

telefilm

# A Touching Tale of a Family Saga

*Ekhane Ator Pawa Jay's* premier held

by Shahana Parbeen

A premier show of a new telefilm titled 'Ekhane Ator Pawa Jay (Perfume Oils are sold here)' was held at the Mukti Joddha Auditorium yesterday morning. The film, starring Afsana Mimi, Shams Shuman, Afzal Sharif, Dolly Zahir, Sumaiya Shimul (new comer) has been directed by Nazrul Quraishi and Aranya Anwar. It's a production of Aranya Productions. This 1 hour 52 minutes film is based on a story by Ismail Hosain.

Shiuli's (Mimi) father was a third generation 'Ator' maker. Although times had changed and in this era of perfume sprays, catogres, body sprays and deodorants the market for 'Ators' had reduced to microscopic proportions. Shiuli's father refused to switch his trade despite the poverty they had to face. On his deathbed he made Shiuli promise to carry on his ancestors' trade. Mimi tried to sell Ators at shops and also at home (they had signboard on their gate saying 'Ekhane Ator Pawa Jay') to support her mother (Dolly Zahir) and herself. The 'mastaan' of the mahaalla, Nader Ali (Afzal Sharif) had an eye on their house (the only property Shiuli and her mother owned) and tried all means to take hold of the house. There lived in the same neighbourhood, a young man called Shahed (Shams Shuman) who lived alone in a dingy little room and tutored a very affluent man's daughter to support himself until he got himself a job. One day curiosity led him in through the gate beckoning 'Ekhane Ator Pawa Jay'. This is

to know Shiuli and



Mimi in a scene from *Ekhane Ator Pawa Jay*

gradually fell in love with her. However, he had no job and hence no courage to ask her. On the other hand, his student Husna (Sumaiya Shimul) loved him too. At one point Shahed asked Shiuli to let him share all her troubles but she was adamant in her reply she didn't want to involve anyone else in her misery. In the end Shahed

gets a job and moves away from that locality and Shiuli is left alone in her struggle to keep her father's dying business alive and their home from Nader Ali's clutches. This touching story was a variation from the usual love story dozes that viewers are subjected to on TV. Mimi, Dolly and Afzal gave exceptional performances. Sumaiya Shimul was good too — in fact all the cast gave good performances. The film was shot mostly in outdoors. Attention was paid to details like Mimi's green sari and yellow sari which were old, worn out and not starched. Dolly cooking a title amount of beef in an old kitchen whose walls had grown black due to soot and grease. Mimi's lack of makeup, Shuman's two shirts, the old jute bag all made the poverty and hardship appear very real.

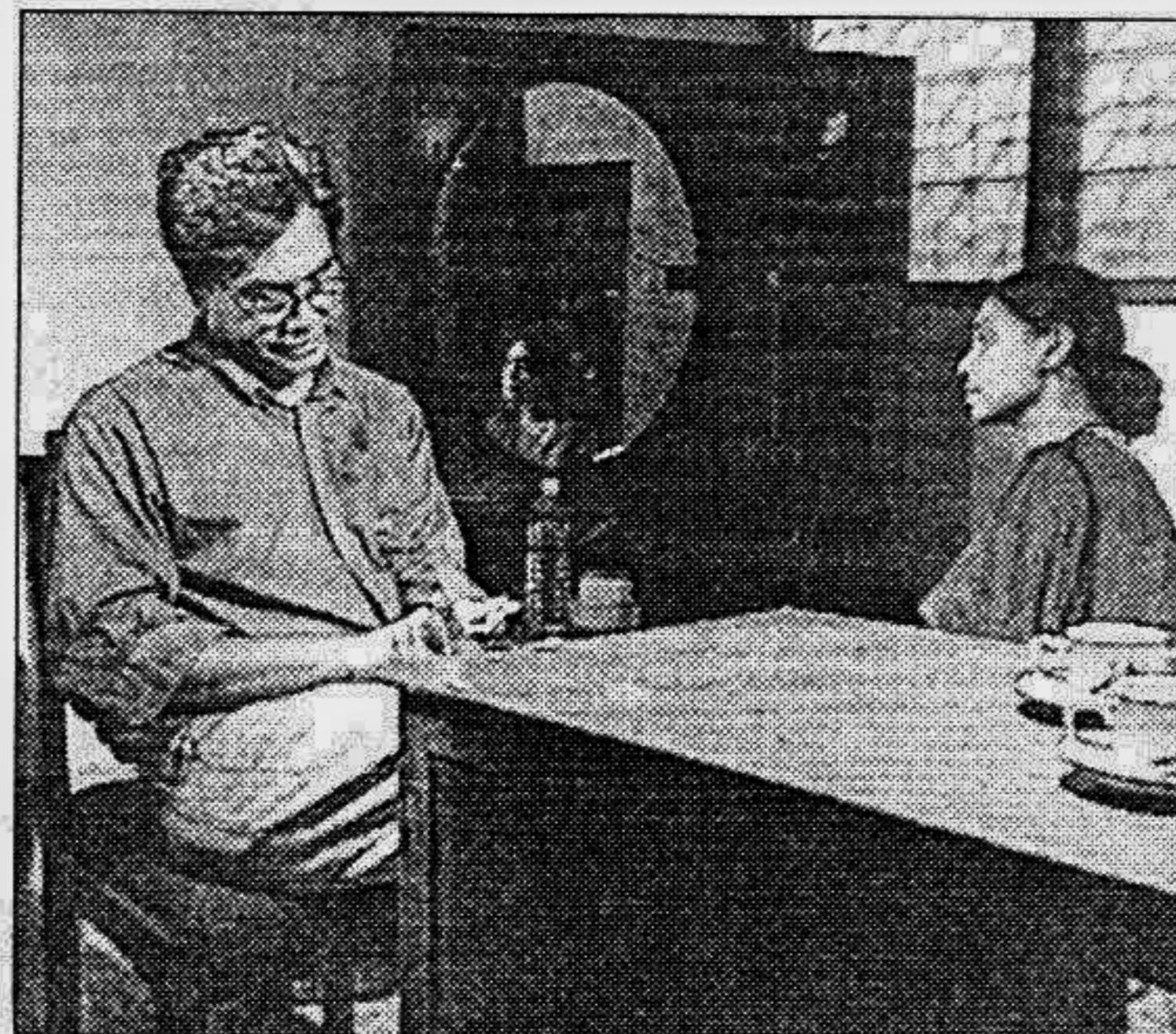
This film is the fourth production of Aranya Prajana Sangsta. Of the previous three dramas produced by Aranya, two has been aired on BTV. Nazrul Quraishi, a relatively newcomer has a few package dramas to his credit which has been aired on ATN (Bangla).

Among those present in the premier show were Shalik Siraj, the managing director of impress telefilms who introduced the new young directors before the audience. Also present were Arun Chowdhury who is the executive editor of the forthrightly Ananda Dhaka as well as a well known director, Mazharul Islam, Editor of Anjanidin, noted TV presenter Abdunnor Turshar, Afsana Mimi, Dolly Zahir, Mita Noor, and a lot of others.

This two-episode film is a pleasant change from the usual stories viewers get to watch on TV.

# Premier of Jotugriha Held

*A classic story gets its deserved treatment*



Scenes from *Jotugriha*

By Nafid Imran Ahmed

THE premier of Waiting Room, a drama based on Shubodh Gosh's story *Jotugriha*, was held at the Indian Embassy auditorium on August 12. Screenplay by Mostofa Sarwar Faruque and produced by Kaji Krishnakali Islam, the drama is presented by Audio Visual Karigor.

Created for satellite channel the drama gives us something new to experience. Conflicts between married couple make up the base of the story. The relationship between the married couples are not stable, there are ups and downs. Waiting Room centres around the married life of an Architect, Shatadal Datta played by Khalid Khan and his

wife Madhuri played by new comer Kakoli, who feels lonely and unloved after a year of their marriage. She talks to her husband about the problem and wants a separation. As a temporary solution they both agree to take a break for few days and live apart from each other. Unfortunately they do not meet each other for a long time.

The drama starts when they meet again in a waiting room at a railway station. At first they did not notice each other. Seeing each other their lost love for each other flashed and they starts to remember all the good times they had with each other. Both of them hesitate to speak first. As Shatadal goes to the washing room leaving his wallet and things in the waiting room Madhuri starts checking



comes to the waiting room in a hurry and tells her that their train has arrived. The sight of Madhuri with her new husband made Shatadal jealous. He starts speaking with Madhuri in special language. Madhuri leaves with her new husband and invites Shatadal along with his new wife to visit them. The drama ends with the scene when Madhuri's new husband tells her in the special language that he understands the language and he use to talk in that language with his friend Shatadal while they were studying together at the University.

*Waiting Room* is a tragic tale treated in a sensitive way. All in all it was an entertaining evening for everyone present at the Indian Embassy auditorium.

## TV Guide

Saturday 14th August  
(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: The Big Trip #10/16- Thailand & Malaysia 7:00 BBC News Headlines 7:30 Asia Today 8:00 BBC News 8:30  
World Focus: USA Direct/Asia Today 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Hard Talk 10:00 BBC News 10:30 World Focus: The Sky at Night #5/10 11:00 World News 11:30 Europe Direct 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: Face To Face India Talk (Presenter- Karan Thapar) 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Tramp — Xena (Lucy Lawless) must foil an attempt to dethrone her friend and lookalike, Princess Diana (Lucy Lawless), by the unscrupulous Meg (Lucy Lawless), who bears a startling resemblance to them both.



Xena: Warrior Princess

on Star World at 11:00 pm  
In *Warrior... Princes... Tramp* — Xena (Lucy Lawless) must foil an attempt to dethrone her friend and lookalike, Princess Diana (Lucy Lawless), by the unscrupulous Meg (Lucy Lawless), who bears a startling resemblance to them both.

Cat 10:30 Story Teller

11:00 Potli Baba Ki 11:30 The Great Escape 12:00 Living on the Edge 12:30 TVC 1:00 Hit Ya Fit 1:30

2:30 Bakemans Ooh La La 3:30 Tea Time Cinema: Vardaam (Vinod Mehra, Reena Roy) 6:30 Kinetic Mega Show 7:00

7:30 Sapthati Ki 12:30 Heart of the Matter 1:00 Brittas Empire 1:30 Movie: Virgin Queen 3:30 Space Island One 4:30 Class Act 5:30 Jewel in the Crown

STAR WORLD

6:00 Batman 6:30 Animal House 7:00 Crystal Maze 8:00 Mr Belvedere 8:30 Only Fools & Horses 9:00 The Good Life 9:30 Chef 10:00 TV Com 10:30 Travel Asia 11:00 Ally

Thrillennium: White Sands 1992 12:00 Fright Night: Serpent's Lair 2:00 Western: Heads I Kill You Tails Your Dead 4:00 Autobiography: Call Me Anna 5:45 Thriller: Serpent's Lair

PTV-2

8:00 Tilwat Aur Tumha 8:20 Cartoons 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Visitors Book 9:10 Phool Khushboo 9:25 Dastarkhawan 9:40 Mehman 10:05 Aap Ki Anwar Maqsood 10:30 English Film 10:55 Milli Nagma 11:00 Khabrain 11:10 Meri Pasand 11:35 Janan 12:55 Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15 Grind 2:05 Drama Serial 2:55 Husool-e-Insaf & Sports Coaching 3:20 TV Encyclopedia 3:40 Sports Time 4:05 Serial 5:05 Medicine 5:25 Computers 6:10 Sunheri Yeedoon 7:00 English News 7:20 PTV Music Library 7:30 Virsa Pakistan 7:55 Ghazal Uss Naye Saare 8:25 Denotica-World of Sports 9:00 Break for Headlines 9:45 Drama 10:00 Khabarnama & Commercial News 10:45 Drama: Laal 11:45 Do Sitaree 1:15 Urdu Feature Film/Khas Khabrain/Close Down

Hit Ya Fit 7:30 Sapthati Ki 8:30 Living on the Edge 9:00 Ekt Mulaqat 9:30 Star News 10:00 Star Bestsellers 11:00 Century 12:00 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi 12:30 Heart of the Matter 1:00 Brittas Empire 1:30 Movie: Virgin Queen 3:30 Space Island One 4:30 Class Act 5:30 Jewel in the Crown

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Action: Chain Reaction 9:30 Drama: River's Edge 11:30 Musical: New York, New York 2:30 Star Kids Club: Little Miss Magic 4:30 E! CP; Jim Carrey 5:30 Wild West: Heads I Kill You Tails Your Dead 7:30 Great Movies: Call Me Anna 9:30 India Debates

MTV INDIA

7:00 MTV Asia Hit List VJ Mike/Sarah 9:00 MTV Fresh VJ Sarah 9:30 MTV-U 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV Housefull V Nafisa 1:30 MTV-U VJ Cyrus 2:30 MTV in Control 3:30 Thums-Up No. Stop Hits 4:00 MTV Unplugged 5:00 Essential 5:30 MTV Recycled 6:30 Non-Stop Hits 7:30 MTV Fresh 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 12:00 Club MTV VJ Malaka 12:30 Non-Stop Hits Continue ...

SONY TV

7:30 Atma 8:00 Rishiprashtash 8:30 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 9:00 Movers & Shakers 9:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 10:00 Star Tavern Sizzlers 1:00 Sa Re Ga Ma 1:30 Jharokha 2:00 Bajaj Music Box 2:30 World Premiere 2:45 Pop Re Pop 3:00 Geeton Ki Bahar

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DD CHANNEL-1

5:55 Vande Mataram 6:00 Serial: Aradhana 6:30 UGC Programmes 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Suba Sabera 8:15 Khoj Khabar 8:45 The News 9:00 Suba Sabera 9:30 Series: Khoj Khabar 10:00 UGC Programmes 11:30 Serial: Lakin Woh Sachhi Tha 12:00 Shaktiman (Animated Series) 1:00 Lehren 7:00 Yeh Delhi Hai 7:30 Samachar 8:00 Show Them 8:30 Belau Babu 9:00 Samachar & The News 9:20 Current Affairs 9:50 Sanskruti Bharati 10:02 Serial: Jai Hanuman 11:02 Mile Sur Mera Tumhara 12:00 Special

CHANNEL [V]

7:30 [V] Hit Machine 10:00 Virtual [V] 10:30 [V] Hit Machine 11:00 Campus 11:30 [V] Pati Galli 12:00 [V] Hit Machine 12:30 Style Police 1:00 Gona, India 1:30 [V] Hit Machine 2:30 [V] Mainstage 3:15 [V] Hit Machine 4:30 [V] Jobshop 5:00 [V] Hit Machine 5:30 [V] Saturday Spk 6:30 [V] Hit Machine 7:30 [V] Top of the Pops 7:30 [V] Hit Machine 8:00 [V] News 8:30 Billboard US Countdown 9:30 [V] Hit Machine 10:00 [V] What's at Noise 11:00 [V] Hit Machine 11:30 [V] Saturday Spk 12:30 [V] Hit Machine

STAR PLUS

6:30 Niaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Travel Asia 10:00 Eek the



Kinetic Mega Show on Star Plus at 6:30 pm

Pick of the Day



Call Me Anna

on Star Movies at 7:30 pm

Starring Patty Duke, Arthur Taxier, Howard Hesseman and Karl Malden

To all of America she was the ideal happy teenager of the long-running series *The Patty Duke Show* but this film chronicles the tumultuous true-life story of actress Patty Duke and her heroic struggle against mental illness.

SONY TV

7:00 Jagran 7:30 AM to 11:30 PM Every Half Hour

Zee News 8:00 Hindi News 9:00

9:00 Break for Headlines

10:00 Aap Ki Aankhen 11:00

11:30 Star Bestsellers

12:00 Star Plus 1:00

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