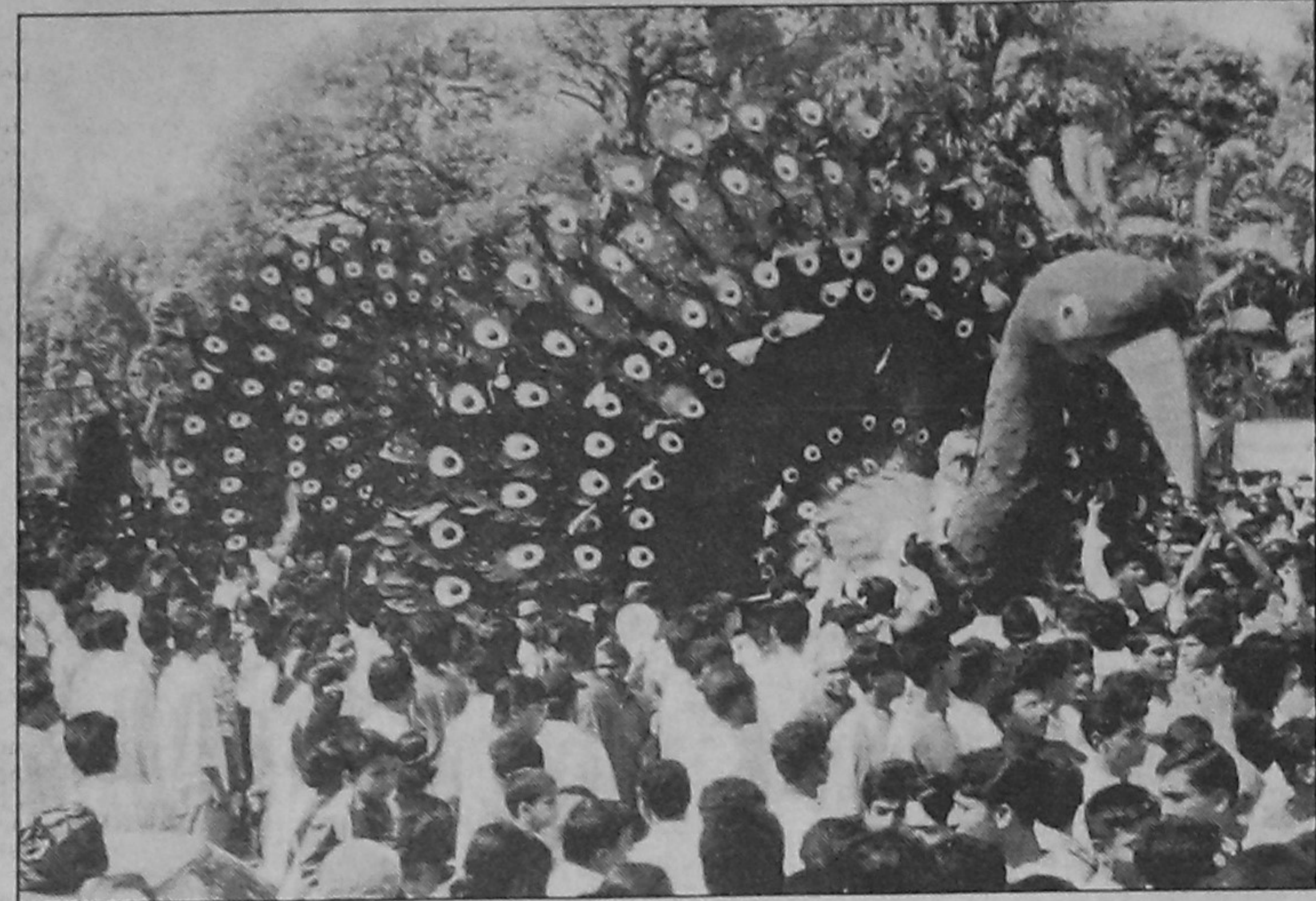


baishakh album

## Pahela Baishakh All Over



A vision in blue: Giant peacocks made by the students of the Institute of Fine Arts stole the show at the colourful Shova Jatra (rally) of the Institute on Pahela Baishakh. — Star photo



Visitors at the Baishakhi Mela (New Year Fair) at Ramna Park trying out (bead-laden) bangles. Modern forms of bangles have found their way alongside traditional glass bangles in recent times. — Star photo



A tradition of songs: Students of Chhayanaut presenting songs at their traditional presentation under the banyan tree at Ramna Park in the early morning of the 1st day of the new year. — Star photo

exhibition

## The Story of The Obscure Heroes

Art exhibition by Bijan Das

By Cultural Correspondent

**B**IJON Das titled his ongoing exhibition 'Daily Freedom Fighter'. He chose the story of hardworking men and women who are perennially fighting the battle against all odds to keep their life going.

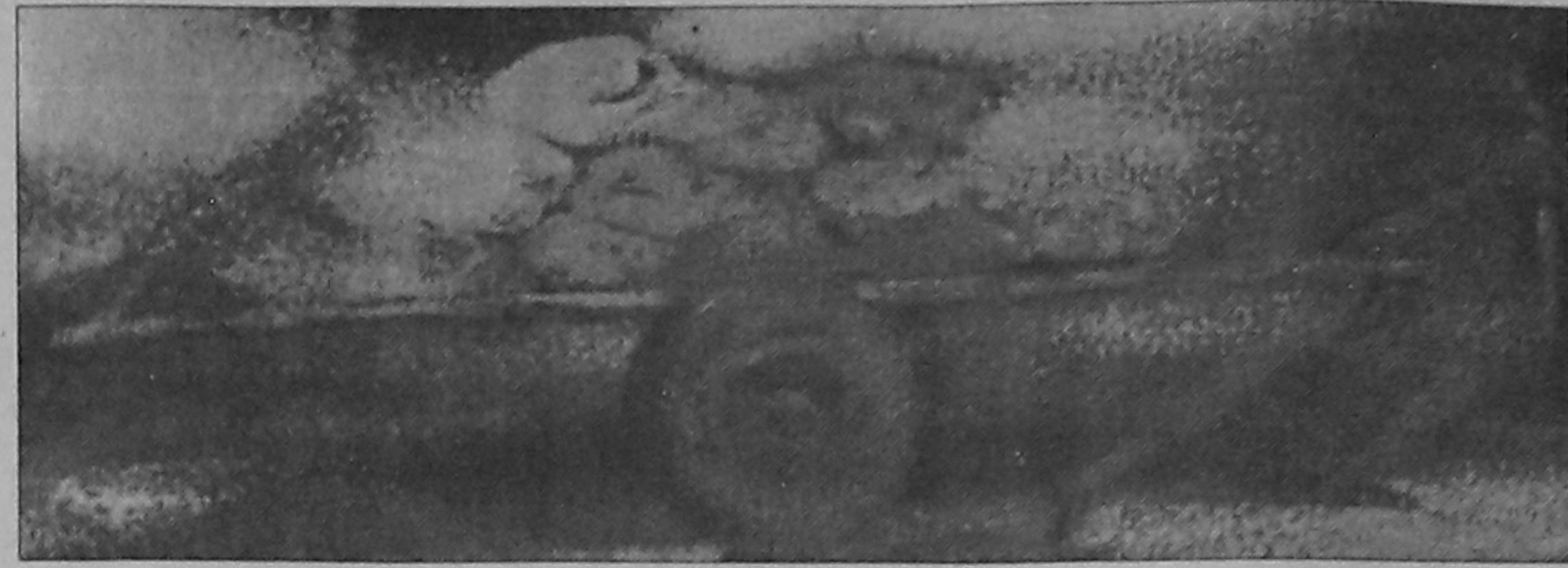


**Bijan Kumar Das**  
His subjective presentation of the theme unfolds a vivid image of these people whose heroic life is never recognised. The elite always ignores them.

His 'Daily Freedom Fighter (1)' brings into focus the men, carrying load on a bamboo carrier. Their leaning body, resourceful endeavour, can easily be traced through the haze of colours.

'Wood Cut', a sketch by Bijon, shows a woman cutting fuel-wood. The black and white lines, the exercise of light and shade makes the world of the woman make almost come to life.

Bijon's depiction of Nature



Daily Freedom Fighter, Oil

shows the very essence of the nature of Bangladesh. The blooming of Kashful, the green shades of the banana tree, the ducks floating over the pond and two young girls looking at them with eagerness, as if the 'Ruposhi Bangla' of Jibananda Das has been recreated on Bijon's canvas.

'Nature 92' a pen sketch shows a temple at a distance through the greenery that surrounds it. The absence of colour gave the picture a nostalgic appeal.

'Chinta' shows a young girl sitting thoughtfully and a globe is lying on the ground near her. The striking feature of the painting lies in the division Bijon subtly created with light and shade as if showing the division between hope and despair. The picture would make

one stop and think about the world and what we are leaving behind for our future generation.

Bijon's love for bright colour



Wood Curve

is traceable in his ample use of green, bright yellow, blue, red and many more.

Bijon was awarded the second position in the National Poster Competition on Drug Abuse, Dhaka in 1996. In 1994 he got the Media Best Award for Graphic Design from Art and Culture Institution, Dhaka University.

This time around, he is exhibiting a total of 80 art-works. This exhibition also features some wood curving projects.

He is a student of MFA. The exhibition was inaugurated by the eminent artist Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, the departmental head of the Graphic Design, Institute of Fine Arts, Artist Mahmudul Haq presided over the inaugural ceremony. The exhibition is being held till April 16 at the Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts.

RECOMMENDATIONS

**Kibria**  
The long-awaited exhibition by Mohammed Kibria, which was postponed for unavoidable reasons opened on Pahela Baishakh, the first day of Bengali new year. Organised by the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts the exhibition was inaugurated on Friday (Apr 14) at 6.00pm at House No. 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmandi, Dhaka.  
The exhibition was inaugurated by artist Shafiqul Islam Ahmed.



Baishakhi Mela 1407

The week-long celebration of the Bengali New Year 1407 started with the Baishakhi Mela and projection of traditional culture of Bangladesh under the sponsorship of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation on Friday, the first Baishakh 1407. (April 14, 2000) at 3.30pm at Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Dhaka.  
Tofail Ahmed, Minister for Industries inaugurated the fair as chief guest, while K M Ehsanul Haq, secretary-in-charge Ministry of Industries was present as special guest.

Programme Schedule  
1. Bichar Gaan (Manikgong, Munshigong, Rangpur and Barishal) on Baishakh 3 (April 16) at 7.00pm.  
2. Jari Gaan (Jhalokathi, Faridpur, Dhaka, Kushtia and Barishal) on Baishakh 4 (April 17) at 7.00pm.  
3. Gazir Gaan (Comilla, Faridpur, Dhaka, Maymansing and Netrokona) on Baishakh 5 (April 18) at 7.00pm.  
4. Kobi Gaan (Dhaka, Maymansing, Sylhet and Barishal) on Baishakh 7 (April 20) at 7.00pm.

Bangla Calligraphy

The inauguration of the exhibition titled Bangla Calligraphy, by Arham-ul-Huq was inaugurated on April 15 at 6.00pm at the Goethe Institut, Dhaka.  
The exhibition will remain open everyday (except Friday) from 2.00pm till 8.00pm till April 27.

Karur Charuta

The second solo exhibition by Shabin Shahriar, titled Karur Charuta was inaugurated on the Baishakh 1 (April 14) at the Zainul Art Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka at 10.00am. Artist Abdur Razzaque inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest. The programme was presided over by artist Abdus Sakoor, while poet Belal Mohammed was present as chief guest.

to preview

## Bismriti

Drama series on Ekushey-ETV

By Cultural Correspondent

**T**HE first episode of the 13-episode drama series Bismriti will be aired on Ekushey-ETV on April 16 at 8.00pm. Written and directed by Moloy Bhattacharjya the drama casts Tareque Anam Khan, Abul Hayat, Shimul and others.

**Synopsis:** A man wakes up in the middle of a park and starts following a woman, who he mistakes as his wife. The police are called in, but after they realised that he is suffering from amnesia, they put him under a kind psychiatrist. The story takes a puzzling turn, when the amnesiac claims that he is the husband of a famous singer, who has disappeared under mysterious circumstances. The singer is called in but she fails to recognise him. But the interesting part was that the amnesiac knew a lot about her married life. Events get murkier when a murdered body is found lying in brick field.

Who is lying? And who is telling the truth? Who is the man who claims to be someone he clearly is not? And, why would he do so? Most important of all things is the murder.

The psychiatrist and the police detectives are after these answers. One explores the labyrinths of the mind, while others have their nose in the ground.

Irani Film on BTV

On the occasion of Holy Ashura, BTV will air a special Irani Film, titled 'Rooz-E Vogneye' (Flag Carrier) on April 16 at 5.00pm.

Anirudhya on BTV

The package drama Anirudhya will be aired on BTV on April 17 after the News in Bengali.

exhibition

## Rupashi Bangla

By Cultural Correspondent

**O**N the occasion of the Bengali New Year Bangladesh Photojournalists Association organised a photography exhibition and competition at the association auditorium on April 13. A K Fayzul Huq, State Minister for Jute inaugurated the exhibition and competition as chief guest, while Mizanur Rahman Sinha, managing director The Acme Laboratories was also present as special guest.

Almost 200 photographs by 46 photojournalists from Dhaka, Khulna, Sylhet, Chittagong and Narayanganj took place in the exhibition. In the competition the first prize went to Mahbab Hossain Khan Nohin of Daily Jugantar, second prize - jointly by Shafiqul Islam Ahmed

Bitu (daily Inquilab) and Shipon Ahmed (Khabar Pata Narayanganj) and third prize -

jointly by Sanaul Huq (daily Independent) and Nasim Shikdar (daily Inquilab).



## TV Guide

**Sunday 16th April**  
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

**BTV**  
3.00 PM Opening Announcement 3.20 Open University 4.00 PM Khabar 4.05 PM Special Programme for Children 5.00 PM Irani Film 6.00 PM Khabar 7.00 PM Weather Forecast 7.05 PM Mati O Manush 7.25 PM Discussion Programme 8.00 PM News in Bangla 8.20 PM Pariprekshit 8.50 PM Hamd O Naath 10.00 PM News at Ten 10.20 PM Aleekhyannishthan 11.30 PM Khabar The News 11.45 PM Close Down.

**ETV**  
**Ekushey**  
7.00 PM Classic Cartoons 7.30 PM Jana Ajana 7.50 PM Ekushey Evening News Bulletin 8.00 PM Bismriti (Series Premiere) Written & Directed by Moloy Bhattacharjya 8.30 PM Roar 9.30 PM Priyo Gaan 10.00 PM BTV News 10.30 PM Shashari Guest: Atiar Rahman

**BBC**  
6.00 EBC World News Headlines 6.30 World Living: Holiday 7.00 BBC World News 7.30 Simpson's

World 8:00 BBC World News 8:30 Correspondent 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 This Week 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: Face To Face India (Presenter: Yaran Thapar) 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 Money-wise (Presenter: Sucharita Ghosh) 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 This Week 3:00 BBC World News 3:10 Under The Sun-Caterpillar Moon 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 Click Online (Pres: Stephen Cole) 5:00 BBC World News 5:30 Simpson's World 6:00 BBC World News Headlines- 6:10 Full Circle #3/10- China 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 Top Gear 8:00 BBC World Headlines 8:10 Dateline London 9:00 BBC World Headlines 9:10 Horizon: Antarctica-The Ice Lives 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 India Business Report 11:00 BBC World News 11:10 Under The Sun-Caterpillar Moon 12:00 BBC World News Headlines 12:30 Simpson's World 1:00 BBC World News 1:10 Full Circle 2:00 World News 2:30 Top Gear 3:00 World News 3:30 Dateline London 4:00 BBC World Newsdesk inc. World Report / 24 Hours

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7:30 [V] Hit Machine 11:30 [V] Sunday Special 12:30 [V] Hit Machine 30 [V] Karaoke 4:00 [V] Hit Machine 6:00 [V] Dares 6:30 [V] Hit Machine 8:30 [V] Sunday Special 9:30 [V] Hit Machine 10:30 [V] Mainstage 11:30 [V] Billboard US Countdown 12:30 [V] Hit Machine

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 Ta Ra Rum 9:00 Brake Fail 10:00 1900 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Brake Fail 11:30 Teen Talk 12:00 Bajaj Music Box 12:30 Saare Ga Ma Classic 1:00 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 2:00 Stars Day Out 2:30 Old Is Gold 3:00 Music Mag 3:30 Brake Fail 4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00 Dil Se 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Saare Ga Ma Classic 7:00 Kumar Ajay Saree Pts Rungun Tarane 7:30 Dial M 8:30 Nesgen / Events / Just Jasmun 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 DSP Sizers 10:30 Himai Gold T. Jharokha 11:00 Artist of The Fortnight 11:30 Shabab 12:00 Music Zone 1:00 Brake Fail 1:30 Himai Gold T. Jharokha 2:00 Bajaj Music Box 2:30 Dil Se 3:00 Ta Ra Rum 4:00 Music Zone 5:00 Brake Fail

**DD 7**  
7:15 Sambad 8:40 Khas Khabar 9:30 Game O Kothai 9:30 Movie-Club Film (Last Thursday's Film Rpt); 12:00 Barnali 12:30 Movie Club Film (Last Friday's Film Rpt); 1:30 Sananda Quiz 2:00 Hada Bhodar Kand-karkhana 2:30 Continue...Movie Club Film (Last Friday's Film Rpt); 3:30 Geet Saugait 4:30 Sunday Bangla Film 5:30 Sambad 6:40 Khas Khabar 7:20 Binodan (Magazine show) 7:30 Bangla Sambad 8:00 Serial: Sonargaon 8:30 Special Prog - Sur Sadhak 9:00 Special Prog - 9:30 Serial: Sidhanta 10:10 Khas Khabar 10:20 Mokho Mukhi 10:50 Sambad 11:00 Robibarer Journal

SONY TV

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Sant Asaram Wani 8:30 Ramayan 9:30 Hum Sab Ek Hain 10:00 Family No 1 10:30 I Love You 11:00 Dil Vil Pyar Vyar 11:30 Archana Talkies 12:30 Cine Matinee-Super Hit Film: 4:00 Udaan 4:30 Mahayagya 5:00 The Good Home Show 5:30 India Magic 6:00 Boogie Woogie 6:30 Cook It



Borrowers on Star Movies at 10.00 pm

Up With Tarla Dalal 7:00 Bajaj Ki Lehren 7:30 CATS 8:30 Film: Dream Girl 12:00 Midnight Hours - Aahat - 1:00 Archana Talkies 2:00 Chartbusters 3:00 The Popadum Show 3:30 Cine-Nite Hindi Feature Film  
**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 Gulasta 8:30 Disney Hour Cartoons 9:30 Shree Krishna 11:30 Vishnu Puran #12 11:30 Alvida Darling #7 (\*Farque Shak, Brasha Us-gaoker, Shobha Khota, Bharty Achreker) 12:00 Hotel Hindustan #7 (\*Salish Koushik, Sudher Panda, Soma Anand, Ramon Singh) 12:30 Bourta Quiz Contest 1:00 Saare Janvihan



Top of the Tops / First Take (Film Preview) 2:00 Hum Panche (Comedy Serial \*Rakhi Vjan, Soma Anand) 2:30 Tejaswini #36 3:00 Suniye Zee Suniye Zee 3:30 Cinema Hits Hindi Film: Milan (\*Jackie Shroff, Manisha Koirala) 6:30 Ek Nazar 7:00 Disney Hour Cartoons 8:00 Saheb Biwi Aur TV

8:30 Oh! Daddy #5 (\*Rohan Kapoor, Achintay Kaur, Natasha Singh) 9:00 Rishtey-10:00 Kashak #7 (\*Sharmila Tagore, Surash Oberoy, Nasir) 10:30 Gudgudee #88/Agnichakra 11:00 Zee Horror-Anhoney 11:30 Hip Hip Hurray #77 12:00 Mehendi Tere Nam Ki #8 (\*Shangita Ghosh, Aruna Irani, Sanjeev Shetty) 12:30 X-Zone 1:30 Yeh Hai Mere Apne 2:00 Knock Knock Kaun Hai 2:30 Naye Nazrane 3:00 Hindi Film (B/W): Sangeet Samrat Tansen (\*Bharat Bhushan, Anita)

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**Morning**  
6:00 Islamic Programme 6:32 Child Prog 7:10 Musical Prog 7:50 Drama Serial 8:25 Musical prog 9:00 Drama Serial 9:35 Magazine Prog 10:10 Drama Serial 10:45 Bangla Film-Seshi Aghat  
**Evening Prog.**  
6:32 Film Songs 7:10 Drama Serial 7:50 Magazine Prog 8:25 Special Prog 9:00 Musical Prog 9:35 Drama Serial 10:10 Drama Serial 10:45 Bangla Film -Dut

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6:30 Rangeela Re 7:00 Chart-busters 7:30 Music Mantra 8:00 Film Show: 11:00 Chartbusters 11:30 Music Mantra 12:00 India Down Under 1:00 Film Show: 4:00 Chartbusters 4:30 Music Mantra 5:00 Film Show: 8:00 Chartbusters 8:30 Music Mantra 9:00 Harmony 9:30 Film Show: 12:30 Film Show: 3:30 Film Show:

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7:00 Anhad 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 7:30 Sarab Sanjhi Bani 8:00 Business Weekend 8:30 Wealthy Health 8:45 Meethe Meethe Bol 9:30 Immigration And North-East India 10:00 Kashmir Love You 11:00 Disney Club 12:00 Pechha Karo 12:30 Home Style 1:00 Fifty Fifty 1:30 My Choice 2:00 Top of the Pop 2:30 The Famous Five 2:55 Urdu News 3:30 Hindi Film 5:30 One Cube 6:00 The Great Experiment 6:30 Goof Troop 7:00 Brave Buds 7:30 Swaraj 8:00 Lat's Talk 8:30 Geet Gata Chal 9:00 Juh (serial) 9:32 Hungama Unlimited 10:30 Aaj Tak 10:50 Single Metro -Top 3 11:00 India This Week 11:30 Sauchari Yaadein 12:00 Investigator 1:00 Hindi Films

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6:30 Family Hour- 7:30 Harem of the Ethiopian Baboon 8:30 Family Hour- 9:30 Insects-10:30 - Kendos Gruelling Challenger 11:30 Violent Earth-12:30 Best of the Week 1:00 Insects 2:00 On The Edge- 3:00 Planet Green - 4:00 Alaska Bush Pilot 5:00 Family Hour- 6:00 Insects- 7:00 About Asia- 8:00 Violent Earth- 9:00 Best of the Week- 10:00 Insects- 10:30 About Asia- 11:30 Violent Earth- 1:00 Insects

Daily Freedom Fighter

The art exhibition by Bijan Das titled Daily Freedom Fighter was inaugurated at the Zainul Art Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts on April 6. Artist Samarjit Roy Chowdhury inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest while professor Mahmudul Haq, director, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka presided over the inaugural ceremony.  
The exhibition will remain open till April 16, from 2.00pm till 8.00pm.

Children Art Biennale

The prize giving ceremony and the painting exhibition of the 2nd International Children-Art Biennale Bangladesh 2000 started on April 1 at the Bangladesh Shishu Academy.  
Dr S A Malek, Political Advisor to the Prime Minister was present as chief guest at the occasion, while Professor Zinnatun Nesa Talukdar, State Minister for Women and Children Affairs, Professor Abdur Razzaque and Professor Hashem Khan, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka was present as special guests.  
The exhibition will remain open till April 30 from 11.00am, to 7.00pm.