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From a Dotted Dragon to an Oscillating Abstract

The endeavour of a 14-year-old at L'Alliance Française de Dhaka



Nadia Chowdhury

By Fayza Haq

ISNT it amazing that a fourteen-year-old girl like Nadia Chowdhury has produced artwork of a standard that the Alliance Française has considered good enough to exhibit at its café? Their quality is of the type that has been lapped up by art lovers within a short period of time. Connoisseurs have realised that the decorative and idyllic pieces, sold at the low price of Tk. 300 to Tk. 3000, will be suitable wall-hangers of intrinsic value that will make their homes a pleasant places to live in with bright colours and careful compositions. True, the body of some of the creations like the *Dotted Dragon* and the *Roman Scene* have their origin in plaques and architectural photos, but a lot have been added and much have been deleted in order to give a new presentation. Nadia has been guided by her elder sister, Tia, a 23-year-old artist, who studies law and biochemistry side by side with her hobby of sketching. She too has had a successful show of her pencil sketches at the same venue, a few months ago.

Nadia says, "I've been painting and sketching since my childhood days, and it used to be a part of my studies at school until this year. The artworks include products of my earlier class-test work along with items I've done in my leisure time and school vacations at Bangladesh International School (BIT). Although other members of my family may think devotion to fine arts is a waste of time, my sister Tia thinks in a different way, and she has always encouraged and egged me on in this pursuit."

I've done water-colour, oil on paper, acrylic, crayon, charcoal and pencil sketches. At times my work is of mixed-media quality, and on one occasion



Portrait of an Indian Woman

I've even used henna strokes, which I believe adds an interesting facet. Out of the lot I prefer oil paints, as they lend depth and I can add and alter at will. Moreover, I believe that they will last for decades, although done on paper. Again, oil gives you a three dimensional effect at times, with thick layers of paints. I like playing with colours," she adds. Looking at her pictures, one sees her abstract done in pastel, one detects turquoise, aquamarine, lapis lazuli and beige sweeps, blending into one another. Gold swirls interweave with black and white highlights. One can note the sky in yellow and the layers of sea waves below. Explains Nadia: "This is called *The Vision of Life* and I depicted the combination of depressions and jubilation that form parts of our human existence." *Mountain Peaks* brings in happy childhood memories of the artist in the countryside in Bikrampur. This is purely from remembered images of hills and dales which have been exaggerated into mountains and small trees in the foreground. The peaks and glades, along with the gentle flow of the blue and white river to the left and the lyrical foreground speak of a city dwellers penchant for escape to the villages with peaceful nature to heal one's claustrophobia of living in the cemented jungles of Dhaka. This has been done in mixed media using watercolour for the sky and river along with pastel for the rest. Black, brown and royal blue offset the ochre and bottle green and emerald sweeps of the main images. The soft blue and white washes add gentleness to the mainly solid primary images in the composition.



Dragon

"I enjoy doing imaginative creations because this comes from the depth of your heart and you are at a liberty to draw or paint anything that your mind cries out for. Your imagination can flow and your memories can find a showcase. Dreams and aspirations can also be blended into the work," says Nadia about this particular entré.

The pastel work of the vivacious dragon, breathing fire, with its claws outstretched and its wings spread out, with some coloured eggs included in the work speaks of more than a legendary figure for these mythical creatures are still to be seen in exotic places like China and the Maldives. The original outline of the work is based on a simple outline of and embossed image on a silver utensil brought back from London by Nadia's family. Every portion of the figure except the face and the claws has scales done in oval multi-coloured shapes in which different shades like yellow, red, orange, green and blue have been blended in with careful strokes. The vermilion curled tongue, the angry blue eye, the fire emanating from the mouth in shades of red, blue and orange and the strongly outlined wings with blue and orange dominating speak of imagination and love of myths. The work, done in a few days, speaks of young, unencumbered

flights of fancy.

The pastel sketch of a Roman forum brings in the standing ruins with, modern small houses and hills at the back. Bold sweeps of mauve and grey bring in clouds in the sky at the back. A basilica and a church are included at the back in faint sketches. There is a tree with romantic sweeps of leaves to the left and more ruins along with small shops to the left forefront in bright beige, orange and mauve. The hillock is again in multi-coloured sweeps. Yes, the original subject has been taken from a photo in a book of architecture but figures and forms have been deleted to simplify the image. Also the presentation in somewhat simplified cubist creations, with mingling and blending of hues speak of good quality of work.

Another of Nadia's mixed-media is the *Ballerina*, in which she has simplified the background and foreground and put in her own watercolour. The rest of the main figure is a beige ballerina with her jet-black and blue hair, taken from a photo and simplified with geometrical strokes so that the tutu appears like the wings of a flamingo. The portrait of an Indian woman, taken from a magazine and combined with pastel geometrical motifs in lemon green, yellow and red, grey and black is another

delectable creation by the teenager.

"The young ones should never be afraid" and teen-aged Nadia has worked hard to earn the success that she deserves.



Ballerina



Starry, starry awards: Ekushey Television will telecast the Meril-Prothom Alo Taroka Jorip O Shamalochok Puroshkar 1999 at 8:30 p.m. The programme was held on April 28 last at Hotel Sheraton's Winter Garden. Popular television celebrity Hanif Shongket will host the programme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

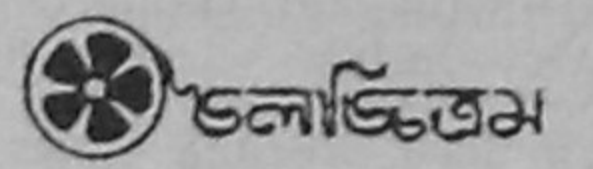


People's Little Theatre

Dramas organised by People's Little Theatre, the children's theatre troupe of Lok Natyadal, *Madhumala* by Kazi Nazrul Islam will be staged at the Mahila Samity at 7:00 p.m. and *Kanjush* by Tarik Anam will be staged at Guide House at 7:00 p.m. on July 6. And Tasher Dosh will be staged at the Guide House in the next morning at 10:30 a.m., followed by other programmes.

Solo Sculptor at L'Alliance

Inauguration of a sculpture exhibition of Lablu Patowary on July 7 at L'Alliance Française de Dhaka. Professor Haniduzzaman Khan will inaugurate the show as the chief guest at 5:30 p.m. The expo will remain open till July 20, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. everyday except Saturdays.



Film Week at the Indian High Commission

Chalachitram Film Society and Indian High Commission's Cultural Wing in Dhaka are hosting seven-day-long Film Week titled *Amader Chalachittr Gaurabmali Ati* from July 6 to July 12. The State Minister for Information Prof. Abu Sayeed will grace the occasion as the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony.



Ghazal Evening

Alliance Française de Dhaka will present a live ghazal evening of 'Mesbah' on July 6 at 7:00 p.m.

For further information on the evening, please contact the reception of Alliance Française de Dhaka.

Cassette Release

A duet album titled *Mone Rekho Bhalobeshchilam* by artists S. D. Rubel and Ankhil Alangir will be released today at the ballroom of Hotel Rajmomi Ishakha at 7:00 p.m. The album is produced by Sangeta. Pranab Gosh has done the music for the album.

Azad Rahman, director of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, will inaugurate the cassette release ceremony as chief guest, while artists Sayed Abdul Hadi and Subir Nandi will also be present as special guests.

British Film Week 2000

The British Council with co-sponsorship from Lever Brothers Bangladesh Ltd will host a film event titled 'British Film Week 2000' from 23 - 27 July at the British Council Auditorium. The titles of the films include *With or Without You*, *Notting Hill*, *Gregory's 2 Girls*, *East is East* and *Beautiful People*.



'Farida' and 'Ferdousi' Evening

Renowned singers Farida Parveen and Ferdousi Rahman will deliver *Lalon Geeti* and *Palli Geeti* respectively on July 7 and July 8 at Begal Shilpalaya in Dhanmondi at 7:00 p.m. The two-day music evening will mark the launching of two CDs in the artists' respective disciplines.

Nine Soloists

The week-long group exhibition of nine young artists at Zainul Gallery has one more day to go.

TV Guide

Thursday 6th June
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

BTV

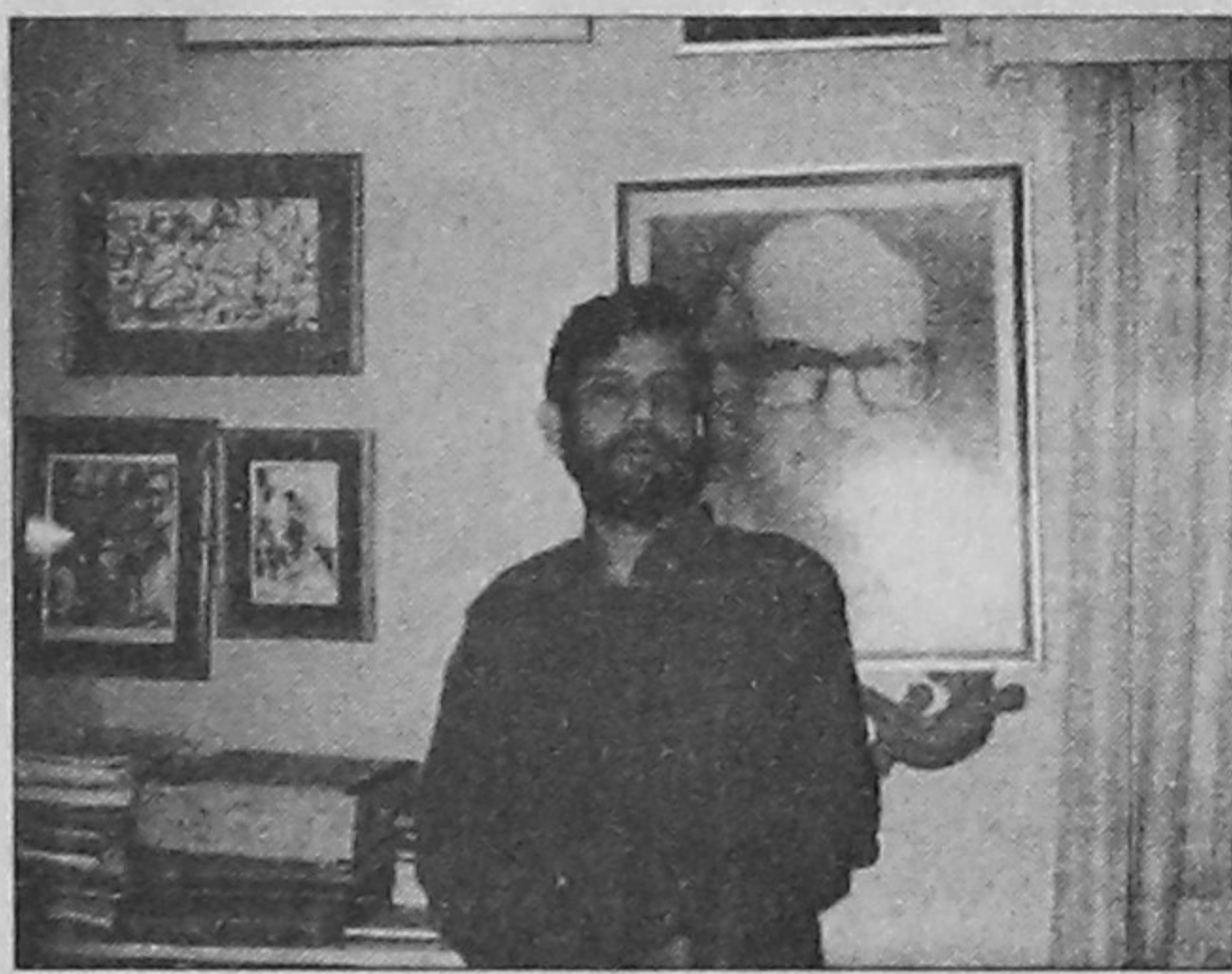
3:00 Opening Announcement, Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline 3:15 Patriotic Song 3:20 Open University Prog. 4:00 Bangla News 4:05 Cartoon: Barne And Friends 4:30 Songs: 5:00 National School Debate Competition 5:50 Dharmaj-O-Jiban 6:00 Bangla News 6:30 Transmission From Chittagong Center 7:00 News For Weather 7:05 Pramannyo 7:25 Sandhya Maloti (Nazrul Songs) 8:00 Bangla News At 8:30 Serial: Jatay Jatay Aboshasya #1 (*Tazin Ahmad, K. S. Firoz, Rita Fariya Richi, Litu Anam, Afroza Hassan) 9:00 Bahuroopi (Magazine) 10:00 News At Ten (English) 10:30 Banglar Mukh (Bangali Culture) 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

EKUSHEY

2:00 Ekushey News Headlines 2:05 Circus! Circus! 2:20 Drama series: Choto Choto Dheu 2:50 Pop Show 3:15 Bangla Cinema: Aina Bibir Pala 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 Dristhi Public View 7:00 Classic Cartoons 7:20 Wildlife 7:45 Ekushey News 8:00 Shuvo Mukti 8:30 Brihospotibar Chayachobi: Phool Shojya 10:00 BTV News 10:20 Brihospotibar Chayachobi: Phool Shojya

ATN

5:30 Islamic Programme 6:32 Health Prog. 7:10 Musical Prog. 7:50 Drama Serial 8:25 Drama Serial 9:35 Magazine Prog. 10:10 Drama Serial 10:45 Banglar Film Mohana 6:32 Islamic Programme 7:10 Magazine Prog. 7:50 Reporting Prog. 8:25 Magazine Prog. 10:10 Drama Serial 10:45 Bangla Film-Kalo Golap



UCEP-produced docu-drama *Shohagi Gramer Fatema* on Ekushey Television on July 7 at 8:00 p.m.

ALPHA BANGLA TV

6:30 Aalap 7:00 Monihaar 8:00 Serial: Din Protidin 9:00 Serial: Plabon 9:30 Serial: Bhowani Purer Chaittueja 10:00 Serial: Jhankar 10:30 Serial: Kono Ek Din 11:00 Serial: Samayr Sur #15 11:30 Ek Akasher Niche 12:00 Serial: Mittr Bari #19 12:30 Serial: Shani Robi Majar Chobi 1:00 Aamar Tumi 1:30 Bahari Aahar 2:00 Serial: Abishasya #17 2:30 Bangla Movie 5:00 Ek Akasher Niche 5:30 Asian Sky Show 6:30 Serial: Din Protidin 7:30 News In Bangali 8:00 Serial: Jhara Samayer Upakatha ('Rupa-Ganguly) 8:30 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 9:00 Saregama ('Hosht-Babul Suprio) 10:00 News In Bangali 10:30 Serial: Din Protidin 11:30 Serial: Bhowani Purer Chaittueja 12:00 Serial: Samayr Sur #15 12:30 Gugli 1:00 Grihosajja 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

SONY ENT. TV

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Sant Asaram Wani 8:30 Chartbusters (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 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-Nazdeekiyan 5:00 Junoon 5:30 Jaane Bhi Do Paro 6:00 I Love You #31 Ep- (*Anup Soni, Shruty

Ulfah) 6:30 Missing #53 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 #53 Ep- (*Rushali, PoojaGhai, Sonali, Karina, Rakash, Bishal, Ali, Asgor) 9:35 Sparsh #52 (*Dibya Sheth, Mohash, Tagore, Mrinal Kulkarni, Kunika, Irfan Khan) 10:10 Aahat #226 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:

ZEE TV

6:15 Yeardon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:45 Chehre 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Guldasta 8:30 Zara Has Kehai Zindegi 9:00 Zara Has Kehai Film Chakkor 9:30 Disney Hour Cartoons 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Muskaan #20 (*Sandha Mridul, Ayub Khan) 11:30 Ashirwad #100 (*Nasir, Poonam Narula, Navin Nischil, Govind Namit) 12:10 Taka Nazrane (Trailer) 12:40 Naye Salt Khana Khazana 1:10 Mrityudand #Ep-51 (Serial *Paban Malhotra, Atul Agnihotry, Arif Zakaria, Irwati, Akshay Anand, Yateen) 1:40 Jhalak 1:45 Daily Sope: Hum Panch (*Amita, Rakhi Vijayar) 6:1 2:25 Chingare (#61 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 Porealal #49 (Sitcom *Rakhi Tandon, Ashok Shroff) 8:45 Amaanat #Ep-151 (Serial *Pooja Madan, Sudhir Pandey, Smita) 9:25 X-Zone #98 Ep- (Horror Serial) 10:30 Thriller At 10 Ep-

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 Paval 1:30 Serial: Khali Haath 2:00 Daawat: Cookery

Show 2:30 Daily Sopa-Bandhan 2:55 News In Urdu 3:05 United Tele Shopping 3:30 Hindi Feature Film 6:00 Mummus Alive 6:30 Duck Tales 7:00 Hamare Gaurav 7:30 Pop Hungama 7:55 Navarag 8:00 IBP Ustaad 8:30 Serial: Naya 9:00 Serial: Jui 9:30 Serial: Satya 10:00 Cinema Today 10:30 Aaj Taak (News) 10:50 Manzilien 11:00 Final Cut 11:30 Business Midweek 12:00 Series-Investigator. 1:00 Hindi Films-

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC World News 6:30 The Boat Show 7:00 BBC News / Asia Today inc. World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today inc. World Business Report 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Radical Hits 11:30 The Money Programme (Presenter- Maya Even) 12:00 World News 12:30 Face To Face India (Presenter- Karan Thapar) 1:00 World News 1:30 Talking Movies (Presenter- Tom Brook) 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 The Money Programme (Presenter- Maya Even) 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Hard Talk: (Presenter- Tim Sebastian) 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 The Boat Show 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 World Business Report 7:30 Radical Hits 8:30 HARDtalk (Presenter- Tim Sebastian) 9:00 World News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC World News 10:15 World Business Report (Presenter- Tim Sebastian) 10:30 World News 1:00 World News 1:30 Click Online (Presenter- Stephen Cole) 2:30 World Business Report 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 World Business Report 3:45 World Sport 4:30 World Business Report 5:00 BBC News inc. World Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today

ZEE ENGLISH

8:00 Late Show With David Letterman 9:00 Too Close For Comfort 9:30 Evening Shade 10:00 Music Zone 10:30 The Roseanne Show 11:30 The Lifestyle Show 12:00 The Academy Awards Winners 1:00 The Roseanne Show 2:00 Music Zone 2:30 Friends 3:00 Evening Shade 3:30 The Academy Awards Winners 4:30 The Roseanne Show 5:30 High School 6:30 The Lifestyle Show 7:00 The Roseanne Show 8:00 Mixed Doubles 8:30 Friends 9:00 Three's Company 9:30 Can't Hurry Love 10:00 E.R. 11:00 News 11:30 Late Show With David Letterman 12:30 Friends 1:00 News 1:30 The Roseanne Show

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Go For It! 7:30 Ushuaia 8:00 Lonely Planet 9:30 Animals in Danger 10:00 Eyewitness- 10:30 ESPU 11:00 Outer Bounds- 11:30 Shark Files- 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives-I 2:00 Medical Detectives-II 2:30 Discover Magazine 3:30 Go For It! 4:30 Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet 6:30 Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files 7:00 Jaws and Claws II 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Untamed Amazonia 9:30 Beyond 2000 10:00 Discover News 10:30 Portraits 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Untamed Amazonia 2:30 Beyond 2000 3:30 Portraits 4:30 Discovery Profile Series 5:30 Discover Magazine

CNN INTERNATIONAL

6:30 Asian Edition 6:45 Asia Biz Morning 7:00 CNN This Morning 7:30 Moneyline 8:00 Larry King Live 9:00 World News 9:30 Showbiz Today 10:00 World News 10:15 American Edition 10:30 Q & A 11:30 World Report 12:30 World Sport 1:00 World News 1:30 Insight 2:30 Movers With Ian Hopkins 3:00 Larry King Replay 4:00 World News 4:30 Biz Asia 5:00 Asia Tonight 5:30 World Sport 6:00 World News 6:15 Asian

Edition 6:30 Biz Asia 7:00 World News 7:30 Style 8:00 Asia Tonight 8:30 World Sport 9:00 World News 9:00 American Edition 10:00 World News 10:30 CNN News Room 11:00 World News 12:00 World News 12:30 World Biz Today

DD INTL

7:00 Classical Music 7:15 Nishan 7:45 Subah Aaj Tak 8:30 Center Stage 9:00 The First Edition 9:32 Medicinal Alternative 10:00 India News 10:15 Light Music 10:32 Musical Programme On Basant Panchmi 11:00 Hit Show 11:32 Geluvina (Serial In Kannada) 12:00 Bharat Samachar (News In Hindi) 12:15 Hindi Film Show: 2:30 Samachar 2:40 The News 3:00 Classical Music 3:15 Nishan 3:45 Subah Aaj Tak 4:32 Center Stage 5:00 The First Edition 5:32 Medicinal Alternative 6:00 Musical Programme On Basant Panchmi 6:32 Hit Show 7:00 Geluvina (Serial In Kannada) 7:30 Hindi Film Show (Rpt)

SET MAX

7:30 Rang Birangee 8:15 Music Mania 8:45 Pop Puri 9:00 Harmony 9:30 Cricket Live- Sri Lanka Vs Pakistan (2nd One Day) 6:00 Mini Movies: 8:00 Rang Birangee 8:45 Music Mania 9:15 Pop Puri 9:30 Film Show: Yakeen 1:00 Film Show: Aaddat Se Majboor 4:00 Bajaj Lehren Features 4:15 Pop Puri 4:30 Film Show: Pyaar Ki Dastan

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00 MTV Classic 9:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits 11:00 MTV Most Wanted VJ Shehnaaz 12:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music Nafisa 1:30 MTV Ek Do Teen VJ Raageshwari 2:30 Non-Stop Hits 3:30 Love Line VJ Manika 4:00 MTV Bakra 4:15 Non-Stop Hits 4:30 MTV Select VJ Nikhil 5:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Shehnaaz 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 VI 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 Zig Zag Best of The Day 12:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Classic 1:30 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 2:00 Nex Gen 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Sa Re Ga Ma Classic 7:30 Total Reel 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

ZEE NEWS TV

7:30 Zee News: Hindi 8:00 Morning Zee 9:00 News In English 10:00 Zee News: Hindi 7:00 Business News 7:30 Zee News: Hindi 8:30 Business News 9:00 News In English 10:00 Zee News: Hindi 12:00 Zee News: Hindi 12:30 Am to 06:30 AM Every Half Hour - Zee News: Hindi

DD 7 (BANGLA)

8:40 Khas Khabar 9:05 Amrito Katha 9:20 Sangbad 9:30 Khela Ar Khela 10:30 Jannadin (Birth Day Greetings) 10:35 Daily Soap: Shree Ram Krishna 11:00 Daily Soap: Hay Mohajeebon 11:15 Classical/Folk Songs- 11:30 Parliament Hour Musical 12:00 Bengali Movie: 2:30 Khas Khabar 3:00 Daily Soap: Maha Prabhu 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: Jannabhummi 7:20 Tarunder Janny / Darshaker Darbare/ Ghare Baire 7:30 Bangla Sambad 8:00 Aanya Sader Galpo (Serial) 8:30 Serial- Bharanti Bilas