

exhibition

A Treat for All

Showkatuzzaman's solo exhibition at Gallery 21

By cultural correspondent

His are modern paintings, although history has not yet reached the end of its development. Showkatuzzaman's takes lessons from the past, intertwines the essence, and creates a new dimension in his paintings.



Showkatuzzaman

ings, and creates in today's world of modernity, paintings that reflect his keen sense of understanding the world.

Showkatuzzaman's exhibition began at Gallery 21 on May 12 and will continue till May 29.

"It was supposed to end on the 22nd, but I felt that would be doing injustice. The number of people who come everyday is overwhelming. And why not? Showkatuzzaman's paintings are a treat. The redeeming factor is that he priced all his paintings very modestly, enabling young art enthusiasts to become art collectors. In today's world, it is not very often that you see high quality paintings at such prices. It is wonderful to see the youth taking interest in a field which is traditionally for the more matured!" said



The Red Bird Acrylic on Canvas

Shameem Subrana, Executive Director of the gallery.

Showkatuzzaman feels that people and nature co-exist in harmony, complementing one another. The skies, the rivers, the green fields and in contrast to such tranquility, the angry winds, the floods, natural turbulences affect him in a way to bring out his creative juices. Many of his paintings exhibited are to do with nature and its different forms.

Intriguing are his paintings

of certain insects, flies and pharings. The colour the paintings generate is a wonder in itself. At times, one may confuse between a water lily and a butterfly. And it is this that sets his paintings apart from that of his peers. He confuses people by bringing out the similarities between different things. Yet, there is a magical something that allows one to decipher the depth. The joy is something like the satisfaction after being able to solve a puzzle!

Emotions play a big role in his paintings. He feels that just like humans, all other living things express sorrow, joy, pain, anger, happiness etc. It's just that the form of expression differs.

"In my paintings I depict the moods of man, nature and other elements both symbolically and suggestively," said the artist.

Very interesting are the paintings depicting birds. Birds and nature combines to give an image which speaks of freedom, of purity and grace. Be it birds on the sea shore, birds flying over the seas, or birds nibbling at stray branches, the 'bird theme' has attracted a lot of attention.

The war of liberation is an ongoing inspiration for Showkatuzzaman. While he feels proud to be of the generation who made independence

Bahini. They had a great contribution in making Bangladesh a free land. He feels these women have a creativity of their own. They are of a different element altogether. They are the fighters who fought in silence. "Birth of a nation" depicts all these moods together. This painting touches the heart; this painting has the power to take back people to those days and radiate a feeling of patriotism, love and respect.

At present, he is Assistant Professor at the Department of Oriental Arts, Institute of Fine Arts. Previously, he was the Programme Officer in Bangladesh Shishu Academy and a Lecturer in Chittagong Art College. He holds six more solo painting exhibitions to his name. He had received many awards in his long career as an artist, which include Best Award in Oriental Department,



Rest Tempara on Canvas

possible, the war ridden days often haunt him. The pain, the agony, keeping hope alive amidst all odds, quarreling over food with friends since there was always a shortage - these are all imprinted in his memory forever. At the same time, he recalls the role of women in the war.

"They also served, but never got their due," he said.

He feels the women were the heroes too, just like the men who went off to join the Mukti

Dhaka University, Bangla Academy Award, Silver Jubilee Exhibition at IFA, DU, Recognition for Achievement Award, Japan Foundation, Japan and Kanishabai Award ACCU, Tokyo Japan.

He has published more than fifty features on Art and Artists in the national dailies, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Bangla Academy. He has 72 diorama paintings in Children's Museum at Bangladesh Shishu Academy



Get Together Acrylic on Paper

and two diorama paintings at Zamil Abedin Folklore Museum in Sonargaon.

He had participated in many renowned seminars and workshops including workshop on children's paintings for art teachers, art camp organized by German painter Jorg Bachhofer and seminars on conservation of wall painting in Asia organized by Japan government.

He had been a prominent figure in the international arena as well. String from Book production training at National Book Centre under UNESCO, picture illustration and book production training in Asia Pacific countries under UNESCO, Japanese and Indian experts.

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different places, home and abroad. Starting from Bangladesh National Museum, National Art Gallery, Banga Bhavan, State Guest House, Bangladesh Asiatic Society, private collections in Japan he has his paintings spread around in countries like France, Canada, UK, Germany, Thailand, USA, Australia, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Hong Kong and of course Bangladesh.

Not only in Bangladesh, Showkatuzzaman had group exhibitions in Canada, China, Moscow, Germany, India and Japan.

Even after his achievements, he is a very modest man. His personality mingles well with the paintings he create, for the paintings reflect peace and tranquility, love and compassion and above all, patriotism. The exhibition will remain open everyday from 10 am to 8 pm.

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.



Nature of Bangladesh

The photography exhibition titled 'Nature of Bangladesh' presents the work of three nature photographers: Enam, Ian and Siraj. The exhibition, open to all, will run until May 22 from 3 to 8 pm everyday at the Zamil Abedin Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka, Shahabagh.

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.

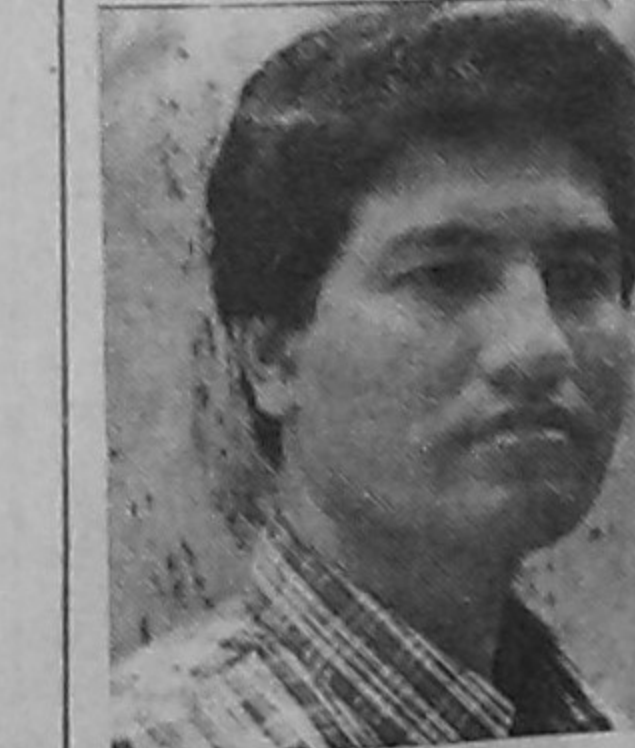


Showkatuzzaman at Gallery 21

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.



Baish's Solo

A thirteen day long solo art exhibition of Baish Kadir is going on at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka at Dhanmondi. The mixed media art show features works by the artist imbued with the spirit of freedom which decry fundamentalism. The exhibition will end on May 25.

TV Guide

Saturday 20th May

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

BTV

Morning Prog.

9:00 Opening Announcement, Recitation from the Holy Quran and Programme Outline 9:05 Patriotic Song 9:10 Khela Dhula 9:40 Unmesh: New Talent Artist Programme 10:05 Sastho Tathito: Serial- Sukher Tori #7 (Nazma Aannar, Joy, Bannay, Shamim Shahed) 10:35 Angona (Women Prog) 10:50 Movie of The Week: Cleopatra Pt-1 (Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, Rex Harrison) 12:35 A) Programme Outline For 2nd Session B) National Song 12:40 Closing

Evening Prog

3:00 Opening Announcement, Recitation from the Holy Quran and Programme Outline 3:15 Patriotic Song 3:20 Serial: Durr Aakash (Toni Daves, Mitunur, Shams Sumari/Tele Film 4:00 Sambad (Bangla News) 4:05 Nabagato (New Artist Audition Live Coverage) 5:25 Sukhi Paribar 6:00 Sambad (Bangla News) 6:05 Nibedan 6:30 Transmission From Chittagong Centre 7:00 News For Weather 7:05 Geetimaloy (Song of Robindranath) 7:25 Series: Mowgli (Bangla Dub) 8:00 Bangla News At 8:30 Weekly Drama: Path Jana Nay (Toni Daves, Tazin Ahmed, Saboo) 10:00 News At Ten (English) 10:30 Mini Series: 11:30 Sambad (Bangla News) 11:35 English News 11:40 A) Programme Outline For Sunday B) National Song 11:45 Closing

ETV

2:00 Swift Justice 3:00 Shoni Bore: Boli Palabi Kothai 6:00 European Football Show 7:00 Wildlife on One, 'Prani Jagat', Piranhas 7:30 Ekushey News 7:35 Mon Mon Re Amar (Rabindra Sangeet) 8:00 MTV Classics 8:30 Bhalobasha

Kare Koy 9:00 Hollywood

Night: Romancing the Stone 10:00 BTV News After BTV News Hollywood Night: Romancing the Stone 11:30 Proitbedon

ATN

6:00 Islamic Programme 6:32 Child Programme 7:10 Viewers Programme 7:50 Musical Prog 8:25 Magazine Prog 9:00 Musical Prog 9:35 Musical Prog 10:10 Musical Prog 10:45 Drama Serial 10:15 Bangla Film: Sharang Bau

ZEE MOVIES

8:30 OST 9:00 Film 11:00 Remarkable 20th Century 11:30 Film 1:30 OST 2:00 Film 4:00 Total Recall 4:30 Just For Kids Film 6:30 Remarkable 20th Century 7:00 Film 9:00 Hollywood Remembers 9:30 Movie of The Week 11:30 Fright Nights Film 1:30 Film

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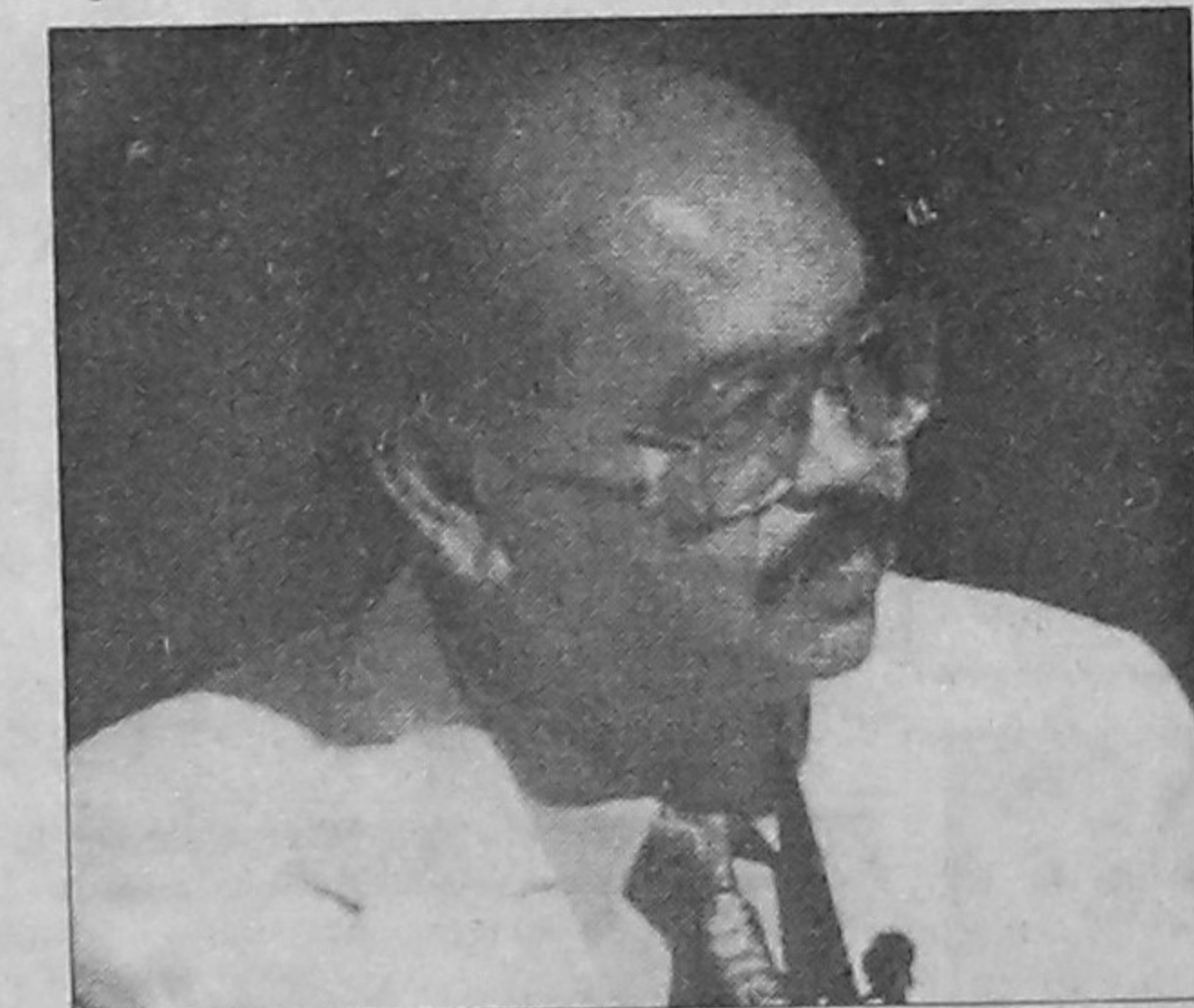
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ZEE NEWS INDIA TV

7:30 Zee News: Hindi 8:00 Morning Zee 9:00 Namaste Zee 10:30 Ru-Ba-Ru 11:00 Guftagu 12:00 Ru-Ba-Ru 6:30 The Health Show 7:00 Business News 7:30 The Premier Show 8:00 Zee News: Hindi 8:30 IT Trail 9:00 News In English 9:30 Zee News: Hindi 10:00 Zee Prime Time Show 11:00 NR Eyes 11:30 News In English 12:00 Zee News: Hindi 12:30 to 6:30 Every Half Hour - Zee News: Hindi

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non Stop Hits 8:00 MTV Party Zone VJ Sonia 8:15 MTV Classic 9:00 MTV Hungout 9:30 Pop Indonesia 10:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits 11:30 MTV Top 2000 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV Houseful V Nafisa 1:30 MTV Essential 2:00 MTV Top 2000 2:30 MTV Non-Stop Hits 3:30 MTV Love-line VJ Malaika 4:00 MTV Bakra 4:15 Non-Stop Hits 5:00 MTV Best



Kada Aalap hosted by Dr. Fazlul Alam. Guest Debapriya Bhattacharya on Channel i on May 20 at 9:15 pm.

of Both Worlds 5:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Shehnaz 6:30 MTV Fresh VJ Cytras/Asif/Nikhil 7:30 MTV Cinemascope 8:00 MTV TruLife AIDS special 8:30 MTV Top 2000 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 House Full VJ Nafisa 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 11:00 MTV Loveline VJ Malaika 11:30 The Grind 12:00 MTV Unplugged 1:00 Non-Stop Hits Continue

ALPHA TV

6:30 Aalap 7:00 Kee Darun Dreshow 7:30 Monihar 8:00 Serial: Grihalakshmeer Jinn 8:30 Serial: Bhorer Alo 9:00 Shyaola (Kushal Banerjee, Pallob, Sab-bosachi, Biplob Chatargee) 9:30 Serial: Jiban Jiban 10:00 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 10:30 Serial: Hyar Majhe 11:00 Serial: Daag 11:30 Serial: Annu Bhuvan 12:30 Serial: Ekushe Pa 12:30 Serial: Shyaola (Kushal Banerjee, Pallob, Sab-

bosachi, Biplob

Chatargee) 1:00 Sanghaat 1:30 Khana Khazana 2:00 Serial: Aaura Proshasti 11:230 Bangla Movie 5:00 Bharat Bhroman 5:30 Asian Sky Show 6:00 Serial: Anur Tuni 6:30 Serial: Reen (Navanit Nishan, Mohan Vardani) 7:00 Zee Jalsa 7:30 News In Bangla 8:00 Serial: Shoni-Robi Mogar Chobi #10 8:30 Serial: Half Chocolate #12 9:00 Serial: Nil Chander Alo 9:30 Serial: Guest House



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SONY TV

7:30 Aatna 8:00 Sant Asram Wani 8:30 Ramayan #58 9:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 10:00 Charabusters 10:30 Star Yaar Kalakar 11:30 Archana Talkies 12:30 TBA 1:00 TBA 1:30 The Good Home Show 2:00 Cook It Up With Tarla Dalal 2:30 Cine Matinee Hindi Film: Bluff Master 6:00 Heena #72 6:30 Kanyadaan 7:00 Sayya 7:30 CID Files 8:30 Special Event - Lata Mangeshkar's Shradh. dhanjali 12:30 Midnight Hours: Cats 1:30 Aahat 2:00 Missing 2:30 CID

#114 3:00 The Poppadum

Show 3:30 Cine Nite-Film: Samay Ki Dhara

ZEE TV

6:00 Yeelon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:30 Zee News & Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 7:55 Fitness Plus 8:05 Gul-dasta 8:30 TVS Sa Re Ga Ma 9:30 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Koshish 11:30 Yeh Hai Mere Apne 12:00 Raahen 12:30 Naya Nazrane 1:00 Nestle-Jhatpat Khazana 1:30 Vi-jay Jyoti 2:00 Hum Paanch 2:30 Daayre #43 (Mostafa Siraj) 3:00 Khubsoorat (Fashion Tips Show) 3:30 Cinema Hits-Hindi Film 6:30 Gaane Anjane 7:00 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 8:00 Special Madhuri Dixit Show 8:30 Madly Madhuri Hindi Film: Tezaab (Anil Kapoor, Madhuri Dixit) 11:30 Alvida Darling 12:00 Basera 12:30 Janam 1:00 Mrityudand 1:30 Hotel Hindustan (Salish Koushik, Sudher Panda, Soma Anand, Ramon Singh) 2:00 Lakereen 2:30 Gaane Anjane 3:00 Hindi Feature Film (B/W)

BBC

6:00 BBC World News 6:30 Click Online (Pres.-Stephen Cole) 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Asia Today 9:45 World Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 World Living: Talking Movies (Pres.-Tom Brook) 11:00 World News 11:30 Australia Direct 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: Question Time India Talk (Presenter: Dr. Prinyoy Roy) 1:30 BBC World News 1:30 Correspondent 2:00 BBC World News 2:10 Horizon 3:10 Full Circle #8/10 4:30 World Living: The Travel Show 5:00 BBC News 5:30 This Week 6:00 World Headlines 6:10 Horizon 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 Life An Act of Faith 8:05 Weekend World 8:10 Under The Sun 9:00 BBC World News 9:10 Full Circle #8/10 10:00 World News 10:30 Face To Face India (Presenter: Karan Thapar) 11:00 BBC World

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ZEE ENGLISH

8:00 Late Show With David Letterman 9:00 Candido Camera 9:30 Remarkable 20th Century 10:00 Music Zone 10:30 The Roseanne Show 11:30 OST 12:00 Touched By An Angel 1:00 The Roseanne Show 2:00 Music Zone 2:30 Kate And Allie 3:00 Candido Camera 3:30 Touched By An Angel 4:30 The Roseanne Show 5:30 Music Zone 6:00 OST 6:30 Spice 7:00 The Roseanne Show 8:00 Candido Camera 8:30 Here's Lucy 9:00 Over The Edge 9:30 Saturday Series: If Tomorrow Comes 10:30 Adult Comedy: Benny Hill Show 11:00 News 11:30 Late Show With David Letterman 12:30 Here's Lucy 1:00 News 1:30 The Roseanne Show



Sarasari hosted by Aly Zaker. Guest Angela Gomez on ETV on May 21 at 10:30 pm.

DD METRO

7:00 Anhad Bhakti Sagar 7:30 Saturday Wake Up Show 8:00 Business Mantra 8:30 Cinema

Scene 9:00 The First Edition

9:30 The Millennium Journey 10:00 IT Digest 10:30 Top Job 11:00 Serial: We Love You 11:30 Serial: Rehe Ko Ghar Nah 12:00 TV Brand 12:30 Serial: Baje Payal 1:00 Be Happy 1:30 Fun In The Kitchen 2:00 Vividha 2:30 Hindi Feature Film 2:55 News In Urdu 5:00 Circus 6:00 Dennis The Menace 6:30 Mickey & Donald 7:00 Rich For A Rainbow 7:30 Dum Dum Diga Diga 8:00 Beauty 2000 8:30 Saveria 9:00 Manzelein 9:30 Captain House 10:00 Serial: Alf Laila 10:30 Aaj Tak 10:50 Single Metro- Sandese Aate Hain 11:00 Aarohan 11:30 Celebrity Saturday 12:00 One Cube 1:00 Hindi Films

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 Ta Ra Rum 9:00 Brake Fail 10:00 Dil Se 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Brake Fail 11:30 Artist of The Fortnight 12:00 Bajaj Music Box 12:30 Saare Ga Ma Classic 1:00 Himant Gold T Jharokha 2:00 Music Quiz 2:30 Samay Quazet Best of The Best 3:30 Brake Fail 4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00 Indi Pop Ka Show



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5:55 Vande Mataram 6:15 CIET Programme 6:30 UGC Programmes 7:00 IGNOU Programmes 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Suba Saveria 8:30 The News 9:32 News Magazine 10:00 Serial: Drishtant 10:32 Serial: Daya Sagar 11:00 Serial: Mayavi Nagari 11:32 Serial: Wilaytee Babu 12:00 Serial: Drishtant 12:32 Serial: Swaraj 01:00 Regional Film Show: 2:30 Samachar

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Ushuaia 7:30 Travelers 8:30 Lonely Planet 9:30 Eyewitness 10:30 Without Warning 11:30 Uncharted Africa 12:00 Lands of Legends 12:30 New Sanctuaries 1:00 Oceans of Mystery 1:30 Hunters 2:30 The Ultimate Guide 3:30 Untamed Amazonia 4:30 Beyond 2000 5:00 Discovery News 5:30 Assignment Discovery 6:30 Going Wild With Left Corwin 7:00 So You Want To Be? 7:30 So You Want To Be? 7:30 Extreme Machines 8:30 Discovery Challenge Eco Challenge 9:30 High Adventure 10:00 Outer Bounds 10:30 Wings 11:30 On the Inside 12:30 Challenge 1:30 High Adventure 2:00 Outer Bounds

SONY MAX

6:30 Rangela Re 7:00 Chartbusters 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