

## exhibition

# A Captivating Tale of Hilly Life

A group art exhibition at Zainul Gallery by tribal artists captures the essence of being tribal

By Tawfiq Ali

There is no denying the fact that even today we hardly know about the life and culture of the various tribes living in different parts of the country; never been bothered about their dreams; have not paid attention to their belief and expectation; did not have time to understand their values and rituals; in a word they pushed into the margins of our cultural and social space.

Rich in aesthetic value, tribal culture has a glorious heritage of its own — and the hilly people treasure cultural identity even at the face of all odds. When four tribal artists team up to put up a show, now being held at the Zainul Gallery, it sends a positive signal to the cultural circle.

This exhibition by the four up-and-coming artists is a bold step to secure an access to the mainstream art world of the country.

One feels that such occasions act as a fantastic bridge between minority culture and national culture. These artists are honest in their attempt to retain their cultural identity and uphold the notion 'unity in diversity'.

This group of four artists, Dhanamoni Chakma, Subhankar Talukder, Ronel Chakma and Milon Jyoti Tripura, belong to Hill Artists' Group, an organization of Fine Arts students and free lance artists established in March, 1992, convened by Dhanamoni Chakma. The works done by Dhanamoni (M.F.A Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka) and Subhankar (B.F.A same institute) put on display are mostly in oil on canvas and paper. Dhanamoni has also two drawing sketches which are quite good.

Ronel and Milon's works are



Deceived Woman by Dhanamoni Chakma

study on Oriental Art done in water colour and mixed media. The works of all four artists are basically done in realistic vein with tribal life-style as their recurrent theme.

That might be because of the fact that I come from the Hill district, Dhanamoni said while explaining his works. 'But the picture Child Labour was done as a general theme and as a reaction to the repression on children and violation of child rights worldwide,' he added. The picture is an oil painting depicting an image of a slogging minor. His 'Jum Cultivation in oil on canvas is a fine depiction of the traditional cultivation in Hill Tracts.'

Dhanamoni's Mother and Child is a very simple depiction of

the universal bondage between mother and child. In his 'Deceived Woman' a dejected mood of the figure pervades over the piece. Colours play significantly to express the mood of the painting; red expressing the luster and black representing an abysmal despair and shame — a recurrent phenomenon in our day-to-day life.

The backdrop of the canvases of all four artists portrays an idyllic landscape of the Hills immersed in natural innocence and vigour.

Milon's Woman-1 is an example of fertility of nature in which woman and nature might be synonymous. The glow of the radiating sun on the running brook alongside a mysterious bushy shade might evoke one's meditative mood.

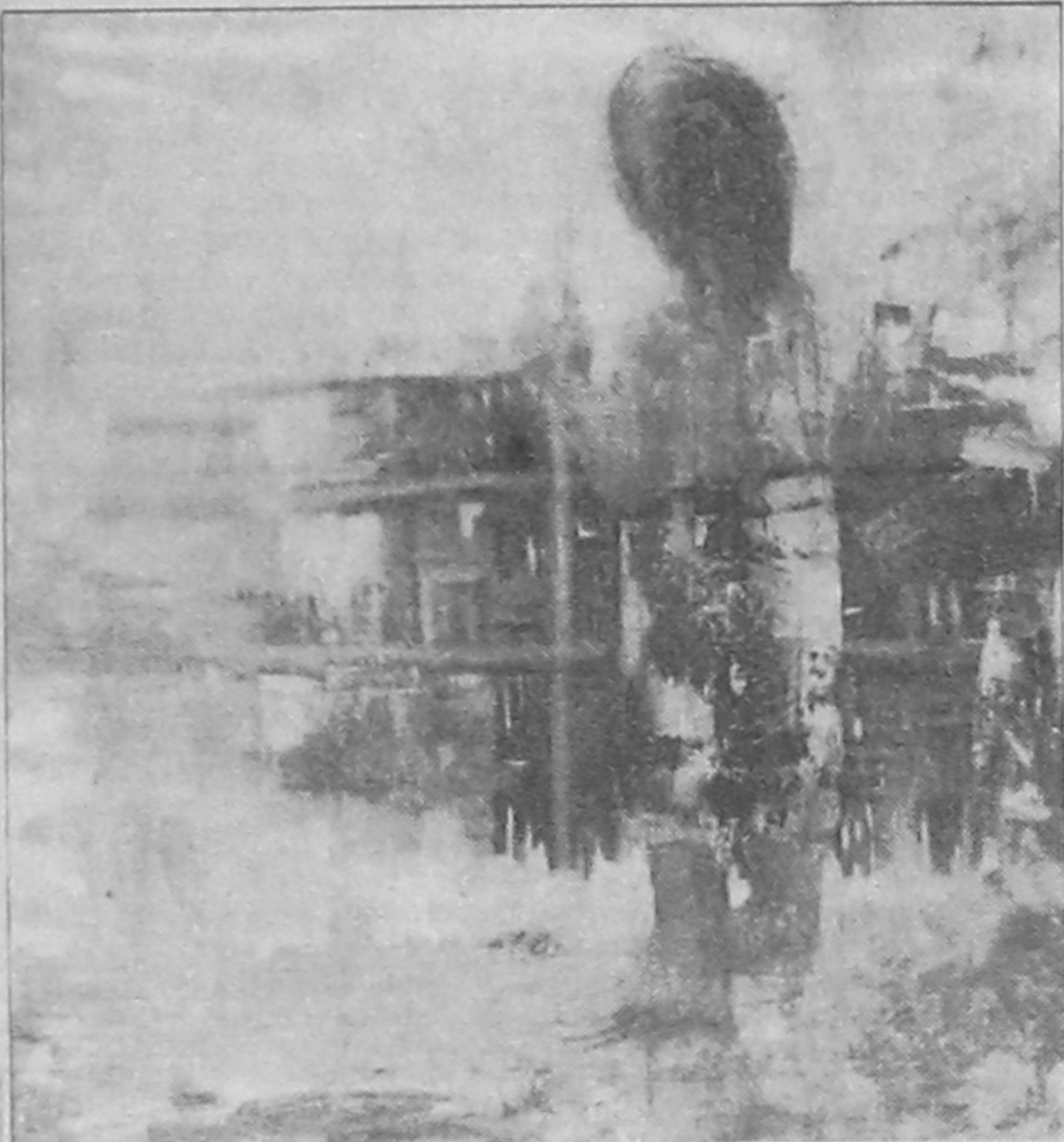
Ronel's The Bizu festival depicts a traditional ritual on the eve of Chaitrasankranti — an occasion of bidding farewell to the old year and welcoming the new one. On this auspicious occasion tribal maidens float flowers as offerings in the brook; bathe and pray for well-being of the tribe. Colour has been aptly applied in this work to capture the spirit and the mood of the occasion.

Subhankar's Life and Environment and Catching Carapace at Night are two noteworthy pieces on the show. Life and Environment projects upon how environment influences life and livelihood in the Hills. Catching Carapace shows struggle for life in which three figures appear in an impressive combination of brilliant colours.

Ronel's series Wait is the visual expression of human's eternal longing for his dear ones.

Milon's long series of six works on Woman is a portrayal of mysterious and various untold deep feelings and longing of women.

The show unique in its own way will run till 7 from 10am to 7pm.



Wait by Subhankar Talukder



Woman-1 by Ronel Chakma



Smoking by Dhanamoni Chakma



Tripura Girl (Drawing) by Milon Jyoti Tripura

# Abstract Forms in Iron

Shahrin Jabin Huq's interior decoration items on display at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka



Shahrin Jabin showing guests around her exhibition at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka.

By MUNEERA PARBEEN

MODERN abstract forms in iron make up the main selection of Shahrin Jabin Huq's collection of interior decoration items put on show at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka in the city.

The exhibition, which was inaugurated on October 4, brings together a selection of items from Shahrin's creation over a long period of time. Shahrin has used traditional and local materials as wrought iron, jute and handloom cloth for the innovative interior items.

A large section of her collection is devoted to use of jute materials which she has used to create such everyday use items as bags, purses, pencil bags, coin purses, files, paper holders, table mats and the likes. The reason she has explored with these creations, Shahrin said, is to show people varied possibility of alternatives to use of nonbiodegradable materials as polythene, vinyl and such. These local products can be made better use of she says.

Shahrin also has silk scarves with batik work on display as well as silk bags, silk purses and the like. Moving onto more household products, there is a collection of different pot holders, table mats in both jute, handloom material and cotton. There are also a few ready to wear pieces of handloom material on show.

The best items on display are the wrought iron decoration pieces, which is the. Table stand, candle stands, wall hangings, flower-pot holders and abstract art forms on display are all eye catching. Of the two flower pot holders, one is round and ready to set off any pot placed within it. The other one, in a rectangular shape can be doubled as a magazine holder. Another triangular pot holder, is made to fit into any corner of a room.

The candle holders are the

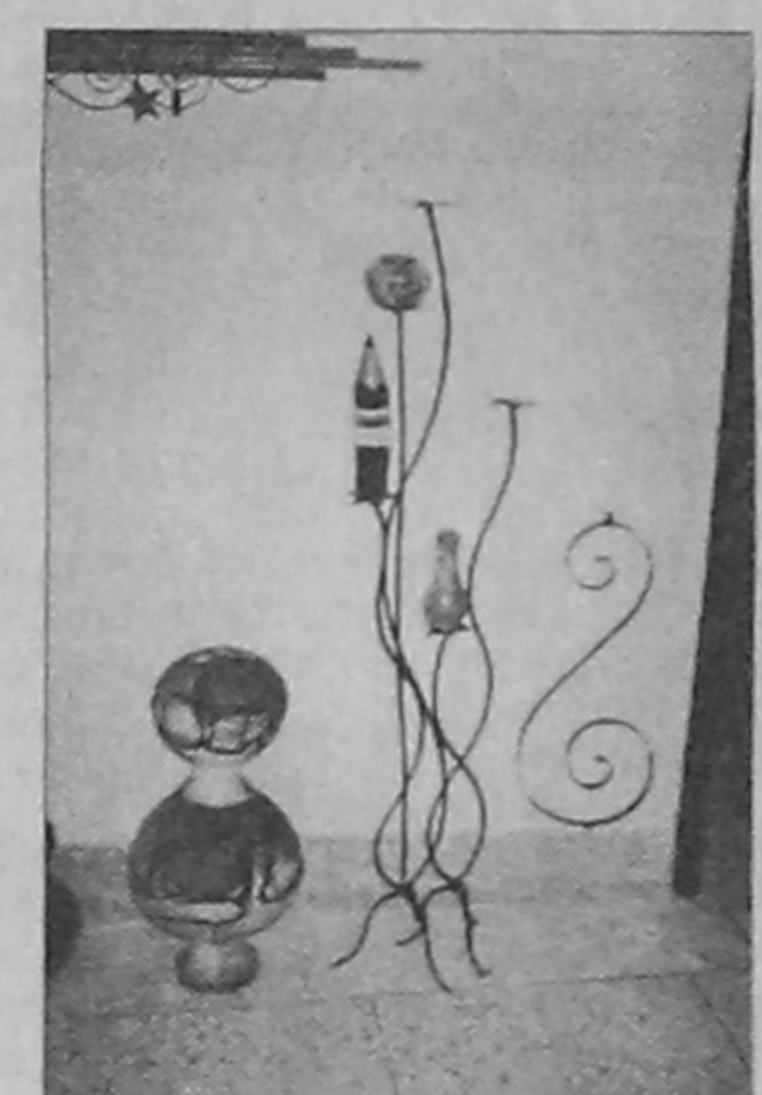
most interesting of all the iron pieces. The twisted bodies of the stands run up to give way to the tiny candle holders. The pieces while working as candles holders are in themselves individual art pieces that by themselves can lighten up a room.

Another eye-catching decoration piece on display is a wall hanging made out of a combination of cloth, paint and iron. The item is a face of a woman, attired in jewelry, half which is painted in gold on a background of black and the remaining of the jewelry is the iron and metal pieces around the face. Set up in a any wall on its own, its is bound to create a happy look by itself.

Although some of the items are amateurish in their design, and take after traditional shapes and motifs, the innovation in combination of materials used has to be commended.

Shahrin is an interior decorator by profession. She is the Managing director as well as a designer of Design Bangla.

Her exhibition will remain open until October 12.



Some of the candle stands in wrought iron on display.

## Recommendations

### Mahbub's Fifth Solo at Gallery 21

The fifth solo exhibition by visual artist Mahbubur Rahman was inaugurated on September 29 at Dhanomdi's Gallery 21. Artists Nisar Hossain, Mohammed Eunus, Professor Sayed Azizul Huq and Shishir Bhattacharjee graced the inaugural ceremony as guests of honour.

The exhibition will remain open to everyone from 10.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. everyday till October 9.

### CD Release

The launching ceremony of the Rabindrasangeet CD by Sajed Akbar and Salma Akbar will be held at the National Museum auditorium on October 7 at 7.00 p.m. The CD is produced by Muldhara cultural organisation.

Eminent artists Kalim Sharafi, Ajit Roy, Tapan Mahmud and Sadi Mohammed will be present as invited guests on the launching occasion.

The launching ceremony will be followed by musical presentation by the artists.

### German Film-Week

Goethe Institut in collaboration with the German Embassy, Dhaka will start the German Film-Week from October 8 at the Goethe Institut auditorium. The films will be shown everyday at 3.00 p.m.

The following films will be shown during the festival:

Der Pampelmusenmond, Lola rennt, Killing Heinz, Das Leben ist eine Baustelle, Der Sommer des Falken, Quest, Zugvogel - einmal nach Inari, Lippels Traum, Der Sieg, Jenseits der Stille, Der Hundst weg, Fanny, Plus minus null, Wege in die Nacht.

### Nature of Ceramics

The second solo art exhibition of artist Hamidul Islam Khokon will begin at the Zainul Gallery of the Institute of Fine Arts at DU on October 9.

Arsuite Rafiqun Nabi and Mahbubul Haq will be present at the inauguration ceremony.

### Borrowed Faces

An exhibition of photographs of men, women and children titled Borrowed Faces by Dr Pierre began at LaGalerie of the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka in the city's Dhanomdi on October 6.

Dr Pierre Claguin is a public health expert from France and has been working in Bangladesh since 1972. A total of 48 portraits will be on display at the exhibition that will remain open from 9 am to 1 pm and again from 5 pm to 8 pm everyday till October 12.

### French Musical Evening

French Musical Evening, dedicated to the famous French composer Georges Bizet will be held at Alliance Francaise on Saturday, at 7 in the evening.

## TV GUIDE

**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 Sukhi Paribar 10:05 Sastho Tathto: Serial 10:35 Angona (Women Prog.) 10:50 Movie of

English News 11:40 A) Programme Outline For Sunday B) National Song 11:45 Closing  
**EKUSHEY TV**  
2:00 Aker Potrikay 2:10 Jana Ajana 2:35 Toyota World of Wildlife 3:00 Ekushey News Headlines 3:02 Circus Circus 3:30 Bangla Movie: Shantona 5:50



Bengali Movie: Bhul Bichar on Ekushey television at 8.30p.m.

The Week 12:40 Live 2nd ICC Knowout Cricket Tournament (4th Match) Australia Vs 1st Match Winner 4:00 Sambad (Bangla News) 7:00 Sambad (Bangla News) 8:00 Weekly Drama: Jodi Amon Hoy (Jahanara Ahmed, Shirin Bakul, Sirazul Islam, Sadek Bachchu) 10:00 News At Ten (English) 10:20 Khola Jaanala (Talk Show) 10:45 Mini Series: A Sun of Good Arith 11:30 Sambad (Bangla News) 11:35

Sorejomin 7:00 Drama Everyday: Joar Vhata 7:40 Your Choice ole 8:00 Din Protidin 8:35 Sasroy Barta 8:40 Pruspanjoli 9:05 Akatorer Dinguli 9:15 Drama: Gunay Bibi, 10:00 Reciting from Holy Quran 10:10 I Music 10:40 Abbriti Ar Kazi Arif 11:15 Reporting Programme Sorejomin 12:00 Drama Everyday: Joar Vhata 12:40 Your Choice ole ole 1:05 Sasroy Barta 1:05 Pruspanjoli 1:50 Akatorer Dinguli 2:00 Drama: Gunay Bibi, 2:50 I Focus 3:00 Bangla Cinema: Birra Bhow 6:00 Reciting from Holy Quran 6:10 I Music 6:40 71-ar Sabdho Synik 7:15 Special programme 8:00 Drama Everyday: Joar Vhata 8:40 Music Horizone 9:05 Sasroy Special 9:15 Ma Maha Maya 10:30 Drama: Chaka Chaki, 10:50 I Focus 11:00 Bangla Cinema: Chondi Das Razokini

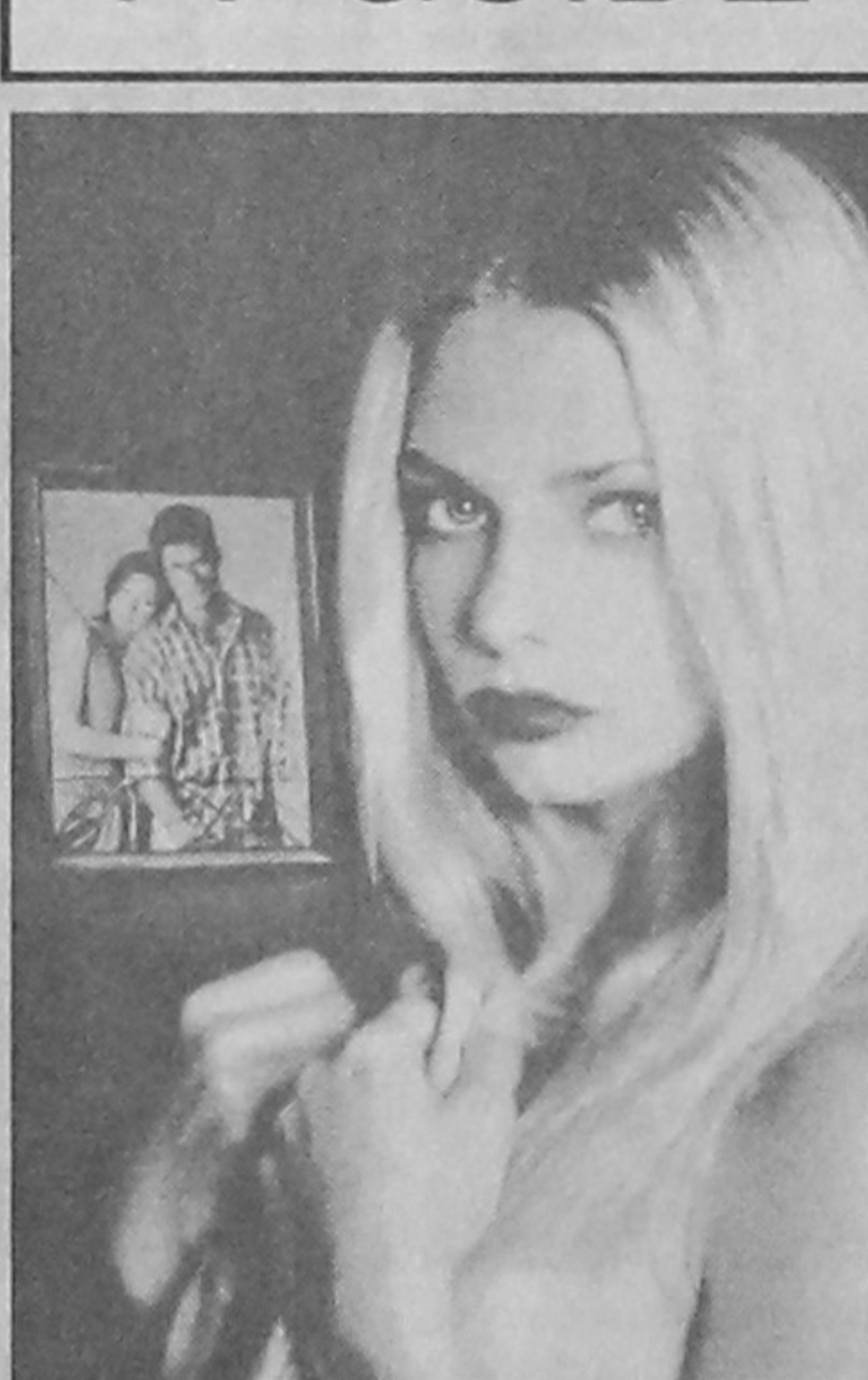
**ATN**  
5:30 Islamic program 7:00 Children Prog 7:30 Viewers prog 8:00 Magazine prog 8:30 Drama Serial 9:00 Reporting Prog 9:35 Music Prog 10:10 Akbar the Great 10:45 Bangla Film - Rajlumi Sri Kanto 6:32 Child Prog 7:10 New Film Songs 7:50 Drama Serial 8:25 Alif Laila 9:00 Special Prog 10:10 Drama Serial 11:45 Band Show 11:15

Bangla Film: Ramer Shumoti  
**SONYENTV**  
7:30 Amrit Varsha 8:0 Sant Asaram Wani 8:30 Uttar Ramayan #77 9:30 Shree Ganesh #3 10:30 Good Morning Disney 11:30 Dinosaur 12:00 Archana Talkies 12:30 Idhar Udhar 1:30 The Good Home Show 2:00 Weekend Matinee Hindi Film: Andaz (Dev Anand) 5:30 Charbustlers 6:00 Music Mantra 6:30 Disney Hour 7:30 C.I.D. Files Ep. 8:30 Weekend Prime Hindi Film: Gumrah (Sanjay Dutt, Sridevi) 12:30 Kanyadaan #50 1:00 Dil Hai Ki Manta Nahin #5 (\*Rupali, Vishal) 1:30 Thodi Si Bewafai #21 2:00 Haal Kaisa Hai Janab Ka #5 2:30 Rang Birangee 3:00 Dinosaur 3:30 Cine Night-Film:

**ZEE TV**  
6:15 Yeason Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:45 Old Is Gold 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 7:55 Fitness Plus 8:05 Guldasta 8:30 Breakfast Zee (News, Views & Chat) 9:00 Guldasta 9:30 Nicolodion Kid's show 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Sa Re Ga Ma 12:00 Sound of Music 12:10 Naye Nazrane 12:40 Nestle Jhatpat K a z a n a 1 : 1 0 Agnichakra #66 1:40 Jhalak 1:45 Hudd Kar Di 2:25 Dayare #63 (\*Mostafa Siraj) 3:00 Saare Jehan Se Aachha 3:30 Foot Loose 4:00 Yehi To Pyar

Hai 4:30 Little Mirchi Thoda Pepper 5:00 Intermission 5:10 Chingari #74 5:40 Kashti #31 6:10 Gaane An j a n e 6 : 3 0 Nicolodion Kid's show 7:30 Gaane An j a n e 8:00 Zee Talkies

**BBC WORLD**  
6:00 BBC World News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today / Asia Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today / Asia Business Report 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Asia Today 9:45 Asia Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 World Living : Talking Movies (Pres.- Tom Brook) 11:00 World News 11:30 USA Direct 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: Question Time India 1:30 BBC World News 1:30 World Focus: Correspondent- 200 BBC World News 2:10 Weekend World: Prom Daze USA 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Weekend World: Unforgiven-Legacy of A Lynching 4:00 BBC News 4:30 World Living: Holiday 5:00 BBC News 5:30 This Week 6:00 BBC News 6:10 Weekend World: Prom Daze USA 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 World Living: Click Online 8:00 BBC News 8:10 Weekend World: Paying The Price: The Killing of The Children of Iraq 9:00 BBC World News 9:10 Weekend World:



Poison Ivy 3 - The New Seduction Starring Michael Des Barres. Star Movies at 10:00p.m. Ivy's legacy continues to wreak its malicious mischief - this time though the vengeance of her sister Violet, who ruins the lives of her former best friend and her family by seducing her father and her fiancé.

Unforgiven- Legacy of A Lynching 10:00 World News 10:30 Made In India: Mastermind India 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 This Week 12:00 World Focus: Earth Report 1:00 BBC News 1:10 Weekend World: Prom Daze USA 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Living: Talking Movies (Presenter- Tom Brook) 3:00 BBC

Spiderman 9:00 Robocop 9:30 Ninja Turtles 10:00 Power Rangers 10:30 National Geographic Special 11:30 Cincinnati Clubaboo #21 12:00 Chupa Rustom 12:10 12:30 IFF Star Sunday Lunch- 1:00 TVC Shopping 1:30 Gharwali Uparwali #14 2:00 Kabhi Kabhi Mere Ghar Mein Buchaal Aata Hai #3 2:30 National Geographic Special 3:30 Tea Time Cinema: Guru (\*Mithun, Sridevi) 6:30 Musafir Hoon Yaroon #13 7:00 Family Fortunes 7:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshri #13 8:30 Star Box Office Hindi Film: Lawaris (\*Akshaye Khanna, Manisha Koirala, Jackie Shroff, Dimple Kapadia) 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 11:45 Hindi Film (Contd.) 12:30 Pal Chhin #78 1:00 Saher #26 1:30 Aatish #20 2:00 Deewarain #26 2:30 Hasna Mat #10 3:00 Serial: Rajdhani #21 3:30 National Geographic Special 4:30 Musafir Hoon Yaroon #13 5:00 Gharwali Uparwali #14

**STAR MOVIES**  
7:30 Drama: Gold In The Streets (15) 9:30 Drama: A Thousand Acres (\*Michelle Pfeiffer, Jessica Lange, Jason Robards, Jennifer Jason Leigh) (15) 11:30 Action: Cold Blood (\*Jason Priestley, Peter Riegert, Kimberly Williams) (15) 1:30 Drama: Gold In The

**STAR PLUS (INDIA)**  
6:30 Star Geetmala #97 (Daily Show) 7:30 Good Morning India (News,Ent.) 8:30

Streets (15) 3:30 Thriller: Poison Ivy-2 (\*Alyssa Milano, Jonathan Schaech, Victoria Haas, Belinda Bauer) (15) 5:30 Thriller: Deadly Sins (15) 7:30 Drama: A Thousand Acres (\*Michelle Pfeiffer, Jessica Lange, Jason Robards, Jennifer Jason Leigh) (15) 9:30 Us Top T e n 1 0 : 0 0 Thrillennium: Poison Ivy-3 The New Seduction (\*Michael Ddes Barres) 12:00 Saturday Late Night Movies: Running Wild (\*Morgan Fairchild, Chandra West, Michael Woods) (15) 2:00 Thriller: Deadly Sins (15)

**STAR SPORTS**  
8:00 Inside The Pga Tour 8:30 SbK Superbike Magazine  
**THE TRUMAN SHOW**  
The Truman Show on HBO at 10p.m.

Highlights 9:00 World Wrestling Federation Live Wire 10:00 Live-Formula One Qualifying 2000 Suzuka, Japan-Japanese Grand Prix Qualifying 11:00 Sports Unlimited 12:00 Diving: Watersports World 1:00 Futbol

Mundial 1:30 Spanish League Highlights 2000/01 2:00 Nba Inside Stuff 2000/01 2:30 Squash- Psa Super Series Hong Kong Open 2000 Hong Kong, China Highlights #1 3:30 Thai Kick Boxing 4:30 English Domestic Club Rugby Zurich Premiership 2000/2001 London- Wasps Vs Newcastle Falcons 6:30 Soccer Road To Asian Cup 2000, Part 3 Preview 7:30 World Wrestling Federation Metal 8:30 Formula One Qualifying 2000 Suzuka, Japan- Japanese Grand Prix Qualifying 9:30 Live- Fim World Motorcycle Championship 2000 Motogprio De Janeiro, Rj Brazil 250cc(L); 500cc(L); 125cc(S) 12:00 Spanish League Highlights 2000/01 12:30 Gillette World Sports Special

**ESPN**  
7:30 ICC Knock-Out Kenya, Africa- England Vs Bangladesh 3rd Odi, Highlights 8:30 Billiards- Pool 2000 World Pool Masters 9:30 Tennis- ATP Tennis Show 10:00 Racehorse Digest 10:30 Women's Pro Billiards 2000 WPBA Classic Tour Baltimore, Md Usa Semifinal #2 11:30 Live- ICC Knock-Out Kenya, Africa 4th Odi Preview 12:45 Live- ICC Knock-Out Kenya, Africa 4th Odi, 1st Session 4:15 Live- ICC Knock-Out



Toyota World of Wild Life (Subject: Love) on Ekushey television at 2.35p.m.

Kenya, Africa 4th Odi, Live- ICC Knock-Out Kenya, Africa 4th Odi, 2nd Session 8:30 Live- ICC Knock-Out Kenya, Africa 4th Odi, Review 9:30 Atp Tennis Show 10:00 Boxing Series ESPN2 Friday Night Fights Montreal, Canada 11:30 ICC Knock-Out Kenya, Africa 4th Odi, Highlights 12:30 Live- World Cup 2002 Qualifying Matches- Romania Vs Italy

**DISCOVERY CHANNEL**  
6:30 Go For It 7:30 Ushusia 8:30 Lonely Planet V 9:30 Future Tense 10:00 Eyewitness 11 10:30 Untamed Australia 11:30 Untamed Amazonia 12:30 Wild Asia 1:30 Ultimate Guide 2:30 Amazing Worlds 3:30 Extreme Machines IV 4:30 Beyond 2000 5:00

Discovery News 5:30 Assignment Discovery 6:30 ARK: Tales of the Animal Rescue Kids 7:00 Splat IV 7:30 21st Century Medicine 8:30 Health Showcase 9:30 New Detectives 10:30 Trailblazers II 11:30 African Adventures 12:00 Adventure Crazy 12:30 21st Century Medicine 1:30 Health Showcase 2:30 New Detectives 3:30 Trailblazers II 4:30 African Adventures 5:00 Adventure Crazy 5:30 Discover Magazine

**HBO**  
7:00 MacArthur 9:30 Clean and Sober 12:00 Bronco Billy 2:30 Sabrina 5:00 Out for Justice 7:00 Hollywood's Greatest Stunts #210A; Just My Imagination 7:30 Assassins 10:00 The Truman Show 12:00 Nick of Time 1:45 Deliverance 4:00 Assassins