

## music

## Twist and Shout All The Way

Benson &amp; Hedges stages Twist &amp; Shout concert at the National Army Stadium

By Nafid Imran Ahmed

THIS weekend was a special one for the music buffs of the country. They all gathered at the Army Stadium to enjoy the performances of some of the most talented singers of the country, along with the performance by an internationally acclaimed band. One after another Benson & Hedges has been successfully organizing concerts for the present generation music lovers. The most recent is the two-day long Twist & Shout concert, jointly organised by Antar Showbiz Ltd, which was held on December 3 and 4. This time the concert had a noble purpose - the proceeds from the sale of the tickets will be donated to the Red Crescent Society.

Four musical groups performed on the first day. Satellite TV anchor Maharab Apu invited musical group Dreamland on stage to perform first. They gave their best shot and were able to move the audience a little bit. At first the concert premises was not too crowded, but as the show progressed the place started to fill up and when Nagar Baul took the stage there were almost ten thousand spectators on the ground.

As Nagar Baul started off with their popular number *Koita Achey*, the fans started screaming and suddenly the concert became lively. One after another they mesmerized the audience with, *Sultana Bibiana*, *Lace Fita Lace*, *Mannan Mijar Titash Malam*, *Pakhi Ure Ja* and many other celebrated songs. With the two new hands in the band they performed well. After a short break for the 'Aajan', band leader James came up to the microphone and dedicated their song *Rauter Tara* to his mother.

This time not only the sound and lighting enthralled the audience, but the special video team led by video director Ringo enchanted them too. They put up big screens on both sides of the stage and projected the whole show after the sun went down, so the people who were far away from the stage could also see and enjoy the show as much as the front row audience.

The next to come was Miles. It was a great day for them as well, they were celebrating their 20th anniversary. They took the stage very cheerfully and started off with *Jala Jala*. They sang *Tomar Chokhe Amar Sesh*



Dreamland performing at the Twist &amp; Shout concert

*Thikana* and dedicated it to all the people present at the concert whose birthday falls on the same day.

With Brian Adams's *Back To You* they started singing a bunch of English numbers and went on with Deep Purple's *Highway Star*, Guns N' Roses's *November Rain* and a few more. The audience loved their performance and sang along with them. Drummer Turja and keyboardist Manam performed solos during breaks, which were very appreciated by the enthusiastic audience. After singing

their super hit number *Chand Tara* and *Fritye Daa* they were short in time and had to finish early. They finished with the World Cup Cricket '99 famed song by Ricky Martin *The Cup of Life*. The audience went wild dancing and singing along with them.

The master attraction of the evening was yet to come. The internationally famed Pakistani Sufi music group Junoon. It took a while to get all their instruments tuned up. The anticipation was making the crowd crazy. They waited all day for

this and a few minutes seemed like years. The crowd shouted as they made their way on stage. The three men band came on stage and thanked the organizers for giving them the chance to perform in Bangladesh for the second time before the Millennium. They did not keep their fans waiting any longer and started with the number *Doosti*. The crowd enjoyed the music of the group and sang along with them. In the middle of the number, they divided them into two groups, people in the front were in group A and at

the back were group B and they asked them to sing along with them, one group at a time, so that they can judge which group sings louder - a very clever way for making the audiences sing along with them. The crowd sang their lungs out. Junoon then, played *Damadam Maast Kalandar*, *Mera Mahl*, *Khudi*, *Pyaar Bina* and a few more from their first and second released album. These songs were played and sung with such dexterity that the audience loved it. Even better was their 'classical' style and the way they played with ragas and sargams. The spectators went absolutely out of control when they started their world famous number *Sayonee*, but they maintained a limit and did not let the concert be spoilt by their roudy behaviour. Junoon gave them what they wanted to listen to and from what it looked like, they also enjoyed performing. *Buleya*, a new number was performed next which was followed by the last number of the evening *Yaar Bina*.

The second day concert included performances by LRB, Confusion, Ark and of course Junoon.

It was really a great teamwork by Benson & Hedges and Antar Showbiz Limited - they were really able to make the audience 'Twist & Shout' all the way long.



A section of the gigantic crowd at the Benson &amp; Hedges Twist &amp; Shout concert

— Star photo by Amran Hossain

## festival

## Rudra Mela - Inspiring and Festive

Rudra Muhammad Shahidullah, the most gifted poet of the seventies died a premature death at the age 36 remains an epitome of youthful inspiration

By Nadine Murshid

AJO Batashey Lasher *Gondho Pat*, *Bhora Phosholer* *Bukey Jodi Mrityu Hoy Dukhyo Nat*, *Jatir Potaka Khamchey* *Dhorechey Shei Purono Shokun* - the man who wrote this is no more, he left the face of this earth way back in 1991, but he is present in the hearts of many, in the minds of whom he touched. Rudra Muhammad Shahidullah is one name which evokes a sense of patriotism, passion, and even love, love for the man who left the word when he was only 36.

Ever since his untimely death, Rudra mela has become a part of the nation's curriculum every year. Organised by a few close friends and his family, it serves as a reminder of the poet who left behind a trail of memories.



Rudra Muhammad Shahidullah



Visitors at the Rudra Mela

— Star photo by Amran Hossain

This year, the 'mela' started with an art competition held at the Institute of Fine Arts on November 19. This was followed by a discussion on Rudra and an exhibition of his belongings. This was inaugurated by photographer Rashid Talukdar on December 2. Thereafter, the main 'Rudra Mela' was inaugurated by Gaziul Huq. Poet Muhammad Nurul Huda, Ashim Saha, Kamal Pasha Chowdhury, Rudra's friend Isaak Khan, Sarkar Ali Azgar and Nishat Khan spoke on the occasion among others about Rudra, his life and his work.

The fair which was first inaugurated by Late S. M. Sultan, is now a tradition. It has become a part of life and it keeps the memory of a marvelous poet alive. He is still alive, alive in the hearts of those who knew him, even after his death. It is an honourable task that Poet Nurul Huda, Isaak Khan, Sarkar Ali Azgar, Kamal Pasha Chowdhury, Ashrafuzzaman, Dr. Saifullahand Rishit Khan has undertaken. The consistency with which they have been arranging the 'mela' is noteworthy - this is an example of the love and devotion that Rudra evokes.

## anniversary

## Keeping The Spirit Alive

Bangla Academy celebrates its 44th founding anniversary

By Abdus Saboor

IT was in the early winter of 1955, December 3 to be precise. A few people gathered for a launching ceremony, in front of the 'Bardhaman House', under a Banyan tree. With the opening speech delivered by the then chief minister of East Pakistan Abu Hossien Sarker, Bangla Academy emerged as the symbolic landmark of our intellectual identity and over the years contributed immensely in the formation of our mental and intellectual landscape.

Inspired by the language movement in 1952, Bangla Academy appeared to keep the spirit of our language alive. Since then many years have passed when the academy cele-

brated its 44th founding anniversary on December 3, 1999 at the academy premises.

The programme started with paying floral tribute at the Central Shahid Minar at 10am. The main programme included the welcome speech by Syed Anwar Hossien, director general of Bangla Academy at 4pm. The programme was presided over by Professor Khan Sarwar Murshid and the founding anniversary speech was given by writer Selina Hossain.

At the very beginning, Bangla Academy started its activities with four sectors - research section, translation section, adaptation and publication section, and cultural section. Every year the organization celebrates the 'Amar Ekushey' on 21st February.

Since 1978, the academy has been organizing a full-fledged book fair at its premises.

Bangla Academy is the only institution in the country to do most to recover and retrieve the exact history of our rebellious past and Bengali language. The academy has published around 600 books on Bengali language and literature. The academy also stretched its activities to publish dictionaries. It also done extensive research work in folklore.

The academy has not only translated international classics into Bengali but also translated Bengali books into other languages.

From the very beginning in 1955, the academy set up the Bangla Academy library. At present the library is rich with

many antique and rare collections. The academy also publishes six magazines. They are Bangla Academy Potrika, Uttoradhar - a quarterly, Dhan Shaliker Desh, another quarterly, Bangla Academy Biggyan Potrika, Bangla Academy Journal in English, and Lekha, the monthly.

The institution has introduced Bangla Academy Award in Literature since 1960.

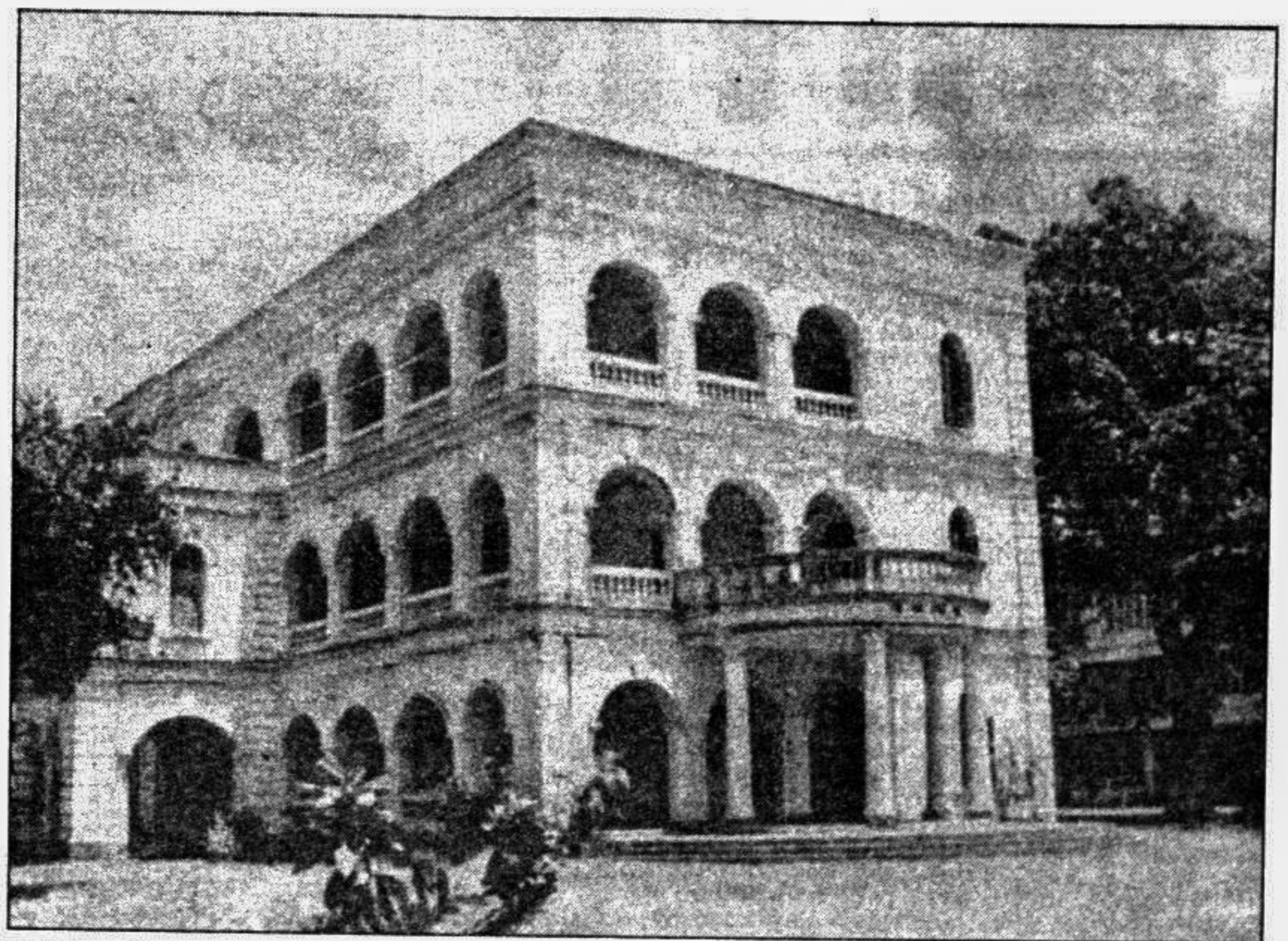
The speakers on the occasion hailed the UNESCO decision to celebrate 21st February as International Mother Tongue Day. This year's founding anniversary speech 'Sanskriti O Amar Ekushey', was delivered by Selina Hossien. With a brief chronology of our language movement, she expressed her deep gratitude to our language martyrs. Professor Khan

Sarwar Murshid also mourned the death of our brave soldiers of language.

But the programme, which could easily be a landmark of victory, was heavy with the air of grief because the nation has lost one of its favourite sons the same day. The revered grandfatherly figure for the country's children, and founder of Kachi Kanchar Mela Rokonzaman Khan Dada bhai has passed that morning at the Suhrawardi Hospital in the city.

The academy expressed its firm resolution that the memory of Dada bhai will inspire them to go forward for which he himself was dedicated.

The programme ended with a musical show performed by the eminent artists of the country.



Bardhaman House

## TV Guide

Sunday 5th December

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

## BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement  
3:20 Open University  
4:00 Khabar 4:05  
Animation Film: Animal Show 4:30 Nutrition Facts 4:45 Metho Soor  
5:25 National Television Debate Competition 6:00  
Khabar 6:10 Amader Galpa 6:30 Programme from Chittagong Station  
7:00 Weather News 7:05  
Mati O' Manush 7:25  
Special Programme in memory of Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardi 8:00  
News in Bangla 8:30  
Sadhinatar Sangrath 8:40  
8:50 Pariprekshit 9:40  
Detective Series: Feluda  
10:00 News at Ten 10:30  
Sadhinatar Tomar Joniya  
11:00 Achin Pakhi 11:30

Khabar/The News 11:45  
Close Down

## BBC

6:00 BBC World News  
Headlines 6:30 This Week  
7:00 BBC World News 7:30  
World Living: Holiday  
8:00 BBC World News 8:30  
World Focus: Simpson's  
World 9:00 BBC World News  
9:30 USA Direct  
10:00 BBC World News  
10:30 Wheels 11:00 BBC  
World News 11:30 India  
Business Report 12:00  
BBC World News 12:30  
Wild World: Mastermind  
India (Quiz Presenter: Siddhartha Basu) 1:00 BBC  
World News 1:30 Money  
Week 2:00 BBC World News  
2:30 This Week 3:00 BBC  
World News 3:10 World  
Weekend: Kingdom of the  
Thunder 4:00 BBC World  
News 4:30 World Living:  
Earth Report 5:00 BBC  
World News 5:30 USA Di-  
rect 6:00 BBC World News

Headlines: 6:10 World  
Weekend: 20:20 Profiles  
of The Century 7:00 BBC  
World News 7:10 Dateline  
London 8:00 BBC World  
Headlines 8:30 Wild  
World: Super sense 9:00  
BBC World Headlines 9:10  
Fall of The Wall: Stephen  
Hawkins Univers 10:00  
BBC World News 10:30  
India Business Report  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:30 World Living: Holi-  
day 12:00 BBC World  
News Headlines 12:10  
World Weekend: Kingdom  
of the Thunder 1:00 BBC  
World News 1:30 Simp-  
son's World 2:00 World  
News 2:10 World Week-  
end: 20:20 Profiles of  
Century 3:00 World News  
3:30 World Living: Earth  
Report 4:00 BBC World  
Newsdesk Inc. World Re-  
port / 24 Hours

## CHANNEL [V]

7:30 [V] Hit Machine

11:00 [V] This Week 11:30  
V2K Top 100 12:00 [V] Hit  
Machine 12:30 [V] Dares  
You 1:00 [V] Line Lagao  
1:30 [V] Hit Machine 2:30  
[V] The Ticket 3:00 [V]  
Lunch Pad 3:30 [V] Hit  
Machine 5:30 [V] Hit  
Special 6:30 [V] Hit Ma-  
chine 7:00 [V] Cool Maal  
7:30 [V] Hit Machine 8:00  
[V] Crossword 8:30 V2K  
Top 100 9:00 [V] Chal-  
enge 9:30 [V] Sabha 10:00  
[V] Hit Machine 10:30 [V]  
Mainstage 11:30 [V] Bill-  
board US Countdown  
12:30 [V] Hit Machine  
3:30 [V] Hit Machine

## STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninning 7:30 Good  
Morning India 8:30 Spi-  
derman 9:00 Robocop  
9:30 Ninja Turtles 10:00  
Power Rangers 10:30  
Janata Ki Adalat 11:00  
Fast Track 11:30 Amul  
India Show 12:00 Master  
Card Family Fortune

12:30 India Business  
week 1:00 The Great Es-  
cape 1:30 IFB Star Sunday  
Lunch 2:00 Mega Hit Pa-  
rade 2:30 Sunday Matinee  
Joot Bole Kawa Kaate  
(Anil Kapoor, Juhi  
Chawla, Anupam Kher)  
5:30 Viewpoint 6:00  
Jibilee Plus 6:30 Sajid  
No. 1 7:00 Zara Hat Ke  
Zara Bach Ke 7:30 Kahani  
Me Twist 8:00 Choti Si  
Baaf 8:30 Bakeman's Ooh  
La La 9:30 STAR News  
Sunday 10:30 The Brand  
Equity Quiz 12:00 Mega  
Hit Parade 12:30 Star  
News Sunday 1:30 India  
Business Week 2:00  
Muder Call 3:00 Movie  
Classic 5:00 Series: The  
Knock 6:00 Travel Asia

## STAR WORLD

7:00 Crystal Maize 8:00  
Mr. Belvedere 8:30 Only  
Fools & Horses 9:00 The  
Adventures of Sinbad  
10:00 Small Wonder  
10:30 Kid Says The  
Damdest Thing 11:00 Se-

ries: Xena 12:00 Series:  
Hercules 1:00 Series: J A  
G 2:00 Series: Walker,  
Texas Ranger 3:00 Series:  
Tropical Heat 4:00 WWF  
Superstars 5:00 The  
Simpsons 5:30 Travel  
Asia 6:00 Asia News  
Sunday 6:30 3rd Rock  
From Sun 7:00 Series:  
The X-Files 8:00 Series:  
Star Track: Next Genera-  
tion 9:00 Series: Cops  
9:30 Series: TV Com 10:00  
Asia News Sunday 10:30  
3rd Rock From Sun 11:45  
Series: The X-Files 12:00  
Star Track: Next Genera-  
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Sun 2:00 Series: The X-  
Files 3:00 Creflo Dollar  
3:30 Kenneth Copland  
Ministries 4:00 Life in  
The World With Joyce  
Meyer 4:30 World News  
5:00 Sorry! 6:30 Holly-  
wood Squares

## STAR MOVIES

7:30 Family: Address  
Unknown (15) 9:15 Com-  
edy: Greetings (15) 11:00  
BHASKAR GHOSH SHOW  
11:30 Sunday Best: Tank  
Girl (15) 1:30 Drama:  
River's Edge (15) 3:30  
COMEDY: The Van (12)  
5:30 Thriller: The Relic  
15: 7:30 Drama: Wild Blue  
(PG) 9:30 Starbiz 10:00  
Sunday Night Premiere:  
Birdcage 12:30 Action:  
Tank Girl (15) 2:30  
Drama: The Crucible (15)

Chitra Shamachar 10:00  
Harano Sur 12:30 News in  
Bengali 1:00 Bharaat  
Bhromon 1:30 Grhosajja  
2:00 Preyashi 4:30 Ebar  
Jombe Mawja 5:00 Shesh  
Prashna 5:30 Kashi Nath  
6:00 Nil Chander Alo 6:30  
Moner Moton Gaan A  
7:00 Alaap

## ALPHA TV

7:30 Kee Darun 8:00  
Monihaar 8:30 Ebar  
Jombe Mawja 9:00 Shesh  
Prashna 9:30 Kashi Nath  
10:00 Grhadaha 12:30  
Moner Moton Gaan A  
1:00 Nil Chander Alo 1:30  
Bharat Bhraman 2:00  
Grha Sajja 2:30 Bahari  
Ahaar 3:00 Devi 5:30  
Monihaar 6:00 Kee Darun  
6:30 Mukhoshor Antara-  
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Gandharbi 8:00 Anta Pa-  
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9:00 Zee Jalsa 9:30 Chulo

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Tank Girl (15) 2:30  
Drama: The Crucible (15)

## CHANNEL-1

Morning Session  
5:25 i Music 6:05 Teletime  
6:40 Galper Sesh Achey  
(Ep: 4) 7:25 Juddhadiner  
Smriti 7:35 Music  
Horizon 8:25 The A Team  
9:00 Desher Gaan 9:10  
Adda 9:50 Tathkhanik  
10:40 i Music 11:20  
Teletime 12:00 Galper  
Sesh Achey 12:35  
Juddhadiner Smriti  
12:45 Music Horizon 1:20  
The A Team 1:50 Desher  
Gaan 2:00 Adda 2:35  
Tathkhanik 3:10 Bengali  
Movie: Sapurer Meye.

Evening Session  
6:10 i Music 6:40 Teletime  
Style & Beauty 7:15  
Drama: Akjan Rustam  
Ali 7:50 Juddhadiner  
Smriti 8:10 Nirab Ghatak  
9:15 Drama: Dure Kothao  
12:30 Desher Gaan 9:15  
Naksha 10:00 Rooptag  
10:40 Bengali Movie:  
Balaban

## STAR NEWS

7:30 The Big Fight (R. Eng)  
8:00 Star News 8:30 As-  
signment (R. Eng) 9:30  
Star News (Eng) 10:30  
Assignment (R. Eng)  
12:30 Star News (Eng)  
1:00 Limelight (Hindi)  
2:00 Star News (Hindi)  
2:30 Limelight (R. Eng)  
3:00 Party Political 3:30  
Your Call (Hindi) 4:30  
Star News (Eng) 5:00  
Party Online 6:00 Star  
News (Hindi) 6:30 Star  
News (Eng) 7:00 Prasang  
(R) 7:30 The Big Fight (R.  
Eng) 8:00 Star News

(Hind) 8:30 Star News  
(Eng) 9:00 Prasang  
(Hindi) 9:30 Limelight (R.  
Eng) 10:30 Prasang (R.  
Hindi) 10:30 Star News  
Ravihaar 11:30 Star News  
(Hindi) 12:00 Star News  
(Hindi) 1:00 Star News  
(Hindi) 1:00 Star News  
(Hindi) 6:30 Breakfast  
News (Eng) 7:00 Breakfast  
News (Hindi)

## DD INT'L

9:30 Opening & News in  
English 9:45 Business  
Plus 10:00 Chitrahahar  
(Meet the Film Star) 10:30  
Asian AM 11:00 Light  
Music 11:15 Suravi  
(Renuka Sahani) 11:45  
Gul Gulshan Gulam  
(Serial) 12:15 Bharat  
Samachar (News in  
Hindi) 12:30 India File  
1:00 Hindi Film Show  
5:30 Mythological Serial:  
Shiv Mahapurani 10:00  
Special Events: Ayeen Wa-  
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