

music

# Praner Bandhu Sings

A 'Ferdousi' evening at Bengal Shilpalaya

By Shahana Parheen

GOOD news for the music lovers - especially the folk music connoisseurs of the country. One of the most popular Palli Geeti exponent, Ferdousi Rahman's, has just launched her CD on folk music (Palli Geeti), titled *Praner Bandhure*. The CD, launched at the Bengal Shilpalaya on Saturday, contains 14 selected songs including the title track. This is the first time her CD has been released in the country. Her earlier CD releases were the USA and India.

The initiative by the Bengal Shilpalaya deserves appreciation. They have recently launched two CDs. Of these, one is Farida Parveen's *Shomoy Gele Shadon Hobe Na*. The CD was launched on the 7th of July. The other CD of which this article is all about is Ferdousi Rahman's *Praner Bandhure*. It was a simple yet delightful ceremony at the Bengal Foundation. The renowned artiste was there to present a few of her selected songs, some of which are from the new CD. Ferdousi was radiating with

an off-white Kaman with a deep green *paar* with zari work on it.

The programme started with the ceremonial launching of the CD by none other than renowned singer, lyricist and composer Abdul Latif - Ferdousi's LaChia (Latif Chacha). He was full of praise of Ferdousi whom he has known since her childhood. The association between them spans decades - Ferdousi has been singing Latif's compositions since 1952. Latif recalled his early entry into the world of music which made his aunt (Phuppi) furious till she heard that he performed Abbasuddin's (Ferdousi's father) compositions. Such was Abbasuddin's acceptance and reverence in society! Latif addressed Ferdousi as the princess of *Bhawalya*.

In her short speech, Ferdousi Rahman was full praise Bengal Foundation's initiative. However she lamented the fact that the people have lost the chance to preserve the songs of some of the best singers of the bygone era. Songs of Laila Anjumani Bani, Hasna Bani Khanam,

Abdul Alim and many others will eventually fade out and be lost forever, she said. Her request to Bengal Foundation was therefore to record and release cassettes and CDs of performers who were in their prime time so as to be able to preserve their best output.

After the ceremonial launching, the audience were with a selected songs by Ferdousi. These included *Koto ronger piteete tumi jano re bandhu* (composed by Abdul Latif), the title track of her CD, and *Neemr ditora* (by her uncle Abdul Karim J). Among the *adhuik* (modern) songs she presented was her famous romantic tune *Anil sagorer o Neel* (lyrics: Abu Hena Mustafa and Music: Abdul Ahad). She also sang *ghazals*, Nazrul Geetis and Abdul Alim hit *Bhromora galyona goon goon*. She rendered ten songs in all.

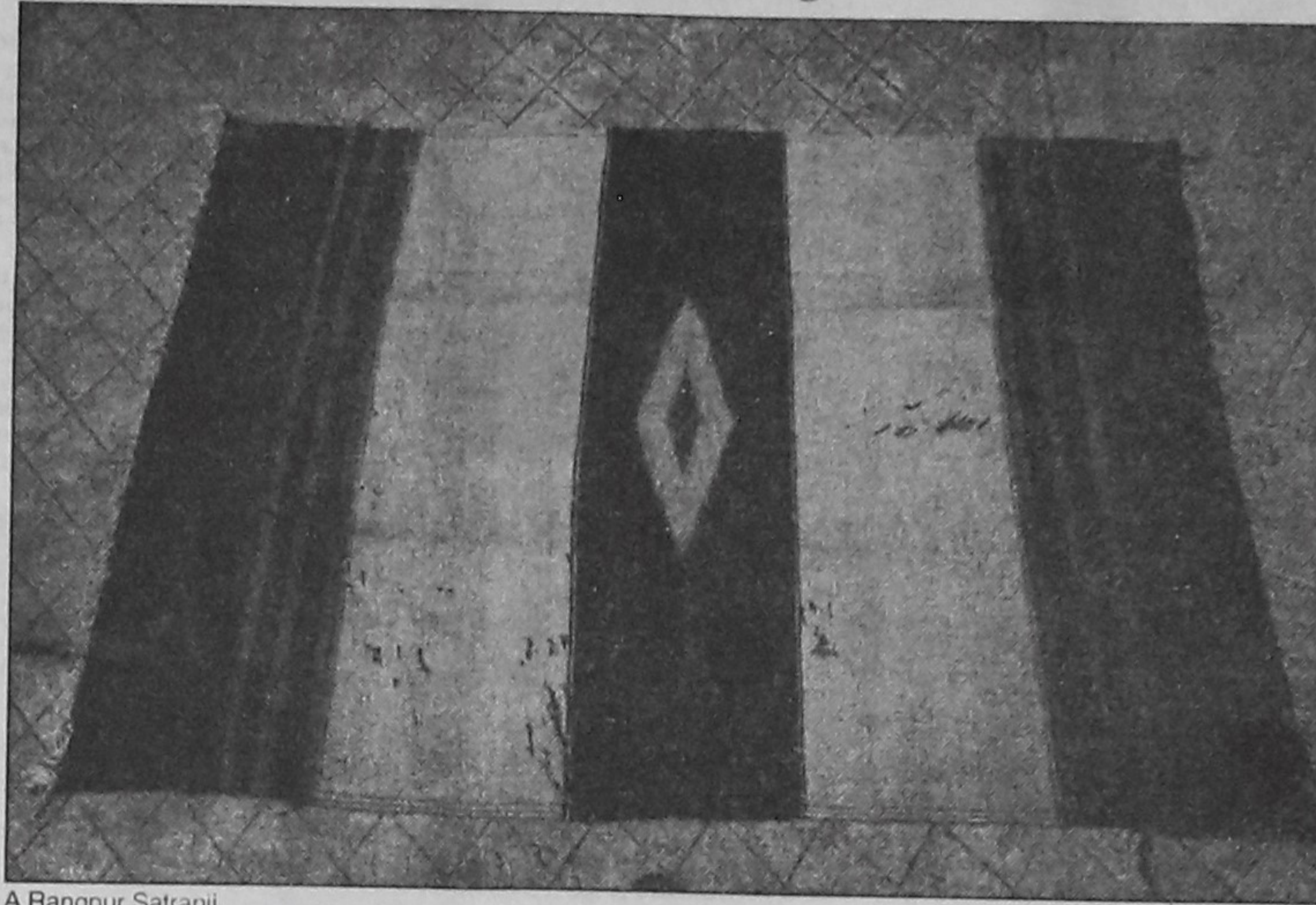
*Praner Bandhure* contains fourteen tracks:

- 1. Prem Janena Rashik
- 2. O Dheow Khelere
- 3. Amar Haar Kaala
- 4. Koto Ranger Preet
- 5. Ore Gariyal Bandhure
- 6. Kon Bone Dakilo Kokil
- 7. Shona Bandhure

heritage

# Yesterday Once More

Sataranji, a North Bengal Heritage



A Rangpur Sataranji

By Fayza Haq

THE North of Bangladesh was once famous for the *sataranji*, which has been around since the 13th century. Now a dying craft, *sataranjis* were once supplied to the Emperor Akbar's palace. Today, there is a drive once again to save this craft which is unique for being a North Bengal heritage. Once more, there are more than 2000 people specialised in this craft. There are about 500 weavers in the North of Bangladesh who are working to revive *sataranjis*. What is lacking in their endeavours to restore this important heritage of Bangladesh is the availability of markets. With this purpose in mind, a national exhibition on *sataranjis* will be held at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, beginning from the 21st of July 2000.

*Sataranjis*, the traditional handmade rugs, were originally made from either cotton or jute, and at times, even with a combination of the two. Now, they are mainly made from recycled wool and cotton. In this exhibition, the original cotton and

jute *sataranjis* will be highlighted along with the display of a few wool and cotton ones. UNESCO has provided funds to

revive this craft. We hope that this exhibition will help to bring back the glory of *sataranjis* that was once the pride of

North Bengal. This exhibition is an effort to provide a stepping stone for this unique craft to regain markets, which is what is crucial for its revival.

This exhibition will be held at the occasion of the opening of *La Galerie*, the new exhibition hall of the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Since three years, Alliance Francaise and its Bangladeshi partners have pursued the task of enhancing the awareness of the public on the national heritage of Bangladesh (rickshaw paintings, woodcarvings and a pottery national contest etc).

Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Bibi Russell and Dr Abdullah, Technical Director of the Bangladesh Jute Research Institute, have made some attempts to add value to jute rugs by introducing the silk fibre blended with jute in traditional weaving techniques. Bibi Russell has identified *sataranjis* as the ideal and viable product to materialise this project. Samples of jute and silk *sataranjis* will be shown on the occasion of this exhibition.

The weavers of Nishbedganj (Rangpur) will present a collection of *sataranjis* (rugs) to the National Museum.



Bibi Russell will open the July 21 exhibition.

event



Bangladesh Karushipa Parishad organised a prize-giving ceremony on Saturday at Bailey Road's BPW auditorium. —Star Photo

## TV Guide

Monday 10 July

(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: Learning In The Lab And Fun With Meth 4:30 Sashtotho Thatho (Health Developing For Mother & Children) 4:45 Sports Programme 5:20 Anupama 5:45 Pusti Thatho 6:00 Bangla News 6:05 Live Transmission New Artist Audition From Chittagong Center 7:00 News For Weather 7:05 Dolanchapa (Song of Nazrul) 7:25 Barta Probaho 8:00 Bangla News At 8:30 Package Drama: 10:00 News At Ten (English) 10:20 Hazaar Bachhor Dhare 10:50 Nirbachito Programme 11:30 Bangla News 11:35 English News 11:40 A) Programme Outline For Tuesday B) National Song 11:45 Ck-ing

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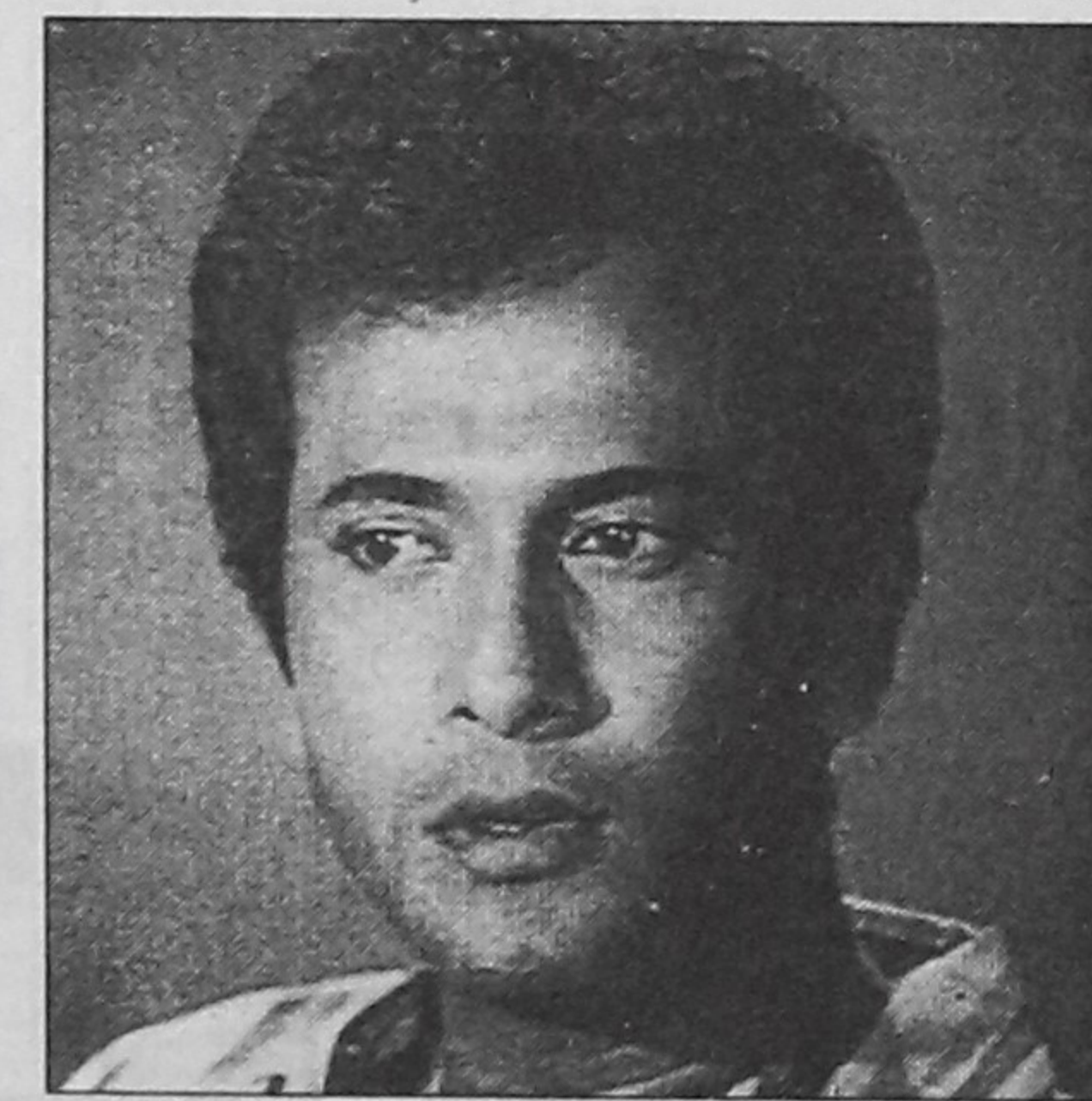
2:00 Ekushey News Headlines 2:05 Classic Cartoons 2:20 Shofar Jara Kemon Tara 2:50 Chitrogeeti 3:15 Bangla Cinema: Shesh Porjonto 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 Dristhi Public View 7:00 Circus! Circus! 7:20 Animated Series: Jumanji 7:45 Ekushey News 8:00 Roar 9:00 To Be Announced 9:30 Shampa Rezar Boithok 10:00 BTV News 10:20 Pepsi BCB Mega Cricket Concert 11:05 The Big Fight

ATN BANGLA

Morning Programme 5:30 Islamic Program 6:32 Film Songs 7:10 ATN Debate Prog 7:50 Band Show 8:25 Musical Prog 9:00 Musical Prog 9:35 Musical Prog 10:10: Drama Serial 10:45 Bangla Film: Bayaman 6:32 Horoscope prog 7:10 ATN Music 7:50 Musical prog 8:25 Drama Serial 9:00 Magazine Prog 9:35 Musical Prog 10:10 Drama Serial 10:45 Drama Serial

DD 7 (BANGLA)

8:40 Khas Khabar 9:05 Amrto Katha 9:20 Sangbad 9:30 Khela Aar Khela 10:30 Gane Gane 10:35 Daily Sope: Shree Ram Krishna 11:00 Daily Sope: Hay Mohajeebon 11:15 Classical/Folk Songs 11:30 Parliament Hour/ Musical 12:00 Bengali Film 2:30 Khas Khabar 3:00 Daily Sope: Maha Probuha 3:30 Daily Sope: Mohini 3:55 Daily Sope: Bhul Thikanay 4:20 Nepali Program 5:05 Tarunder Janney 5:30 News 5:40 Camera Chochhy 5:50



Shesh Porjanto on Ekushey Television today at 3:15 pm

Palli Katha: 6:10 Serial: 6:40 Khas Khabar 6:50 Daily Soap: Janmabhumi 7:30 Bangla Sambad 7:55 Dinindan 8:00 Serial: 8:30 Serial: Juti/ Bangla Sodeasi Gaan 9:00 Daily Soap: Janmabhumi 9:30 Daily Soap: Shree Ram Krishna 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:20 Mokho Mukhi 10:50 Sambad 11:00 Bengali Movie:

DD-1 (National)

6:30 UGC Programmes 7:00 IGNOU Programme 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Subha Sabera 8:30 The News 9:32 Current Affairs Programme 10:32 Tarang 11:00 ETV Programme 11:32 Serial: Ardhangini 12:00 Serial: Kamyabi 12:32 Serial: Intezaar Aur Sahi 12:55 Serial: Kiran 1:00 Serial: Tulsi 1:32 Serial: Agni 2:00 Serial: Diwar 2:30 Samachar 2:40 News In English 2:50 Serial:

Aaiye Hazoor 3:00 Series On Kashmir 3:32 Serial: Aprajita 4:00 Serial: Mitti Ki Rang 4:32 Serial: Aur Kisan Jaag Utha 5:00 Series For Children: Suno Kahani 6:00 MTV Children's Programme 6:32 Series: Flying House 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Kashmir Dateline 8:00 Serial: Sahasra 8:30 The News 8:32 Serial: Kapal Kundla 9:00 Samachar 9:15 The News 9:30 Serial: Beta 10:00 Serial: Jai Gang Maiyh 10:30 Serial: Surag (Detective Serial) 11:32 Mirror of The World



STAR SPORTS

7:00 Nba Inside Stuff 99/2000 7:30 Cricket Magazine Stumped-Australia Vs India 8:00 Ecb International Cricket Natwest Series London, ENGLAND: England Vs Zimbabwe 2nd Odi, Highlights 9:00 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis C'Ships - Day 12 London, UK: Ladies Singles Final, Mens & Mixed Dbl Final 3:00 Asian Basketball Show 3:30 Auto Racing: Total Hornbill Raid 2000 Arunachal Pradesh, INDIA Event Highlights 4:00 Ecb International Cricket Natwest Series London, ENGLAND: England Vs Zimbabwe 2nd Odi, Highlights 5:00 Sports India 5:30 Live- Fim World Motorcycle Championship 2000 MotoGP Donnington Park, GREAT BRITAIN 250cc(L): 500cc(L): 125cc(S) 8:00 Olympic Magazine 8:30

Formula One Highlights 2000 Magny Cours, FRANCE- French Grand Prix 9:30 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis C'Ships - Day 13 London, UK: Mens' Singles Final & Ladies Dbls Final

ESPN

7:00 Lpga Golf McDonald's Lpga Championship (90mins) Wilmington, DE U.S.A. Final Round 8:30 Motorsport Asia 9:00 Ecb International Cricket Natwest Series London, ENGLAND: England Vs Zimbabwe 2nd Odi, Highlights 10:00 Pool World Professional Pool Championships 2000 Cardiff, WALES Day 8, Quarterfinals 1st Session 12:00 Sportscenter: International Edition 12:30 Pool World Professional Pool Championships 2000 Cardiff, WALES Day 8, Quarterfinals 2nd Session 2:30 Ecb International Cricket Natwest Series London, ENGLAND: England Vs Zimbabwe 2nd Odi, Highlights 3:30 Live- Ecb International Cricket Natwest Series London, ENGLAND: England Vs West Indies 3rd Odi, 1st Session 7:00 Sportscenter: International Edition 7:50 Live- Ecb International Cricket Natwest Series London, ENGLAND: England Vs West Indies 3rd Odi, 2nd Session 11:30 Western World Football 12:00 Live- Pool World Professional Pool Championships 2000 Cardiff, WALES Day 9, Final

ALPHA

BANGLA TV

06:30 Aalap 7:00 Monihaar 8:00 Serial: Din Protidin 9:00 Serial: Plabons 9:30 Serial: Shoni-Robi Mojar Chobi #18 10:00 Mojar Khela Kobitay 10:30 Serial: Half Chocolate 11:00 Serial: Guest House 11:30 Serial: Gugli 12:00 Serial: Shoni-Robi Mojar Chobi #18 12:30 Kichu Smriti Kichu Gaan 1:00 Serial: Agni Yuger Padatik 1:30 Bhahari Aahar 2:00 Serial: Akshonar Bibi ('Indrani, Shila Dittay) 2:30 Bangla Movie 5:00 Fk Akasher Niche 5:30 Asian Sky Show 6:30 Din Protidin 7:30 News In Bangali 8:00 Beauty Parlour 8:30 Serial: Fk Akasher Niche 9:00 Serial: Hyier Maajhay 9:30

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DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Go For It! 7:30 Ushuaia 8:30 Lonely Planet III 9:30 Animals in Danger 10:00 Eyeswitness III 10:30 Danger Zone 11:00 Outer Bounds: England Vs Zimbabwe 2nd Odi, Highlights 10:00 Pool World Professional Pool Championships 2000 Cardiff, WALES Day 8, Quarterfinals 1st Session 12:00 Sportscenter: International Edition 12:30 Pool World Professional Pool Championships 2000 Cardiff, WALES Day 8, Quarterfinals 2nd Session 2:30 Ecb International Cricket Natwest Series London, ENGLAND: England Vs Zimbabwe 2nd Odi, Highlights 3:30 Live- Ecb International Cricket Natwest Series London, ENGLAND: England Vs West Indies 3rd Odi, 1st Session 7:00 Sportscenter: International Edition 7:50 Live- Ecb International Cricket Natwest Series London, ENGLAND: England Vs West Indies 3rd Odi, 2nd Session 11:30 Western World Football 12:00 Live- Pool World Professional Pool Championships 2000 Cardiff, WALES Day 9, Final

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 Ta Ra Rum 9:00 Brake Fail 10:00 Old Is Gold 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Colgate Ziz Zag Best of The Day 12:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Classic 1:30 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 2:00 Kumar Ajay Saree Pts Rangeen Tarane 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Sa Re Ga Ma Classic 7:30 Total Recall 8:00 Music Zone 8:30 Nexgen 9:00 Music Box 10:00 Siz-zlers 10:30 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 11:00 Pop Busters 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 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 Non-Stop Hits 11:00 MTV Most Wanted VJ Shehnaz 12:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits 12:30 MTV Hit Liat VJ Shehnaz 1:00 MTV Houseful VJ Nafisa 1:30 MTV Kenwood India 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 Ek Do Teen 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 MTV House Full VJ Nafisa 10:30 MTV Monday Masti 11:00 MTV Lovelibe VJ Malaika 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:00 MTV Chill Out VJ Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 01:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits

CNN INTERNATIONAL

6:30 Asian Edition 06:45 Asia Biz Morning 07:00 CNN This Morning 07:30 Business Unusual 08:00 CNN & Time 09:00 World News 09:30 Showbiz Today 10:00 World News 10:30 Best of Q & A 11:30 World Report 12:30 World Sport 01:00 World News 01:30 Best of Insight 02:30 CNNdot Com 03:00 CNN & Time 04:00 World News 04:30 Biz Asia 05:00 Asia Tonight 05:30 World Sport 06:00 World News 06:15 Asian Edition 06:30 Biz Asia 07:00 World News 07:30 Hotspot 08:00 Asia Tonight 08:30 World Sport 09:00 World News 09:00 American Edition 10:00 World News 10:30 CCNN News Room 11:00 World News 12:00 World News 12:30 World Biz Today

DD INTL

7:00 Classical Music 7:15 Tik Back 7:45 Subah Aaj Tak 8:30 Imaging Science 9:00 The First Edition 9:32 Serial: Tash 10:00 India News 10:15 Light Music 10:32 Pakistan Reporter 11:00 Serial: Arpon 11:32 Urchandi (Serial In Bengali) 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 Tik Back 3:45 Subah Aaj Tak 4:32 Imaging Science 5:00 The

First Edition 5:32 Serial: Tash 6:00 Pakistan Reporter 6:32 Serial: Arpon 7:00 Urchandi (Serial In Bengali) 7:30 Hindi Film Show (Rpt):

ZEE MOVIES

8:30 OST 9:00 Film: 11:00 Frank Sinatra 11:30 Film: 1:30 OST 2:00 Film: 4:00 Total Recall 4:30 Film: 6:30 Frank Sinatra 7:00 Film: 9:00 Hollywood Remembers 9:30 The 9 O'clock Show: 11:30 Film: 1:30 Film:

SONY ENT. TV

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Sant Asaram Wani 8:30 Chart-busters (Trailer Show) 9:00 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka (Daily Soap) 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 And Shakers 1:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 2:00 Boogi Woogi 2:30 Daily Soap: Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka 3:00 Daily Soap: Aurat 3:30 Daily Soap: Ghar Ek Mandir 4:00 Daily Soap: Ithaas 4:30 Daily Soap: Nazdeekiyan 5:00 Junoon 5:30 Bajaj Ki Lehren 6:00 Just Mohabbat #155 6:30 Tupe Dil Qurban #16 ('Parmeth Sheth, Grusha Kapoor, Ronit Roy) 7:00 The Poppadum Show 7:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 8:00 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 8:25 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh 8:55 I Love You #32 # Ep-Love Feeding ('Anup Soni, Shruti Ulfia) 9:35 Saaya #84 ('Aachintay Kaur, Anup Soni, Aar Mahadev, Mon-

isha) 10:10 Missing #54 Ep- (Pre. Jacky Shroff) 10:45 Movers And Shakers 11:30 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka 12:00 Heena #80 ('Rakhi Bhajan, Siman Singh, Rahul Bhatt, Nina Kulkarni) 12:30 Family No. 1 #88 ('Kanwaljeet, Tanvi Azmi, Kabir, Aporna) 1:00 Thodi Si Bewafai #9 ('Suroj Thapar, Diya, Allokhnath, Beena) 1:30 Kaash #10 2:00 Movers And Shakers 3:00 Daily Soap: Nazdeekiyan 3:30 Cine Night Show-Hindi Feature Film: Ek Din Bahu Ka

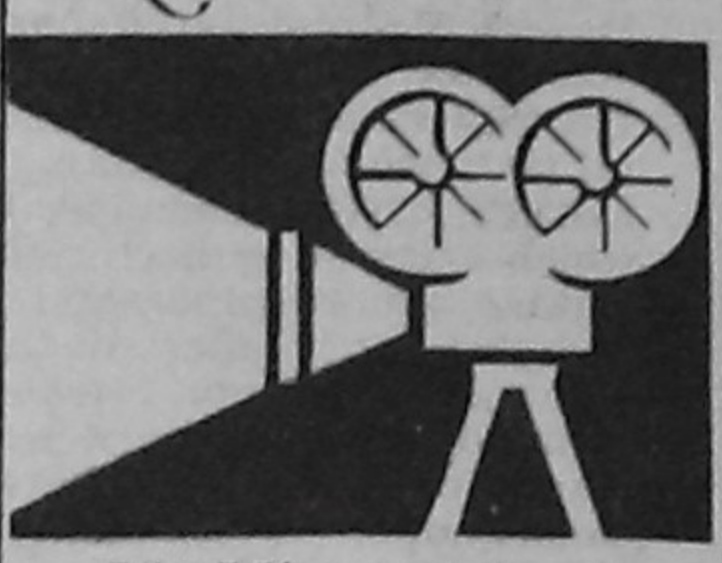
DD METRO

7:00 Anhad 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 7:45 Subah Aaj Tak 8:30 Imaging Science 9:00 The First Edition 9:30 Captain House 10:00 Serial: Alif Laila 10:30 Ret Par Likhe Naam 11:00 Daily Sope-Naya 11:30 Daily Sope-Savera 12:00 United Tele Shopping 12:30 Geeton Bhari Kahani 1:00 Serial: Baaje Payal 1:30 TV Brand 2:00 Daawat: Cookery Show 2:30 Daily Sope: Bandhan 2:55 News In Urdu 3:05 Serial: Swaranjali 3:30 Hindi Film Show 6:00 Flash Garden 6:30 Mickey & Friends 7:00 Nature Calls 7:30 Parody Time 7:55 Navrang 8:00 Fashion Square 8:30 Daily Sope-Naya (Serial) 9:00 Khamosh Awaaz (Serial) 9:30 Muqaddar (Serial) 10:00 Saath Saath (Serial) 10:30 Aaj Tak 10:50 Single Metro-Sports India Show 11:00 Legal Balance 11:30 The Millennium Journey 12:00 Series-Derrick 12:00 Films



Shampa Raza's Baithak on Ekushey Television at 9:30 pm.

RECOMMENDATIONS



My Migrant Soul

The premier show of the film *Parabashi Mon Amar* (My Migrant Soul) by Yasmine Kabir will be held at the Goethe Institut, German Cultural Centre, Dhaka on July 11 at 7.00pm. This film is a video documentary about a young migrant worker from Bangladesh who left for Malaysia in search of work. Having sold his only piece of property and virtually mortgaging his life - the young man arrives in the host country to experience only disillusionment, misery and frustration. The film ends with tragic consequences for the protagonist of the piece. The documentary uses one person's narrative to illustrate the plight of countless others who have suffered in the hands of those who have stood to gain profit by bartering their lives.

*My Migrant Soul* is a story of modern-day slavery.

Solo Sculptor at the L'Alliance

The second solo sculpture exhibition of Lablu Patowary started on Friday at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. The exhibition 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 Gourabmo Atit* 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.



Artwork of Porcelain and Glass

Gallery 21 presents a solo exhibition of "Artwork of Porcelain and Glass" by Kazi Rakib on July 14 at 5:30 p.m. at 765 Satmashid Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Artist Aminul Islam will inaugurate the exhibition, while artist Mahmudul Haq will be present as special guest.

Old-timers' Works

Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts on July 12 will organise an exhibition of artwork of the artists who have passed away, leaving numerous connoisseurs to admire their work. The exhibition will remain open until July 16.

Rath-Yatra Festival 2000

The Shri Shri Jagannathdev's Rath-Yatra Festival 2000, organised by International Krishnabhabnamrita Shangha (ISCON), has started on July 3 at the Shri Shri Radhagovinda Jew Mandir in Wari. The *Ulla Rath-Yatra* celebrations will continue till July 11.

Magazine Show - Uthshav

After a long eight-month break this July-September session Bangladesh Television will resume telecasting *Uthshav*, the popular magazine show. A magazine show for all category of people. There will be the usual events, such as the Rawshan Jamil's Quiz, the game play with old songs. Besides these there will also be some additional items.

The programme is planned and hosted by Mosharrar Hossain.

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*.