asad Chowdhury, Robul Hossain, Khaleda Adib Chowdhury, Kaji Roji, Sifthab Sarkar, Tridib Dostidar, Mohammad Samad, Tariq Sujad, Aslam Sunny, Nurunnahar Shirin and eminent Urdu poet Nowshad Nuri read their works before a select audience.

The programme started at 6:30 in the evening. The auditorium wasn't that crowded and all the invited poets couldn't make it on time at the institute — many came after the programme started. The poetry lovers gathered to listen to the finest Bengali poets of contemporary literature.

Some of the poems were about 'Baishak' the first month of Bengali year and the 'Kalbaishakhi' storm. Poet Tridib Dostidar read a brilliant poem titled 'Piprer Golpo' — story of the ants. It goes — 'Manusher golpo onek holo abar piprer golpo shuru

hoyechhe prithibite'. The poem depicts the ants and their feelings in this modern human made world. His second poem called 'Van Gogh tomake' was about the artist Van Gogh, as the name suggests. As he read, 'Tomar Hukumey achihi kono ab Van Gogh er Thikana Hoye...' the audience clapped in appreciation.

Shumadra Gupta read out 'Pata dekhley gachhi chena jay' and 'Khoru grishher pishkey ami', portraying the hot and humid weather of summer.

'Moslin', 'Chinno', 'Behula', 'Grishho Kabya' and 'Bangladesh' of the young poet Tariq Sujad were appreciated by the audience and the critics alike. A loud applause followed the poet's departure from the stage.

Asad Chowdhury's presence livened up the evening as it always does with his witty comments and anecdotes. He was the anchor of the evening, and when it was his turn to read out his poetry, he said with a smile, 'Now it's my turn! He then read out two poems, which he still didn't name. As he recited 'Kano ami deshantori...', and 'Srishti shurutel hoy...', the audience showed their appreciation by cheering loudly.

'Bhora chad jokhon dekhi protiota koto bar je amar mayer mukhey shunai daima...' by Bellal Chowdhury, the veteran poet of Bengal, was greatly appreciated by the people assembled. He read out an-

other poem on the legendary poet, Shukanta, who died at a very young age.

Buddhadeb Dasgupta recited 'Jhoreyjay har mangsho thekey' and 'Keo net' which goes 'Telephonebejey jay ghorey keo net, chithi eshe boshey thakey ghorey keo net...' and the audience was delighted.

The famous poet from West Bengal and the former editor of a renowned magazine in Calcutta Samarendra Sengupta recited 'Bhashar desh' and 'Harano, prapti, niruddesh'.

The Urdu poet, Noushad Nuri's 'Pathkar' was very touching indeed. He said I can't even talk or walk properly, how can I recite a poem? But I'll try my best to do so. And he tried, and he did a brilliant job of it. 'Jis pathkar tab hat na powchey whi parbat kehlayin, jis pathkar ko kat sakhey hum wohi Khuda ban jaye...' he read with great passion and ardour — and the audience loved every minute of it.

Last but not the least, Sam-sur Rahman recited 'Pother pashey kichhukhon' and 'Mukher upor makoshhar jal' as always, he performed very well. Then he recited 'Ak paloker pakhi' on request from Samarendra Sengupta.

All in all, it was an unforgettable evening for all who were lucky enough to be there. It was as if everyone was transformed into an entirely new world, a world of poetry and poets, a world of bliss and peace.

## exhibition

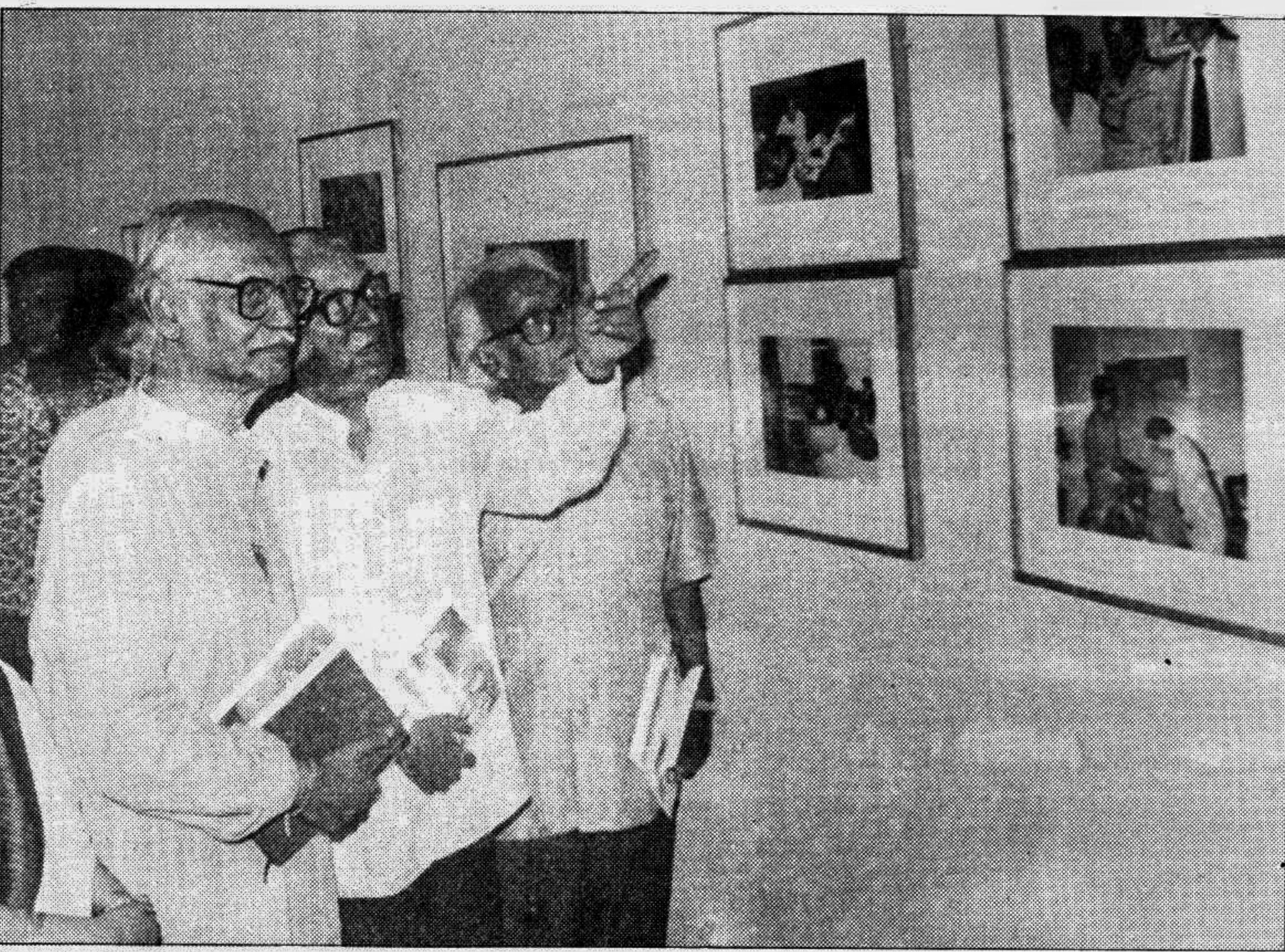
## Sayeed Ahmad: Shesh Nawab of Our Cultural Milieu

SAYEED Ahmad, the first playwright in Bengali literature to pen absurd plays, is the most colourful personality in our cultural milieu. Born in the 'Muhalla' of Old Dhaka Sayeed has in his blood the wit and taste of Nawab's of the city. As an art critic and more as a promoter of art, he has lectured on Bangladeshi art from Brazil to Iran, from USA to Germany. As a sitar player he had had the privilege to make musical synchronisation with great Ravi Shankar.

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And of course his tongue is mightier than his pen. The most impressive talker our cultural firmament has ever seen, Sayeed can pull his listeners as a magnet does to iron.

In paying respect to this grand figure of our culture, Shilpakala Academy is having an exhibition of 50 years of his contribution to Bangladeshi culture. The show which is in a way a photographic round-up of his life and works was inaugurated by poet Shamsur Rahman yesterday. Artist Mustaza Bashir and Aly Zaker spoke about his life and contribution to modern Bengali theatre. National Professor Kabir Chowdhury chaired the discussion meet. The 10-day show will run until May 19.



Planked by National Prof Kabir Chowdhury (L) and Poet Shamsur Rahman Sayeed Ahmed (C) is seen explaining the exhibits.

## TV Guide

Tuesday 11th May  
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

## BBC World

6:00 World News Headlines 6:30 USA Direct 6:30 World Living: A Golfer's Travels-Scotland 7:00 BBC World News inc. World Business Report/Asia Today /24 Hours 10:00 BBC World News 11:30 World Focus: The Big Deal 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 Style 1:30 The Travel Show 2:00 World News 2:30 World Focus: The Big Deal 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Hardtalk 4:00 World Living: A Golfer's Travels-Scotland 5:00 BBC The World Today 6:30 World Focus: Wild World: Living Dangerously 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC The World Today 8:30 World Living: Travel Show-Holiday Guide- The Caribbean With Jill Dando 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Hardtalk 10:00 World News 10:30 Wild World: Wheels 11:00 The World Today 12:30 Hardtalk 1:00 BBC News 1:30 World Focus: Reporters 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Living: Talking Movies #12/13 3:15 Europe Direct 4:00 BBC Newsdesk inc. World Business Report/24 Hours

## CHANNEL [V]

8:30 Rewind VJ Sophiya 9:30 V News Bulletin 10:00 Zabardasi Hits 12:00 House Arrest 12:30 Toofer TV 1:00 Weekender Bheja Fry 1:15 Zabardasi Hits 2:30 First Day First Show 3:00 Turn On T [V] 4:30 [V] Backbench 5:30 Turn On T [V] 7:30 First Day First Show 8:00 House Arrest 8:30 Turn On TV 10:00 Turn On Turn On TV 10:30 The Juice 11:00 The Udam Singh 11:30 Banned at Bedtime 12:00 House of Noise 12:30 Turn On T [V]

## STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninna 7:30 Good Morning India 9:15 The Trial Show 9:30 Good Morning India 11:30 Star Talk 12:00 Ei Do Teen 1:00 Hello 1:30 Good Food Guide 2:00 Saans 2:30 Yeh Hai Raaz 3:00 Swabhiman 3:30 Kabie Kabie 4:00 Badalte Rishie 4:30 Tu Tu Main Main 5:00 Animal Adventure 5:30 WWF Superstars 6:30 Small Wonders 7:00 Meri Awaz Suno 7:15 The Trail Show 7:30 Star News 8:00 Hello 8:30 Is Dunliya Ki Sitarey 9:00 Kora Kagaz 9:30 Star News 10:00 Rend devozis with Sini Garewal 10:30 Ajeeb Dastan 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 11:30 A Mouthful of Sky 12:00 India Business Week 12:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 1:00 Newheart 1:30 Class Act 2:30 Vega 3:30 LA Law 4:30 Fashion TV 5:00 The Bold & the Beautiful

## 5:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show

## STAR WORLD

6:00 Aerobics Oz Style 6:30 The New WKRP in Cincinnati 7:00 Nathalie Dupree Cooks 7:30 The Wonder Years 8:00 Mysterious Island 8:30 Newhart 9:00 Caroline In The City 9:30 Dharma And Greg 10:00 Chicago Hope 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Mr Bean 12:30 A Man's World 1:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 1:30 Tropical Heat 2:30 Media TV 3:00 Mysterious Island 3:30 Small Wonder 4:00 The New WKRP in Cincinnati 4:30 World News 5:00 Asia News Update 5:05 World Business Report 5:30 Home Improvement 6:00 LA Heat 7:00 The Pretender 8:00 NYPD Blue 9:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 9:30 Home Improvement 10:00 LA Heat 11:00 NYPD Blue 12:00 The Pretender 1:00 Home Improvement 1:30 LA Heat 2:30 NYPD Blue 3:00 The New WKRP in Cincinnati 4:00 Life in the Word with Joyce Meyer 4:30 World News 5:00 Home Improvement 5:30 Fashion TV

## STAR MOVIES

7:30 Action: Surface to Air 9:30 Comedy: Girl 6 11:30 Comedy: WW & The Dixie Dancers 1:30 Comedy: Out Cold 3:30 Comedy: Ernest Goes To Jail 5:30 Thriller: Abduction of Innocence 7:30 Western: Two Guns for a Coward 9:30 Action Force: Bound by Honor (Blood In Blood Out) 10:00 Comedy: Ernest Goes To Jail 11:15 Movie: Television 4:00 Western: Two Guns for a Coward 5:30 Thriller: Abduction of Innocence



NYPD Blue (Series 5) on Star World at 11 PM

In Lost Israel, Part Two — When Sipowicz enters the station house, he is clearly a man with something on his mind. He tells a uniformed officer that Israel, a mute homeless man involved with the Egan case (see previous episode), is not as stupid as he once believed. Sipowicz rereads a passage from the Bible that Israel had shown a particular interest in, and concluded that it is in fact, relevant to the case. A short time later Sipowicz is horrified to discover that Israel committed suicide during the night. Sipowicz grows convinced that a passage from the Bible Israel was reading at the time of his death contains an explanation for his suicide.

Every Half Hour-Zee News Hindi 12:00 The Ent Show 12:30 Zee World 1:00 India Debates 1:30 BQC 2:00 Zee News-Hindi 2:20 Zee Face To Face 2:30 Positive Health Show 3:00 Zee News-Hindi 3:30 Ek Aur Nazaria 4:00 Teer Kamman 4:30 Jaanch Ya Aanch 5:00 The Tech Show

MTV INDIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 B&W Gems 8:30 All Time Hits 9:00 Hit Parade 9:30 World Premiere 9:45 Brake Fail 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best Of The Day 11:30 Bajaj Music Box 12:00 World Premiere 12:15 Medimix Madhur Moments 12:30 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 14:00 World Premiere 14:15 Pop Re Pop 4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00 Pop Busters 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Brake Fail 6:45 World Premiere 7:00 Hit Parade 7:30 All Time Hits 8:00 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 8:15 Medimix Madhur Moments 8:30 Gaaye Ja 9:00 Super Vastrol 33 Keshkala Old Is Gold 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 Old Tavern Sizzlers 10:30 Jharkha 11:00 Brake Fail 11:45 Shabab 12:30 Old Tavern Sizzlers 1:00 Sa Ra Ga Ma 1:30 Jharkha 2:00 Bajaj Music Box 2:30 World Premiere 2:45 Pop Re Pop 3:00 Geetom Ki Bajah

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## SONY TV

7:30 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh 8:00 Risiprasad 8:30 Movers & Shakers 9:00 Chartbusters 9:30 Cine Clips 10:00 Malgudi Days 10:30 Charnikar 11:00 Saaya 11:30 Thoda Hai Thoda Jarrat 11:45 Movers And Shakers 12:30 Pehchaan 1:00 Chamatkar 1:30 Risiprasad 1:45 Boogi Woogi 2:30 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh 3:00 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno 3:30 Junoon 4:00 Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature Film: Tere Ghar Ke Samne (Dev Anand) 7:00 The Monster Quiz 7:30 Cine Clips 8:00 Chartbusters 8:30 Family No 1 9:00 Khwaliash 9:30 Alpviram 10:00 Harmony 10:40 Movers & Shakers 11:15 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno 11:45 Junoon 12:15 Cine Clips 12:30 Hum Sub Ek Hain 1:00 Kahne Mein Kya Harj Hai 1:30 Just Moshabbat 2:00 Bajaj Ki Lehren 2:30 Rangeela Re 3:00 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh 3:30 Cine Nite Show- Hindi Film: Mela

## ZEE TV

6:00 Yeardon Ki Pal 6:30 Zee News & Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Guldasta 8:30 Zara Hask- Hai Zindagi 9:00 Zara Hask- Film Chakkars 9:00 Disney Hour Cartoons 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Aur Ek Minute 11:30 Ashiqui# Ep-8 12:00 Kala Sina 12:30 Khubsoorat 1:00 Ghar Jamai 1:30 Naye Nazrane 2:00 Hum Paanch 2:30 Love Stories 3:00 Raahat 3:30 Cinema Hits-HF Film: Aan Milo Sajani (Rajesh Khanna, Asha Parekh) 6:30 Ek Nazar 7:00 Disney Hour Cartoons 8:00 Bakeman's Mama Mia 8:30 Nirma- Hum Paanch 9:00 Neeyat# Ep-37 9:30 Sapath# Ep-120 10:00 Raahat# Ep-6 12:00 Kala Sina 12:30 Raahat 11:55 Jalak-Trailer 12:00 Ashirwad# Ep-41 12:30 TSV Sa- Re-Ga-Ma 1:30 Banegi Apni Baat# Ep-303 2:00 Zee News 2:30 Gudgude 3:00 Feature Film (B/W): Rocky Mera Naam

## DD CHANNEL-1

5:55 Vande Mataram & Thought of the Day 6:30 Serial: Aradhana 6:30 For The Universities

## DD METRO

7:00 Keep Fit 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 7:45 Busi-



LA Heat on Star World at 9 PM

In Strip Show — Chase and August arrive at the crime scene of a murder victim, Sam Como, a middle-aged man who had been stabbed several times. All of his money and jewelry are still on the body so the know that the motive was not robbery. Como owned a strip club called "The Naked Venus." Forensics reveals that Como was stabbed and beaten over a period of time, causing him to die a slow, agonizing death. Chase and August question the club's manager, Al, and the three dancers that were working the night Como was killed. One girl tells them that Johnny Roman, a rival club owner, got into a fight with Como the other night because he could not convince Como to sell him "The Naked Venus." Just then, Roman busts into the club and grabs Al, holding a gun to his head. He uses Al as a human shield to escape and loses Chase and August after a quick car chase. Chase and August go to Roman's club later that day where they find him locked inside one of the strip-show booths. He tells them that he didn't kill Como and that his only interest is in buying the club. He also says that everyone hated Como, from his dancers to his own wife, whom Roman is currently having an affair with.

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adini 6:00 Rimba's Island

6:30 Flintstones: CNN 7:00 Bill Nye 7:30 Tele

Soccer 7:50 Entertainment Now/Cinema Cinema

8:00 Bacho Ki Adalat 8:30 Matter of Death 9:00 Serial: Tere Ghar Ki Samne 9:30 Raja Ranjha 10:00 Sree Ramkrishna 10:30 Aaj Taak 11:00 In Conversation/Gajal Ki Chayee 11:35 Serial: Film India 12:00 Telebrands 12:30 UGC Prog

## DD INT'L

9:30 Opening & News in English 9:45 English Premier Football League Live 2:00 Classix '97 Winter X Games-Women Of X 3:00 Motoworld 3:30 Sportscentre: International Edition 4:00 International Ladies Wrestling Women's National Alliance 5:00 LPGA Golf The Titleholders Presented by Mercury 7:00 Bloopers 7:30 Cricket World Cup News 8:00 Cricket Magazine Show Team Spotlights 8:30 Cricket World Cup News 9:00 ESPN Billiards 1999 ESPN Ultimate 9-Ball Challenge 10:00 Sportscenter: International Edition 10:30 1998 X Games Classix 9:30 Sportscenter Live 12:00 PBA Basketball All Filipino Cup- Game #11 1:30 ESPN World Snooker 1999 British Open 3:30 Classix 97 Winter X-Games: Big Air 2:00 ATP Tour/ Mercedes Super Series 2:30 Scooby Doo 12:30 The Cartoon Grand Prix 1:30 Fantastic Max 2:00 Crocadoo 2:30 The New Scooby Doo Myles 3:30 Fantastic Four 4:00 Centurions 4:30 Swats Kats 5:00 Ninja Robots 5:30 Flintstones 6:00 Top & Jerry Kids 6:30 Croddado 7:00 The Mask 7:30 Desters Laboratory 7:45 What's a Cartoon Show 8:00 The Addams Family 8:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You