

Exhibition

Different Shades of The Stage

Shaheen's five-day long photography exhibition on stage performances ends today

By Saima Islam

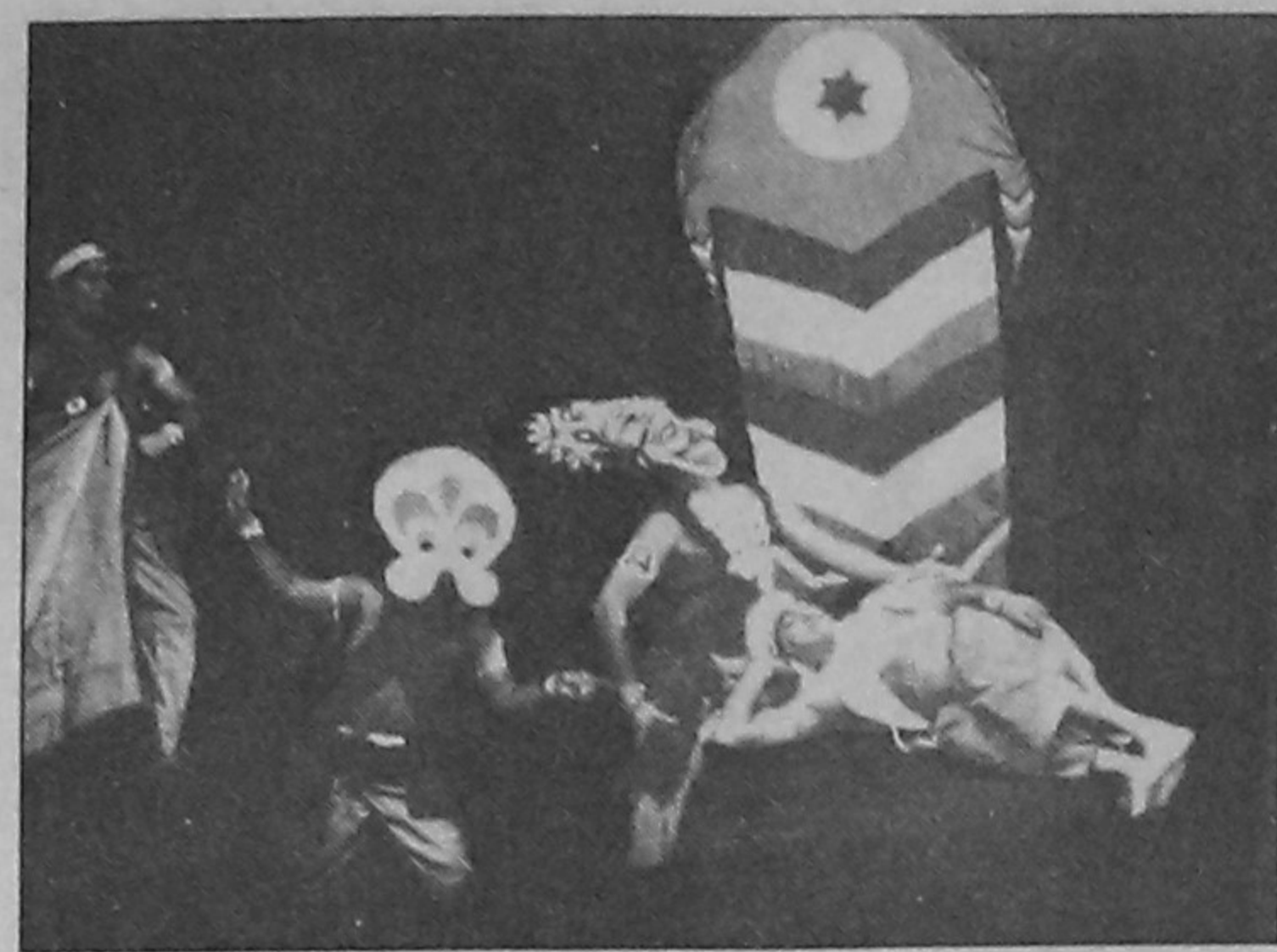
'Stage Photography', the word sounds new yet familiar. A five-day long photography exhibition by Monirul Islam Bhuyan Shahin began at the Gallery of the Indian High Commission on June 3. The most striking feature of the exhibition is that the photographs are all stage photographs i.e. all the photographs were taken during some kind of cultural programme.

Shahin has taken Traditional Indian Theatre as his theme for its colourful presentation and versatility. Shahin had the opportunity to get a fifteen-day training on 'Stage Photography' organized by the Norwegian Embassy and Centre for Asian Theatre CAT in October 1999. "I did not know that there are so many things that one has to know about stage photography and it has so many interesting sides that we can explore," says the photographer about stage photography.

This kind of photography demands that the photographers do not use flash which might distract the performers. But in Bangladesh, the photographers do not abide by that rule, or the organizers take the initiative to have a special show only for the photographers," Shaheen adds. This kind of practice costs money and time. All the pictures in the exhibition are taken with out flash, which instead of making the pictures dull gave them an interesting sharpness.

More than forty pictures of various dance movements, theatrical actions have been put on to display at the exhibition. Shaheen has taken pictures of mainly Kuchipudi dance recital, Koodiyattam dance forms and classical theatrical productions such as Karnaharam and Gadhyudda. All these dances are famous for movements and beauty and Shaheen's pictures faithfully captured those.

"I chose this theme of Traditional Indian Theatre because of their exciting features and also to highlight the similarities and dissimilarities with our practice of theatre hence open up a way to compare, share and learn from each other's art." Drawing its roots from the Bhagavata Nataka Mela, the Kuchipudi dance drama is an eloquent expression of an ancient civilization in which every action is a stirring ritual and an ultimate offering to the divine, a unique blend of prayer and inspiration. This dance, replete with diverse moods and actions portraying rhythmic precision essentially brings to life, the resplendent sculptures of Indian temples. Shahin captured some breathtaking images of Yasoda Rao, in different movements of Kuchipudi dance drama. Not only her graceful movements but also her exquisite expression is captured very faithfully by Shahin. The background of her pictures, the layout of the stage and the figure of the artist all are very carefully placed to make the best use of the space to give the photographs preciseness.



Karnaharam by Sopanam Theatre

Koodiyattam is the sole surviving classical Sanskrit theatre in India. In this art form, Angika or hand gestures and body movements, Vachika or verbal acting, Ahara or make-

up and costumes and Satwika or facial expression plays a vital role. Shaheen has tried to capture all the essential features of this genre of the classical theatre and the end results are fascinating. The distinctive make-up that the performers put on, the green, white and red marks are also clearly visible in the pictures.

The most fascinating thing about this kind of photography lies in its potential to use the various stage lights in different innovative way. We have to use really slow shutter speed and that's why we have to click a lot but the end result is always satisfying. This interesting exhibition will remain open from 10.00 to 6.00pm.



A scene from Koodiyattam



Karnaharam by Sopanam Theatre

In preview

Star Night

Entertainment talk show on Channel i tonight

By Cultural Correspondent

TONIGHT at 9.15pm Channel i will air the entertainment talk show *Star Night*, where celebrities will participate. Hosted by actor Shomun Chowdhury the programme invites stars from the film, music and tv industry. The programme contains song, live concert and interesting gossip with the stars.

The guests for this episode are filmmaker and actor Amzad Hossain and singer Reshad. *Star Night* is directed by Mohammed Hossain Jemi.

Anubhabe Anukkhane
The spotlight show on one single star, *Anubhabe Anukkhane* will be aired on Channel i tonight at 10.00pm.

The programme contains his own thoughts, liking, disliking, memorable incident and there will also be songs by the artist himself in between these items.

Tonight's guest for *Anubhabe Anukkhane* is singer Khurshid Alam. The show is directed by Khalid Mahmud

Mithu.

Abritti...Ar Kazi Aref

The programme on poetry *Abritti...Ar Kazi Aref* will be aired tonight at 6.10pm on Channel i. Hosted by Kazi Aref tonight's topic is 'Of which native are poet Satyendranath Datta's poems'. The discussants are Heia, Firoz and Shoun. The invited poets will be poet Rabiul Hossain and Hasan Arif.

Chithi Pelam

Tonight at 8.00 Channel i will air the mail request programme *Chithi Pelam*. Here the answers of the incoming mails from home and abroad will be announced. Requests for songs, drama, movie clips and favourite programmes will be shown in this programme. *Chithi Pelam* will be hosted by Ferdous Ahmed Lila.



Ferdous Ahmed Lila hosts Chithi Pelam

TV Guide

Wednesday 7th June

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

BTV

2:00pm Special Event Live- 7th Pepsi Asia Cup 2000- Final
3:00 Opening Announcement, Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline
3:15 Patriotic Song
3:20 Open University Prog
4:00 Bangla News
4:05 Sashtho Thatto (Health Developing For Mother & Children)
4:20 Cartoon
4:40 Shamol Chhaya
5:20 Shikhangon
5:45 Pusti Tathto
6:00 Bangla News
6:05 Desh-O-Biggan
6:30 Transmission From Chittagong Center
7:00 News For Weather
7:05 Geetbanta (Rabindra Song)
7:25 Nupur Nikkan (Dance)
8:00 Bangla News
8:10 8:30 Series: Bipponna Basana #1 (*Tony Daves, Bijori Borkotullah, Shams Sumon, Tonima Ahamed, Jamaluddin Hosan, Roushan Aara Hosan)
9:00 Series: The New Adventure of Robinhood (Bangla Dubb)
10:00 News At Ten (English)
10:30 Aakochhito (Photography)
11:00 Sopan (Educational)
11:30 Bangla News
11:35 English News
11:40 A Programme Outline For Thursday
12:00 National Song
11:45 Closing

EKUSHEY

2:00pm Classic Cartoons
2:20 Jana Ajana
2:50 Chena Mukh Chena Shoor
Hosted by Tagin 6:00 Drishti Public View
7:00 Circus
7:20 Botte Chai
7:45 Ekushey News
8:00 Drama Serial: Chokh (Humayun Faridi, Tareq Anam, Shimul, Bonny Mirza)
8:30 Babu Kothai (Band music programme)
9:00 Natok: Dakhkhiner Ghar (Tareq Anam, Tania, Khalid Khan)
10:00 BTV News
10:20 Budget 2000
10:50 Chitragehi
11:30 Bangla Chayachhi

STAR SPORTS

7:30 Cricket Magazine Stumped- Australia Vs India
8:00 Formula Nippon 2000 Mine Central Park Japan Round 3
9:00 International Motorsport News 2000
10:00 Asia Sport Show
10:30 Football Monday 11:00 Fivb Beach Volleyball- Argentina Open Mar Del Plata Argentina Men's Highlights
11:30 Trans World Sport
12:30 Pepsi Asia Cup 2000 Dhaka Bangladesh-Sri Lanka Vs Pakistan 6th ODI



Teen talk show Botte Chai on Ekushey television at 7:20 pm

Highlights 1:30 Live-Asia Cup 2000 Dhaka Bangladesh-7th ODI Preview
2:00 Live- Pepsi Asia Cup 2000 Dhaka BANGLADESH- 7th ODI Final 1st Session
5:10 Live- Pepsi Asia Cup 2000 Dhaka BANGLADESH- 7th ODI Final 2nd Session
9:45 Live- Pepsi Asia Cup 2000 Dhaka BANGLADESH- 7th ODI Final Review
10:15 Cricket Close
10:30 Watersports World
11:30 ANZ Sportsline
11:45 Max Power
12:30 Pepsi Asia Cup 2000 Dhaka BANGLADESH- 7th ODI Final Highlights

ALFA BANGLA TV

6:30 Alaap
7:00 Monihaar
8:00 Series: Din Protidin
9:00 Series: Plabon
9:30 Beauty Parlour
10:00 Series: Gugli
10:30 Series: Kano Ek Din
11:00 Eekavrekha
11:30 Series: Bhowani Purer Chhatu-ja
12:30 Series: Jhara Samayer Upkatha
1:00 Series: Kono Ek Din
1:30 Bataari Aahar
2:00 Series: Samay Sur
2:30 Series: Bangla Movie
3:00 Ek Akasher Niche
3:30 Asian Sky Shop
4:00 Series: Din Protidin
4:30 Series: Manabi
5:00 Series: Bangla 8:00 Mittra Bari
8:15 Series: Ek Akasher Niche
9:00 Series: Sapnani
9:30 Series: Abishasaya
10:00 Series: News In Bangla
10:30 Series: Din Protidin
11:00 Series: Jhara Samayer Upkatha
12:00 Series: Jeevan Rekha
12:30 Series: Bharat Bhromon
1:00 Series: Girisajja
1:30 Series: Bangla Movie

DD-1 (NATIONAL)

5:55 Vande Mataram & Thought Of The Day
6:15 CIET Programme
7:00 UGC Programme
7:30 Samachar
7:45 Suba Sabera
8:30 The News
8:45 Suba Sabera
9:32 Series: Earth Matters
10:00 UPG Programmes
10:32 Tarang- CIET Pro-

mayan#6 1:00 Tuhil Pe Dil Quurban #11 (*Parmesh Sheth, Grusha Kapoor, Ronit Roy)
1:30 Dil Vil Pyar Vyar #48 Ep- (*Rushali, Pooja Ghal, Sonali, Kareena, Vishal, Rakesh, Ali Asgar)
2:00 Movers & Shekars
3:00 Daily Soap- Nazdeekiyan
3:30 Cine Night Show-Hindi Feature Film

ZEE TV

6:00 Yeasoon Ki Pal (B/W Songs)
6:30 Zee News & Zee Business (Rpt)
7:00 Bhakti Songs
7:30 Jagran
8:00 Gul-dasta
9:00 Zara Has Ke- Hai Zindagi
9:30 Zara Has Ke- Hai Zindagi
9:30 Disney Hour Cartoons
10:30 Ek Nazar
11:00 Hukumat #11
11:30 Hotel Hindustan #14
12:00 Ashiqui #65
12:40 Naye Nazrane (Trailer Show)
1:00 Zalka Ka Safar
1:30 Muskaan #16 (Sandhya Midul, Ayub Khan)
2:00 Daily Soap- Hum Panch (*Amrita, Rakhi Vijay) (Re-Run)
2:30 Kashi #14
3:00 Daily Soap- Kartavya
3:30 Cinema Hits- HF Film
6:30 Ek Nazar (Trailer)
7:00 Disney Hour Cartoons
7:50 Colgate Gel- Footloose #6
8:15 Hum Hai Aandhi #4
8:45 Mehendi Tere Naam Ki #16 (*Sangita Ghosh, Aruna Irani, Sanjeev Shetty)
9:30 Yeh Hai Mere Apne #12
10:00 Naagin #51 (*Seema Kapoor, Prithvi, Sonam, Ronit Roy, Ajayn Kao Deou)
10:30 Thriller At 10
11:00 Daily Soap- Aangan #Ep-162 (*Neena Gupta, Farha, Sumeet Saigal, Arun Gavil, Rohit Kumar, Kartika Rane)
11:30 Daily Soap- Kartavya
12:00 Close Up- Anjankhara
12:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa
1:30 Saaheeb Biwi Aur TV
2:00 Daayere #45
2:30 Naye Nazrane (Trailer Show)
3:00 Hindi Feature Film

SONY ENT. TV

7:30 Aatma
8:00 Sant Asaram Wani
8:30 Chartisters (Trailer Show)
9:00 Ek Mahal Ho Sapna Ka (Daily Sope)
9:30 Aurat
10:00 Music Mantra (Trailer Show)
10:30 Daily Soap- Itihaas
11:00 Daily Soap- Nazdeekiyan
11:30 Daily Soap- Ghar Ek Mandir
12:00 Chartisters (Trailer Show)
12:30 Movers & Shekars
1:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show)
2:00 Boogi Woogi
2:30 Ek Mahal Ho Sapna Ka (Daily Sope)
3:00 Aurat (Daily Sope)
3:30 Daily Soap- Ghar Ek Mandir
4:00 Daily Soap- Itihaas
4:30 Daily Soap- Nazdeekiyan
5:00 Joonoon
5:30 Kashi Yeh Kabhi Woh
6:00 Sparsh #47 (*Mahesh Thakur, Divya Shetty, Minnal Kulkarni, Kunika, Irfan Khan)
6:30 Kaash #6
7:00 The Poppadum Show
7:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show)
8:00 Chartisters (Trailer Show)
8:25 Family No. 1 #84 (*Kanwaljeet, Tanvi Azmi, Kabir, Aporna)
8:55 Hum Sub Ek Hain #96
9:00 Bataari Aahar
9:35 Just Mohabbat #151
10:10 C.I.D. #117 Ep- The Unknown Body
11:10 Movers & Shekars
11:30 Ek Mahal Ho Sapna Ka (Daily Sope)
12:15 Ra-

11:00 Drishtant
11:30 Medivision
12:00 Series- Derrick
01:00 Hindi Films

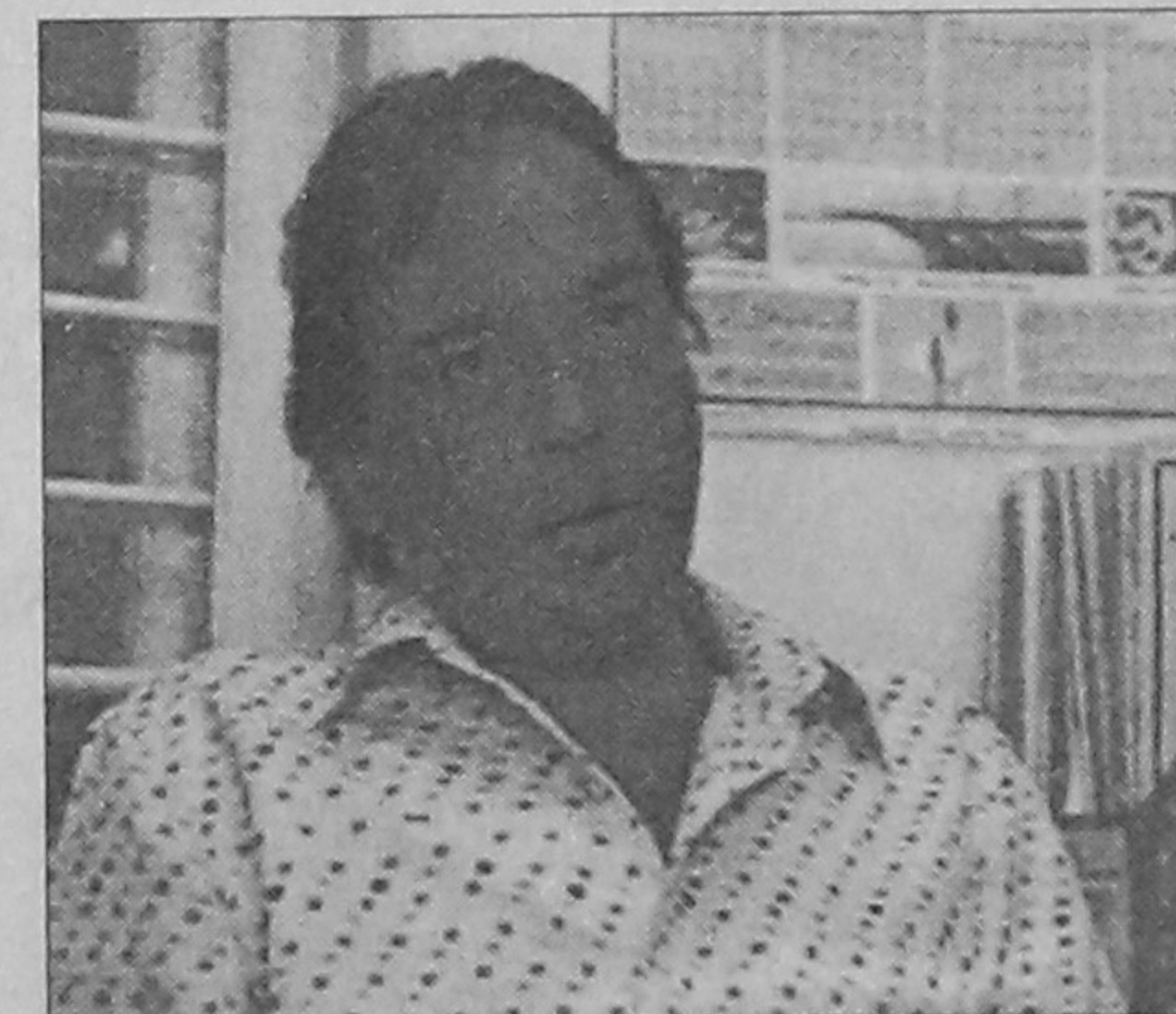
DISCOVERY CHANNEL

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 So You What To Be?
7:30 Hunters
8:30 Battle Science
10:30 Raging Planet
11:30 Discovery Profile Series

Maximum Thrillers Film Show
Khamosh (*Amol Palekar, Shabana Azmi)
12:30 Film Show: Gulami Ki Zanjeerien
3:30 Film Show: Thakur Diler Singh

ATN

5:30 AM Islamic Program
6:32 Film Songs
7:10 Drama Serial
7:50 Musical Prog
8:25 Drama Serial
9:00 Magazine Prog
9:35 Musical Prog
10:10 Drama Serial
10:45 Bangla Film-Malamoti
6:32 P.M. Health Prog
7:10 Musical Prog
7:50 Drama Serial
8:25



Drama serial Chokh on Ekushey television at 8:00 pm

DD INLT

7:00 Classical Music
7:15 Talk Back
7:45 Subah Aaj Tak
8:30 India Online
9:00 The First Edition
09:32 Rung Panjab De
10:00 India News
10:15 Light Music
10:32 Eminent Women
11:00 Series: Dastoor
11:32 Mel Madi Kali (Serial In Tamil)
12:00 Bharat Samachar (News In Hindi)
12:15 Hindi Film Show: Pm
2:30 Samachar
2:40 The News
3:00 Classical Music
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7:30 Hindi Film Show (Rpt)

Sony Max

7:30 Film Show: Chandan
10:30 Film Show: unhere
Kadam
1:30 Chartisters
2:00 Music Mantra
3:30 Film Show: Maha Baddamash
5:30 Film Show: Alaap (*Amfah, Reekha)
8:30 Chartisters
9:00 Music Mantra
9:30

Musical Prog
9:00 Drama Serial
9:35 Magazine Prog
10:10 Drama Serial
10:45 Bangla Film-Anubhab

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC World News
6:30 World Living- Life- The Right To Choose
7:00 BBC News/Asia Today Inc. World Business Report
8:00 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 Rough Guide To The World
11:4- Alaska
2:00 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- Life- The Right To Choose
5:00 BBC World Today
5:30 World Focus: Reporters
6:30 Wheels
7:15 World Business Report
7:30 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)
1:30 Top Gear
2:00 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 ENGLISH

08:00 Late Show With David Letterman
9:00 Remarkable 20th, Century
9:30 Daves World
10:00 Music Zone
10:30 The Roseanne Show
11:30 Family Pride
12:00 Central Park West
1:00 The Roseanne Show
2:00 Music Zone
2:30 Friends
3:00 Daves World
3:30 Central Park West
4:30 The Roseanne Show
05:30 The Music Show
6:00 Remarkable 20th, Century
6:30 Family Pride
7:00 The Roseanne Show
8:00 The Lifestyle Show
8:30 Friends
9:00 Too Close For Comfort
9:30 Evening Shade
10:00 The Academy Awards Winners
11:00 News

ZEE MOVIES

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



Chena Mukh Chena Sur on Ekushey television at 2:50 pm

ZEE NEWS TV

7:30 Zee News- Hindi
8:00 Morning Zee
9:00 News Outlook
9:30 Zee News- Hindi
10:00 News In English
7:00 Business News
7:30 Zee News- Hindi
8:30 Business News
9:00 News In English
10:00 Zee Prime Time Show
11:00 Zee News- Hindi
11:30 News In English
12:00 Zee News- Hindi
12:30 Am to 6:30 Every Half Hour - Zee News- Hindi

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits
8:00 MTV Classic
9:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits
11:00 MTV Most Wanted
VJ Shehnaz
12:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits
12:30 MTV Hit Film Music
1:00 MTV Housefull
VJ Natifa
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/Asit/Nikhil
7:30 MTV Cinemascore
8:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits
9:30 MTV Hit Film Music
10:00 MTV House Full
VJ Natifa
10:30 MTV Gaao
Baby Gaao
11:00 MTV Love- libe
VJ Malaika
11:30 The Grind (Beach Show)
12:00 MTV Chill Out
VJ Cyrus/Asit/Nikhil
1:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Alaap
8:00 Ta Ra Rum
9:00 Brake Fall
10:00 Sits Day Out
10:30 Hit Mir x 11:00 Brake Fall
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 Fall
4:30 Bajaj Music Box

RECOMMENDATIONS

Nazrulsangeet CDs

Bengal Foundation attempts to launch two Nazrulsangeet albums by renowned Nazrulsangeet singer Ifat Ara Dewan and Sohrab Hossain. The launching ceremony of these two CDs will be held on separate days. The ceremonies will be followed by a musical performance by the artist.

June 9, 2000: Ifat Ara Dewan: *Puratani Bangla Gaan 'He Amar Chiro Chawa'*

June 10, 2000: Sohrab Hossain: *Nazrulsangeet 'A Kon Mayar'*

The ceremonies will be held at the following address:

Bengal Shilpalay
House No. 275/F, Road No 27 (old)
Dharmadit, Dhaka.

Places and People of North and South

The 1st solo painting exhibition by Dr Mahmudul Hasan (Associate Professor of Khulna University) titled "Places and People of North and South" will be inaugurated at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka on June 5 at 6.00pm.

M A Jalil, Minister for Commerce will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest whereas Professor S M Nurul Islam, Vice Chancellor of Khulna University will be present as special guest. Architect Rabiul Hossain will be the keynote speaker at the inaugural ceremony.

Folk Art Exhibition

A month-long exhibition on traditional folk art and crafts began at the National Museum, Shahbagh. State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed inaugurated the exhibition on May 21 and will continue up to June 22.



A Blank Letter

Ekti Khali Chithi or A Blank Letter is the first bilingual English-Bengali book of poems by Sudeep Sen, one of the front-ranking poets in the international contemporary English poetry. The slim volume contains 15 poems in all culled from his ten books from the early *Leaning Against the Lamp-Post* (1983) to the recent *New Poem* (2000). Published by the High Commission of India in Dhaka this bilingual edition is available at

Aranya, 60 Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani.

Folk delights

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy has begun a week-long folk theatre festival at the Shawkat Osman Memorial auditorium at the Begum Sufia Kamal Library Directorate at Shahbagh today.

The festival is being held with a view to help save and popularise folk theatre forms. The festival will present little known amateur theatre groups from different parts of the country.

The festival will be inaugurated by

Date	Name of Theatre Group	Drama
7.6.2000	Banshria Showkhin Natyadali, Narsingdi	Kusum Tara
8.6.2000	Adamiye, Kiran Narayagoshi, Narayanganj	Sabuj Sapan
9.6.2000	Showkhin Geetnatya, Gazipur	Beimani Chokanto
10.6.2000	Akankha Natyadali, Mirpur	Bech Konyo
11.6.2000	Nagn Showkhin Jhumur Shilpogoshi, Gazipur	Gouri Mala
12.6.2000	Biroon Jhumur Jatra, Munsighani	Sati Keno Kalankini
13.6.2000	Jhumur Tongi, Gazipur	Rahim Badsha O Ruban Kanya