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Pottery of Incalculable Antiquity

Sayeed Talukder's studio pottery exhibition begins tomorrow

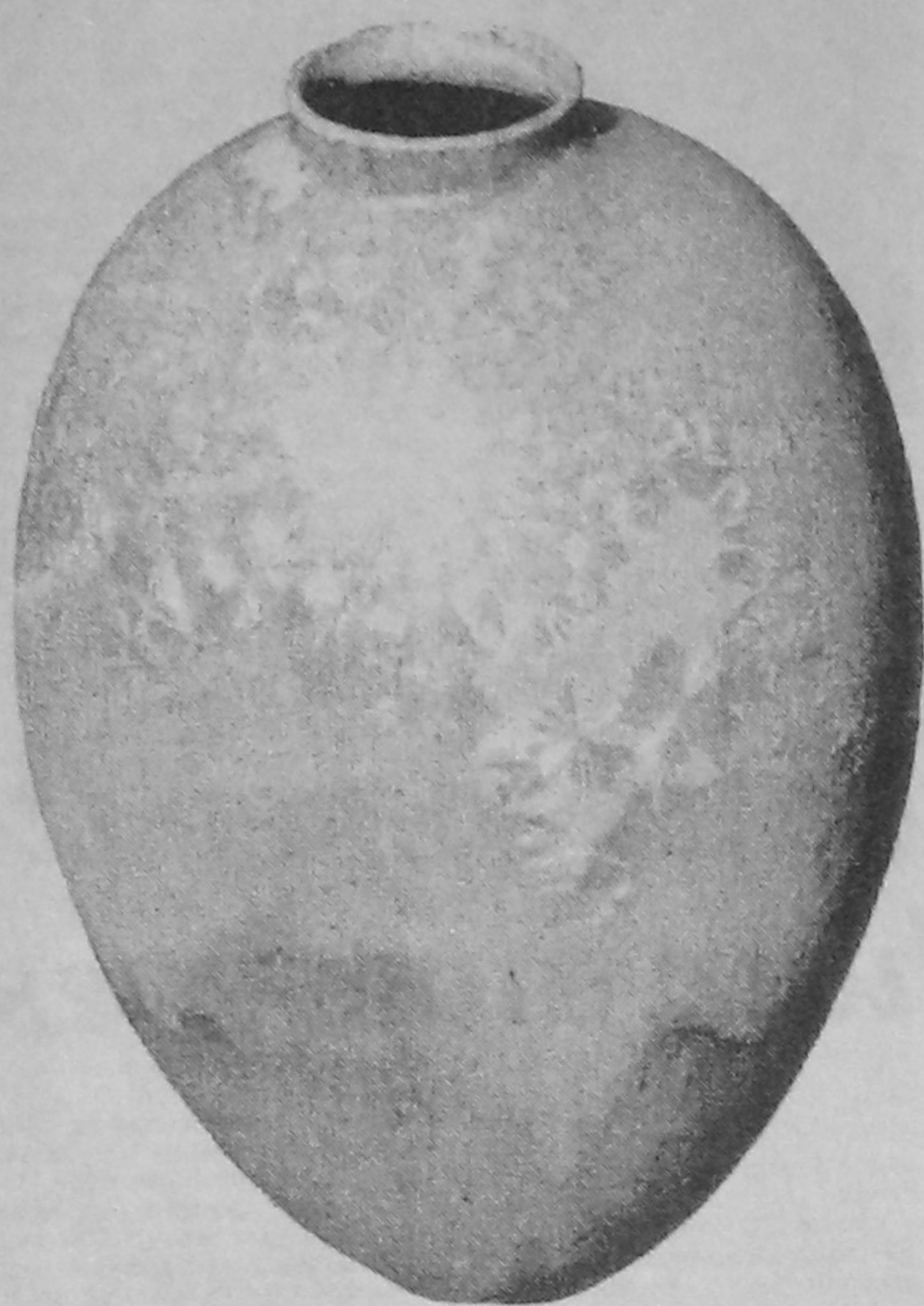
By Ekram Kabir

HERE goes Sayeed Talukder, the 'potter', again, orchestrating his studio pottery in his 10-day-long exhibition beginning tomorrow at Dhanmondi's Gallery 21.

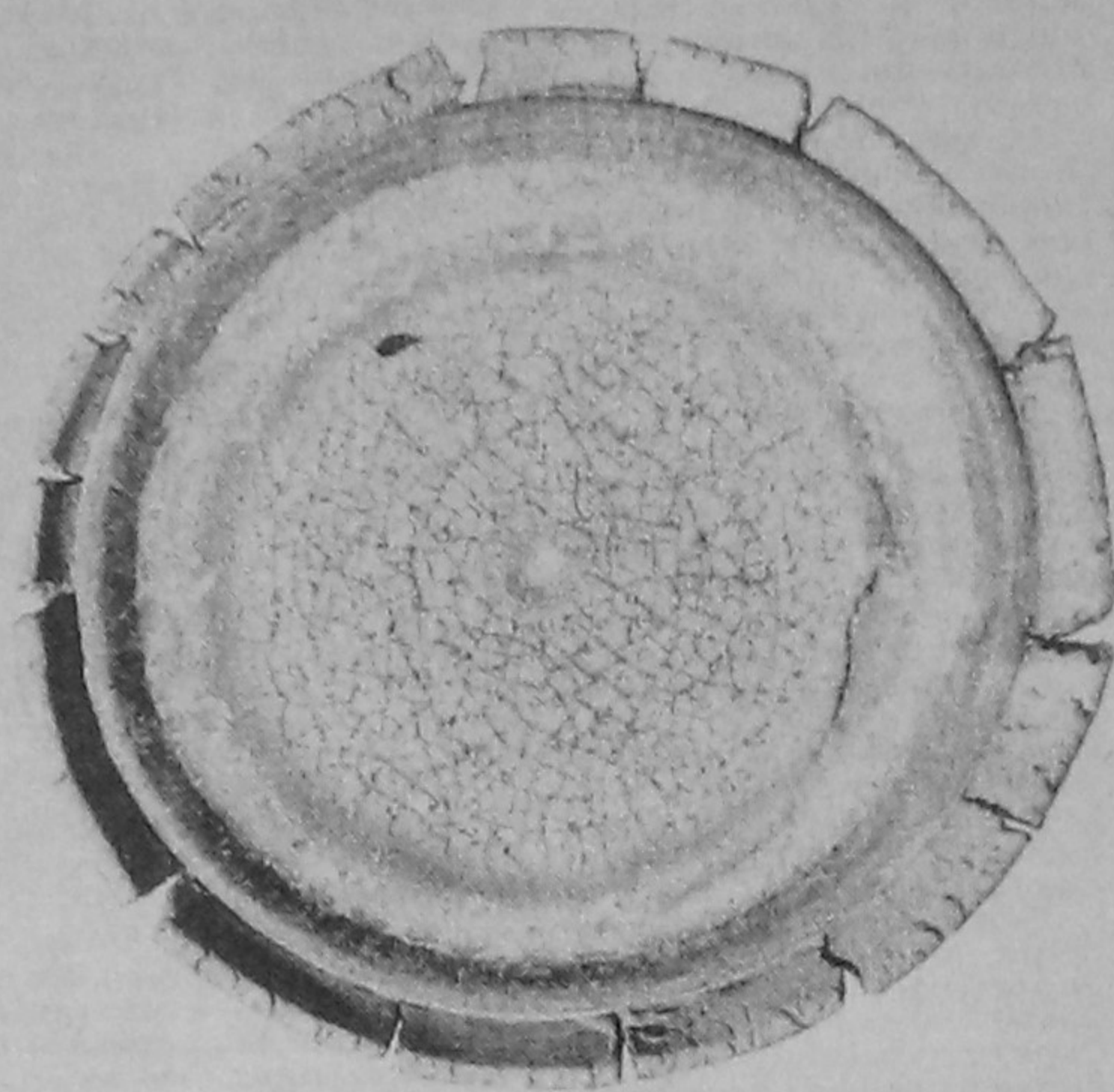
Presenting at least a hundred pieces of art-pieces like vases, bowls and decorative plates, Talukder has made arrangements to amass a large

number of his items at a separate corner of the gallery -- which he calls an 'op-exhibition'.

"This is my attempt to introduce a new phenomenon in an exhibition," said the studio ceramist while talking to *The Daily Star* at his Mirpur-10 studio. "I wanted to make 'one viewer' look at 'a thousand pieces' of artwork instead of the traditional way in which 'a thousand viewers' looking at 'one piece,' he added.



Thrown Flower Vase, Crystalline glaze, Height 29.2cm, 1999



Decorative Plate, Crystalline glaze, Diam. 18cm 1999

An innovation, no doubt, given the fact that Talukder desired for.

Talukder attaches a lot of elemental value to his creation. He takes this "ancient craft" to the utility level i.e. what the traditional *kumars* have always done -- make pots for the public.

So, what's so special about "studio pottery"?

"Certainly, this craft is not new; in fact, it is as old as civilisation itself," said Talukder, explaining: "After the Industrial Revolution and during early 20th century, pottery was given a commercial ring along with its eloquent aspects of art nouveau; and that's how we got all these glossy crockery."

What Talukder does is also



Sayeed Talukder: The potter

like the olden days, but he neither bakes the clay like the *kumars* and burn it, nor does he go for mass-production like commercial producers.

"Items of 'studio pottery' are given their final shape one by

one, and there's no way I can deck out the same thing again,

because of the craft's experimental nature: I do it in a little different way than our age-old potters," said the studio potter.

Giving the required finesse to every item takes about a month. There's a lot of work to be done. First, he has to get the right kind of clay, then, it has to be seasoned for at least three weeks before it gets on the throwing pad to receive a certain shape. He doesn't take more than an hour to give the clay a particular shape, for example a vase, but he needs at least three days, sometimes more, for 'firing' it in a furnace and cooling it down for furnishing the inner and outer walls of the object with 'glaze'. And then, it goes in the kiln to make the 'glaze' permanent.

As far as the glazes are concerned, he uses a concoction of chosen, non-toxic oxides and chemical compounds to dye the walls and brim of the pot, which would render a softer texture on his utensils.

Explaining the mildness Talukder says, "There's another rationale for the colour to be soft -- the clay that I use is grey in nature and most of the time this greyness makes my creation eye-soothing, unlike the flashy ones you see on the shelves of porcelain shops."

Talukder cares for aesthetic aspects to be prominent on his works more than he takes interest to go for multiplying his works. The ceramist tries to make these available for the middle class by keeping his prices within everyone's reach. "I'll charge a pot a hundred taka more than what regular *kumars* do for a simple pot," informed Talukder. This is certainly a good policy because art enthusiasts would not have to return home empty handed.



Bottle Shape Thrown, Stoneware, Height 16.5cm, 1999

TV Guide

Thursday 15th June

(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 Programme Outline 3:15 Patriotic Song 3:20 Open University Prog. 4:00 Bangla News 4:05 Cartoon: Barne And Friends 4:30 Songs 5:00 National School Debate Competition 5:50 Dharma-O-Jiban 6:00 Bangla News 6:30 Transmission From Chittagong Center 7:00 News For Weather 7:05 Diganto 7:25 Sandhya Maloti (Nazrul Songs) 8:00 Bangla News At 8:30 Serial: Raong #11 ('K. S. Firoz, Afroza Banu, Nousher Alam, Tonima Hamid, Shirin Bakul, Mahub Salim) 9:00 Unnayan Sanglap 10:00 News At Ten (English) 10:30 Taraka Jagat (Film Based) 11:00 English Series: The Light Wind-All Woman Police Squad 11:30 Bangla News 11:35 English News 11:40 A Programme Outline For Friday B) National Song 11:45 Closing

PTV World

8:00 Tilawat Aur Tarjuma/ Hamd /Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Cut Piece 9:20 Aahang & Roshni 9:45 Phool Chandi 10:05 Serial: 10:30 Buttons And Raaste 10:55 Mili Nagma 11:00 Khabreen 11:10 Absar 11:55 Tele Play: 12:45 Kawaii 12:55 Koran-E-Hakim & Bismillah 1:15 Serial: 2:00 Serial: 2:45 Perspective & Health Forum 3:40 Talimi Malumat 4:35 Aurat Aur Kanon 5:25 Serial: 5:55 Serial: Chayaa 6:25 Iou Course 7:05 Mukabil Hai Aaina 7:20 Annai Wala Zin 7:45 English News 8:05 Jawan Sanget 8:30 Entertainment Week 9:00 Break For Headline News 9:05 Serial: Zehar Aab 10:00 Khabarnama & Commercial News 10:35 Mast Mast Sanyo (Musical Show) 11:15 Sunhere Yadon 12:15 Serial: Khas Khas Khabrain-Close Down.

ZEE News TV

7:30 Zee News: Hindi 8:00 Morning Zee 9:00 News In English 0:00 Zee News: Hindi 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 06:30 AM 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 Nafisa 1:30 MTV Ek Do Teen VJ Raageshwari 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 Made In India VJ Cyrus 8:00 MTV Gaao Baby Gaao 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 MTV House Full VJ Nafisa 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 11:00 MTV Lovelibe 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:00 MTV Chill Out VJ Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 1:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 Ta Ra Rum 9:00 Brake Fail 10:00 Music Mag 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Colgate Ziz Zag Best of The Day 12:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Ciassic 1:30 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 2:00 Nex Gen 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Sa Re Ga Ma Ciassic 7:30 Total Recol 8:00 Music Zone 8:30 Artist of The Fortnight 9:00 Music Qusic 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 11:00 Stars Day Out 11:30 Shabab 12:00 Brake Fail

DD 7 (Bangla)

8:40 Khas Khabar 10:30 Janmadin (Birthday Greetings) 10:35 Daily Soap: Shree Ram Krishna 11:00 Daily Soap: Dropadi ('Rupa Ganguli, Suneeta, Kushal, Sankar) 11:15 Classical/Folk Songs- 11:30 Parliament Hour / Musical 12:00 Bengali Movie 3:00 Daily Soap: Maha Probuha 3:30 Daily Soap: Mohini 3:55 Daily Soap: Bhul Thikanay 4:20 Nepali Programme / Rabindra Sangeet 5:05 Shilpa jagat 5:30 News 5:50 Bigan Prasanga 6:10 Gaan Sudhu Gaan 6:40 Khas Khabar 6:50 Daily Soap: Jannabhum 7:20 Tarunder Janney / Darshaker Darbare/ Ghare Baire 7:30 Bangla Sambad 8:00 Aanya Sader Galpo (Serial) 8:30 Serial: Bharanti Bilas 9:00 Daily Soap: Jannabhum 9:30 Daily Soap: Shree Ram Krishna 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:20 Mokho Mukhi 10:50 Sambad 10:20

Alfa Bangla TV

6:30 Aalaap 7:00 Monthaar 8:00 Serial: Din Protidin 9:00 Serial: Plabon 9:30 Serial: Bhowani Purer Chattujee 10:00 Serial: Jhankar 10:30 Serial: Kono Ek Din 11:00 Serial: Samay Sur 12:11:30 Ek Akasher Niche 12:30 Serial: Mittir Bari 16:12:30 Serial: Shani Robi Majar



Thursday Movie Ei Ghar Ei Shangsar will be aired on Ekushey television at 8:30pm

Chobi 1:00 Aamar Tumi 1:30 Bahari Aahar 2:00 Serial: Abishasya #14 2:30 Bangla Movie- 5:00 Ek Akasher Niche 5:30 Asian Sky Shop 6:30 Serial: Din Protidin 7:30 News In Bangla 8:00 Serial: Jiban Jiban 8:30 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 9:00 Serial: Hiya Majhe 9:30 Serial: Daag 10:00 News In Bangla 10:30 Serial: Din Protidin 11:30 Serial: Bhowani Purer Chattujee 12:00 Serial: Samay Sur #12 12:30 Gulli 1:00 Grihasajja 1:30 Bangla Movie-

DD-1 (National)

5:55 Vande Mataram & Thought Of The Day 6:15 CIET Programme 6:30 UGC Programme 7:00 IGNOU Programme 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Suba Sabera 8:45 The News 9:32 Current Affairs Programme 10:00 Programme On Kashmir 10:32 Tarang- CIET Programme 11:00 ETV Programme 11:32 Serial: Ardhangini 12:00 Serial: Kamyabi 12:32 Serial: Intezar Aur Sahi 1:00 Serial: Tulsi 1:30 Serial: Agni 2:00 Serial: Deewar 2:30 News In Hindi 2:40 News In English 2:50 Serial: Har Dil Laziz 3:00 Serial: Bol Basanto 3:32 Serial: Aparajita 4:00 Serial: Mitti Ke Rang 4:32 Serial: Aur Kisan Jaag Utha 5:00 Series For Children: Prema Ke Prehri 7:00 Live Show 7:30 Samachar 8:02 Pakistan Reporter 9:00 Samachar 9:15 The News 9:30 Fugitive- The Most Wanted 10:05

Serial: Noorjahan 11:00 Ek Nazar 11:00 Muskaan #17 ('Sandha Mridul, Ayub Khan) 11:30 Aashirwad #97('Nasir, Poonam Narula, Navin Nischil, Govind Namit) 12:10 Naye Nazrane (Trailer) 12:40 Tata Salt Khana Khazana 1:10 Mrityudand #Ep-48 (Serial 'Paban Malhotra, Atul Agnihotry, Arif Zakaria, Irawati, Akshay Anand, Yateen) 1:40 Jhalak 1:45 Daily Sope: Hum Panch ('Amita, Rakhi Vijan) (Re-run) 2:25 Chingaree #58 3:00 Daily Sope: Kartavya 3:30 Cinema Hits- HF Film (B/W): 6:20 Ek Nazar (Film Trailer Show) 6:50 Disney Hour Cartoons 7:50 Bajaj Super 7 Muqabla (Countdown Show) 8:15 Professor Pearleal #46 (Sitcom 'Rakhi Tandon, Ashok Shroff) 8:45 Amaanat #Ep-148 (Serial 'Pooja Madan, Sudhir Panday, Smita) 9:25 X-Zone #95 Ep- (Horror Serial) 10:30 Thriller At 10 Ep- 11:00 Daily Soap- Aangan #168 ('Neena Gupta, Farha, Sumeet Saigal, Arun Gavil, Rohit Kumar, KarliKar Rane) 11:30 Daily Soap- Kartavya 11:55 Jhalak- Trailer 12:00 Action Movie: 2:40 Naye Nazrane (Trailer) 3:10 Hindi Feature Film(B/W):

Sony TV

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Sant Asaram Wani 8:30 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 9:00 Ek Mahal Ho Sapna Ka



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(Daily Sope) 9:30 Aurat 10:00 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 10:30 Daily Soap- Ithaas 11:00 Daily Soap- Nazdeekiyan 11:30 Daily Soap- Ghar Ek Mandir 12:00 Chartbusters (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 Soap) 3:30 Daily Soap- Ghar Ek Mandir 4:00 Daily Soap- Ithaas 4:30 Daily Soap- Nazdeekiyan 5:00 Junoon 5:30 Jaane Bhi Do Paro 6:00 I Love You #28 Ep- ('Anup Soni, Shruty Ulfa) 6:30 Missing #50 Ep- 7:00 Rang Birangee 7:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 8:00 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 8:25 Boogie Woogie 8:55 Dil Vil Pyar Vyar #50 Ep- ('Rushali, PoojaGhai, Sonali, Karina, Rakash, Bishal, Ali Asgor) 9:35 Sparsh #49 ('Diba Sheth, Mohash Tagore, Mrinal Kulkarni, Kunika, Irfan Khan) 10:10 Aahat #223 Ep- 10:45 Movers & Shekars 11:30 Ek Mahal Ho Sapna Ka (Daily Soap) 12:15 Cine Prime Nite Film: 3:00 Daily Soap- Nazdeekiyan 3:30 Cine Night show-Hindi Feature Film:

DD METRO

7:00 Anhad 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 7:45 Subaha Aaj Tak 8:30 Centrestage 9:00 The First Edition 9:30 Telefilm: 10:30 Tele Shopping 11:00 Nyay 11:30 Music Station 12:00 Tele Shopping 12:30 Geet Gata Chal 1:00 Serial: Baaje Payal 1:30 Serial: Khali Haath 2:00 Daawat: Cookery Show 2:30 Daily Sope- Bandhan 2:55 News In Urdu 3:05 United Tele Shopping 3:30 Hindi Feature Film- 6:00 Mummas Alive 6:30 Duck Tales 7:00 Hamare Gaurav 7:30 Pop Hungama

Zee TV

6:15 Yeadon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:45 Chehre 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Guldasta 8:30 Zara Has Ke- Hai Zindegi 9:00 Zara Has Ke- Filmi Chakkar 9:30

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BBC World

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World Business Report 7:30 Top Gear 8:30 HARDtalk (Presenter- Tim Sebastian) 9:00 World News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC World News 10:15 World Business Report

Zee English

8:00 Late Show With David Letterman 9:00 Too Close

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Woody Woodpecker on Ekushey TV, tomorrow at 2:05 PM.

4:00 BBC World News 4:30 Rough Guides To The World #2/4- Rajasthan 5:00 BBC The World Today 5:30 The Money Programme (Presenter- Maya Even) 6:30 Face To Face India (Presenter- Karan Thapar) 7:00 BBC World News 7:15

7:55 Navarang 8:00 JBP Ustaad 8:30 Serial: Naya 9:00 Serial: Juhi 9:30 Serial: Satya 10:00 Cinema Today 10:30 Aaj Taak (News) 10:50 Manzilion

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ETV

2:00 Ekshey News Headlines 2:05 Circus! Circus! 2:20 Drama serial: Choto Choto Dheu 2:50 Pop Show 3:15 Drishti 4:00 European Football Show 5:00 Ekshey News Headlines 5:05 Road to Benelux 6:00 Drishti Public View 7:00 Classic Cartoons 7:20 Eid-E-Miladunnabi 7:45 Ekshey News 8:00 Shuvo Kukti News Magazine Show on Film 8:30 Brihospoti Barer 'Chayachobi': Ei Ghor Ei Shongshar 10:00 BTV News 10:20 Ei Ghor Ei Shongshar 11:40 MTV Classic

STAR SPORTS

7:30 Asia Sport Show 8:00 Asian PGA Tour Davidoff Tour: Ericsson Classic Taipei TAIWAN Highlights 9:00 Watersports World 10:00 UK Domestic Cricket Norwich Union NCL Worcester ENGLAND- Worcestershire Vs Gloucestershire Div 1 3:55 Live- ECB International Cricket Cornhill Insurance Test Match Birmingham ENGLAND- West Indies Vs England 1st Test Day 1 1st Session 6:00 Pepsi Asia Cup 2000 Man Of The Series Dhaka BANGLADESH 6:30 Live- ECB International Cricket Cornhill Insurance Test Match Birmingham ENGLAND- West Indies Vs England 1st Test Day 1 2nd & 3rd Sessions 11:00 Inside Cricket: 1st Session 11:30 ANZ Sportsline 11:35 Futbol Mundial 12:00 Cricket Magazine Stumped- Australia Vs India 12:30 ANZ Sportsline 12:35 World Wrestling Federation Raw

ATN

5:30 Islamic Programme 6:32 Health Prog 7:10 Special Prog 7:50 Drama Serial: 8:25 Musical Prog 9:00 Drama Serial 9:35 Magazine Prog 10:10 Drama Serial 10:45 Special Prog (Islamic)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Painting Exhibition

Nadia Chowdhury, a student of Class 8 will be holding a painting exhibition in the Cafeteria from 30th June till 15th July 2000. The exhibition is scheduled to remain open daily from 15h00 till 20h00.



World Music Day 2000

Various artists and musicians will perform in the premises of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka on the occasion of World Music Day 2000 to be held on June 23 from 3pm to 7pm.

At 5.00pm France Lasser, director Alliance Francaise de Dhaka and Alian Delaune deputy director Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will bid farewell to their friends and colleagues.

Studio Pottery Exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of the 7th solo Studio Pottery exhibition by Sayeed Talukder will be held on June 16 at the Gallery 21.

Professor Anisuzzaman will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest. Professor Bulbon Osman will preside over the function.

The exhibition will remain open from 10.00am to 8.00pm till June 25.

French Musical Evening

After the soothing evening dedicated to the famous French composer Claude Debussy Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will organise its 2nd French Musical Evening on 1st July 2000 from 19h00 dedicating to Maurice Ravel. All are welcome to attend the evening. Come and discover Maurice Ravel and his famous Bolero.

Music Workshop

Beginning from Saturday, 1st July 2000, Renowned National Flutist Bari Siddique will be taking music classes on flute & vocal training of Folk & Classical songs at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Interested participants are requested to contact the reception of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka.

Dress exhibition

Altamira will present their collection of fashion apparels for men and women in the Gallery of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka from 30th June till 6th July 2000. The exhibition is scheduled to remain open daily from 15h00 till 20h00.

Painting Exhibition

Artist Hiranmay Chanda will be holding a painting exhibition in the Gallery of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka from 13th till 29th June 2000. The exhibition is scheduled to remain open daily from 15h00 till 20h00.

A Tribute to the Great Filmmakers of the Century

Chalachitram Film Society cordially invites you to the fifth programme of the series 'A Tribute to the Great Filmmakers of the Century: A Selection of Films,' organised in co-operation with the Goethe-Institut, Dhaka from 13 to 15 June 2000 at the auditorium of the German Cultural Centre at Dhanmondi, Road No 9, Dhaka.

13 June 2000

5:00 PM Film: Taxi Driver (USA, 1976, 113 mins), Dir: Martin Scorsese.

7:00 PM

Film: The River (France, 1951, 99 mins), Dir: Jean Renoir.

14 June 2000

5:00 PM Film: Antonio Das Mortes (Brazil, 1969, 95 mins), Dir: Glauber Rocha.

7:00 PM

Film