seminar.

Goethe and Tagore: Transition into Modernity

German scholar Martin Kampchen gives a talk on the two great renaissance minds of the West and the East

By Fayza Haq

O celebrate Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's 250th birth anniversary Dr Martin Kampchen gave a talk on the life and works of Goethe at the Goethe Institut yesterday. Dr Kampchen said, "Since we are here in Bangladesh, I thought of linking the talk with that on Rabindranath Tagore, a poet who is equal to Goethe. Both are universal geniuses. The exhibition which begins today go under the heading 'Do We Still Have Universal Geniuses?' After Goethe, Tagore combined all facets of knowledge within one mind and became creative in numerous fields. I try to compare the universality of the talents that these two great men have. I try to give a list of all the arts like literature and natural sciences like geography. physics and chemistry which were in a nascent stage at that time but in which Goethe excelled. There was not too much of differences of natural sciences at that time. Goethe progressed in these sciences according to his own experiments and observations of nature.

"With Tagore too we find attempts to combine human and natural sciences. Tagore has combined music with dance and literature. He was an actor, director and a writer for the theatre. Goethe was also knowledgeable and creative and even directed operas when he was in Weimar apart from developing the classical German theatre. Through the theatre Goethe and Tagore wanted to bring in various other arts on the stage through music, dancing, cos-

tumes and theatre props, bringing in a new cultural push. Goethe translated and adapted plays from other languages as well. He acted in plays, designed props and gave training to his fellow actors. Tagore did the same for his own aesthetic consciousness, giving Bengali culture the shape that it has



Martin Kämpchen

the writings of Goethe, plays and scientific treatise. Goethe Tagore

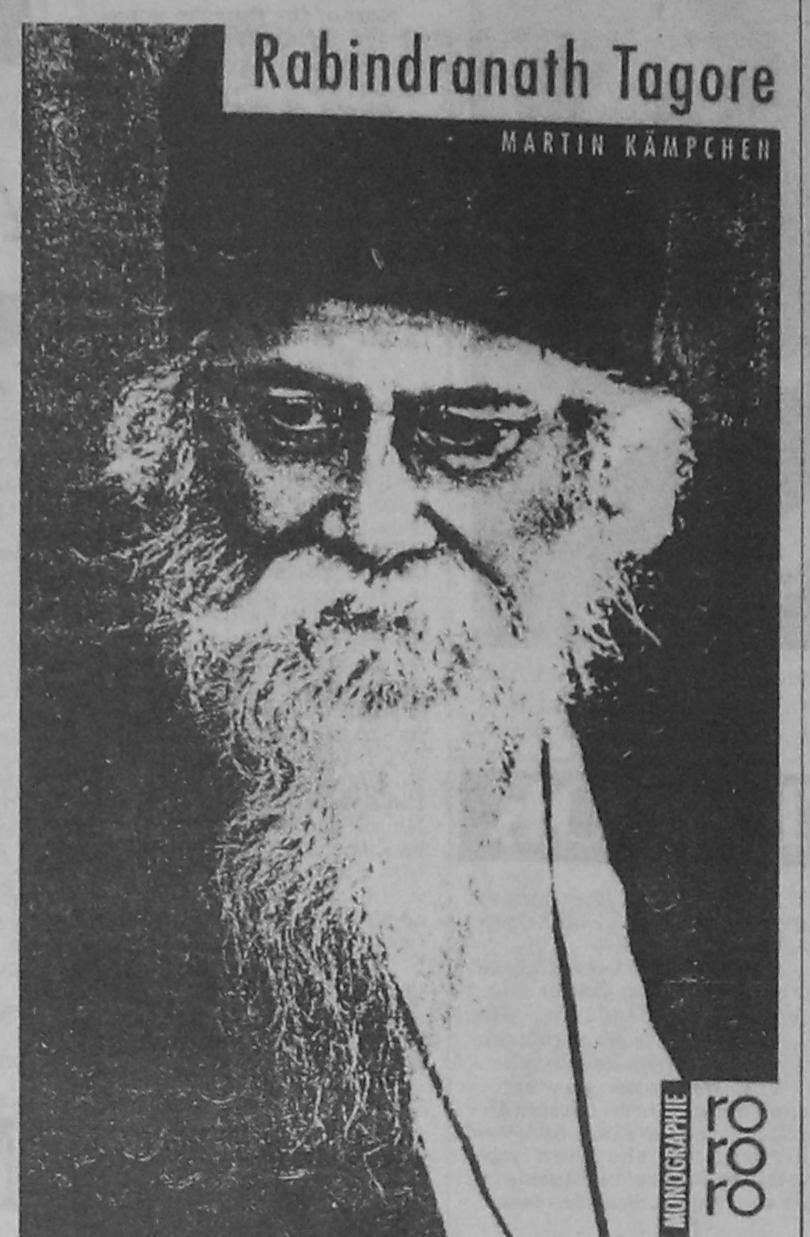
"Augenmensch" (deriving aesthetic pleasure mainly through the eyes), said Dr Kampchen. We have the play 'Dak Ghar' or 'Post Office' where the young boy Amal wants to see everything. Goethe tried to break away from the ornamental archaic and florid poetry that went before him to achieve a realistic presentation of words. The realism that Goethe achieved is what we call the

classical form today. In the same way Tagore came to a clear and lucid style of prose which was basically realistic form of prose. Though a romantic at heart, Tagore tried to break away from overwrought symbolism . Goethe and Tagore were born in an old world order and tried to from a transition to modernity. Modernity for them was basically the presentation of realism." Dr Kampchen added.

Goethe(1749-1832) is acclaimed as the national poet of the German people. Similarly. Nobel Laureate Tagore(1861-1941) is viewed as the port of the Bengalis- perhaps the poet of the subcontinent. But their eminence is not the only thing that allows for comparison. They both stand at the transition from tradition to moder-

Dr Martin Kampchen did his studies in Germany, USA. Paris and Vienna. He obtained his Ph.D in German Literature from Vienna and his second Ph.D in Comparative Religion Dr Kampchen talked about. from Visva Bharati, Santinikentan. Besides his works like "A Documentation on Rabindranath", "German Biography of Tagore" and "Rabindranath in Germany", he has translated from Bengali into German selections of

Tagore's poems and aphorism. Dr Kampchen's talk was accompanied by a film, "The Light, the dark and the colours" which sets out to illustrate Goethe's interest in natural sciences and an exhibition of 40 plates called "Goethe - a universal genius.



Movie Fair to End January

Star Movies will air some of the Hollywood hits at the last week of this month

By Cultural Correspondent

AMOUS French film director Robert Bresson once said, "My movie is born first in my head, dies on paper, is resuscitated by the living persons and real objects I use. which are killed on film but, placed in a certain order and projected on to a screen, come to life again like flowers in water." But a movie only comes to life when it is reached to people and this part is fulfilled by the media. Presently Star TV network is no doubt one of the big names in the world of the satellite television.Star Movies. the cynosure of the network, has come up with some of the great entertainers from Hollywood to be aired at the end of this month.

Money for Nothing on January 24

Starring: John Cusack, Debi Mazar, Michael Madsen, Benicio Del Toro and Michael Rapa-

Based on the true story of a Philadelphia dockworker. Joey finds a fortune and becomes a local hero and turns to his girlfriend Monica to help him launder the loot. But keeping a million-dollar secret is harder than it looks, especially when Joey begins upgrading his social standing with extravagant gestures. Sa investigating police detective Pat Saurenzi closes in. and one by one Joey's friends. eager for a reward, turn against him, he quickly discovers that it takes more than found money to land on Easy Street and there's no such thing as Money for Nothing.

Terminator 2 on January 25

Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton, Edward Furlong and Robert Patrick.

In 1984, writer/director James Cameron and star Arnold Schwarzenegger combined their considerable talents



Carpool on Star Movies at 10.00 pm on January 30

to create a motion picture that was to become a modern science fiction and Oscar-winning classic. It was called The Terminator. That film told the chilling story of a cyborg from the future sent back in time to kill Sarah Connor, an unsuspecting participant in a monumental struggle. The cyborg had to eliminate Sarah before she could give birth to a son who would one day lead the human resistance against the machines. The cyborg failed in its

mission. Now, in Terminator 2, a new, more deadly Terminator has been sent back in time. Its orders: strike at Sarab's son, John Connor, while he is still a child. Sarah and John however don't face this terrifying stalker alone. To protect the young boy, the human resistance has sent another warrior from the future, a Terminator (Schwarzenegger) programmed to be as implacable in its defense of John as its cyborg foe is in its pursuit of man's last hope for survival.

Cutthroat Island on January 27

Starring: Geena Davis Matthew Modine and Frack

Langella. Academy award winner Geena Davis teams up with Matthew Modine in this swashbuckling adventure directed by Renny Harlin. The film is set on the high seas of the 1600s and is a rousing tale of buried treasure, battles, duels and ro-

Gargantua on January 29

Starring: Adam Baldwin. Julie Carmen and Emile Hir-

Marine biologist Jack Ellway and his son Brandon are drawn to the Polynesian island of Malau to study the effects of recent seismic activity on the area's marine life. Along with the local doctor, they soon become caught up in the investigation of a series of recent drownings- with unexpected

Carpool on January 30 Starring: Tom Arnold, Rhea Perlman, David Paymer and Rod Steiger.

Two grown-ups. Five kids. One van. Those are the seemingly simple ingredients making up Carpool. But the everyday ritual of driving the neighborhood carpool unravels into a sprawling comic adventure.

book launching.

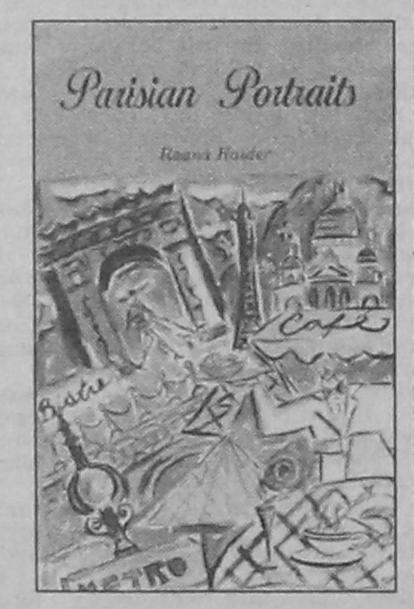
Raana Haider's Books

By Cultural Correspondent

row of the most beautiful city in the world. In the City of Lights, she is charmed by the Arc de triomphe, the Bois de Boulogne. the Champs-Elysées. However, she also covers art and Friday, 21 January at 6pm at auctions; baguettes and bistrots; cafés and Chanel; Diana and Duke and Duchess of Windsor; emigrés and Egyptomania; mega-Louvre and mini-museums and the feather in the national cap — the World Cup 1998. Raana Haider is a life-long indefatigable traveller. Haider is also a sociologist with research on her mind and there are places that have touched the heart. Her interests have come together in 'Parisian Portraits". She currently resides in Tehran.

launching ceremony of the books, 'A Parisian A Portraits' and 'A Perspective in Development: Gender Foscus' (2nd edition) by Raana Haider will be held on theAlliance Française de Dhaka. Professor Abu Sayeed, State Minister of Information will be present as the chief guest. Mr. Abu Hasan Chowdhury State Minister of Foreign Affairs will be the guest of Honour and Foreign Secretary Shafi Sami and Monsieur Alain Briotte will grace the occasion as the special guest.

'Parisian Portraits' exemplifies the aphorism- the more it changes, the more it is the same. Raana Haider explores the yesterday, today and tomor-



A Launching Ceremony of 'Chitra Nadir Parey' Gets Good Response in India

By Pallab Bhattacharya

Ekti Nadir Naam", shot in for high praise. Bangladesh featuring at the ongoing 31st International Film Festival of India.

has also evoked "good response" her life in front," it comments. from viewers.

had been a big draw because it is festival's main venue Siri Fort not as often screened as his Auditorium and then at a reguother works in India. The sub-Malo fishermen along the bank World section. of Titash — has attracted the film buffs in a big way.

ITWIKGHATAK'S "Titash Sarwar, in it have also come in

"The visual appeal of the Bangladeshi artistes, has over- film is startling", says a review whelmed critics and lay viewers in "Indian express" newspaper. "Shot to a great extent using a low-level camera ever frame Bangladesh director Tanvir touches upon the damp soil of Mokammel's second feature the river bank, the river and the film "Chitra Nadir Parey," sky in its vast expanse while screened at the festival twice, each character plays out his or

Tanvir's "Chitra Nadir Ghatak's film predictably Parey" was shown first at the lar cinema hall in South Delhi ject of the film - the lives of as an entry in the Cinema of the

Tanvir told "Daily Star" after the screening that he is "very The 'photography of the film happy" with the audience reby Bangladeshi cameraman sponse to his film. Just before Baby Islam and performances the screening at Siri Fort audiby actors and actresses of torium, the director spoke Bangladesh, including Kabari briefly on parallel cinema in

Bangladesh and about his own film.

He said organisers of festivals in southern Indian state of Kerala, Singapore and Australia met him soon after the screening of "Chitra Nadir Parey" and wanted it for showing there in March, April and June respectively.

Efforts are also on to screen the film for a week at a stretch at the prestigious "nandan" film complex in Calcutta, Tanvir said. The director said he was particularly enthused by the response his film received at the London International Festival in November last.

Tanvir said his next project is to make a film based on Syed Waliullah's classic novel "Lal Shaalu." He is ready with its script and the cast and is trying to arrange money for the work



A scene from Chitra Nadir Parey

Thursday 20th January (All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC World News 6:30 Hardtalk 7:00 BBC News/Asia Today inc. World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Hardtalk 11:30 Top Gear 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: Film India 1:00 World News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 The Money Programme 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Hardtalk 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: Holiday 5:00 BBC The World Today 6:30 The 9:30 First Day First Show Money Programme 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report Laila (N) 12:30 [V] Hit Ma-7:30 BBC The World Today 8:30 World Living: Top Gear 9:00 World News 9:30 Hardtalk 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Out of India 11:00 BBC World News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:30

rect/Asia Today

6:00 [V] Hit Machine 6:30

[V] Hit Machine 7:00 [V] Hit Machine 7:30 [V] Hit Machine 8:00 [V] Hit Machine 8:30 [V] Hit Machine 9:00 [V] Hit Machine 9:30 Virtual [V] 10:00 [V] Hit Machine 10:30 [V] Hit Machine 11:00 [V] Hit Machine 11:30 [V] Hit Machine 12:00 [V] Hit Machine 12:30 [V] Hit Music 1:00 [V] FDF Spl 1:30 [V] Line Lagao 2:00 [V] Hit Machine 2:30 [V] The Ticket 3:00 [V] Hit Machine 3:30 [V] Launchpad 4:00 [V] Hit Machine 4:30 Tea With [V] 5:00 Virtual [V] 5:30 Tea With [V] 6:00 [V] On Campus 6:30 Tea With [V] 7:00 [V] Line Lagao 7:30 [V] Hit Machine 8:30 [V] Dares You 9:00 [V] Hit Music 10:00 [V] Hit Machine 10:30 Late Night [V] VJ chine 5:30 [V] Hit Ma

News 11:30 Talking 6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good Movies 12:00 The World Morning India 9:30 TVC- Thriller: Guilty As Sin Today 12:30 World Busi- Sky Shopping 10:00 Good 7:00 Thriller: Copycat ness Report 1:00 World Morning India 12:00 3-2-1 12:30 TVC - Sky Shop- Thursday Mega Movie: Panorama 3:00 BBC ping 1:00 Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Dr. Dolittle (G) 12:45 Hor-World News 3:30 Earth Sansar 2:00 Screen ror: The Grimm Brothers-Report 4:30 Europe Direct Videocon Awards- The Snow White (15) 2:00 E! 5:00 BBC News inc. World Story So Far 2:30 Daily Ths: Tommy Lee 2:45 Ac Business Report/USA Di- Sope: Swabhiman 3:00 tion: Prophet (15) 4:30 Ac-Aur Phir Ek Din 3:30 Ju- tion: Spawn (15)

1:30 Aaj Ki Baat 2:00 LG Is Duniya Ki Sitare-Johnny Lever 3:00 Ajeeb Dastan 3:30 Kinetic Mega

bilee Plus 4:00 Say Cheese

4:30 Spiderman 5:00 The

naad 6:00 Zindegi

Summer (PG) 9:30 (15) 11:30 Action: Never tion: Spawn (15) 4:00 E! CP: Alyssa Milano 4:45 (15) 9:30 The Ticket 10:00

Wonder Years 5:30 Ani- 6:00 Aerobics Oz Style mal Adventure 6:00 6:30 Hollywood Squares Small Wonder 6:30 Maal 7:00 Martin Short Show Hai To Tall Hai 7:00 Film 8:00 Sorry! 8:30 Happy Based Prog- Hit Ya Fit Days 9:00 Sabina, The 7:30 Star News (Hindi) Teenage Witch 9:30 Two 11:55 Tele Play 12:45 -8:00 Zindegi Com 8:30 LG Guys A Girls, and a Pizza Kalyanji Anandji 9:00 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Serial 2:00 Serial 2:45 Maal Hai To Tall Hai 2:30 5:00 Asia News Update Report 5:30 Home Improvement 6:00 World's Widest Police Video 7:00 Walker Texas Ranger 8:00 Due South 9:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 9:30 Home Improvement 10:00 World': Widest Police Video 11:00 Series: Walker Texas Ranger 12:00 Due South 1:00 World's Widest Police Video 2:00 Series: Walker Texas Ranger 3:00 Series: Creflo Dollar 3:30 Ken-

Show 4:00 Shok TVI 4:30

Kabhie Kabhie 5:00 Ni-

7:30 Comedy: Indian Drama/Comedy: Mistress Say Never Again 2:00 Ac-

neth Copland Ministries 4:00 Life in the Word with Joyce Meyer 4:30 World

News 5:00 Sorry! 5:30

8:00 Tilwat Aur Tarjuma/Hamd/Naat 8:20

Ooh La La

Cartoon 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Cut Piece 9:20 Aahang & Roshni 9:45 Phool Chandi 10:05 Serial 10:30 Buttons And Raaste 10:55 Mili Nagma 11:00 Khabreen 11:10 Absar Kawali 12:55 Koran-e-Is Duniya Ki Sitare- Place 10:00 Alley McBeal Hakim & Bismillah 1:15 Ajeeb Dastan 9:30 Star Show 12:00 Series: The Perspective & Health Fo-News (Eng) 10:00 Kinetic Practice 1:00 The Bold rum 3:40 Talimi . 5:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Mega Show 10:30 Shok And The Beautiful 1:30 Malumat 4:35 Aurat Aur TV! 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat The Things People Do Kanoon 5:25 Serial 5:55 11:30 Kabhie Kabhie 2:00 Martin Short Show Serial: Chayaa 6:25 lou 12:00 Star News- Late 3:00 The New WKRP In Course 7:05 Mukabil Hai Night Edition 12:30 Cincinnati 3:30 Happy Aaina 7:20 Ainnaik Wala Swabhiman 1:00 Sansar Days 4:00 Hollywood Zin 7:45 English News Squares 4:30 World News 8:05 Jawan Sangeet 8:30 Entertainment Week 9:00 5:05 Fox World Business Break for Headline News 10:00 Khabarnama & Commercial News 10:35 Mast Mast Sanyo (Musical Show) 11:15 Sunhere Yadon 12:15 Serial; Khas Khas Khabrain- Close Down

7:00 Jagran 7:30 to 10:30 Every Half Hour-Zee News Hindi 11:00 Mystery Unfolds 12:00 Zee News in Hindi 12:57 News Headlines 1:00 Ru-Ba-Ru 1:30 to 6:30 Every Half Hour-Zee News Hindi

8:00 MTV Hanging Out VJ Sonia 9:00 Non-Stop Hits Classic MTV VJ Sarah/ Rahul 9:30 Pop Indonesia

10:00 Non-Stop Hits 10:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Shehnaz 11:30 MTV Top 2000 12:30 MTV & Kenwood Hit List 1:00 MTV Housefull V Nafisa 1:30 MTV Fresh VJ Shehna 2:30 Non-Stop Hits 3:30 Love Line VJ Malaika 4:00 MTV Bakra 4:15 Non-Stop Hits 4:30 MTV Select VJ Nikhil Shehnaz 6:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 7:30 MTV Cinemascope 8:00 MTV Truelife AIDS Special 8:30 MTV Top 2000 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 House Full VJ Nafisa 10:30 MTV Gaao Baby Gaao 11:00 MTV Lovelibe 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:00 MTV Chill Out VJ Cyrus/ Asif/Nikhil 1:00 Non-Stop Hits 2:00 MTV Land

VJ Mike/ Jamie/ Sarah

5:00 MTV Top VJ Francis

6:00 MTV PartyZone VJ

Sonia

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 Ta Ra

Rum 9:00 Brake Fail 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 01:00 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 2:00 Popbusters 2:30 Ta Ra Rum 3:30 Brake Fail 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 Samay Quartz Best of Best 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 11:00 Disco Mein Kisko 11:30 Shabab 12:00 Brake Fail 1:00 Colgate Ziz Zag Best Of The Day 1:30 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 2:00 Bajaj Music Box 2:30 Nez Gen 3:00 Ta Ra Rum 4:00 Music Zone 4:30 Brake Fail 5:30 Super Vasmol Old is Gold 6:00 Sizzlers

10:30 Janmadin (Birthday Greetings) 10:35 Shree Ram Krishna 11:00 Dropadi 11:15 Classical/ Folk Songs 11:30 Parliament Hour/Musical 12:30 Kunja Villa 1:00 Aakash Chhoa 1:30 Rupkatha 2:00 Kanakanjali 2:30 Daily Sope 3:00 Maha Probhu 3:30 Mohini 3:55 Daily Soap: Bhul Thikanay 4:20 Nepali Programme/Rabindra Sangeet 5:05 Shilpa Jagat 5:30 News 5:50 Bigyan Prasanga 6:10 Gaan Sudhu Gaan 6:40 Khas Khabar 6:50 Janmabhumi 7:20 Tarunder Janney/Darshaker Darbare/Ghare Baire 7:30 Bangla Sambad 8:00 Aanya Sader Galpo (Serial) 8:30 Boxer Ratan 9:00 Janmabhumi

9:30 Dropadi 10:00 Khas Mantra 10:00 Family No Worlds 9:00 People &

DD CHANNEL-1 6:30 UGC Programmes

7:30 Samachar 7:45 Suba

Sabera 8:45 The News 9:00 Current Affairs-Suba Sabera 9:30 Tapasya: Serial 10:00 UGC Programmes 10:30 Tarang CIET Programme 11:30 Question Hour 12:30 Serial: Aurat 1:00 Serial: Tulsi 1:30 Serial: Intezeer Aur Sahi 1:30 Serial: Waqt ki Raftar 2:30 News in Hindi 2:40 News in English 2:50 Serial: Roop Suhane /Deewaar 3:00 Serial: Aap Ki Shanti 3:30 Serial : Sunhere Pal 4:00 Tea Film: kinare Kinare. Time Monoranjan 4:30 Choti Se Aasha 5:00 Series: 5:30 Series: 6:00 Buzurgon Ke Liye 6:15 CIET Programme 6:30 Dilli Aajtak 6:45 Falak 7:00 Live Show 7:30 7:00 NBC Nightly News Samachar 7:45 Paricramma 8:00 Fera Feri 8:25 Serial: Geet Bahar The Survival Game 9:00 9:00 Samachar 9:15 The News 10:05 Serial: Noor- 11:00 Tommorrow's 6:30 Film Show- Paap Ki jahan 10:30 Serial: Nehle World 11:30 The Third Kamace 9:30 Chart-Pe Dehla 11:32 Serial: Ittihas 12:02 Spl. Prog

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Riushiprasad 8:30 Chart- Century 7:00 Tommor- Nutan) 12:30 Film Showbusters 9:00 Ek Mahal Ho row's World 7:30 The Pooja Ke Phool 3:30 Film

Chartbusters 1:00 Rang People & Places Birangee 1:30 Music Mantra 2:00 Boogi Woogi 2:30 Ek Mahal Ho Sapna Ka 3:00 Aurat 3:30 Cine-Matine Film: Sanjh Aur Kaun Kaise (*Mithun. Savera 7:00 Junoon 7:30 Ranjita) 9:30 Kuch Lamhe Music Mantra 8:00 Kuch Nagme 10:00 Chartbusters 8:30 Boogie Taraana 10:15 Movie Woogie 9:05 Dil Vil Pyar Fare 10:30 Film Show-Vyar 9:35 Sparsh 10:05 Aahat 11:40 Movers & Salman Khan, Madhuri) Shakers 11:15 Ek Mahal 1:30 Moods Melody 1:45 Ho Sapna Ka 11:45 Madhyantar 2:00 Film Junoon 12:30 Cine Show- Disco Dancer Prime- Ghar Sansaar (Jeetendra, Sridevi) 3:00 Aurat 3:30 Cine Nite Film Time 6:30 Film Show-Hindi Feature Show- Pather Ke Insaan

7:30 Animals Mind 8:00 Family Hour 10:00 Wild Planet 12:00 Ocean busters 10:00 Under 19 Worlds 1:00 People & Cricket World Cup- India Places 2:00 Our Living VS Pakistan (Live) 6:00 World 3:00 Wild 4:00 Film Show- Bhool 8:30 Across The Gungle Divide Chartbusters 9:00 Music 4:30 Colony Z 5:00 Fam- Mantra 9:30 Film Showily Hour 6:00 Find of The Mehrbaan ("Sunil Dutt. Sapna Ka 9:30 Music Third Planet 8:00 Ocean Show- Sakhi Robin

Khabar 10:10 Bengali 1 10:30 Just Mohabbat Places 10:00 Find of The 11:00 Khoya Khoya Century 10:30 Wild 11:00 Chand 11:30 The Tommorrow's World Popadum Show 12:00 11:30 The Third Planet Movers & Shakers 12:30 12:00 Ocean Worlds 1:00

6:30 Film Show (B/W)-Saajan (*Sanjay Dutt, (*Mithun, Kim) 5:30 Abhinetri 6:00 Pehlu 6:15 (*Vinod Khanna, Jackie Shroff, Sridevi) 10:20 Movie Masti Magic 10:25 Chehren 10:30 Film Show- Hathkadi ("Sanjeev Kumar, Reena Roy) 2:00 All Time Hits 2:30 Film Show-Shankar Dada