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Forthcoming Series of Indian Classical Music

The India High Commission presents classical vocal recital by Ustad Rashid Khan

By Nafid Imran Ahmed

IN Bangladesh, the India High Commission has always played a significant role in keeping the classical music flow steady. They have not only presented the audience of this country with different kinds of classical concerts but also have introduced them with many renowned classical performers. Not only in Dhaka, they have also arranged classical performances in Chittagong. This year is no exception as well. Apart from the many classical concerts held earlier this year, the High Commission of India has a number of classical presentations in store for this month.

It all starts on October 22, with the solo Tabla recital by Yogesh Sami at the Indian Cultural Centre at 7.00 p.m. A classical Tabla performance, which will no doubt bring out the essence of ragas and the taals, the two basic elements of classical music. But the main attraction still waits. Eminent classical vocal maestro Ustad Rashid Khan is due to perform before the Bangladesh audience. During his tour he shall perform in Dhaka and Chittagong.

His first performance will be held in Chittagong on October 24 at the Engineers' Institute auditorium. His next performance will be held in the National Museum auditorium in Dhaka on October 25. Both the shows will start at 7.00 p.m.

Rashid Khan is one of the most brilliant vocalists to hit the Indian music arena of the modern era. He emerged as a 15-year-old prodigy in 1980, displaying the vocal prowess, mental dexterity, depth in musical ideas and stunning virtuosity of a veteran. Today, he is acclaimed as the numero uno performer of the new generation.

The great grandson of the legendary Ustad Inayat Hussain Khan Sahab, the founder of the Rampur Sahaswan Gharana, Rashid Khan was born on 1st July, 1966 at Budaon - a small town in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

Groomed under his great-



Ustad Rashid Khan rendering songs while performing live

uncle, Ustad Nissar Hussain Khan of the Rampur-Sahaswan Gharana, Rashid Khan's style is characterised by radiant musical alapa, which is sensitive without being delicate and astounding virtuosity in taans. He is the only vocalist to have emulated the celebrated style of Jazara created by his Ustad - a style that was inspired by the power and effectiveness of instrumental jhala.

Although Rashid had little or no interest in music initially, his tutelage under his illustrious granduncle and guru, the late Ustad Nissar Hussain Khan changed the course of his life and made him what he is today. It was Ustad Nissar Hussain Khan who discovered the latent potential of Rashid and nurtured it through his training in the traditional one-to-one manner, first at his own residence at Budaon (Uttar Pradesh) and subsequently at The Sangeet Research Academy in Calcutta.

Rashid however resigned from SRA in May 1999.

Ustad Nissar Hussain Khan showed strict discipline throughout his long and arduous training under this guru Rashid Khan - a perfect exponent of the Rampur-Sahaswan Gharana, which owes its allegiance to the Senia traditions and has a great lineage of classical vocalists like the great Ustads Wazir Khan, Bahadur Hussain Khan, Inayat Hussain Khan, Fida Hussain Khan, Mushtaq Hussain Khan, Nissar Hussain Khan.

His sense of devotion and self-esteem in belonging to the Rampur-Sahaswan Gharana notwithstanding, Rashid has always been prepared to learn and incorporate the best from other gharanas into his renditions. Many feel that it is this attitude of his towards music, which lends a personal touch to his renditions of various ragas with just the right kind of impro-

visation.

Rashid Khan gave his first performance at the age of 11, in 1977, and in the very next year performed at the ITC Sangeet Sammelan at New Delhi. He has not looked back since and his growing popularity has been reflected in his increasing participation in all well-known music conferences in India and extensive tours the world over.

Finally the characteristics of Rashid Khan's music are defined by an uncanny sense of spontaneity which particularly colours his layakari. It demonstrates that this mind is completely identified with music and has been created for musical expression over all else.

Given his brilliant musical background and career, there is no doubt that the performance of this classical master will definitely enthral the music-loving audience of the country.

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The Doordarshnan Duo

Indian classical artists to perform in the Natyaotsob at the Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium

By Tawfique Ali

NATYAJAN, a front ranking theatre group of the country, begins a weeklong drama festival today at Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium at 6:30 in the evening. A classical recital by Sharmistha Bandopadhyay, an A grade vocalist of Doordarshan and All India Radio and Jugabandi (duet) of the popular Tabla by Barman Brothers - Madhusudan Barman and Gopal Barman will mark the



occasion.

Her father's constant guidance has enormously influenced Sharmistha in becoming what she is today. Her father-in-law Sri Haridas Chakraborty, a musician of national repute from the Vishnupur Gharana lineage, was the greatest source of inspiration for her musical pursuits. Gifted as she is with a rare sense of music, Sharmistha was quickly got audience's positive feedback. Her musical journey started at the tender age of six under the tutelage of Sri Nihar Ranjan Banahopadhyay, son of legendary vocalist Late Pandit Satyakinkar Bandhopadhyay of Vishnupur Gharana, an institution in the musical firmament of India. Juxtaposed with the finer faculties of life, Sharmistha has grown into somebody who now really matters in the music world.

On top of that, real mileage of her musical journey attributes under the guidance of Pandit Ajoy Chakraborty - a name to reckon within the contemporary musical world of India and abroad. To strengthen her subjects mainly in the arena of light classical music, her lessons from Sri Sukumar Mitra have put immense value. Her melodious and enchanting voice have all combined together to give her music a rare dimension that instantly captures the hearts of the listeners.

She has been influenced more, in keeping with her musical phi-

losophy, by the magnificence of the other known Gharanas. "Sharmistha Chatterjee, an upcoming Calcutta-based vocalist sung Thumri and Dadra effortlessly and swayed the audience," wrote The Telegraph in 1997.

Like Sharmistha, Barman Brothers, Madhusudan and Gopal were inspired at an early age by their father Sri Barendra Mohan Barman who made their foundations as rhythm artists in Tabla and Sreekhole, the two popular instruments of Indian classical music. Gopal went on to specialise in the intricacies of the Sreekhole from Prof. Sanatan Saha of Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta. The guidance of Pandit Shankar Ghosh gave the Barman brothers the confidence to perform on the world stage. Since then, there has been no looking back.

The music produced by the Barman brothers was a novel duet of the popular Tabla. While Tabla is already making waves in the music of the East and the West, the Sreekhole is a comparatively less known instrument, used primarily in devotional songs. The two brothers recognised the beauty of the sounds combined and created a series of novel blends which is



Sharmistha

milieu.

Barman brothers made their mark in the forefront of the Indian classical music by their innate love of music and to excel. Madhusudan received the prestigious National Scholarship in 1986-1988 by the government of India for his remarkable mastery of the Tabla. Both the brothers were bestowed the honourary title of Sangeet Visharad by the Pracheen Kala Kendra, Chandigarh.

In fact, their prolonged association with All India Radio and



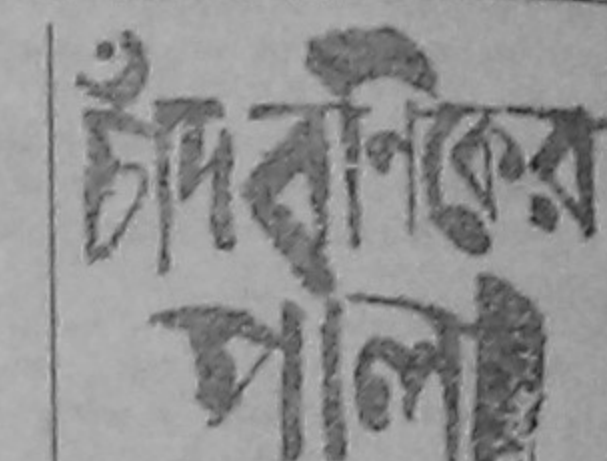
The Barman Brothers

nothing less than dramatic. As pioneers of this fields, the dynamic young duo has not only been able to give Indian music to a new dimension, they have also been able to reach out to a larger audience, far beyond the classical

Doordarshnan gave them an opportunity to prove their mettle artists in non-classical items as well.

With the presence of these classical artists, the inaugural evening will be appealing to the audience.

Recommendations



Chand Baniker Pala

The silver jubilee staging of the renowned theatrical presentation Chand Baniker Pala of Shambhu Mitra by Nagric Natyangan will be held on October 19 at the Guide House auditorium at 6 in the afternoon.

Poet Shamsur Rahman will be present as Chief Guest on the occasion.

Rainbow Film

Festival

Rainbow Chalchitra Sangsad in association with Indian High Commission are presenting a week-long film festival at the Indian High Commission Auditorium. Both Indians as well as Bangladeshi movies are being screened.

The films to be screened are Golapi Ekhon Trene (Oct 15), Tears of fire and suprasoth (Oct 16), Ekboni Shomoy (Oct 17), Emiler Goenda Baheri (Oct 18) and Padma Nadir Majhi (Oct 19).

Japanese Classical Music

Cheiko Fukuda leads Japanese classical artists at a rare evening of Japanese instrumental music at the Hotel Sonargaon Ballroom, 7pm on October 16.

6th Solo Exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of the 6th solo art exhibition by Nurun Nahar Pappa will be held at the Atrial Centre on October 19 at 5.00 p.m.

The exhibition will remain open from 12.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. till October 25.

Kaos Theatre UK

The British Council started presenting the play importance of being earnest by the award winning Kaos Theatre from October 13 at 7.00 p.m. at the British Council auditorium.

The Kaos Theatre is the winners of the Best Ensemble Award and The Stage Awards for acting excellence 1999.

The three daylong performance will come to an end after tonight's performance.

Nature of Ceramics

The 2nd solo art exhibition by Halimul Islam Khokon is going on at the Zainul Gallery.

The exhibition will remain open daily from 2.00 p.m. from 8.00 p.m. till October 16.

BTV

12:20 Opening Announcement, Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline
12:30 Patriotic Song
12:40 Live: 2nd ICC Knowout Cricket Tournament (Final)- New Zealand Vs Winner of South Africa Vs India (04:00) Bangla News 07:00 Sambad (Bangla News) 08:00 News At 8 (Bangla)
08:20 Nodi Nirobodhi (Bangla Songs) 08:50 Package Serial: Rakanfer #5/5 (*Shahiduzzaman Salim, Tarin, Shimul)
09:30 Comedy Series- Molla Nasiruddin (Bangla Dubs) 10:00 News At Ten (English) 10:20 Aanando Aanando (Magazine) 11:30 Bangla News 11:35 English News 11:40 A) Programme Outline For Monday B) National Song 11:45

Closing

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Morning
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Super Natural: The Unseen Power of Animals on Ekushey television at 7.02pm.

8:40 71-ar Sabdho Synik 9:15 Suncrest Sangit Mala 10:00 Asian Cup Football, KSA vs JPN 12:00 Drama Everyday-Joar Vhata 12:45 Asian Cup Football QUT vs UZB 2:45 Bangla Cinema: Evening
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Sathojit Ray: Joar Vhata 10:50 Asia Cup Football LEB vs IRQ 11:00 Bangla Cinema y:

Ekushey TV

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Zee TV

6:15 Yaadon Ke Pal (B/W Songs) 6:45 Old Is Gold 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 7:55 Fitness Plus 8:05 Breakfast Zee 8:30 Nicolodion Kid's show 9:30 Jay Ganesha 10:30 Vishnu Puran 11:25 Guldasta 11:30 Alvada Darling 12:00 Hum Hai Anari 12:30 Bourta Quiz Contest 1:00 Dastak (Helpline) 1:30 First Take-2:00 Huddud Kar Di 2:30 Tejswini 3:00 Zee For U 3:30 Cinema Hits Hindi Film: 6:10 Ek Nazar 6:30 Nicolodion Kid's show 7:30 Ek Nazar 8:00 Sa Re Ga Ma 9:00 Rishitey 9:45 Kashak 10:30 Agrichakra 11:00 X-Zone 12:00 Muskaan 12:30 Mehendi Tere Nam Ki 1:10 Daily Sope- Adikar 1:40 Daayre 2:10 Zaike Ka Safar 2:40 Naye Nazrane 3:10 Hindi Film (B/W)

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC World



Sharashart on Ekushey television tonight at 10.20p.m.

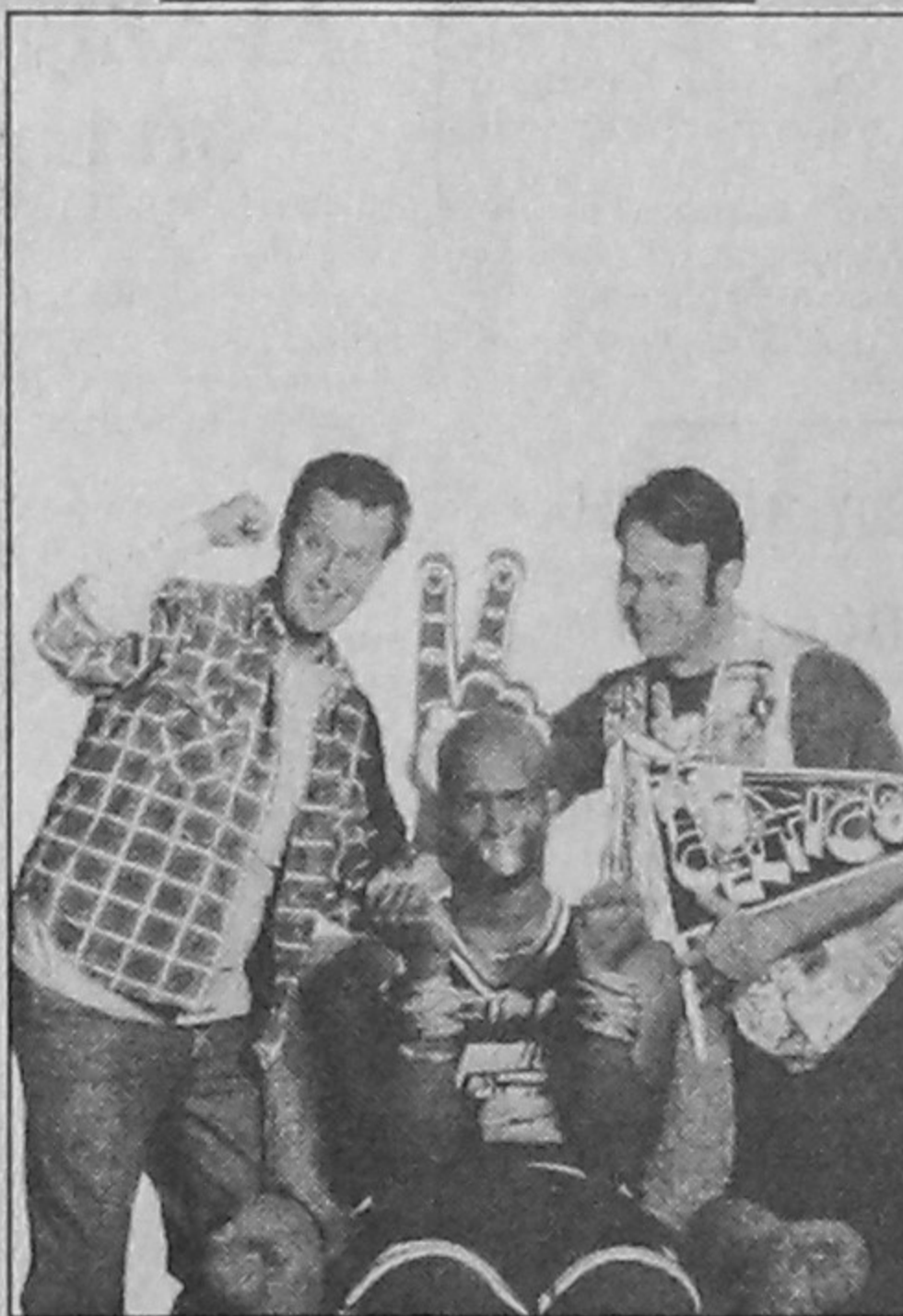
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TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Celtic Pride

Star Movies tonight at 10.00
A pair of die-hard Boston Celtics fans accidentally on purpose kidnaps the star of the rival Utah Jazz the night before game 7 of the NBA championship series in this madcap comedy. Having intended simply to get him too drunk to play the next day, the loudmouth simpletons wake up with a bound, gagged and angry hoopster in the apartment. He shoots, he scores!

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STARPLUS

6:30 Star Geetmala 7:30 Good Morning India 8:30 Spiderman 9:00 Robocop 9:30 Ninja Turtles 10:00 Power Rangers 10:30 Janata Ki Adalat 11:00 Chupa Rustom 11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshri 12:30 Master Card-Family Fortune Rpt. 1:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron 1:30 Mirch Mala 2:00 Hello Cinema 2:30 Mail Milap 2:40 Star

Sunday Matinee Film: 6:00 Jubilee Plus 6:30 Sahar 7:00 Star Bestsellers- Elhsaas 8:00 Star Film Utsav: 11:30 Jublie Plus 12:00 Janata Ki Adalat 12:30 Family Fortunes 1:00 Hasna Matt 1:30 Kuchha Ppad Pucca Papad 2:00 Cincinnati Bublabboo 2:30 Jubilee Plus 3:00 Life Nahin Hai Ladoo 3:30 Hit Ya Fit 4:00 Kabhi Kabi Mere Char Mein buchaal Aata Hai 4:30 Gharwali Uparwali 5:00 Family Fortunes 5:30 Hit Ya Fit 6:00 Chupa Rustom

Star Movies

8:30 Musical/Adventure: The Slipper And The Rose (15) 11:00 Bhaskar Ghose Show 11:30 Sunday Best: The Englishman Who Went Up A Hill (*Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald, Colm Meaney, Ian McNeice) 1:30 Adventure/Drama: Free Willy-3 The Recue (*Jason James Richter) 3:30 Star Kids Club: Benji The Hunted (*Benji) 5:30 Romance: Enchanted



The Entertainment Biz on BBC World tonight at 11.10p.m.

(*John Ward, Sydney Penny, David Kaufman) 7:30 Action: Terminal Velocity (*Charlie Sheen, Nastassja Kinski, James Gandolfini, Christopher McDonald) (5) 9:30 Starbiz 10:00 Sunday Night Premiere: Celtic Pride (*Damon Wayans) 12:00 Action Force: Predator-2 (*Danny Glover, Gary Busey, Bill Paxton, Maria Conchita Alonso) (15) 2:00 Action: Sillicon Towers (*Brian Dennehy, Daniel Baldwin, Robert



Bauxare Nain on Star Gold tonight at 7.30p.m.

Guillaume, Brad Dourin) (15)

STAR Sports

7:30 Gillette World Sports Special 8:00 Nba Inside Stuff

2000/01 8:30 World Wrestling Federation Metal 9:30 Live-Fim World Motorcycle Championship 2000 Motogp Twin Rink Motegi, JAPAN 250cc(L); 500cc(L); 125cc(S) 12:00 Asia Sport Show 12:30 Spanish Football League 2000/01 2:30 Asian Basketball Show 3:00 Rugby- Sanzar Domestic Competitions New Zealand Provincial Championships Div 1 Christchurch, NEW EALAND- Otago Vs Canterbury Round 8



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ESPN

8:30 Icc Knock-Out Kenya, Africa 9th Odi, Semifinal #2, Highlights 9:30 English Premier Football



Naked Gun 33 1/3 The Final Insult on HBO tonight at 9.30p.m.

League 11:30 Live-Icc Knock-Out Kenya, Africa Final, 10th Odi Preview 12:45 Live-Icc Knock-Out Kenya, Africa Final, 10th Odi, 1st Session 4:15 Live-Icc Knock-Out Kenya, Africa Final, 10th Odi, Lunchtime Show 5:00 Live-Icc Knock-Out Kenya, Africa Final, 10th Odi, 2nd Session 8:30 Live-Icc Knock-Out Kenya, Africa Final, 10th Odi, Review 9:30 Football Italian Serie A 2000/2001 11:30 Icc Knock-Out Kenya, Africa Final, 10th Odi, Highlights 12:30 Classic'S Big Fights Boxing Hour Great Fights Of The Early 1900'S

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

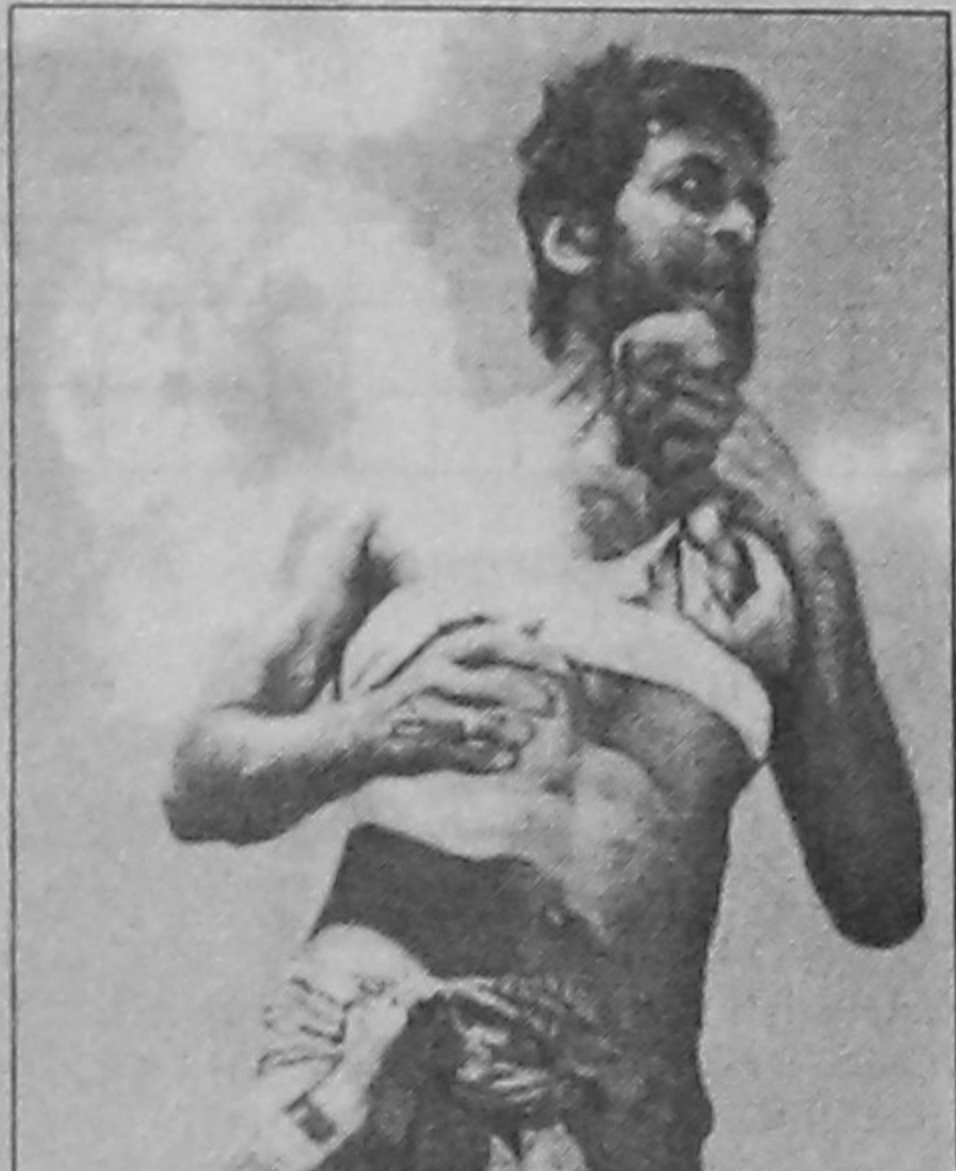
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HBO

7:00 Arthur 9:00 Best Friends 11:15 Hollywood's Greatest Stunts 11:45 Lethal Weapon 2:30 A Call To Remember 4:45 Nobody's Fool 7:00 Michael Collins 9:30 Naked Gun 33 1/3 The Final Insult 11:15 Close Encounters of the Third Kind 2:00 Francis 4:30 Michael Collins

StarGold

6:00 Subha Ka Tara 8:30 TBA 8:30 Ankhen 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Sunday Noon Show Umrao Jaan 3:30 Geet Bahar 4:00 Deep Jalta Rahe 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Saturday Blockbusters Baware Nain 10:30 TBA 11:00 Babar 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Baware Nain



New drama serial Jiboner Koto Rang starts on Ekushey television tonight at 9.30p.m.