

Update on The Book Fair

A record 1000 new titles likely to hit Ekushey Boi Mela

By Cultural Correspondent

THE Ekushey Boi Mela is gaining its momentum very quickly. The first fair in this new millennium and the declaration of February 21 as the International Mother Language Day has generated an enormous amount of enthusiasm among the organisers as well as the visitors.

The books that are proving popular this February are, Humayun Ahmed's *Shura*, published by the Dhaka Prakashani; Anupam Prakashani's *Kishor Biggan Shmagra* by Abdullah Al Muti Shartuddin; Mohammad Jafar Iqbal's *Kanishtha Bharta*; Ah-san Habib's '999 jokes ek ta Fau'.

Batikkram Prakashani has brought out Ali Imam's *Pakhr Prithibha* as part of their collection of juvenile literature.

Recto a new publishing house has brought out Al Mahmud's new novel, *Pakhi* and 7 more new books.

University Press Ltd usually does not bring out publication for the book fair but this year they have about 20 new publications.

Shahittaya Prakashani has brought Sanjida Khatun's *Rabindranath Hate Hat rekhe* and *Dhanir Katha* and *Abrittir Katha*; Syed Shamsul Haq's collection of poetry, *Prematra* and Mahmudul Haq's *Patal*.



Children corner is the new addition to this year's Boi Mela

Puri. Disney in collaboration with the Shahittaya Prakashani has brought out *Tarzan*, *Bhayal Raater Ushab* and *Baner Raja Tarzan*.

The publishers are hoping that this year the publication of the new books will cross the figure of 1000. The novels are gaining its usual popularity.

Dibbaya Prakashani has brought a collection of Rahat Khan's novel, as well as a collection of stories by the same writer.

Mawla Brothers will publish the third volume of Akhtarujjaman Illias's works. The prestigious imprint has already published new Selina Hossain's latest novel 'Lara'. They will bring books by three new up-

and-coming writers: *Palabar Path Nai* by Shaheen Akhtar, *Tanusir Shangge Ditta Raat* by Mashiul Alam and *Andha Mejeer Josna Dhekhar Par* by Imtiaz Shamim.

Sraban Prakashani will also publish a book of stories *Kuluk Briham* by a new writer Prashanta Mrida. Novels will cover almost one fourth of the publications.

— Star Photo

Shammilita Oikka Jote's Ekushey Celebration

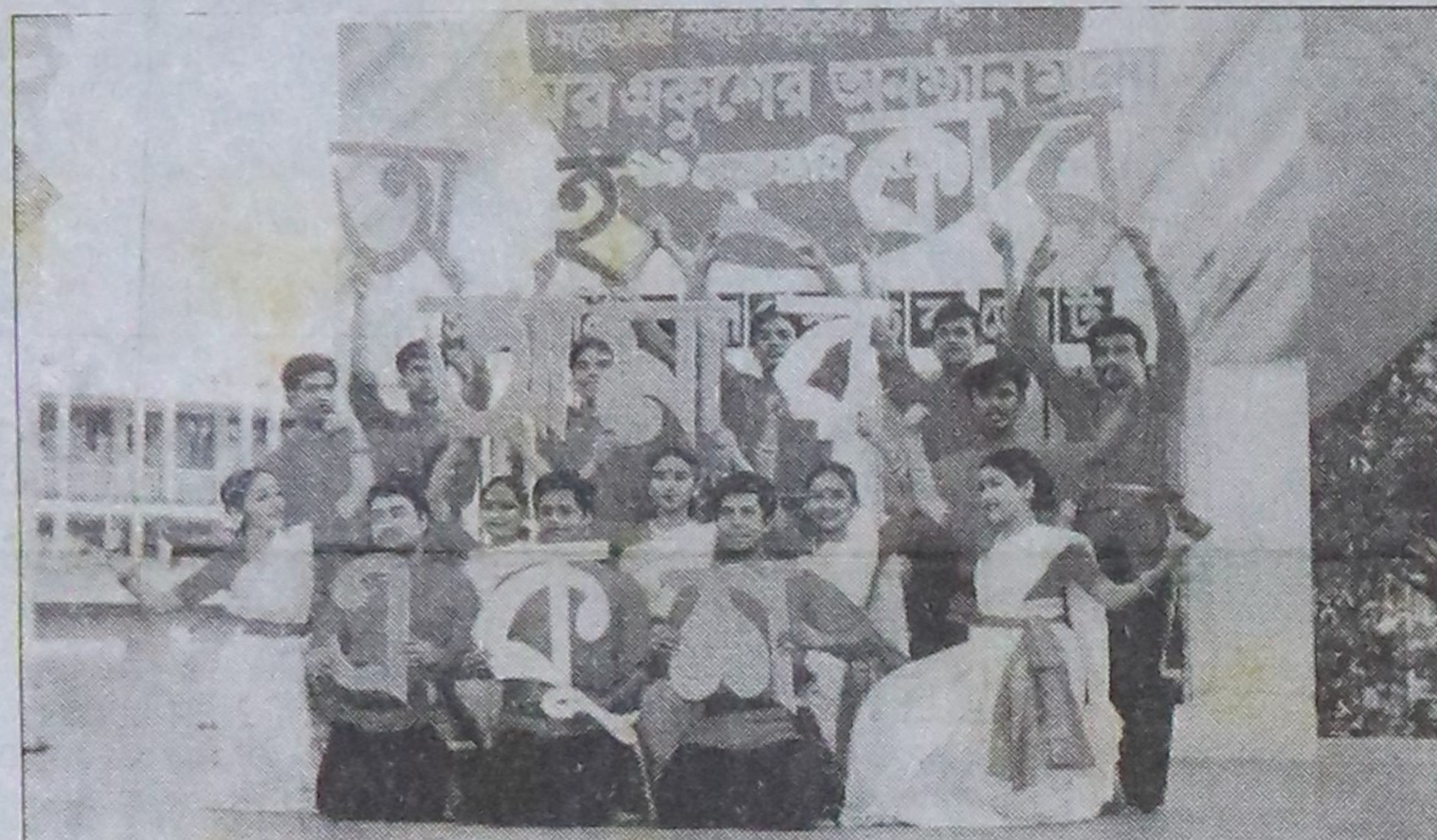
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WITH the song 'Mukhtir Mondir Shopantale Boli Holo Koto Pran', began the 12-day Ekushey celebration of the Shammilita Oikka Jote's on February 8 at the National Shahid Minar premises. The Jote has this year a long list of programmes to come till February 19.

The opening day was marked by discussions on dance, music and drama.

Abdul Matin, an participant of the Language Movement of 1952 inaugurated the programme as chief guest.

As this year the Ekushey February is being celebrated throughout the world as International Mother Language day, Shammilita Oikka Jote wants this Ekushey a memorable one through their intense twelve-day programme.



The colourful inaugural of Shammilita Oikka Jote's 12-day Ekushey programme — Photo by Shankar Shah Madhu

It's A Rose

Bangladesh Television will air special drama 'Valentiner Golap Phool' on February 14

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IN our part of the world spring sets in February and in this season of merriment and warmth falls the Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day mood grips the romancing couple of the contry as well. Bangladesh Television will air a special drama *Valentiner Golap Phool* on the day.

Bauro and Choto are two brothers and Dipti is their only sister. Bauro is still a bachelor and wants her sister to be married off first. On the other hand, Choto is going through a inferior complex as he is already married before her younger sister.

On a Valentine's Day when the whole family was getting ready to go to a wedding reception Saju, a friend of Dipti



A scene from the drama Valentiner Golap Phool

comes to the scene and insists on Dipti's cancelling the programme. Saju even comes to Dipti's house with a rose but Dipti is adamant not to go with him.

At the wedding party one of their family elders comes with a proposal for marriage for Bauro. The name of the girl is Shirin but Bauro does not want to meet the girl but his uncle wants him to meet the girl.

At the end the rose brought by Saju comes to the hand of Bauro and from him to Shirin and ultimately they are tied together into a happy family.

The play is written by Mosaddek Millat and directed by Nargis Akter. The play is a presentation of Exposure Media. The play stars Dipti, Tarek Anam Khan, Shahidul Alam Saeed, Kankan, Khalilullah Khan, Sweety, Pavel, Mostafizur Rahlan Babu.

Celebrating Valentine's Day

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LIKE every year February 14 is going to be celebrated as the Valentine's Day and Star Movies comes up with some of the all time favorite romantic movies to celebrate the day. The big names include in these specials are 'Romeo and Juliet', 'Leonardo: A Life in Progress', 'Titanic', 'Pretty Woman' and more. More glamour will be added to this celebration by the live presentation of the 72nd Academy Awards Nomination which is to be aired on February 15. Here are some of the highlights of the upcoming attractions.

Valentines' day special Romeo+Juliet

14/02/2000, 7:15 pm.

Starring Leonardo Di-Caprio, Calire Danes, Brian Dennehy and Paul Sorvino. Director Baz Luhrmann's cinematic interpretation of Shakespeare's famous story of star-crossed lovers Romeo and Juliet, has won widespread critical acclaim around the globe. Set in contemporary times, Leonard DiCaprio stars as the handsome young Romeo whose love for Claire Dane's Juliet knows no bounds despite their respective families absolute hatred of each other.

Said DiCaprio of his beautiful young co-star Danes, "I knew from the start that she had a command of the screen. When we were auditioning Juliets, she was the only one who came right up to me and said the lines directly to me. It was a little shocking, but it impressed me because most of the others, looked off into the sky. She was right there in front of my face, saying every line with power," explains the multi-million dollar heart-throb and *Titanic*

began just seven years ago. Using footage from some of his earlier work, which includes *Romeo+Juliet* and *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*, this special shows why this paparazzi-hounded actor is one of the most popular movie stars in the world.

Titanic 14/02/200, 10:00 pm.

Starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Kathy Bates, Billy Zane and Gloria Stewart.

Titanic is the most successful movie of all time, generating close to \$2 billion dollars worldwide. This stunningly visual epic picked up 11 Academy Awards and made its handsome star, Leonardo DiCaprio, Hollywood's hottest property and the world's number one heart-throb.

Titanic is an action-packed romance about a handful of fictional characters who, together with the actual historical figures, board the *Titanic* for its tragic maiden voyage.

Travelling on a ship specially designed to prevent them from ever meeting, third-class passenger Jack Dawson (Leonardo DiCaprio) and first-class passenger Rose DeWitt Bukater, have taken the ultimate risk — to defy the oppressive social conventions of their time and fall in love.

Live: The 72nd Academy Awards Nominations

15/02/2000, 7:30 pm.

Live direct from Los Angeles, two celebrity presenters will read out this year's nominees for the most coveted awards in entertainment history — the Annual Academy Awards.

Pretty Woman

17/02/2000; 10:00 pm.

Starring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere.



Pretty Woman (17/02/2000, 10:00 pm)

Heart-throb Richard Gere stars as handsome cooperate mogul Edward Lewis, a savvy businessman whose chance encounter with Vivian Ward (Roberts in an Oscar-nominated role), a young woman who lives by her wits on the streets of Hollywood, leads to a week of love and extravagance for both. In this smash hit romantic comedy.

The Doors 18/02/2000, 10:00 pm.

Starring Val Kilmer, Meg Ryan, Kyle MacLachlan, Michael Madsen and Billy Idol.

Val Kilmer gives a critically acclaimed performance as Jim Morrison, the legendary lead singer of the hugely successful rock band *The Doors*, whose hard living led to his untimely death. The film is directed by Oliver Stone.

Who Framed Roger Rabbit? 20/02/2000, 11:30 am.

Each day in Hollywood, an exciting assortment of talent streams through the studio gates. Joining them on the sound stages are Toons, the colourful stars and superstars of cartoons who commute from Toontown, the suburb of Hollywood where down is up, up is down and anything goes. *Roger Rabbit* is a veteran Toon contract player. He's a floppy-eared, lovable stunt clown who loves everybody, especially his gorgeous wife, Jessica. Although some vicious gossip about her has lately been affecting his work in front of the camera, nothing compares to what he faces when he becomes the prime suspect in a sensational murder case.



Titanic (14/02/2000, 10:00 pm)

Danes was equally complimentary of DiCaprio. "Leo is brilliant. It's been thrilling to work with him. He is also extremely funny. Sometimes I'd be doubled over in pain from laughing so hard and that's important, especially when the scenes are intense. It was a real treat working with him," says the Golden Globe winning actress.

The pair apparently dated during filming which might explain their excellent on-screen chemistry.

Also starring in this superb film are Brian Dennehy, as Romeo's father, John Leguizamo as Juliet's cousin and Romeo's sworn enemy: Pete Postlethwaite, as the kindly Father Laurence; and Paul Sorvino and Diane Venora as the sovereigns of the Capulet empire and Juliet's parents.

Leonardo: A Life in Progress 14/02/2000, 9:30 pm.

After stealing Kate Winslet's heart in *Titanic*, Leonardo DiCaprio went on to steal hearts around the globe after his starring role in the romantic action-packed epic *Titanic*. The talented young heart-throb is now one of the hottest actors in Hollywood and can now command a \$20 million pay packet as a result of his incredible popularity. This hour-long documentary profiles the star and takes a look at his career which

workshop



Leading theatre personalities of the country gathered at the inaugural ceremony of a drama workshop organised by Free Theatre, which began on February 6. The workshop has been organised to groom up the new generation of young theatre workers. About thirty men and women are participating in the workshop. The guests at the inaugural ceremony pose for a family photograph (From right) Engineer Md. Iqbal, Salam, Kamal Lohani, Actor Sirajul Islam, Enamul Latif, cultural and literary personality Fayeze Ahmad, Artist Imdad Hossain, Rupam, Director Mustafizur Rahman Syed, music director Senjuli Rahman and journalist Shubho Rahman. The workshop will continue till February 18.

TV Guide

Thursday 10th February (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 How Buildings Learn 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: The Real India Travel Show 1:00 World News 1:30 HARDtalk 2:00 1:30 World News Programme 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 HARDtalk 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 BBC World Living: Holiday 5:00 BBC World Today 6:30 The Money Programme

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2:00 [V] Hit Machine 2:30 The Ticket 3:00 [V] Hit Machine (Back to Back vids) 3:30 [V] Launchpad 4:00 [V] Hit Machine 4:30 Tea With [V] 5:00 Virtual [V] (Back to Back vids) 5:30 Tea With [V] (Back to Back vids) 6:00 [V] On Campus 6:30 Tea With [V] (Back to Back vids) 7:00 [V] Line Lagao 7:30 [V] Hit Machine 8:30 [V] Dares You 9:00 [V] Hit Machine 9:30 First Day First Show 10:00 [V] Hit Machine 10:30 Late Night [V] V Laila (N) 12:30 [V] Hit Machine

tainment news) 12:00 3-2-1 (Game Show) #31Ep- Journalism Schools 12:30 TVC Shopping 1:00 Film Based Prog. Hit Ya Fit #190 1:30 Daily Soap-Sansar #Ep-99 2:00 Kahani Me Twist 2:30 Daily Soap: Swabhiman #420 (N) 3:00 Aur Phir Ek Din Kahani Me Twist #30 3:30 Jubilee Plus (Weekly Film Trade Review) 4:00 Say Cheese #32 4:30 Spiderman 5:00 The Wonder Years 5:30 Animal Adventure 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Daily Soap- Maal Hai To Tall Hai #89 7:00 Film Based Prog. Hit Ya Fit 7:25 The Trailer Show 7:30 STAR News (Hindi) 8:00 Zindagi.Com #32 8:00 Is Duniya Ki Sitare-Madhuri Dixit Pt-2 9:00 Ajeeb Dastan #55 9:30 STAR News (Eng) 10:00 Kinetic Mega Show #32 Gust- (Anchore: Ruby Bhatia) 10:30 Shok TV

11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 11:30 Kabhie Kabhie 12:00 Star News- Late Night Edition 12:30 Daily Soap: Swabhiman 1:00 Daily Soap-Sansar #Ep-99 2:00 Daily Soap- Maal Hai To Tall Hai 2:30 Is Duniya Ki Sitare-Madhuri Dixit Pt-2 3:00 Ajeeb Dastan 3:30 Kinetic Mega Show #31 Gust- (Anchore: Ruby Bhatia) 4:00 Shok TV 4:30 Kabhie Kabhie 5:00 Ninaad 6:00 Zindagi.Com

Murder (15) 7:15 Comedy: Mr. Destiny (12) 9:30 The Ticket 10:00 Thursday Mega Movie: Under Siege-2 (15) 12:00 Comedy: Cop-pool (12) 2:00 Thriller: Profile For Murder (15)

Happy Days Ep-Bye Bye Blackball 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 Home Improvement 5:00 Star News Asia 5:05 Fox World Business Report 5:30 Daily Soap- Friends Ep- The One With Two Parts Pt-1 (Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlane, Matthew Perry, David Schwimmer) 6:00 World's Widest Police Video 7:00 Series: Walker Texas Ranger #202 Ep- 3:00 Series: Creflo Dollar 3:30 Kenneth Copland Ministries 4:00 Life in the word with Joyce Meyer 4:30 Sky World News 5:00 Ooo La La 5:30 The New WKRP In Cincinnati 6:00 Aerobics Oz Style 6:30 Hollywood Squares

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DISCOVERY CHANNEL 12:30 Hunters 1:30 Gully Pleasures: 2:30 Un-charted Africa 3:00 Lands of Legends 3:30 Discovery Profile Series 4:30 Splat 5:00 Beyond 2000 5:30 Discover Mag-

azin 6:30 Ushuaia 7:30 Travellers 8:30 Lonely Planet 9:30 Eyewitness 10:00 Eyewitness 10:30 Wild Guide 11:00 Walker's Cay Chronicles 11:30 Aspects of Life 12:00 Animal Survivors 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives 2:00 Medical Detectives 2:30 Discover Magazine 3:30 Travelers 4:30 Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet 6:30 Pop Sci 7:00 Splat 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Untamed Amazonia 9:30 High Roller's Vegas 10:30 Portraits 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Untamed Amazonia

Star News
7:30 Breakfast News (Eng) 8:00 Breakfast News (Hindi) 9:30 Star News (Eng) 10:00 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 Sawal Aap Ke 8:30 Nationwide 9:30 Star Samachar 10:00 Star Business News 10:20 Sports Update