

exhibition

Of Rickshaw Paintings and Painters

Alliance Francaise brings the skilled hands behind rickshaw paintings to world of fine arts



By Cultural Correspondent

An exhibition of paintings on rickshaws and Baby-taxis opened at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka yesterday. The exhibition has been arranged in order to foster recognition of the rickshaw and baby-taxi painters as folk artists.

Obaidul Qader, State Minister for Sports, Youth and Culture inaugurated the exhibition yesterday as the chief guest.

Some 500 pieces of art by 83 artists are on display at the show. The paintings on display capture different aspects of life in our country. Some show scenes from life in the village depicting beautiful scenes from rural Bengal. These include pictures of ponds, huts, trees, crop fields and rural people at work. There are yet others that show scenes from popular movies, these seem to be the more contemporary and concentrate on

the faces and figures of actors and actresses of the cine world.

Another popular theme is different monuments of the country including such places as the Sangsad Bhaban, the National Mausoleum and important mosques. Yet another favourite with the painters is simple art in which flowers, geometrical figures and traditional art forms come to life. Paintings of animals also are prominent in many of the paintings. Mythical figures and fairy tales are another theme used by many of the painters to make their compositions unique.

The artists use bright and bold colours in their work and these make their compositions more attractive and catchy to the eye.

Alliance Francaise has made a directory of the artists whose works they have collected. At the end of the 3-week long exhibition, the paintings will be handed over to the National Museum who will put

the paintings on display at its folk art section on a permanent basis.

The current exhibition is more about the painters than the paintings. The show is part of a project undertaken by Alliance Francaise de Dhaka on ways to capture and preserve the 'Heritage of Bangladesh'. As part of the series of programme they will hold a competition on wood-carving very soon.

The endeavour on Alliance Francaise's part to seek recognition of these artists of the country who go largely ignored and unrecognised, is a very commendable one. Life in present Dhaka is unimaginable without rickshaws and rickshaws unimaginable without the colourful illustrations on their back. Therefore if Dhaka be a city of rickshaws, then the artists putting their hard work to decorate them has to be recognised with respect — not for anything but for the value of their art.

Alka's Intimate Palette

Alka Mathur's ten-day long solo painting show opens

By Ziaul Karim

It was probably Paul Klee who said, "Painting is like a child's game." The playful mood that one experiences with while looking at Alka Mathur's works that are being exhibited at Gallery 21 is an emphatic reminder of the Kleeque revelation.

Stepping into her show means one will be greeted with a rich variety of works done in mixed media, pastel and water-colour.

Watercolour is her recent passion. Alka says, "My immediate nature always vibrates in me. I have never tried water-

colour before coming to Bangladesh. The soggy and watery nature has made my work more fluid than before."

Born in Rajasthan she has grown up in the world of bright and colourful ghaghars, yellow safas, and with a keen sense of decoration. Her works joyfully portray a fantasy world — a world that has been brought to life from the pages of Rajasthani folk-tales.

Alka travels a lot. Her journeys are the journeys of a kid who is as if experiencing the world through the window of a moving train.

Alka has no intention of unveiling any concealed truth of the nature nor she is a pantheist who seeks divinity in nature. If she has anything to say it is a simple message that see-

ing is enjoying and she wants to share her enjoyment with her audience.

But did frequent travelling and staying away from home instill a sense of displacement in her? We don't know. But a few works which feature double-paintings, one small work upon a larger one, do suggest that Alka has been trying to construct a mental space with a given space. Indian poet Sudeep Sen, who writes in English, expresses this sense of displacement, beautifully thus:

"I am going home once again from another home, escaping the wave of reality into another one."

She loves to work on small canvas primarily because she is a very intimate artist, as if she wants to talk to her audience in a one-to-one basis.

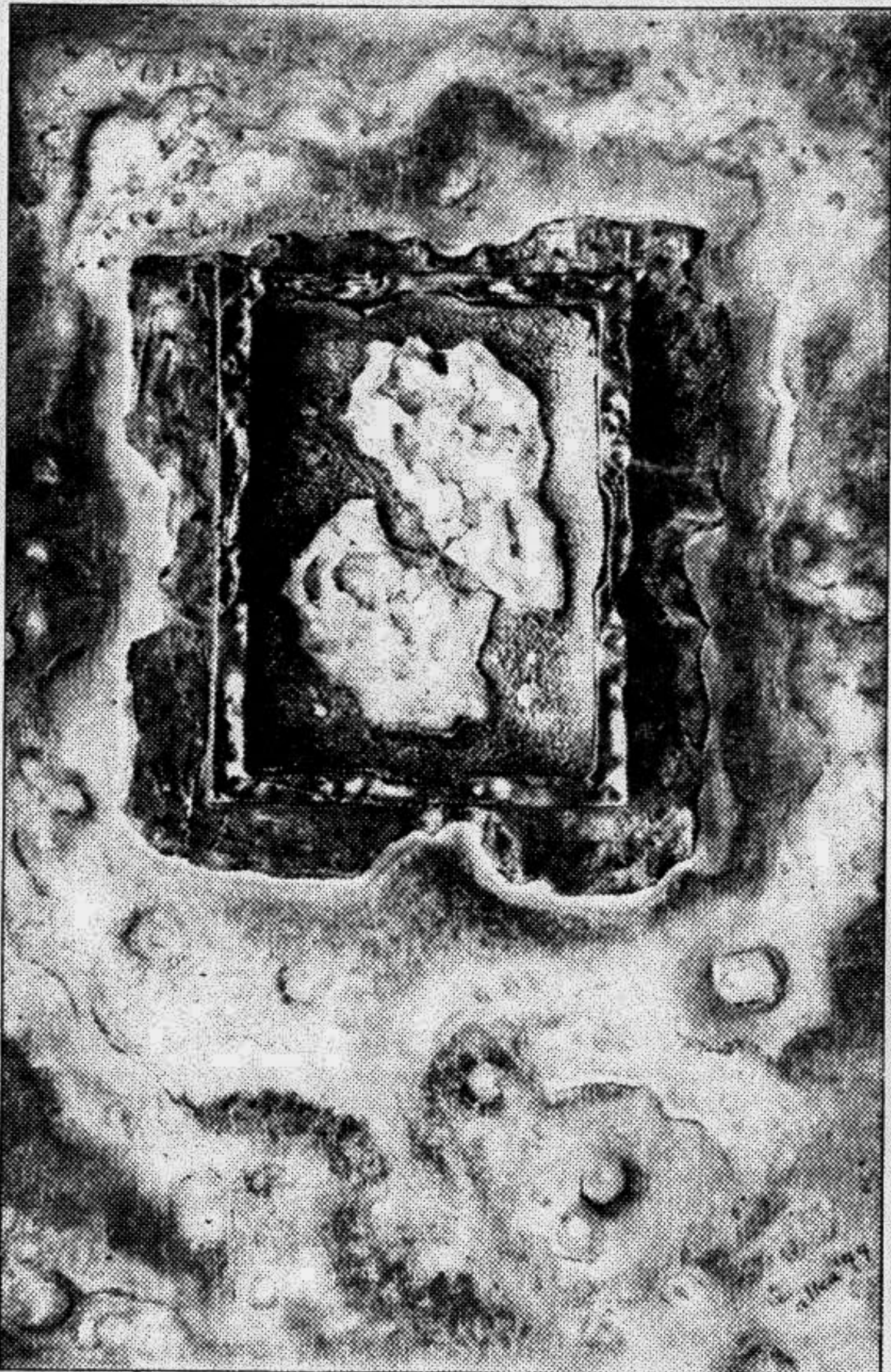
With a calm appearance Alka becomes ecstatic when she finds someone to share her artistic thoughts and passion. She was born in Ajmer in 1956 and did her graduation in fine



Alka Mathur

arts from Sir J. J. School of Arts in Bombay. Her husband is with the High Commission of India in Dhaka. She has to date seven solo and as many group shows to her credit.

The ten-day show which started Thursday will run until Oct 9 from 10 am to 8 pm every day.



satellite tv

Channel i Makes Its Debut

Impress Telefilms launches country's first digital satellite channel

By Nafid Imran Ahmed



With Impress Telefilms Ltd introducing Channel i, glist and glamour is likely to be poured to our otherwise dull entertainment palate. The first digital channel of Bangladesh promises crystal clear picture and good sound quality to tune with the time. Channel i broadcast covers almost all regions of the four continents: Asia, Africa, Australia and Europe. The expedition will begin through the satellite AP Star/2-R and will be telecast from Singapore.

The logo of the channel with green background and red circle in the middle represents our national flag. The letter 'i' in the red circle stands for the first letter of Impress Telefilms Ltd. The eye shaped logo suggests the visual media.

Animator Rammya Rahim designed the logo. He has also done other animation and special effects for the channel. The title song for the Channel i has been composed by Ayub Bacchu.

Initially Channel i will start with an 8-hour long schedule which will be repeated three times daily. In a press conference on Sept 29 it was said that the standard menu of the channel would be: drama serials, entertainment shows, documentary and educational packages, special shows on movies, talk shows, music videos, game shows, special programmes for women and children and many others. Renowned presenters like Abdullah Abu Sayed, Sayed Shamsul Haq and directors Nasiruddin Yusuf, Humayun Ahmed, Saidul Anam Tutul, Emdadul Haq Milan, Abul Hayat, Humayun Faridi, Sayed Borhan Kabir, Kabari Sarwar, Ringo and many others have already made programmes for i. The channel also expressed their hopes to present some of the big screen superstars like Razzak, Alamgir and Ditti

along with regular presence of mini screen stars like Towkir Ahmed and Bipasha Hayat. Singer Runa Layla and Sabina Yasmin have already started working with i.

With Galpa Theke Neya for i writer Sayed Shamsul Haq is about to make a comeback to the visual media for the first time since 1980s. There is good news for movie buffs also. Channel i is going to screen some award-winning short-films and some rare Bengali movies which have not been aired on any channels before.

Channel i will also introduce a number of Fillers created by Ridwan Rashid Ringo. To imbibe people with patriotic ideals and sensitize them about social issues these Fillers will be screened between the programmes regularly.

"We selected a very few show-hosts from around five thousand young men and women" — said Faridur Reza Sagar while speaking to the press for Channel i at the press conference at the Liberation War Museum on Wednesday. He also said, "All

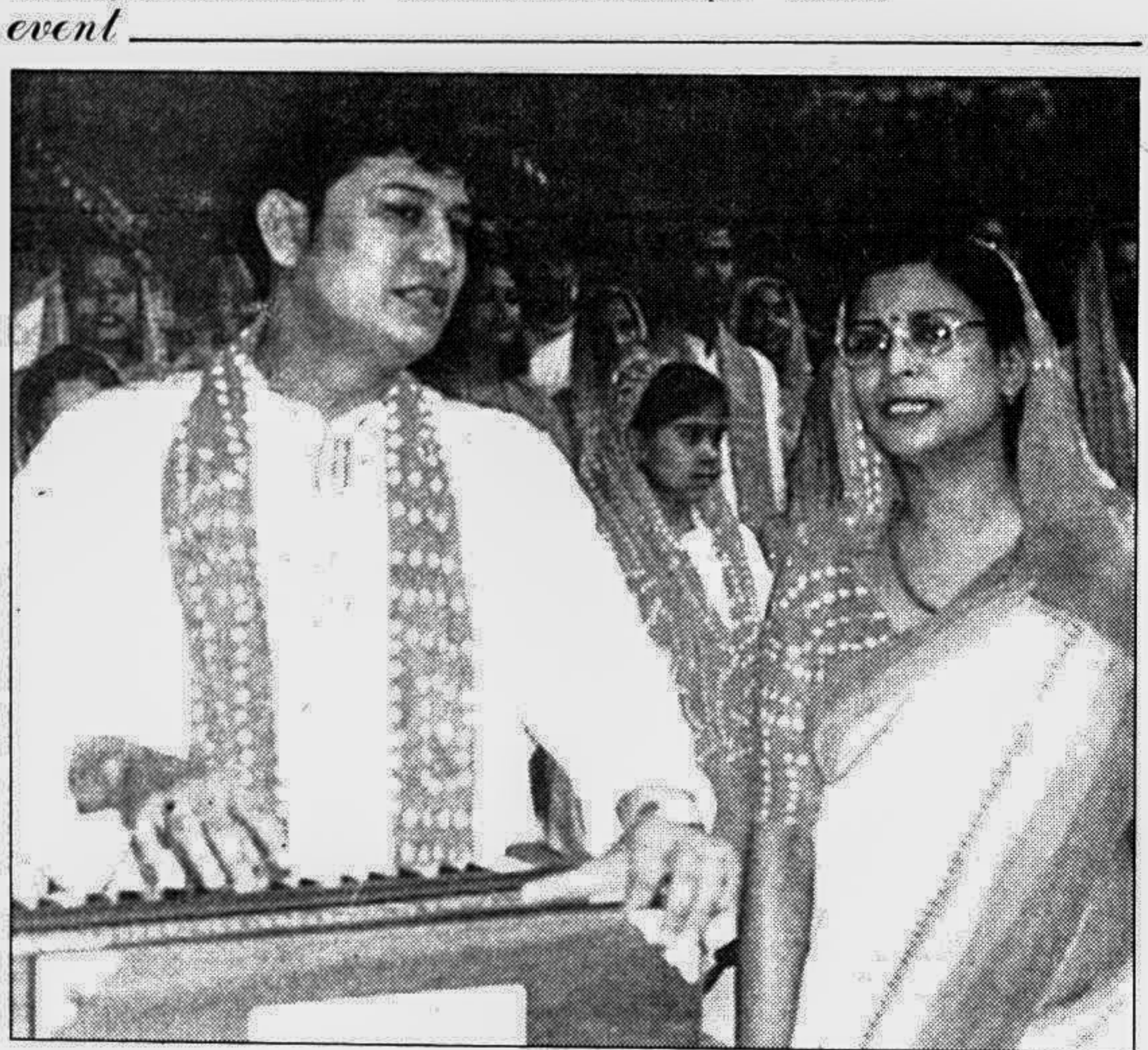


Bipasha Hayat in 'Protidin Bipasha'

programmes has to go on air after they are being censored. Also present at the occasion Shaikh Seraj said, "We had a meeting with almost all the cable operators around the country and provided them with free digital receivers so that the channel can be viewed throughout the country."

Some channel highlights

were previewed at the occasion, which indeed proved their use of improved technology. Through the press conference they also gave the press an idea of what is about to take the mini-screen world from Oct 1. Two music videos were also shown on the occasion, one of which was by Ark, a local musical band.



Rezwana Chowdhury Banya's school of music, Shurer Dhara, was all set to celebrate the season of Sharat with a musical soiree at the Ramna Batumi. Rain interrupted the programme to be held again today at the same venue.

— Star photo

TV Guide

Saturday 2nd October

(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
6:30 World Living: Holiday
7:00 BBC News Headlines
7:30 Asia Today
8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today
9:00 BBC World News 9:30 BBC World News 10:30 World Focus: Talking Movies 11:00 World News 11:30 Europe Direct 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: Question Time India Talk 1:00 BBC News 1:30 HARDtalk 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 USA Direct 3:00 World News Headlines 3:05 World Weekend: The People's Dictator 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: The Travel Show 5:00 BBC News 5:30 This Week 6:00 World Headlines 6:10 World Weekend: The People's Dictator 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 World News 8:00 World News 8:10 World Weekend: The Football Millionaires 8:20 Profiles of Century: Deng Xiaoping

Deng Xiaoping- The People's Dictator 10:00 World News 10:30 Mastermind India 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 World Living: This Week 12:00 World News 12:30 World Focus: Correspondent 1:00 World News Headlines 1:10 World Weekend: The People's Dictator 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Top Gear- The Air Show #5/6 3:00 BBC World News 3:05 World Weekend: The Football Millionaires 4:00 BBC News

CHANNEL [V]

7:30 [V] Hit Machine 10:00 Virtual [V] (Back to Back vids) 10:30 [V] Hit Machine 11:00 [V] On Campus 11:30 [V] Hit Machine 12:00 [V] Hit Machine 12:30 [V] Style Police 1:00 [V] Gone India 1:30 [V] Hit Machine 2:30 [V] Hit Machine 3:30 [V] Hit Machine 4:30 [V] Job Shop 5:00 [V] Hit Machine 5:30 [V] Saturday Special: 6:30 [V] Hit Machine 7:00 [V] Top of the Pops 7:30 [V] Hit Machine 8:00 Billboard US Countdown 9:30 [V] Hit Machine 10:00 [V] Hit Machine 10:30 [V] Whazzatnoise 11:00 [V] Hit Machine 11:30 [V] Saturday Special 12:30 [V] Hit Machine

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good

Morning India 9:30 Travel Asia 10:00 Eek! The 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 Tanha 2:30 Bakemans Ooh La La 3:30 Tea Time Cinema: Mere Jeevan Sathi 6:30 Kinetic Mega Show 7:00 Hit Ya Fit 7:30 Saptah Ki Baat 8:30 Living on the Edge 9:00 Kshiti Yeh Nayi 9:30 Star News 10:00 Star Bestsellers 11:00 Century 12:00 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi 12:30 Heart of the Matter 1:30 Brittas Empire 1:30 Movie: Thieves of Fortune 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 McBeal 12:00 Murder One 1:00 Big Easy 2:00 The New Professionals 3:00 The Adventures of Sinbad 4:00 Hercules 5:00 WWF Shotgun Challenge 6:00 Water Rats 10:00 Baywatch 11:00 Xena 12:00 Hercules 1:00 Tropical Heat 2:00 Baywatch Nights 3:00 The Key Of David 3:30 Morris Cerullo 4:00 Hour of

Power 5:00 Lassie 5:30 Eek! The Cat

STAR MOVIES

7:30 El Cp: Michael Keaton 8:30 Drama: Speechless (15) 10:30 El This: Mia Farrow 12:30 Comedy: Adventures in Babysitting 2:30 Star Kids Club: Ernest Scared Stupid (15) 4:30 El Cp: Brendan Fraser 5:30 Comedy: Heartbreak Hotel (15) 7:30 Great Movies: Nothing But The Truth (15) 9:30 US Top Ten 10:00 Thrillennium: The Hand That Rocks The Cradle 12:15 Thriller: A Fight For Justice (12) 2:15 Action: Vanishing Point (15) 4:00 El Cp: Alysa Milano 5:00 Drama: Nothing But The Truth (15)

SONY TV

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Rushiprasad 8:30 Chart-busters 9:00 Movers & Shakers 9:30 Music Mantra (Trailer show) 10:00 The Popadum Show 10:15 Live-2nd AIFA Test Cricket Day-1 Sri Lanka Vs Australia 6:00 Dil Vil Pyar Vyar 6:30 Heena 7:00 Choti Si Asha 7:30 The Popadum Show 8:00 Bajaj Ki Lehren 8:30 Cine Prime Hindi Film: 12:30 Highlights- 3rd AIFA Test Cricket Day-3 Sri Lanka Vs Australia 1:00 CID- #Ep- Dismembered Hand

Pt-2 1:30 Missing #14 2:00 Aahat #Ep- The Talking Skull Pt 1 2:20 Bhanwar 3:00 The Popadum Show 3:30 Cine Nite-Film: Teesri Aankh

DD METRO

7:00 Health Tips 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 8:00 Phulwari Bachchoon Ki 8:30 The First Edition 9:00 Serial: Apne Apne Suryamukhi 9:30 Top Job 10:00 A Few Rupees More 10:30 Telefilm 12:00 Telebrands 12:30 Filmi Dunia Ki Kahani 1:00 HT One 1:30 Serial Rishte 2:00 Serial: Aur Pal Do Pal 2:30 Bandhan 3:00 Samachar/News 3:05 Tele Shopping 3:30 Hindi Feature Film 6:00 Defenders of the Earth 6:30 Denis the Menis 7:00 Rich For Rainbow 7:30 Feeling Fine (Health Today) 8:00 Dusra Pehla/Farda Hatao Parda Girao 8:30 India this Week (Magazine) 9:00 Naughty Boy (Comedy Show) 10:00 Jai Hanuman 11:00 Mili Sur Mera Tumhara 12:00 Special

DD INT'L

9:30 Opening & News in English 9:45 Business Plus 10:00 Magazine 10:30 Parakh (Serial) 11:00 Light Music 11:15 Upasana (Serial) 11:45 Masal (Serial) 12:15 Bharat Samachar (News)

LAKHON NETWORK

5:30 World Famous Toons 6:30 Jatsons 7:00 Flintstones 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy Doo 8:30 Scooby All Star Laugh-a-Lympics 9:00 Yogi's Treasure Hunt 10:00 Young Robin Hood 10:30 The Detective Squad 11:30 Dynomutt 12:00 Tom & Jerry Show 12:30 Bugs & Daffy 1:30 Adams Family 2:00 Dumb Dumber 2:30 The Real Adventure of Jhonny 3:00 Goolber & The Ghost Chasers 3:30 Casper and the Angles 4:00 Goldie Gold and Action Jack 4:30 The Detective Squad 5:00 Dexter's Laboratory 6:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 6:30 Bugs & Daffy Show 7:00 Johnny Bravo 8:00 Two Stupid Dogs 8:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You 9:00 The Popeye Show

AXN ACTION TV

8:00 Extremists 8:30 Planet Ex 9:00 Free Ride 9:30 Bugs-10:30 Water Rats 11:30 Total Recall 12:30 Farscape 1:30 Acapulco Heat 2:30 Movie: Bite The Bullet 4:30 Knights & Warriors 5:30

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Home TV

8:00 Kaboom Kazoom 8:30 High Five 9:00 Pahl Nazar 9:15 Cartoons 10:00 Action Drama 10:45 Chalte Chalte 11:00 Hit-Hit Hurray 12:00 Hollywood Hangame 12:30 Satya 1:00 Tele Shopping Network 1:30 Telebrands 2:00 Zuban Sambhal Ke 2:30 Ga Mere Man Ga 3:30 Duniya Gol Hai 4:00 Safer 4:30 Matinee Show 5:00 Tele Shopping Network 5:30 Chalte Chalte 5:45 Cartoon 6:30 Action Drama 7:15 Chalte Chalte 8:30 Born Lucky 9:00 Popularly Yours 9:30 First Cut 10:00 Gaane Kya Tune Kahi 10:30 Duniya Gol Hai 11:30 Aamma & Family 12:00 Zuban Sambhal Ke 12:30 Panther 1:00 Bollywood Reporter 2:30 Kabhi Idhar

ALPHA TV

Sampradhan 3:00 Looko Chori 3:30 Dour 4:30 Naya Dour 4:30 Ekush

Pa 5:00 Grihalaxmi Ka Jinn 5:30 Monihaar 6:00 Aalap 6:30 Kee Darun 7:00 Mohinaar 7:30 Looko Chori 8:00 Dour 8:30 Ekusha Pa 9:00 Gn-halaxmi Ka Jinn 9:30 Chinna Patra 12:00 Monihaar 12:30 Namaste India 1:00 Aashiana 1:30 Khana Khazana 3:00 Strir Patra 4:30 Aalap 5:00 Kee Darun 5:30 Hum Aapke Hai Who 6:00 Karz 6:30 Shesh Prashna 7:30 News In Bengali 8:00 Ekusha Pa 9:00 Teen Bua-banar Paarey 11:00 News in Bengali 11:30 Namaste India

ATN

6:00 Islamic Programme 7:30 Viewers Prog 8:00 Drama Serial 8:30 Reporting Prog 9:00 Drama Serial 9:30 Musical Prog 10:00 Drama serial 10:30 Bangla Film-Trash 7:00 Film Songs 7:30 Shooting Prog 8:00 Musical Prog 8:30 Magazine Prog 9:00 Glamour Fashion 9:30 Musical Prog 10:00 Drama serial 10:30 Bangla Film: Raster Raja

ZEE NEWS INDIA TV

7:00 Jagran 7:30 Am to 10:30 Every Half Hour-Zee News: Hindi 11:00 Factfiles 11:30 News in Hindi 12:30 News in

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 Houseful VJ Nafisa 1:30 MTV-U VJ Cyrus 2:30 MTV in Control 3:30 Thums-Up Non-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 Houseful VJ Nafisa 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 11:30 The Grind 12:00 Club MTV 12:30 Non-Stop Hits Continue

MUSIC ASIA

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 Choice 11:00 Colgate Zip 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 12:55 Pop Re Pop 1:00 Jharokha 1:30 Best Of

The Best 2:15 World Premiere 2:30 Mix Masala 3:30 Medimix Madhur Moments 3:45 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 4:00 World Premiere 4:15 Pop Re Pop 4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00 House Of Choice 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Brake Fail 6:45 World Premiere 12:15 Pop Re Pop 12:30 Old 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 Bahr

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 10:30 Serial: Naye Subha 11:00 Serial: Lakin Woh Sachch Thi 12:00 Shaktiman (Animated Series) 1:00 Regional Film Show 3:30 Sports World 4:30 Sunhera Pal 6:00 Heads & Tales 6:30 Series: Turning Point 7:00 Yeh Delhi Hai