

fashion

Fashion for a Cause

STP launches NS 2000 with a difference

By: Shahana Parbeen

THERE is no end to the imagination regarding ways to drape women in fineries. Despite the strict conformance to Saris and Salwar Kameezes in rather conservative designs by women folk, they are not doomed to bored styles. Though sticking to the restricted by strict adherence to conservatism, some designers are trying to fuse the east with west to create innovative eye-catchers and dazzlers.

The exhibition at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka held this week by a fashion house who claim to be trend setters of the new millennium was a reflection of the above. Their motto is to add on artistic value to each piece of creativity. And the exhibition proved that.

This fashion house, NS 2000 is sponsored by Serve the People. STP is a social service organisation which tries to scout out talents from the underprivileged women of Bangladesh. Especially those who are in remote areas and find few opportunities to break their shackles and the vicious circle of poverty. STP



Two block printed dresses in dark purple and beige and brown. The tie n dye work on the brown dress makes it more attractive.

through its talent search tries to give these women a better chance.

As Samina Mirza, the Joint Secretary of STP says, every dress here is the hard work and effort of a distressed young girl or woman who has no formal training in block, embroidery or batik, but who never the less gave her best effort in order to earn her night-school fees or supporting her family. She says working with these women mean that the orders take longer and guidance has to be more. But when these women charge more for their work then professionals they don't hesitate to pay up the extra amount because that is their first priority—helping these distressed women. They are not out simply as here as a business venture. Thus the embroidery which may have been charged Tk. 300 by a professional, is charged perhaps Tk.600 by their workers. She says that since this money goes towards the woman's education or raising her family, paying them extra is worth it.

The cost in production means that the ensembles are costly too. The price of the fineries on display ranged from Tk 1500 to Tk. 3500 for salwar kameezes and Tk.

1200 to Tk.4600 for saris. There were cotton saris in mild colors with chumki and buti work, there were Jamdani saris with chumki, Rajshahi silk with nakshi kantha and chumki and many more to choose from. The designers, claim Samina, have wedded the eastern culture with the west in a sublime manner enabling it to suit our tradition. Some of the designers who worked on these creations were Sharmin Hassan, Nasreen Kabir, Tahmina Labib and Maria Hassan.

A few eye catchers on display were the muslim salwar kameez with embroidery on it. This red dress would be a perfect party outfit. There was a beautiful white lace dress which was to be worn with a chemise which had been embroidered in silver. There was a diversity of colour and designs to choose from and if people don't mind the rather high price labels (keeping mind the noble cause it supports) it would be great for the STP.

The STP plans to bring out an eid collection in the later part of Ramadan. They also have grand plans for an indoor Baishakhi extravaganza. NS 2000 has its show room and sales centre at 16/1/B Tallabag, Sobhanbag.

exhibition

Portrait of an Unlivable City

Bipul Shah shows signs of maturity as an artist in his fourth solo

By Nafid Imran Ahmed

YOUNG and energetic artist Bipul Shah's work always invokes a mysterious feeling in the minds of the viewers. Bipul is now having his 4th solo exhibition titled Exercise in Wreckage at the Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka.

Bipul did his Master of Fine Arts from the Institute of Fine Arts in 1992 in Drawing and Painting. He has quite a number of awards to his name including Special Prize at the 3rd Shilpangan Young Artists Exhibition and Best Award in Oil Painting at the annual exhibition of the Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka.

Bipul never invite anyone to formally inaugurate his exhibition. This show is not an exception to this tradition. The senior and established artists of the country, Bipul says, do not usually visit the exhibitions of the younger artists if not invited to inaugurate the shows. All that the younger artists want from their seniors is a little encouragement.

Bipul works for the vernacular daily Prothom Alo. Though he uses oil and watercolour mostly, his latest collection is done in oil.

The contents of the present show are mostly from his recent works except a few from his earlier exhibition titled Of Life Nature & Reality. Turquoise blue and

black are used with a verity of shades, sometimes he used simple black and white.

Using a different pattern of colours, Bipul surely and successfully has developed his own style. In his previous works he tried to focus the symbiosis that exists between life and nature.

The theme of the present show is environmental degradation and most of the works under the series focuses on the unlivable situation of the city we live in. Through his paintings he tries to show that amidst this environmental catastrophe the only way safe haven is one's memory of the past when the nature was and the sky was ultramarine blue.

The paintings numbered 10, 8, 11 & 9 of the Experience in Wreckage series are hung together to create a greater square. Scattered female human figures, abstract architectural forms floats in these paintings. Ladder is a recurrent image Bipul uses in his various paintings. These paintings are very deeply detailed with small dots and lines.

Bull Fight 1 & 2, are a definite departure in Bipul's style. The muscles of the bulls while they are in fight are very neatly pictured. He uses white in dark colours in these paintings, which is very rare.

Bipul play with colours to give expression to light. The best way to play with light is to highlight

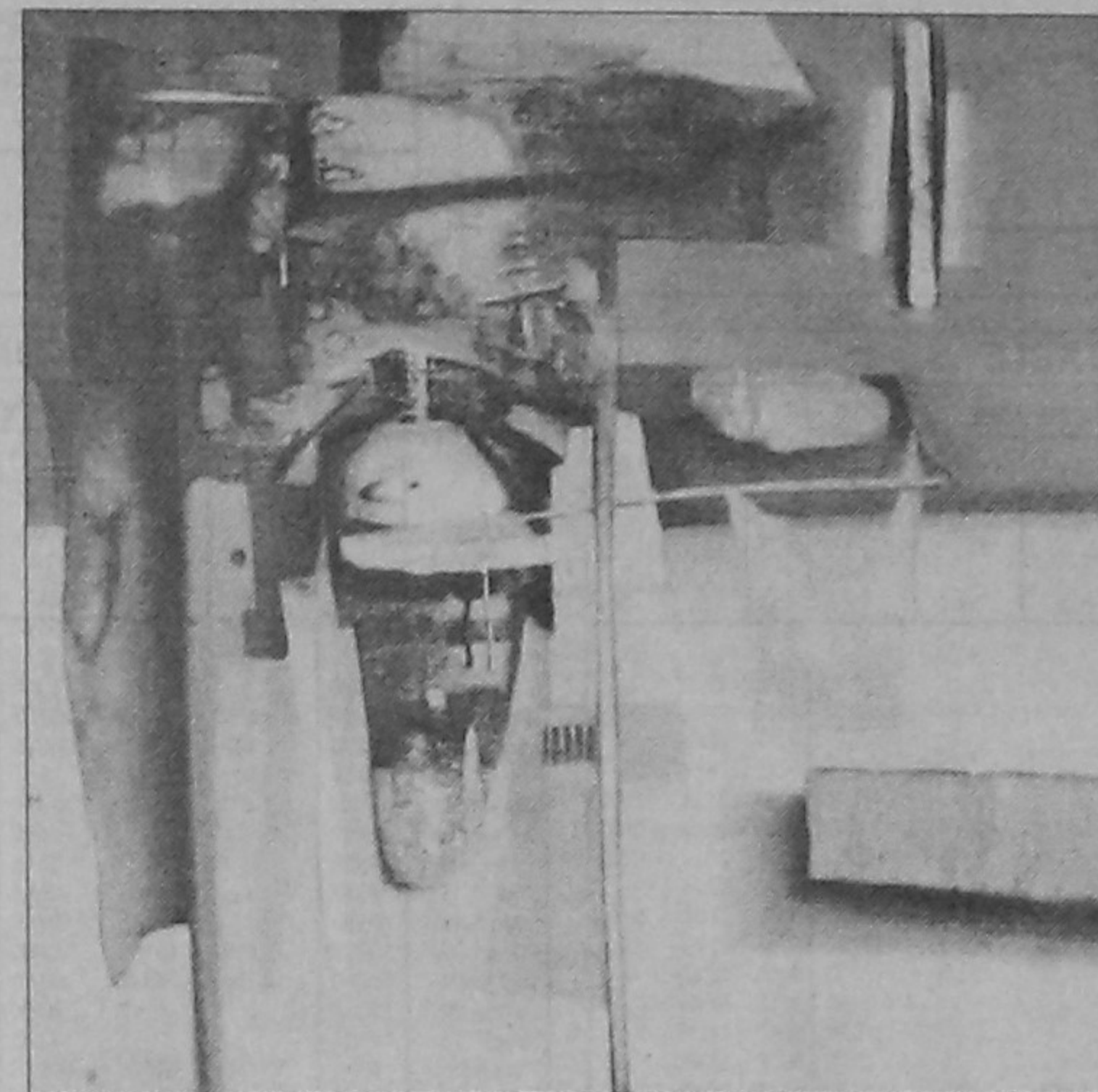
darkness and most of Bipul's works are dark.

In one of the drawings, a man stands with a displaced eye. The painting has a black background. Bipul used light yellow and blue as the base colour in quite a number of his works.

Bipul's recent works show that

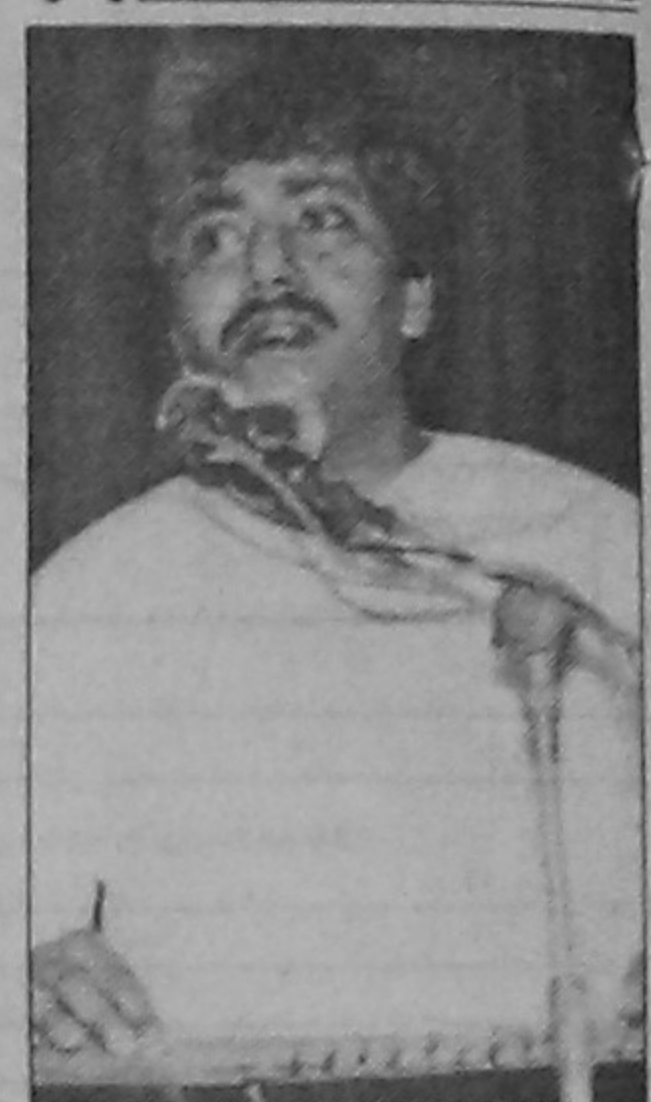
he has come a long way since his last exhibition. With the passage of time Bipul is growing as an artist and as long as an artist grows one matures.

The exhibition will remain open to all from 2.00p.m. 8.00p.m. everyday till October 26.



Experience in Wreckage 1, Oil on Canvas

Recommendations



Rashid Khan

performs on Oct. 25
Contemporary Indian classical music maestro Ustad Rashid Khan will give a vocal recital at National Museum auditorium, Dhaka on October 25 at 7:00pm

Indian Classical Music

Yogesh Samal will give a classical recital on Oct. 22 at Indian Cultural Centre 754 Satmasjid Road, at 7:00pm

Musical Soiree

Organised by Surtoli Music School a musical soiree is going to be held at the India Cultural Center auditorium on October 21 at 6 in the evening. Students of the Surtoli Music School and principle Dr Harun-Ur-Rashid will perform at the programme.

Face to Face

Chalachitram Film Society in association with Goethe Institut has organised a programme which, includes screening of four television package dramas and a face to face interview with the drama makers after the screening.

Programme schedule:

October 19:
5.30p.m. - *Samantara* written by Giasuddin Selim and directed by Pulak Gupta
7.00p.m. - *Odia* written by Masum Reza and directed by Saidul Anam Tutul.

Exercise in Wreckage

The 4th solo painting exhibition by Bipul Shah started at the Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka on October 17 at 5.00p.m.

The exhibition will remain open to all from 2.00p.m. - 8.00p.m. everyday till October 26.

cultural calender

Around Town This Week

By Muneera Parbeen

THE weekend begins with a charity function at the premises of Liberation War Museum early in the morning. Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan, Dhaka unit will hold a presentation in aid of the flood victims in Sathkira. The programme is on Hemanta songs (Autumn songs) by Tagore and the proceeds will go towards relief for the poor people rendered homeless by the untimely floods.

Films at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
26, Mirpur Road

Two French movies will be screened today. The movies are *Miquette et sa mere* by Henri Georges starring Louis Jouvet and *Danielle Delorme*, and *La vie et rien d'autre* by Bertrand Tavernier starring Philippe Noiret, Sabine Azema and Pascal Vignal.

The movies will be screened at the auditorium of Alliance Francaise at 10.30 am and 6.00 pm respectively.

Musical Soiree by Surtoli Sangeet Bidalaya
Indian Cultural Centre, Satmasjid Road
Students of Surtoli Sangeet

Bidalaya present a musical soiree on Saturday evening. Principal of the institution Dr Harun-ur-Rashid will also be joining his students in the performance.

The show will begin at 6.00 pm and entry is by cards.

Science Fair at ISD
Plot no 80, Block E, Bashundhara
International School Dhaka will hold its first Science Fair 2000. The fair will be open from 11 am to 2.00 pm.

Seminar on Architecture
26, Mirpur Road
Centre for Scientific and Tech-

nological Information (CESTI) of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will hold a seminar on 'Frenach Architecture since 1950'.

It will be held at 6 pm at the Gallery of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka.

Meanwhile a number of exhibitions are also running in the city. Nurun Nahar Papad's solo art exhibition the Atrial Centre at House no15 of Dhanmondi Rd no 7 is open from 12 pm to 8 pm daily. Syful Islam's Islamic Calligraphy exhibition is open at the National Museum Gallery from 10 am to 5 pm each day and 3pm to 5 pm today.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



The Rat Pack : on HBO at 10pm

Starring : Ray Liotta, Joe Mantegna, Don Cheadle

The glamour of Hollywood—Stars were created by studios and their popularity shrewdly controlled by the powers that be. In fact some actually had the power to literally be movers and shakers. Frank Sinatra was the head honcho in those days, leading Sammy Ds Jr., Dean Martin, Peter Lawford and Joey Bishop in a whirl of notoriety that is forever immortalized as the days of the "Rat Pack". This film dramatizes their volatile relationships with each other and the Kennedys, Marilyn Monroe, mobster Sam Giancano, Judith Campbell and the FBI. Here is a taste of their exploits: Sinatra helps John Kennedy get elected in 1960 with a little help from Giancano. Lawford, married to a Kennedy, is an unhappy go-between. Campbell is sleeping with both Giancano and JFK who is also sleeping with Monroe

World Living : Top Gear 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Panorama 3:30 Hardtalk (Presenter-

Tim Sebastian) 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: Talking Movies (Presenter-



Blackadder Goes Forth on Star World

World News 5:30 World Focus: Panorama 6:00 World Headlines 6:30 Made In India: IT: India Tomorrow 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 World Living: Talking Movies (Presenter- Tom Brook) 8:00 BBC World News 8:30 Hardtalk (Presenter- Tim Sebastian) 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC World News 10:15 World Business Report 10:30 Question Time India 11:35 World Business Report 11:45 World Sport 12:30 Made In India: Hardtalk India (Presenter- Tim Sebastian) 1:00 World News 1:30 World Living: Life Payback In La Paz 2:30 World Business Report 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Correspondent 4:30 World Business Report 4:45 Asia Today 5:00 BBC News inc. World Business Report / USA Direct / Asia Today

STARPLUS
6:30 Star Geetmala (Daily Show) 7:30 Good Morning India (News/Ent) 8:30 Hindi Serial: Kuchha Paapad Pucca Paapad 9:00 Hit Ya Fit 9:30 Star Morning Film Show: Roti Ki Keemat 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Hello Cinema 2:00 Daily Soap: Meri Saheli 2:30 Daily Soap: Saans 3:00 Deewarein (Hindi Dube) 4:00 Jubilee Show 4:30 Aatish 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 Cine Jharokha (Daily Show) 6:00 Small Wonder (Hindi Dube) 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Hello Cinema 8:00 Tu Tu Main Main 8:30 Cincinnati Bubblebo (Rakhi Tandon, Rahul Bhatt, Raju Kher, Joy Fernandes) 9:00 Star Superhits Film/Events- Raja Hindustani (Amir Khan, Karishma Kapoor) 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 11:45 Film Contd. 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00

Changing Your World 4:30 Sky World News 5:00 Outback Adventure 6:00 Batman

STAR MOVIES
8:30 Romance: Dream Lover (James Spader, Madchen Amick) 10:30 Drama: Michael Jordan- The Road To Victory 12:30 Middy Movie: White Men Can't Jump (Woody Harrelson, Wesley Snipes) 3:00 Comedy: Celtic Pride (Damon Wayans) 5:00 Comedy: Touch Me (Amanda Peet, Michael Vartan) (PG) 7:15 Comedy: Trial & Error (Michael Richards) 9:30 Bhaskar Ghose Show 10:00 Friday Night-All Stars: Romeo's Bleeding (Gary Oldman, Lena Olin, Annabella Sciorra, Juliette Lewis, Ray Scheider) 12:15 Friday Fury: Kung Fu Girl 2:15 Action: The Contract (Johanna Black, Laurent Imbault, Billy Dee Williams)

STARSPORTS
8:00 Sport News-

Friday's drama Darshan on Ekushe

Television at 9:00pm

Sportsline Today 8:30

Cricket Talk Show- Boycott Live 9:30 Auto

Racing: Asian Festival Of Speed Asian

Touring Car Championships Bira, THAILAND Rounds Nine & Ten 10:30 Gillette

World Sports Special 11:00 Diving- Watersports World

12:00 Olympic Magazine 12:30 Sport News- Sportsline Today 1:00

Soccer/Futbol: Asian Cup Finals 2000 Lebanon, LEBANON- Iraq

Live- Golf- President's

Uefa Champions League 2000/01

League Madrid, SPAIN- Bayer 04

Leverkusen Vs Real Madrid Cf Group

Phase 1, Matchday 4 3:30 Uefa Champions

League 2000/01 League Lyon, France

Valencia Cf Vs Olympique Lyonnais

Group Phase 1, Matchday 4 5:30

Cricket- Icc Knock Out 2000 - Best Wickets

Kenya, Africa 6:00 Live- Golf- President's

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Cup 2000 Lake Manassas, VA USA Day Two

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Go For It! 7:30

Ushuaia 8:30 Lonely Planet

9:30 Assignment 10:30

ESPU 11:00 Outer Bounds 11:30 Shark

Fieles 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical

Detectives 2:30 Discover Magazine

3:30 Go For It! 4:30

Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet 6:30 Bonehead

Detectives of the Paleosworld 7:00

Mega Movie Magic II 7:30

Wild Discovery 8:30 Ultimate

Amazonia 9:30 Future Tense 10:00

Seatek II 10:30 India Hour

Gulistan 11:30 Discovery Profile Series

5:30 Discover Magazine

HBO

7:00 Mars Attacks! 9:15

Close Encounters of the Third Kind 12:00

National Lampoon's Vegas Vacation 2:00

Baby Monitor: Sound of Fear 3:45 The Desperate

Trail 5:45 Arthur 7:45 Greedy

10:00 The Rat Pack 12:30

Palmetto 2:45 Greedy 5:00 The Desperate

Trail

STAR GOLD

5:30 Jahan Sari Wahan

Baghwan 8:30 Bollywood News 9:00

Ek Raaz 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30

Tunse Nahin Dekha 3:30 Bollywood News 4:00

Bahut Din Huey 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30

Shaan-e-Aar Shukrawaar-Lalkar

10:30 Bollywood News 11:00

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BTV

Morning Prog

9:00 Opening

Announcement

Recitation From The

Holy Quran And

Programme Outline

9:05 Patriotic Song 9:10

Bangla News 9:15 Aalor

Dishari (Islami Education

For Children) 9:35 NHK

Programme 10:00 The

News 10:05 Crrajagat /

Shuvo Sakaal 10:30

Mithsriya (Talk Show)/

Bangla Film 10:55

Computer (Programme

On Computer) 11:20

Paathayoi 11:45 Special

Programme 12:25 A) Programme

Outline For 2nd Session 3:00

Opening, Announcement,

Recitation From The Holy

Quran And Programme

Outline 3:15 Patriotic Song 3:20

Bangla Film: 4:00

Bangla News: 4:05

Bangla Film Cont 6:00

Bangla News: 6:05

Sukhi Panbar (Popula-

tion Based Prog.) 6:30

Transmission From

Chittagong Center 7:00

News For Weather 7:05

Maloncho (Morden Songs)

7:25 Serial On Nature- Raong

Kara Putul 8:00 Bangla

News At 8:20 Serial On

Health- Timrachanno 8:50

Drama Series: Gul Sanobar

(Bangla Dubb) 9:00 Aajkaal

(Magazine) 10:00

News At Ten (English)

10:20 English Series: The

X-Files 11:30 Bangla

News 11:35 English News

11:40 A) Programme

Outline For Saturday B) National

Gane, 10:40 Artho O

Nithi, 11:15 Drama: Abhoshes,

episode-5, 12:00 Face to

Face, 12:40 Drama: Az

Robibar, episode-11, 1:15

Drama: I dream of jeinne,