

anniversary

## For An Enlightened Theatre in The New Millennium

A three-day long millennium drama festival by Nagarik Nattyangan ends today

By Abdus Saboor

LIKE every other morning, life of Kana and her husband Asheque begins in a peaceful manner at their apartment. Kana, daughter of a rich father, bears an extremely feminist ideology and is absolutely against any kind of dowry. One of the major reasons she loves and respects her husband very much is that her husband refused to take any sort of dowry from her father at the time of their marriage.

Asheque, an established engineer, also loves his wife the same way and the couple was set for a perfect happy conjugal life until that morning. Their technician Ratan comes up with the news of suicide of Soroma, a neighbor who lives in another apartment of the same building.

The news comes to Kana as a shock as it is gradually revealed that Soroma committed suicide under the irresistible pressure for dowry by her husband and in-laws. Things become more unbearable for her when Asheque goes forward to help Ronen, the husband of Soroma.

But still Kana was ready to carry on unless she finds some of his father's letter written to her husband where to her greatest surprise, she discovers that Asheque have been regularly taking dowry from her father without her slightest knowledge.

Kana thinks of Soroma and realizes the sheer helplessness that led Soroma to commit suicide but Kana resolves not to follow her. She faces her husband boldly, reveals everything and resolves to go forward, against the whole society.

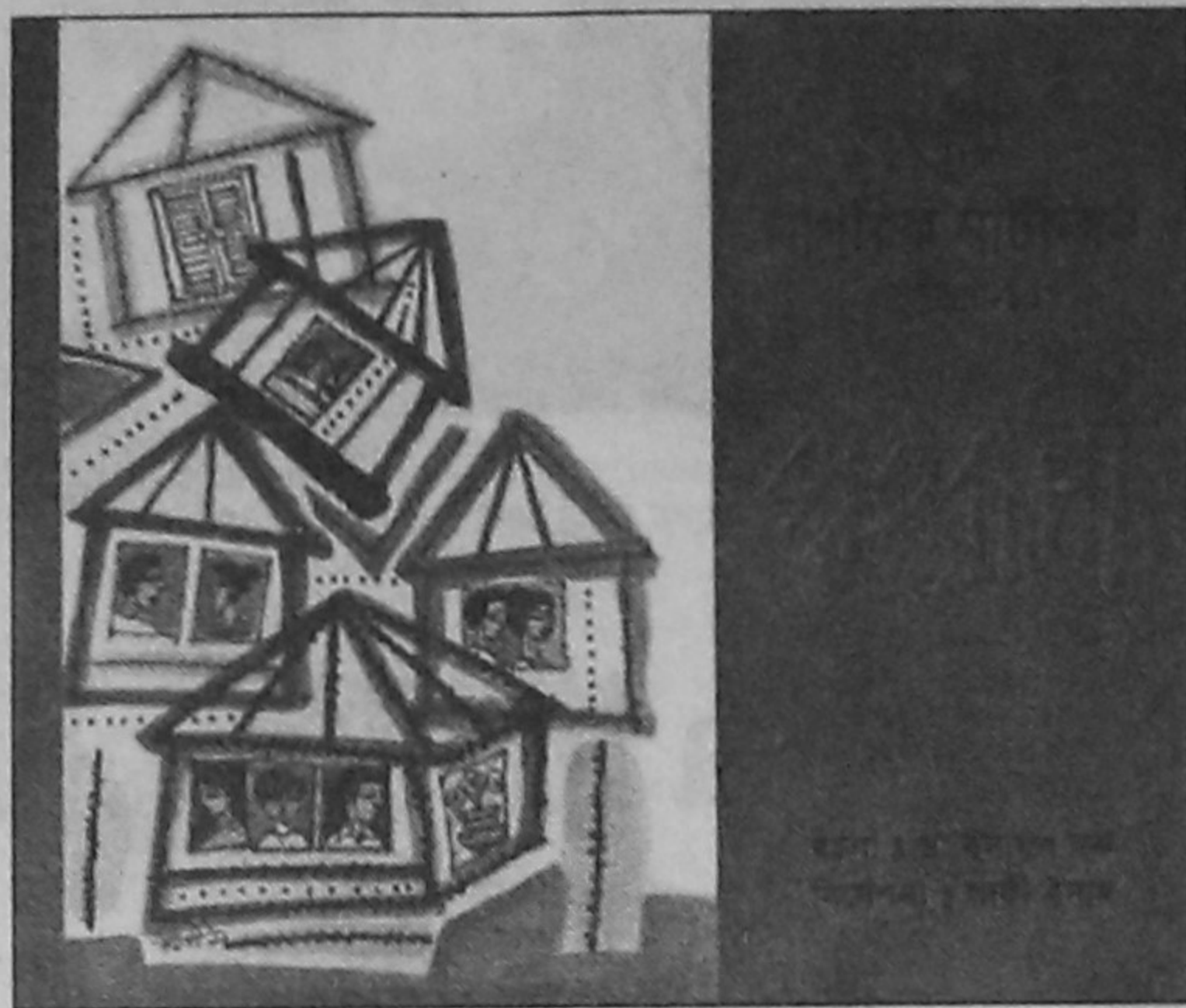
This is how the play 'Soroma' ends. The play was staged at the opening ceremony of the three-day long millennium drama festival by Nagarik Nattyangan on December 31, at the Guide House Auditorium.

The play is written by Dipak Sen and directed by Lucky Enam. This is the thirtieth show of the play. Lucky Enam played the role of Kana and the roles of Asheque, Ronen and Ratan were played by Mahmudul Islam Selim, Nurul Hasan Zilan and Imran Humayun Khan respectively. Gas Babu played the character of Ajay, the brother of Soroma.

Mahmudul Islam Selim did a good job in the stage direction while costume designed by Tahmina Sharif Naz was suitable to the story.

Nagarik Nattyangan is celebrating its fifth founding anniversary. The celebration began with a colourful rally at 3pm. The rally ended at the millennium tower built by the Nagarik Nattyangan at the Guide House premises. An iftar party was thrown on the occasion.

The inauguration ceremony



Poster published for the production of the play Grihabasi



Nagarik Nattyangan brought out a colourful rally on their founding anniversary.

took place at 6.30pm. Industry minister Tofael Ahmed was present as the chief guest. The president of Sammilito Sanskritik Jote Ramendu Majumder and general secretary of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation Liakat Ali Lucky were present as special guests.

Liakat Ali Lucky, in his speech, expressed deep gratitude to all the audience and persons related with Bangladesh theatre movement and he wished the best for Nagarik Nattyangan.

Ramendu Majumder said, 'At the eve of this new millennium, it is high time that we can hope for a bright and luminous future for the theatre of our country.' Golam Halder, the general secretary of Nagarik

midnight with all the members of Nagarik Nattyangan welcoming the new millennium.

Nagarik Nattyangan was founded on January 1, 1995 and since then the group has concentrated on production of drama close to life. With its first production 'Kholosh', an adaptation by Lucky Enam from the original of J.B. Priestly and directed by Enamul Huq, Nagarik Nattyangan entered the theatre arena on April 29, 1995.

The second show of the play 'Grihabasi', the tenth and last production of the group was staged yesterday on the occasion of its founding anniversary. The play is written by Enamul Huq and directed by Lucky Enam.

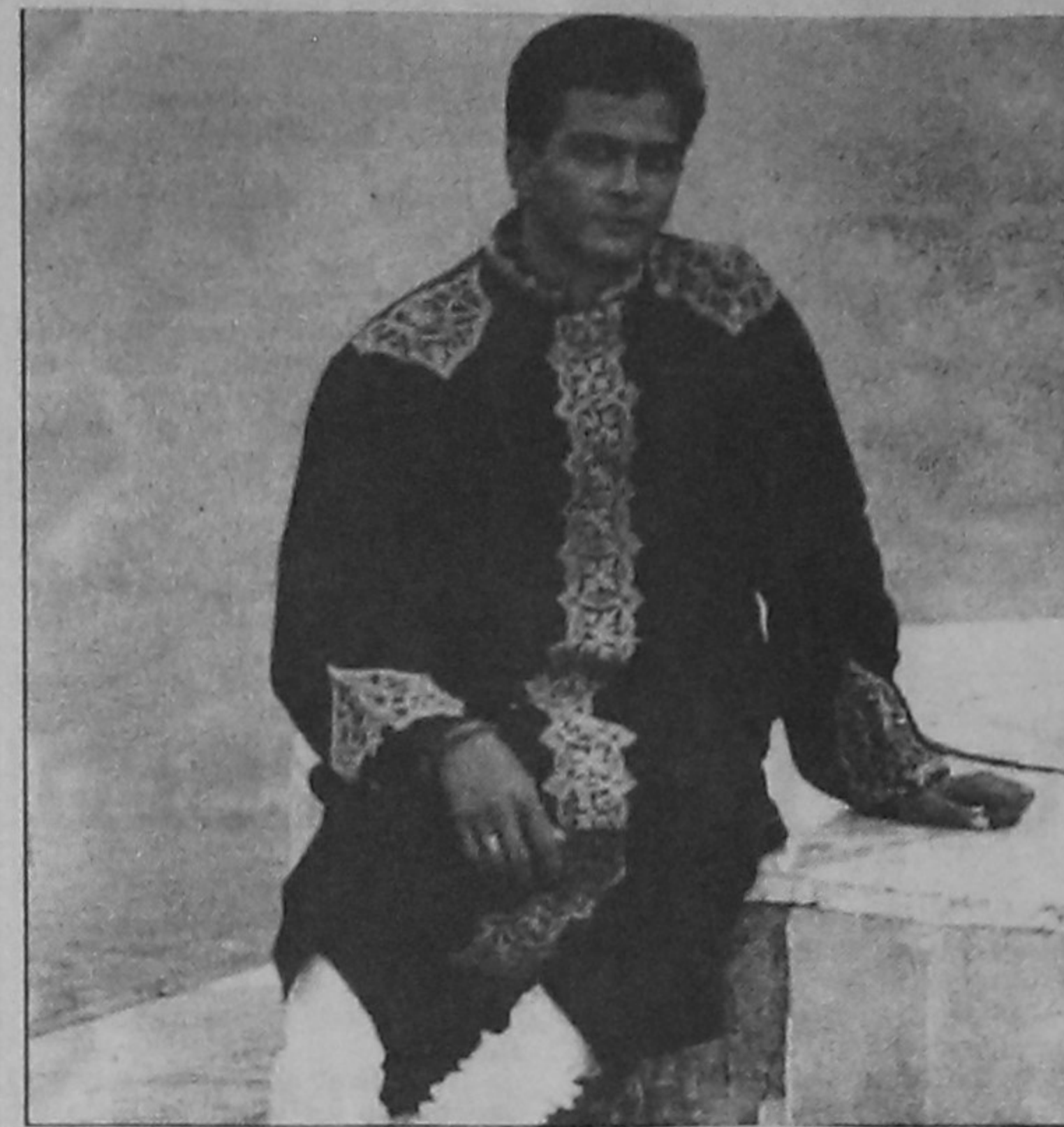
Nagarik Nattyangan has performed in Assam and

exhibition

## More Silks of The Season from Henry's Heritage

Sharuk charms with his collections again

By Fayza Haq



SHAHRUK Shahid of Henry's Heritage, who held an exhibition of 400 displays at the Alliance Francaise says, "Nowadays the clothes exhibition and the competitions organised by newspapers tend to be commercial. Earlier, the judgements had been fair. Now, just about anybody enters the competitions and the market without any background of fashion designing. Proper encouragement should be given or we will fail to compete with countries like India. The upcoming fashion designers should go abroad and learn about fashion before setting out to enter into competitions in the country."

Elaborating on his own collections Shahruk says, "In the beginning, when I started in '92, I began mixing of different media and colour so that my concept of an exhibition was different from the rest. As I don't have any copyright system I find many copies of my work. My collection changed with every season as in *Pahela Baishak*, *Pahila Falgun*, the summer end and the two Eids so that you have a different flavour with each season e.g. white, red and yellow combinations prevail in some while the present *Radra* collection has bright colours on silk."

In one of the saris in the exhibit the base colour is deep blue with silver and golden spray work combined with gold, silver and orange threads. The motif of the sun is brought in the *anchal* with floral and *alpana* motifs. This is combined with mirror work and silver dots to heighten the festive effect.

A gorgeous black and maroon sari has *jardosi*, machine embroidery and block forming floral and paisley patterns. Silver and gold *khari* and threads again brighten the sari. Another unusual creation was an ash and black sari with machine spray work presenting orange and purple enormous flowers with matching *gigantic* leaves in blue and green. Block and floral motifs are found in the border.

Scintillating colours and fascinating designs are seen in an indigo blue sari that had a circle in the *pallu* which contain floral motifs and is held in a large geometrical design. Mirror and thread work in turquoise, orange and biscuit



colour present modern abstract designs combined with floral finish. Another irresistible offering is a black sari with *khari*, spray, block and embroidery presenting a *minar* look on the *anchal* filled with flowers and leaves. On the body are golden dots. A black dramatic tassel is found at the end of the *anchal*. Black and brown blocks decorate a Tangail sari with *alpina* in brown, red, blue and purple. Half of the sari contains block for the lower portion while spray paints prevail in the other half.

The *punjabees* at the exhibitions are of *joicree* silk, the main colours being black, maroon and ash. The black one

has a *sherwani* cut with machine embroidery and *zari* work on the shoulder collars, wrists and forming a panel on the front. An off white *churidar* *pajama* matches with it as with the others. The maroon one has a Chinese collar with side cut. The embroidery in gold and black is there on the front and cuffs. The body has black block. The white *punjabee* with the *sherwani* pattern has an *angrakha* cut. It is embroidered in the neck, front and side in maroon, biscuit and gold.

The saris are designed by Shahruk and the *punjabees* by Pamir. Henry's Heritage has won about 40 prizes in the last five years.

music



BTV will air a special musical show 'Shurur Aakash' on January 2, 2000, at 10.30pm. The programme will feature eminent singer, Asaf Khan. Asaf Khan will sing a number of popular Bangla Songs. He will also sing songs with Abdur Rahman Bayati, Bhupen Hazarika and Haimanti Shukla. This interesting programme will surely be a treat to the music lovers.

## TV Guide

Sunday 2nd January

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

BTV

3:00 Opening Ceremony  
3:20 Open University  
4:00 The News  
4:05 Animation  
4:30 Film: Animal Show  
4:30 Nutrition Bulletin  
5:00 Mahe Ramadan  
5:30 National Television Debate Competition  
6:00 The News  
6:30 Programmes of the Chittagong Station  
7:00 Weather Bulletin  
7:05 Mat O Mannush  
8:00 News at Eight  
8:20 Pariprekshit  
8:50 Drama Serial: Eka  
9:30 Molla Nasiruddin  
10:00 News at Ten  
10:20 Shadinata Tomar Jannaya  
10:50 Achin Pakhi  
11:15 Khabar  
The News  
11:30 Closing

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 World Living: Radical Highs  
1:00 BBC World Newsdesk Inc. World Report/24 Hours

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninaad  
7:30 Good Morning India  
8:30 Spiderman  
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 Escape  
1:30 Star Sunday Lunch  
2:00 Mega Hit Parade  
2:30 Viewpoint  
2:40 Sunday Tea Time Film: Raja Hindustani (Amir Khan, Karishma Kapoor)  
6:00 Jubilee Plus  
6:30

Sajid No 1

7:00 Zora Hat  
7:30 Ke Zara Bach Ke  
8:30 Screen Videocon Awards - The Story So Far  
8:00 Choti Si Baat  
8:30 Bakeman's Ooh La La  
9:30 Star News Sunday  
10:30 A Taste of India  
11:00 It's A Small World  
11:30 Janata Ki Adalat  
12:00 Mega Hit Parade  
12:30 Star News Sunday  
1:30 India Business Week  
2:00 Bakeman's Ooh La La  
3:00 Fast Track  
3:30 Master Card-Family Fortune  
4:00 The Great Escape  
4:30 Star Sunday Lunch  
5:00 Ninaad  
6:00 Travel Asia

STAR WORLD

7:00 Crystal Maze  
8:00 Mr Belvedere  
8:30 Lassie  
9:00 The Adventures of Sinbad  
10:00 Small Wonder  
10:30 Kid Says  
The Damdest Thing  
11:00 Series: Xena-Warriors  
Princes  
12:00 Series: Hercules  
1:00 Series: JAG  
2:00 Series: Cops  
2:30 Dr Ramesh Richard  
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 Generation  
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3:00 Series: Creflo Dollar  
3:30 Kenneth Copland Ministries  
4:00 Life In The Word  
4:30 World News  
5:00 Sorry!  
5:30 Fashion TV  
6:00 Aerobics Oz  
6:30 Hollywood Squares

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Animation: Gulliver's Travels  
9:00 Action: Topkapi  
15:11:00 Bhaskar Ghose  
15:11:30 Sunday Best: The Island Of Dr. Moreau  
15:1:30 Thriller: Guilty As Sin  
3:45 El This: Mick Jagger & Jerry Hall  
4:45 Romance: Cocktail  
15:7:00 Thriller: The Client  
15:15:30 Starbiz  
10:00 Sunday Night Premiere: The Rainmaker  
15:12:30 Thriller: The Island Of Dr. Moreau  
15:2:30 Drama: Chattahoochee  
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MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap  
8:00 Ta Ra Rum  
9:00 Brake Fall  
10:00 Star's Day Out  
10:30 Hit Mix  
11:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best Of The Day  
11:30 Ponds All Time Romantic Hits  
12:00 Bajaj Music Box  
12:30 Saare Ga Ma Classic  
1:00 Himani Gold T Jharokha  
2:00 Popbusters  
2:30 Ta Ra Rum  
3:30 Brake Fall  
4:30 Bajaj Music Box  
5:00 1900  
5:30 Hit Mix  
6:00 Saare Ga Ma Classic  
7:00 Ponds All Time Romantic Hits  
7:30 Music Quiz  
8:00 Music Zone  
8:30 Samey Quartz  
Best of Best  
9:30 Bajaj

Music Box

10:30 Himal Gold T Jharokha  
11:30 Shabab  
12:00 Brake Fall  
1:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best Of The Day  
1:30 Himal Gold T Jharokha  
2:00 Bajaj Music Box  
2:30 Nez Gen  
3:00 Ta Ra Rum  
4:00 Music Zone  
04:30 Brake Fall  
05:30 Super Vasmol Old is Gold

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3:00 Sur Sadhak  
9:30 Movie Club Film (Last Thursday's Film Rpt)  
12:00 Barnall  
12:30 Movie Club Film (Last Friday's Film Rpt)  
1:30 Sandanda Quiz  
2:30 Continue...Movie Club Film (Last Friday's Film Rpt)  
3:30 Geet Sangeet  
4:30 Sunday Bangla Film  
5:30 News  
7:20 Binodan (Magazine Show)  
7:30 Bangla Sambad  
8:00 Special: Sonargaon  
8:30 Special Prog Sur Sadhak  
9:00 Special Prog Sur Sadhak  
9:30 Serial: Siddhanta  
10:30 Sambad

DD CHANNEL-1

6:30 UGC Programmes  
7:30 Samachar  
7:45 Rangoli  
8:45 The World News  
9:30 Kashmir  
10:30 Soul of India  
11:00 Serial: Raj Kahani  
11:30 Series: Picnic Antakshari  
12:30 School Days (Serial)  
1:30 Samachar  
2:30 News in Hindi  
2:45 News in English  
2:50 The Great Roads  
3:05 News for Hearing Impaired  
3:20 News in Sanskrit  
3:30 Serial: 4:00 Sansad Ke Samaksh Muddy  
4:30 Feature

Film in Hindi

7:30 Samachar  
7:45 Himachal Diary  
8:00 Series: Jal Mata Ki  
9:15 Samachar  
9:30 Surabhi  
10:00 Nehla Pe Dehla  
11:00 Issues Before Parliament  
11:30 Business Magazine  
12:00 National Programme of Dance  
12:30 News Headlines  
1:30 Serial: 2:30 Serial  
4:30 Serial: Swarnajali

SONY TV

7:30 Aatma  
8:00 Rishiprasad  
8:30 Ramayan  
9:30 Chartbusters  
10:00 Tenal Rama  
10:30 The Poppadum Show  
11:00 Indian Holiday  
11:30 Music Mantra  
12:00 Bajaj Ki Lehren  
12:30 Open House  
1:30 The Good Home Show  
2:00 Indian Holiday  
2:30 Cine Matinee - Super Hit Film  
6:00 Hum Sab Ek Hain  
6:30 Boogie Woogie  
7:00 The Bye Bye  
7:30 Ramayan (Arun Govil, Dipika)  
8:30 Cine Prime Block Buster Film  
12:30 Rang Biangee  
1:00 Saaya  
1:30 Star Yaar Kalakar  
Guest  
2:30 Chartbusters  
3:00 The Poppadum Show  
3:30 Cine-Nite Hindi Feature Film

ALPHA TV

6:00 Moner Moto Gaan  
6:30 Aalaap  
7:00 Kee Darun Dreshow  
7:30 Monihar  
8:00 Ebar Jen-be Mawja  
8:30 Shesh Prashna  
9:00 Kashinath  
9:30 Bangla Movie  
12:00 Moner Moto Gaan  
12:30

Nil Chander Alo

1:00 Bharat Bhroman  
1:30 Griho Sajja  
2:00 Bahari Ahaar  
2:30 Bangla Movie  
5:00 Monihar  
5:30 Kee Darun Dreshow  
6:00 Mukhoshor Antara Ley  
6:30 Memaheb  
7:00 Gandharbi  
7:30 Antarely  
8:00 News in Bangali  
8:30 Zee Nalsa  
9:00 Chalo Chitra Chomotkar  
9:30 Bangla Movie  
12:00 News in Bangali  
12:30 Bharat Bhroman  
1:00 Grihosajja  
1:30 Bangla Movie  
4:00 Gandharbi  
4:30 Antarely

ZEE TV

6:00 Yaadon Ki Pal (B/W Songs)  
6:30 Zee News & Zee Business  
7:00 Bhakti Songs  
7:30 Jagran  
8:05 Guldasta  
8:30 Disney Hour Cartoons  
9:30 Shree Krishna  
10:30 Mahabharat  
11:30 TVS Sa Re Ga Ma  
12:30 Bournvita Quiz Contest  
1:00 TBA  
1:30 First Take  
2:00 Hum Paanch  
2:30 Rishyey  
3:30 Cinema Hits Hindi Film  
6:30 Ek Nazar  
7:00 Disney Hour Cartoons  
8:00 Suniye Zee Suniye Zee  
8:30 Mega Movie  
11:30 Zee Horror  
12:00 Raahat  
12:30 Gubbare  
1:30 Waaris  
2:00 Zee News  
2:30 Zee Arabia  
Mityudand  
3:00 Hindi Film (B/W)

DD METRO

7:00 Anhad  
7:15 Bhakti Sagar  
7:30 Sarab Sanjhi Bani  
8:00 Business Week-end  
8:30 Aapke Lye  
8:45 All In All  
9:30 Circus (Shahrukh Khan)  
10:00

Aakhir Kaun

10:30 Fire Area  
11:00 Disney Club  
11:30 Terri Quiz  
12:30 Home Style  
1:00 Fifty Fifty  
1:30 My Choice  
2:00 Clarissa  
1:30 The Adventure of Pete And Pete  
2:00 Rugrats  
2:30 Rocko's Modern Life  
3:00 Nictoonblock: Cat Dog  
3:30 Nictoonblock: The Wild Thornberry's  
4:00 Nictoonblock: Hey Arnold!  
4:30 The Journey of Allan Strange  
5:00 Kenan and Kel  
5:30 Clarissa  
6:00 The Adventures of Pete And Pete  
6:30 The Ren And Stimpy Show  
7:00 The Angry Beavers  
7:30 Kablam!  
8:00 The Journey of Allan Strange  
8:30 Legends of The Hidden Temple  
9:00 Global GUTS

DD INT'L

9:30 Opening & News in English  
9:45 Business Plus  
10:00 Chitrahah (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 Mahapuram  
10:00 Special Events: Aye Waaten Tere Lia

CARTOON NETWORK

6:30 Rocko's Modern Life  
7:00 Kablam!  
7:30 The Angry Beavers  
8:00 The Wild Thornberry's  
8:30 The Adventure of Pete And Pete  
9:00 All That  
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10:00 Global GUTS  
10:30 Hey Arnold!  
11:00 Aahli! Real Monsters  
11:30 Rugrats  
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DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Equinox  
7:30 Travelers  
8:00 High Adventure  
8:30 Challenge  
9:30 Ultrascience Spies  
R Us  
10:00 Next Step  
10:30 Backstreet  
11:30 Born Winners  
12:00 Born Among Wild Animals  
12:30 Crocodile Hunter  
1:30 Discovery Profile: Series  
7:30 India Hour: Gulistan  
8:30 India Hour: Gomp  
1:00 Science Frontiers  
10:30 Discovery Showcase  
11:30 Discovery Profile: Series  
1:30 High Adventure  
2:00 Outer Bounds  
2:30 Wings  
3:30 Ultrascience Spies  
R Us  
4:00 Next Step  
4:30

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

6:30 On The Edge  
7:00 Give Sharks A Chance  
7:30 Friendly Rivals  
8:00 Living Together  
8:30 Lord of The Eagles  
9:00 Family Hour  
10:00 Insecta  
10:30 Insects  
11:00 About Asia  
12:00 Violent Earth  
1:00 National Geographic  
2:00 On The Edge  
3:00 Human Impact  
4:00 Going The Distance  
5:00 Family Hour  
6:00 Insecta  
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7:00 About Asia  
8:00 Violent Earth  
9:00 National Geographic  
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11:00 About Asia  
12:00 Violent Earth  
1:00 Personalities  
2:00 Raider of The Lost Ark  
3:00 Family Hour  
4:00 Personalities  
5:00 Violent Earth  
6:00 On The Edge

CHANNEL [V]

7:30 [V] Hit Machine  
11:00 [V] This Week  
11:30 Y2K Top 100  
12:30 [V] Hit Machine  
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] Sunday Special Billy Joel  
6:30 Y2K Top 100  
7:30 [V] Hit Machine  
8:30 Y2K Top 100  
9:30 [V] Hit Machine  
10:30 [V] Mainstage  
11:30 Billboard US Countdown  
12:30 [V] Hit Machine

ULTRASCIENCE

5:00 Medical Detectives  
5:30 Beyond 2000  
6:00 Splat