

exhibition

## Beauty That Touches All

A photography exhibition on the nature of Bangladesh

By Saima Islam

"The mountain, and the deep and gloomy wood.  
The colours and their forms,  
were then to me  
An appetite, a feeling and a love.  
That had no need of a remoter charm..."  
---William Wordsworth

NATURE has always been a great source of inspiration to many. Three nature lovers have come together with their array of

Fine Art Institute. "We love nature and we love to travel to remote and unusual places. If our photographs could capture the beauty of those places, the credit is not ours rather it is the remarkable splendour of those sites that make our photographs special," said Enam, which only reflect his modesty. Indeed their pictures take us to visit some of the exotic locale of our country. They have tried to visualise daintiness in the delicate patterns of the Spider's net to the vast sky that lay casually in the horizon. Be it a

space of the frame hence giving the picture a visual charm. Day is done, another photograph by Enam Ul Haque catches ones attraction because of its colour and subject. It is a picture of the evening birds' flight for their nests. The brownish orange that make the background of the picture, creates a transcendental serenity that touches all. The birds are seen flying in flocks; one bird is seen sitting on a tree at a distance, all capturing the immediacy and calmness that prevails side by side in the scene.

As birds fascinate Enam, Ian is ensnared by the banyan trees. "The ancient charm that is associated with the banyan trees attract me to them. These trees can be seen in the market places or beside the roads, which I think represent the simultaneous existence of tradition and modernity".

Though in this exhibition, Ian has given only one picture of the banyan tree: 'Lone Banyan' (Banyan and high water) is a picture he took during the flood in Dhaka. He used Noblex Panoramic camera (Konica Infrared) to give the background an arched shape, creating visual illusion, the banyan tree stands alone amidst water as a silent witness of time.

All of Ian's works that has been placed in the exhibition is in black and white. It is because he likes to print the photographs himself. "When I am working with my photographs, developing them, printing them, I feel as if I have gone back to the nature".

"Tracks and Rainforests" is a picture of a railway track that went cutting through the Rainforest of Lawanchara. The trees in both sides of the track are spread like a canopy, at the end of the track a small beaming light is visible that creates a mystery for the viewers and one cannot but think what may be lying ahead of the track. The striking feature of Ian's works lies in his arresting of lights and shades in his pictures, sometimes the lights come

close shot or a shot from a distance, they tried to capture the moments' apathy that drove them to capture that panorama into photography.

"I have always been interested in birds", said Enam. He has taken some excellent photos of birds indeed. 'Twig Fortification' shows two birds sitting on a bare branch but the surprise lies in the intricate dimension created by one birds open wings that instantaneously became the focus point. The naked branches divide the



Photograph by Ian Lockwood

photographs in the Zainul Gallery to show everyone a beauty of Bangladesh that many of us have never seen.

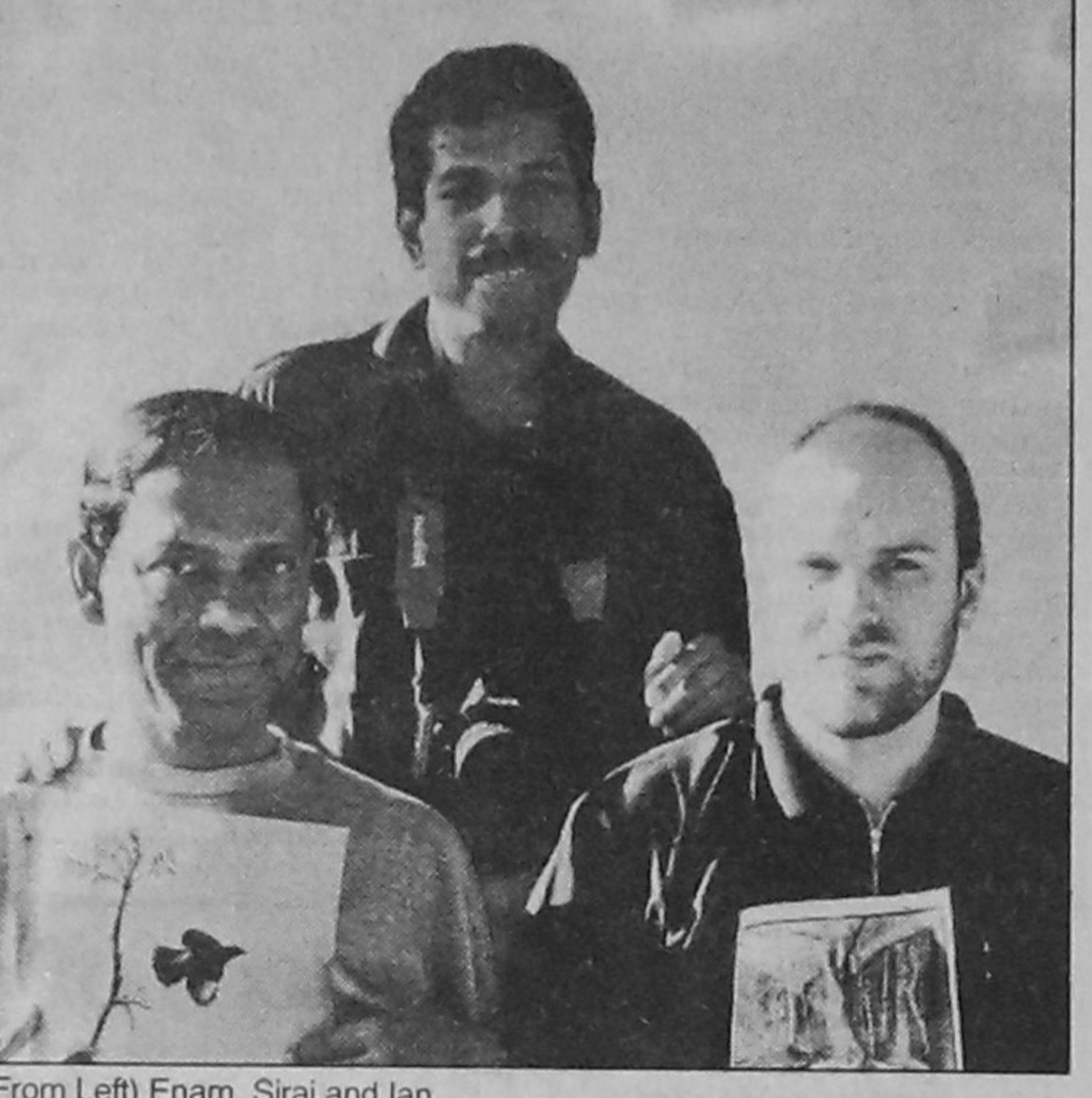
The three photographers are Enam Ul Haque, Ian Lockwood and Sirajul Hossain. The three of them bears a strong love and attraction for nature, which is their prime inspiration for photography. In fact Ian and Siraj met each other in Sundarban. The three photographers held a press conference on their latest photography exhibition on May 14 at the



Photograph by Ian



'Twig Fortification' photograph by Enam Ul Haque



(From Left) Enam, Siraj and Ian

the sun, coming over the hills are reflected on the water, touching the fishing net that is in the middle of the two boats. The combination of lights and shade with symmetry has given the photograph a multi-layered effect and one has to really see closely to experience the beauty that each layer reveals.

"Forest Ingredients" show pictures of a butterfly, a leaf and a spider on its web in three separate pictures placed in a same frame. The close-ups show Siraj's fascination to find magnificence in the microscopic world of nature. The bright yellow, black, white lines and red dots on the spider, the sil-



Photograph by Sirajul Hossain

through the branches of his trees as raindrops creating an enchanting aura of beauty.

For Siraj it is the exquisite combination of colours, different kinds of insects, movements of the birds and many such gripping aspect of nature that prompts him to take photographs of nature. "The hard work that goes into our endeavour becomes worthwhile with the results that we get. For instance, I got beaten by bees while taking a photograph in Sundarban but the photographs mollified all my pain," said Siraj telling about their colourful experiences.

All the three photographers experimented with light and shade. 'Fishing Rangamati' is a photograph by Siraj where he not only played with lights but also with symmetry. Two fishing boats have come together face to face for fishing purposes, in the background the rays of

### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Solo Exhibition**  
19th May-1st June 2000  
Exhibition Hall, Goethe-Institut, Dhaka  
Everyday from 2 pm till 8 pm  
(Friday and Saturday closed)  
Born in Bangladesh, Rashid Amin finished his formal education from the Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka. He started his career as a young artist with his first exhibition also at the Goethe-Institut. Since then he has spent few years in China on a scholarship and had taken part in numerous exhibitions and workshops in Beijing, Hong Kong, Calcutta and Dhaka. Many of his masterpieces were appreciated abroad as well in Shilpakala Academy and other Art Galleries in Dhaka. He was also awarded with the 'Best Award on Experimental Print Making' in 1997.  
Basically a free-lance artist Mr Rashid Amin is an expert in Etching. Some of his works can easily be compared with many of the renowned, young European artists of the same art-media.

**Fashion Exhibition**  
The inauguration of the fashion exhibition by designer Yasmin was held on May 12 at the Designer's Den gallery. A collection of men's kurta to panjabi and women's sari to salwar kameez are on display at the exhibition.  
The exhibition will come to an end with a fashion show on May 19 at 7.30pm.

**French Musical Night**  
Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will be organising a 'French Musical Evening' dedicated to the famous French composer of classical music Claude Debussy on Saturday, May 27 at 7.00 pm. There will also be visual display of French classical music over the century.

**Showkatuzzaman at Gallery 21**  
A solo exhibition of paintings by artist Showkatuzzaman is being held at Gallery 21 at Dhanmondi. The show will remain open to all everyday from 10 am to 8 pm until May 22.

**Poetry Night**  
Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will be organising a Poetry Night on May 21 at 6:00 pm. All those interested are requested to contact the reception of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka at the earliest.

**Movies at Alliance Friday, 19th May 2000 Les Amant/The Lovers**  
By Louis Malle with Jeanne Moreau, Jean-Marc Bory at 11:00 AM  
1958, Jeanne Tournier, a young lady of the provinces, flits between Paris and Dijon, where her husband, Henri owns an important newspaper. Jeanne is extremely bored as her husband in spite of his love for her is to take up with his paper go give her any time. She also has a distinguished lover, the polo champion Raoul Flores, making her the envy of all her friends, especially Maggy. In a chance encounter, Jeanne meets Bernard Dubois-Lambert, a young archaeologist, whom she invites home for dinner where her husband, her lover and Maggy are all present. The mutual attraction between Bernard and Jeanne leads to a night on intense passion when they happen to meet in the grounds of the house, against a background music by Brahms. By dawn, Jeanne leaves everything to go with her new lover, under the scandalised gaze of her guests. Will their love survive the test of time?

### TV Guide

#### Wednesday 17th May

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

#### BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement, Recitation From The Holy Quran And Program Outline 3:15 Patriotic Song 3:20 Open University Prog. 4:00 Bangla News 4:05 Sashitho Thattho (Health Developing For Mother & Children) 4:20 Cartoon: 4:40 Shamol Chhaya 5:20 Aalay Bhuban Bhara (Programme For Children) 5:45 Pusti Tattho 6:00 Bangla News 6:05 Desh-O-Biggan 6:30 Transmission From Chittagong Center 7:00 News For Weather 7:05 Geetbitan (Rabindra Song) 7:25 Nupur Nikkan (Dance) 8:00 Bangla News At 8:30 Serial: Kaalpurush #10/13 (\*Zahid Hassan, Farzana Rahman Suman, Abul Haayat, Bulbul Ahamed, Anasad) 9:00 Series: The New Adventure of Robinhood (Bangla Dub) 9:30 Chhando Chhabi (Songs) (3rd Week) 10:00 News At Ten (English) 10:30 Mukti Pathe (Programme Drug Addicted) 11:00 Drish-O-Sristi (Programme On Letaracure) 11:30 Bangla News 11:35 English News 11:40 A) Programme Outline For Thursday B) National Song 11:45 Closing

#### EKUSHEY TV

7:00 Circus! Circus! 7:20 Boite Chai 7:45 News 8:00 Bismriti 8:30 Hercules: the Legendary Journeys 9:30 Babu Kothai? Bands: Promitheus, Warifaze, Ark, Dolchoot 10:00 BTV News 10:30 Chitrageeti 11:00 Comedy Series: Mr Bean

#### ZEE NEWS TV

(Every Half Hour - Zee News: Hindi & Every Hour in English News) 07:30 Zee News: Hindi 08:00 Morning Zee 09:00 Zee News: Hindi 10:00 News in English PM 07:00 Business News 07:30 Zee News: Hindi 08:30 Business News 09:00 News in English 10:00 Zee Prime Time Show 11:00 Zee News: Hindi 11:30 Zee News: Hindi 12:00 Zee News: Hindi 12:30 AM to 06:30 AM Every Half Hour - Zee News: Hindi

#### MTV INDIA

08:00 MTV Classic 9:00 MTV Hungout 9:30 Pop Indonesia 10:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits 10:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Shehnaz 11:30 MTV Top 2000 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV Housefull VJ Nafisa 1:30 MTV Fresh VJ Shehnaz 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 5:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Shehnaz 6:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 7:30 MTV Cinemascope 8:30 MTV Top 2000 9:30

#### MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 Ta Ra Rum 9:00 Brake Fail 10:00 Sits Day Out 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Brake Fail 11:30 Ponds All Time Romantic Hits 12:00 Bajaj Music Box 12:30 Saare Ga Ma Classic 1:30 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 2:00 Pop-busters 2:30 Ta Ra Rum 3:30 Brake Fail 4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00 Nexgen 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Saare Ga Ma Classic 7:00 Brake Fail 8:00 Just Jammin 8:30 Nutrine Dishum Best of The Best 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Himal Gold T. Jharokha 11:00 Disco Mein Kisko 11:30 Shabb 12:00 Music Zone 1:00 Brake Fail 1:30 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 2:00 Bajaj Music Box 2:30 Nexgen 3:00 Ta Ra Rum 4:00 Music Zone 5:00 Brake Fail 6:00 Sizzlers

#### DD 7 (BANGLA)

8:40 Khas Khabar 10:30 Janmaddin (Birthday Greetings) 10:35 Daily Soap: Shree Ram Krishna 11:00 Daily Soap: Droupadi (\*Rupa Ganguli, Sunetra, Kusfal, Sankar) 11:15 Classical/Folk Songs- 11:30

#### Parliament Hour / Musical

12:00 Bengali Movie: 3:30 Daily Soap: Mohini Baby Gaao 11:00 MTV Lovelibe VJ Malaika 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:00 MTV Chill Out VJ Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 01:00 MTV Alternative Nation/Making of Video 02:00 Non-Stop Hits

#### ALFA BANGLA TV

6:30 Aalaap 7:00 Kee Darun Dreshow 7:30 Monihara 8:00 Serial: Commander 9:00 Serial: Shyola (\*Kushal Banerjee, Pallob, Sab-bosachi, Biplob Chatargee) 9:30 Playboy Parlor 10:00 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 10:30 Serial: Jhara Samayer Upakatha 11:00 Serial: Jeevanrekha 11:30 Serial: Chandani 12:00 Serial: Bhowani Purer Chattujee 12:30 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 1:00 Serial: Kono Ek Din 1:30 Kham Khazana 2:00 Serial: Samay Sur #8 2:30 Bangla Movie 5:00 Bharat Bhromon 5:30 Asian Sky Shop 6:00 Serial: Akanksha 6:30 Serial: Amar Prem 7:00 Manabi 7:30 News In Bangla 8:00 Mitr Bar #12 8:30 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 9:00 Serial: Sapanil 9:30 Serial: Abishasasya #10

#### 10:00 News In Bangla

10:30 Beauty Parlour 11:00 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 11:30 Serial: Jhara Samayer Upakatha 12:00 Jeevan Rekha 12:30 Bharat Bhromon 1:00 Grihosaja 1:30 Bangla Movie 4:00 Amar Prem 4:30 Serial: Mitrbari 5:00 Serial: Abishasasya #10

#### ESPN

6:00 Live- Nba Playoffs Conference Semifinals (If Necessa Ry) Game #5 8:30 Live- Nba Playoffs Conference Semifinals (If Necessa Ry) Game #5 11:00 International Ladies Wrestling Women's National Wrestling Alliance 12:00 Live- Sportscenter Bristol, Ct Usa 1:00 Lpga Golf The Philips Invitational Austin, Tx U.S.A. Final



Golam Mustafa in Shesh Doshya Dekhun on Channel 1 at 10 pm to night

#### Round 3:00 Tennis

Masters Series By Mercedes-Benz Tennis Masters Series Hamburg Pres. By Eurocard Hamburg, Germany Early Round Coverage Day #1 5:00 Tennis Masters Series By Mercedes-Benz Tennis Masters Series Hamburg Pres. By Eurocard Hamburg, Germany Early Round Coverage Day #2 7:00 Nba Playoffs Conference Semifinals (If Necessa Ry) Game #5 9:30 Nba Playoffs Conference Semifinals (If Necessa Ry) Game #5 11:00 International Ladies Wrestling Women's National Wrestling Alliance 12:00 Live- Sportscenter Bristol, Ct Usa 1:00 Lpga Golf The Philips Invitational Austin, Tx U.S.A. Final

#### DISCOVERY CHANNEL

06:30 Ushuaia 7:30 Travelers- 8:30 Lonely Planet- 9:30 Eyewitness- 10:30 Danger Zone- 11:00 Outer Bounds- 11:30 Shark Files- 12:30 Wild Discovery- 1:30 Medical Detectives- 2:30 Discover Magazine- 3:30 Travelers 04:30 Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet 6:30 Going Wild With Jeff Corwin 7:00 With You What To Be? 7:30 Hunters 8:30 Wild Discovery 9:30 Battle Science 10:30 Raging Planet 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Wild Discovery 01:30 Battle Science

#### Sony Max

6:30 Film Show: 9:30 Chartbusters 10:00 Music Mantra 10:30 Film Show: 1:30 Chartbusters 2:00 Music Mantra 2:30 Film Show: 5:30 Film Show:

#### 8:30 Chartbusters 9:00 Music Mantra 9:30 Film Show: 12:30 Film Show: 3:30 Film Show:

#### BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC World News 6:30 World Living 7:00 BBC News/Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 08:00 BBC News/Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 9:00 BBC News/Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Talking Movies (Presenter- Tom Brook) 11:30 Reporters 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 Wheels 01:00 BBC World News 1:30 World Living: The Travel Show 02:00 World News 2:30 World Focus: Reporters 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 HARDtalk (Presenter- Tim Sebastian) 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: 5:00 BBC The World Today 5:30 World Focus: Reporters 06:30 Wheels 07:15 World Business Report 07:30 Click Online (Pres.- Stephen Cole) 8:30 HARDtalk (Presenter- Tim Sebastian) 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC World News 10:15 World Business Report 10:30 Face To Face India (Presenter- Karan Thapar) 11:00 BBC World News 11:35 World Business Report 11:45 World Sport 12:30 HARDtalk (Presenter- Tim Sebastian) 01:30 Top Gear 02:00 BBC News 2:30 World Business Report 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 The Money Programme (Presenter- Maya Even) 4:30 World Business

#### Report 5:00 BBC Newsdesk Inc. World Business Report/24 Hours

#### ZEE TV

6:00 Yeadon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:30 Zee News & Zee Business (Rpt) 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Guldasta 8:30 Zara Has Ke- Hai Zindegi 9:00 Zara Has Ke- Filmi Chakkor 9:30 Disney Hour Cartoons 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Hukumat #8 11:30 Hotel Hindustan 12:00 Ashiqui 12:30 Naye Nazrane (Trailer Show) 1:00 Zaika Ka Safar 1:30 Muskaan #13 2:00 Daily Soap- Hum Panch (\*Amita, Rakhi Vijan)(Re-run) 2:30 Kashti #11 3:00 Daily Soap- Kartavya 3:30 Cinema Hits- Hf Film: 6:30 Ek Nazar (Trailer) 7:00 Disney Hour Cartoons 8:00 Colgate Gel-Footloose #3 8:25 Hum Hai Anand #2 9:00 Mehendi Tere Naam Ki #13 (\*Sangita Ghosh, Aruna Irani, Sanjeev Shetty) 9:30 Yeh Hai Mere Apne #9 10:00 Thriller At 10 Ep- 11:00 Daily Soap-Aangan #Ep-147 (\*Neena Gupta, Farha, Sumet Saigal, Arun Gavil, Rohit Kumar, Kartika Rane) 11:30 Daily Soap- Kartavya 12:00 Close Up

#### ZEE MOVIES

8:30 OST 9:00 Film: 11:00 Best of Hollywood 11:30 Film: 1:30 OST 2:00 Film: 4:00 Total Recall 4:30 Film: 6:30 Best of Hollywood 7:00 Film: 9:00 Specials 9:30 The 90 clock Show: 11:30 Film: Black Cobra 1:30 Film: