

music

A Touch of Divine

The music lovers of the country savours Ustad Rashid Khan's singing that is laden with the verve and grace of a felt emotion

By Ziaul Karim

THE music emanating from the depths of Ustad Rashid Khan was an avalanche of transcendental purity on the audience who was held to a magnetic pull of rhythm and tune and the mellifluous notes of ragas Shudh Kalyan and Madhuvanti on October 25 at National Museum auditorium.

The scene at the concert venue was quite unprecedented, as music enthusiasts from all around the country gathered to

notice on that day was the disciplined behaviour from the crowd. Surprisingly, not a single cellphone rang to brake the musical equilibrium of the auditorium.

An outstanding exponent of the Khayal style of singing, Ustad Rashid Khan is also an unquestioned master of intricate and complex Tarana. More like the cascading flow of a stream his Tarana brings to his audience a gentle and spontaneous hum of waterfall.

He began the evening with raga Shudh Kalyan in Vilambit Khayal and reached the crescendo

plays with a snake.

He then sang raga Madhuvanti to slowly transporting the audience to a blissful journey to an enchanted land. Raga Madhuvanti is conventionally rendered in the late afternoon or early evening hours. In this raga Rishabh and Dhaivat is omitted in aroha, while avaroha is sampoorana. It also uses komal gandar and tivra madhyam in its build-up. Here rishabh and pancham are respectively the vadi and samvadi swaras. Gifted with a rich, sonorous voice, Rashid Khan captivated the audience as a magnet attracts iron and steel.

Ustad Rashid Khan is the great grandson of Ustad Inayat Hussain Khan, the founder-father of the Rampur Sahaswan Gharana. His great grandfather is considered as one of the high priest of the pantheon of Indian classical music. In 1966 Ustad Rashid Khan was born at Budaon, a small town in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

He was trained under the strict supervision of his great uncle Ustad Nissar Hussain Khan of the Rampur Sahaswan Gharana. The beauty of this Gharana lies in the vibrating musical alaap which Rashid Khan has superbly internalised and can render in a flowing ease. He has also emulated the celebrated singing style of tarana mastered by his ustad and great uncle Ustad Nissar Hussain Khan. Tarana is pattern of singing which draws its inspiration from the power and effectiveness of instrumental jhala.

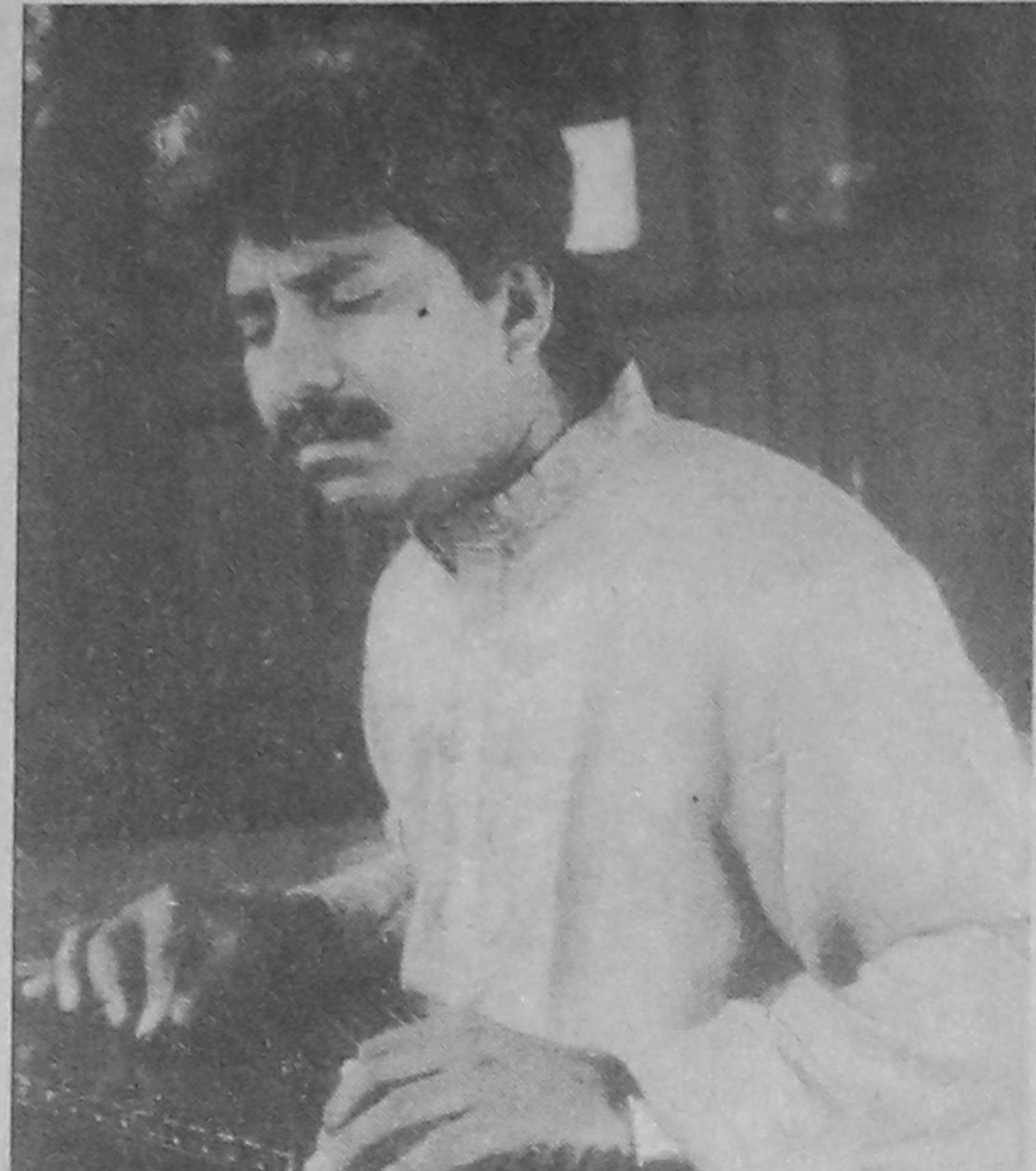
As a stalwart of Rampur Sahaswan Gharana Rashid is loyal to his gharana but at the same time he tries to incorporate the best from other granas into his renditions which gives his personal signature to his singing.

Rashid Khan gave his first public performance at the age of 11 in 1977 and the very next year performed at the ITC Sangeet Sammelan at New Delhi. He has not looked back since. A towering figure of the new generation performers, Rashid's majestic singing is a potion that quenches the thirst for the divine.

Tons of thanks to Indian High Commission for bringing Rashid to Dhaka.

through a perfect exposition of the depth of his musical ideas and stunning virtuosity of gayaki. The spirited and fluent harmonium playing by Ustad Purushottam Walawalkar made an ideal accompaniment to the musical feast.

In more than one hour Ustad Rashid Khan played with the raga Shudh Kalyan as a snake charmer



Rashid Khan captivates the audience at National Museum on October 25

experience Rashid Khan's vocal prowess and musical dexterity. There were even exchange of rude words at the hall entrance when the organisers could not control the sea of music lovers.

Ustad Rashid Khan began his recital to an overbrimming crowd, eager to absorb the intricate beauty and radiating brilliance of his voice. What was worthy of

book launching

Expressions of the Mind

Shawon Proja has expressed his ideas about different spans of life through his writings

By Tahera Yesmin

AGE after age, man has been writing, stories, poetry, history. He found ineffable joy in these creative activities. Like many, Shawon Proja, a young writer has also this knack for writing, which he has been doing since his boyhood. Recently this promising writer has published three new books.

The publication ceremony of Shawon Proja's books was held at Goethe Institut on October 24.

This blooming writer has revealed himself as a poet, a writer and as a translator. He introduced his new books titled "Shawgrehe Saunas", "The poems of Goethe and Erich Fried" and "Laljabati Taslima Nasreen".

"Shawgrehe Saunas" is a volume of poems, "The Poems of Erich Fried" is a translation and "Laljabati Taslima Nasreen" is a novel.

Shawon Proja began his tutorial life at Nab Kumar School in Dhaka. Then he did his graduation from Jagannath University. He traveled many countries; watched the sorrows and the happiness of life that play different types of roles in people. This particular aspect of life inspired him to write. He also brought out a magazine titled "Adaar" which he edited. As a nonresident Bangladeshi, living in Florida, Shawon is also involved in many other cultural activities performed by the Bangladeshi community there.

Goethe and Erich Fried are two great German poets. Shawon translated several poems of these renowned poets. He presented Goethe and Erich Fried's poems to his readers a difficult work indeed.

"Shawgrehe Saunas" is also a collection of poems. Here the poet interpreted many aspects of life. He projected many ideas on life through this book. He thinks poetry is love - love for life, as he said: "Poems are the expressions of minds and poets are trying to say this to others."

His third book is a novel titled "Laljabati Taslima Nasreen". Here he tried to bring to light the sorry plight of women in this age of modernism. He thinks the war that has been going on between men and women can be overcome very simply. When a person cannot get anything by the rights,



Fakrul Alam



Shaon Proja

then the question of superiority arises, leading to powerful disputes. He thinks if we all consider ourselves, as 'humans' then there should not be any conflict between men and women. Wonderful opinions, indeed!

Renowned personalities were present to grace the ceremony. Professor Shafi Ahmed, Jahangirnagar University; Professor Fakrul of Dhaka university and Ziaul Karim, The Daily Star culture page editor were

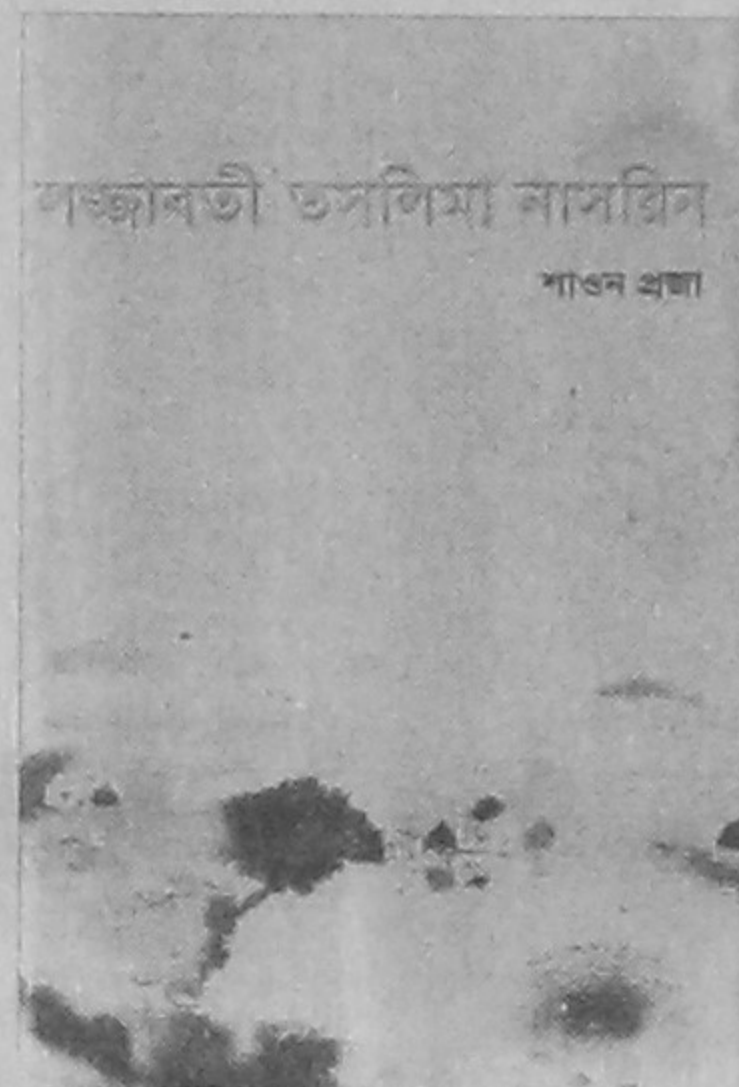
among the guests.

Professor Shafi Ahmed said, "Shawon Proja has three books on three different characteristics. The diction he used is really amazing. His dexterity of writings is revealed through these three books."

Professor Fakrul said, "Shawon Proja has worked hard to introduce Goethe and Erich Fried. He has made the poems of these two great poets very easy to understand for us."

"Shawon has introduced modern and postmodern poets and made a new introduction for these two poets." Professor Farukh also appreciated this poet's another book "Shawgrehe Saunas". He has worked with the folk elements in this book."

Ziaul Karim also appreciated this writer's books and said, "Erich Fried has a great impact on Shawon Proja." "Shawon Proja is emotional and his poems are a testimony to this fact."



Recommendations

Peer Chan

Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT) presents the premiere show of Peer Chan, an adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's Peer Gynt, which will be held at the Shawkat Osman auditorium, Public Library on October 28 at 6:30p.m. Adapted by Sayed Shamsul Haq, Peer Chan is directed by Kamaluddin Nilu. Set and light design is done by Kurt Hermansen of Norway and choreography is by Ruth Lerche of Denmark and Munmun Ahmed.

The premiere will be inaugurated by Gerd Wahlstrom, Ambassador of Norway.

Khalid's 10th

Khalid Mahmud Mithu's 10th solo painting exhibition is on at Divine art Gallery. Lyricism and intricate rhythm is the beauty of Khalid's canvases. Open from 9am to 8pm everyday, the show will run until October 30.



Out of Focus

A group photography exhibition by a group of working class children titled "Out of Focus" is now being held at Drik Gallery at Dhanmandi. The exhibition is refreshing as the pictures give us an alternate interpretation of the world we live in. The show with 145 exhibits is a treasure trove for gallery-goers. Open from 3 to 8 in the evening, the show runs until October 30.

Drama festival

The 9-day long Natyatsav, organised by Bangladesh Group Federation, began Oct 22 at the Dhaka Mahanagar Natya Manch at Gulistan. A total of nine front-ranking theatre groups of the country are participating in the utsav. The shows start at 7 in the evening everyday. Dhaka Padatik will stage Mahabub Haq Kumkum's Ekti Juddha directed by Nader Chowdhury this evening.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Virgin Takdhum Takdhum

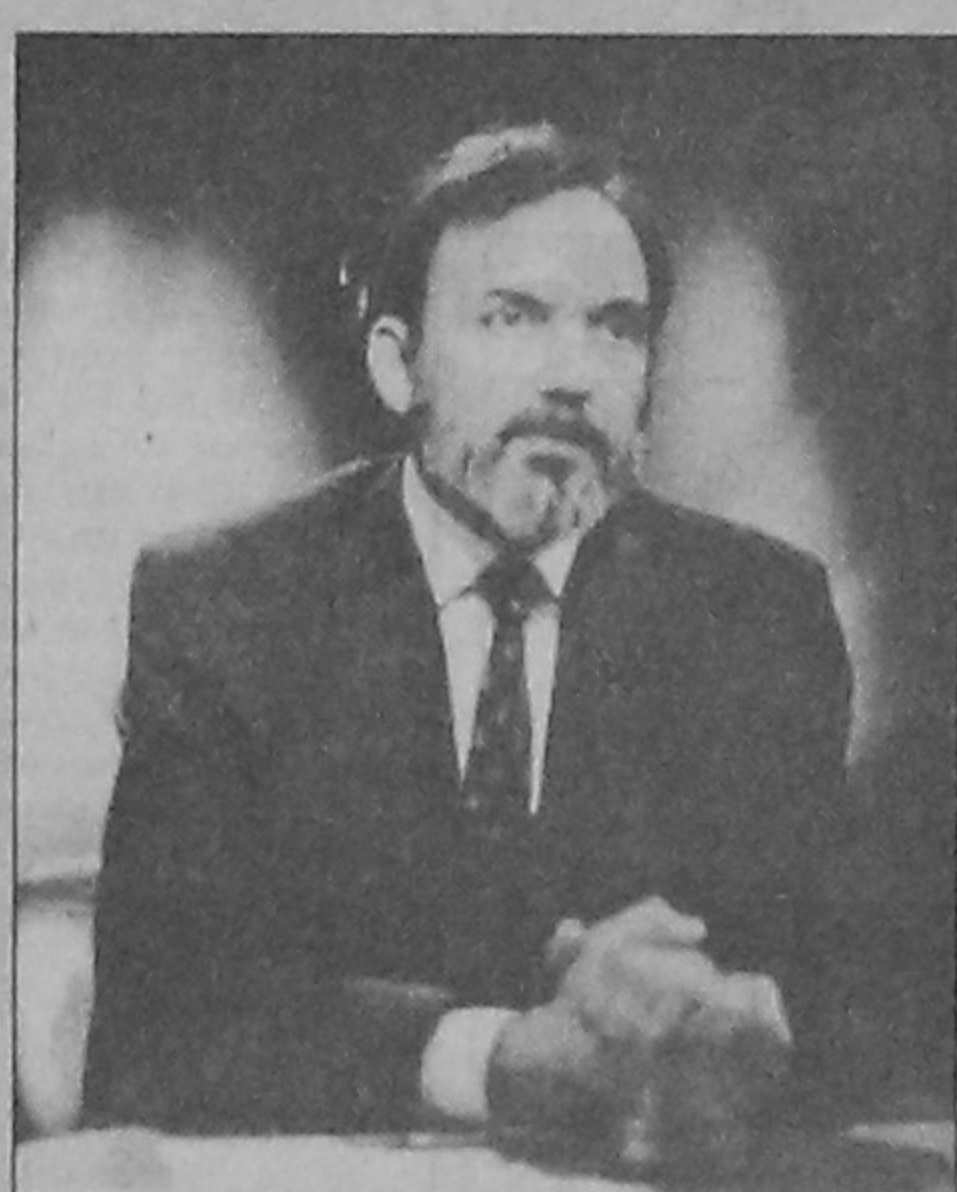
Ekushey television tonight at 8:30 Ekushey television presents Virgin Takdhum Takdhum, the viewers' request show for pop music. The songs requested in today's episode are Renaissance's Chirodini Bhabte Paro, Kaniz Suborna's Ai Path Bandhano, Amar Swapno Gulo by Agun, Karone Okarone by Ayub Bachhu and Ark's Gangchil.

Virgin Takdhum Takdhum is directed by Jobayer Babu and is hosted by Alif and Sajal.

Correspondent- 4:30 World Business Report 4:45 Asia Today 5:00 BBC News inc. World

Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today

STAR PLUS



Question Time India on BBC World at 10:30 pm

6:00 Cine Jharokha 6:30 Star Geetmala 7:30 Good Morning India 8:30 Cine Jharokha 9:00 Hit Ya Fit 9:30 Star Morning Film Show 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Hello Cinema 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Saans 3:00 Hasna Mat 3:30 Small Wonder 4:00 Jubilee Plus 4:30 Cine Jharokha 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 Chupa Rustom 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Hello Cinema 8:00 Tu Tu Main Main 8:30 Star Superhits/Events: Hello Brother (Salman K., Arbaaz K., Rani M.) 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 11:45 Hello Brother (contd.) 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 Small Wonder 1:30 Saans 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Sewalal Mewawala 3:00 Tu Tu Main Main 3:30 I Love My India 4:00 Kuchha Papad Pucca Papad 4:30 Janata Ki Adalat 5:00 Pal Chhin 5:30 Kalash

Woman 10:55 Star News Asia 11:00 French and Saunders 11:30 Blackadder Goes Forth 12:00 Murder Call 1:00 Friends 1:30 Star News 2:00 Dr Quinn Medicine Woman 3:00 Goodness Gracious Me 1:30 Blackadder Goes Forth 4:00 3rd Rock From the Sun 4:30 French and Saunders 5:00 Murder Call 6:00 Goodness Gracious Me 6:30 Blackadder Goes Forth

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Thriller: Deadly Sins (15) 9:30 Drama: Gold in the Streets (15) 11:30 Adventure: Willy-3 The Recue 1:15 Drama: Elizabeth 3:30 Midday Movie: Oscar & Lucinda (15) 6:00 Romance: Enchanted 8:00 Adventure: Willy-3 The Recue 9:45 Comedy: A Thin Line Between Love & Hate (15) 12:30 Bhaskar Ghose Show 12:30 Friday Night All Stars: L A Story (15) 2:30 Friday Fury: The Miracle Fighters 4:30 Action: Paper Bullets (15)

STAR SPORTS

6:00 Live- NBA Basketball NBA Pre-Season Metrodome, Minneapolis, MN USA- Detroit Pistons Vs Minnesota Timberwolves 8:30 Live- NBA Basketball NBA Pre-Season Phoenix, AZ USA- Los Angeles Lakers Vs Phoenix Suns 11:00 Sportsline Today 11:30 Horseshow Jumping- Samsung Nations Cup 2000 Rome, Italy World Cup Final 12:30 Sportsline Today 1:00 Asian Festival Of Speed Asian Formula 2000 Int'l Series Bira, Thailand Rounds Nine

& Ten 2:00 Max Power 3:00 Asian Basketball Show 3:30 Asia Sport Show 4:00 Soccer/Futbol- Asian Cup Finals 2000 Lebanon, Lebanon- Semifinal #1 6:00 Soccer/Futbol- Asian Cup Finals 2000 Lebanon, Lebanon- Semifinal #2 8:00 Live- Sportsline Today 8:30 Sportsline Tonight 8:30 World Wrestling Federation Live Wire 9:30 Asian Football Show 10:30 Sport News- Sportsline Tonight 11:00 Australian Domestic Cricket Pura Milk Cup- Western Australia Vs Queensland Day 4 Highlights 12:00 Sport News- Sportsline Tonight 12:30 NBA Inside Stuff 2000/01

ESPN

8:00 UEFA Champions League 2000/01 Group Phase 1, Matchday 5 10:00 UEFA Champions League 2000/01 Group Phase 1, Matchday 5 12:00 Live- American Muscle 1:30 Extreme



Friends on Star World tonight at 9:30

Sports: ASA World Tour 2000 ASA Inline Pro Tour: Stop 6 Vert London, England 2:00 England Tour Of Pakistan Karachi, Pakistan- England Vs Pakistan 1st ODI, Highlights 2:55 Live- England Tour Of Pakistan Lahore, ment 10:30 Danger Zone 11:00 Outer Bounds 11:30 Shark Files 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 Paleoworld 7:00



Blackadder goes forth on Star World at 11:30p.m.

Pakistan- England Vs Pakistan 2nd ODI, 1st Session 6:30 Motor Cycle Racing- Motoworld 7:00 Live- England Tour Of Pakistan Lahore, Pakistan- England Vs Pakistan 2nd ODI, 2nd Session 11:00 Bodybuilding- American Muscle 11:30 ATP Tennis Show 12:00 Italian Serie A Football Italian Serie A 2000/2001

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Go For It! 7:30 Ushuaia 8:30 Lonely Planet- 9:30 Assign-

Mega Movie Magic II 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Ultimate Guide 9:30 Future Tense 10:00 Seatek II 10:30 India Hour: Gulistan 11:30 Discovery Profile Series- 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Untamed Guide 2:30 Future Tense 3:00 Seatek II 3:30 India Hour: Gulistan 4:30 Discovery Profile Series- 5:30 Discover Magazine

HBO

6:30 Deliveryman 8:45 Tank 11:00 A Call To Remember 1:15 Born Free 3:15 Michael Collins 5:45 Only You 8:00 Addams Family values 10:00 First Time Felon 12:15 Patch Adams 2:30 Bronco Billy 5:00 Addams Family Values

STAR GOLD

5:30 Mr Sampat 8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Dahej 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Mere Jeevan Sathi 3:30 Bollywood News 4:00 Chandrakleha 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Shaandaaar Shukrawaar- Gumnama 10:30 Bollywood News 11:00 Sarhad 12:30 Sarhad (contd.) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Gumnama

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 (Islam Education For Children) 9:35 NHK Programme 10:00 The News 10:05 Cnr Jagat 10:25 Maner Mukurey 11:30 Maner katha (Prog for children) 11:55 Computer (Computerworld) 12:30 Closing.
Evening Prog.
3:00 Opening

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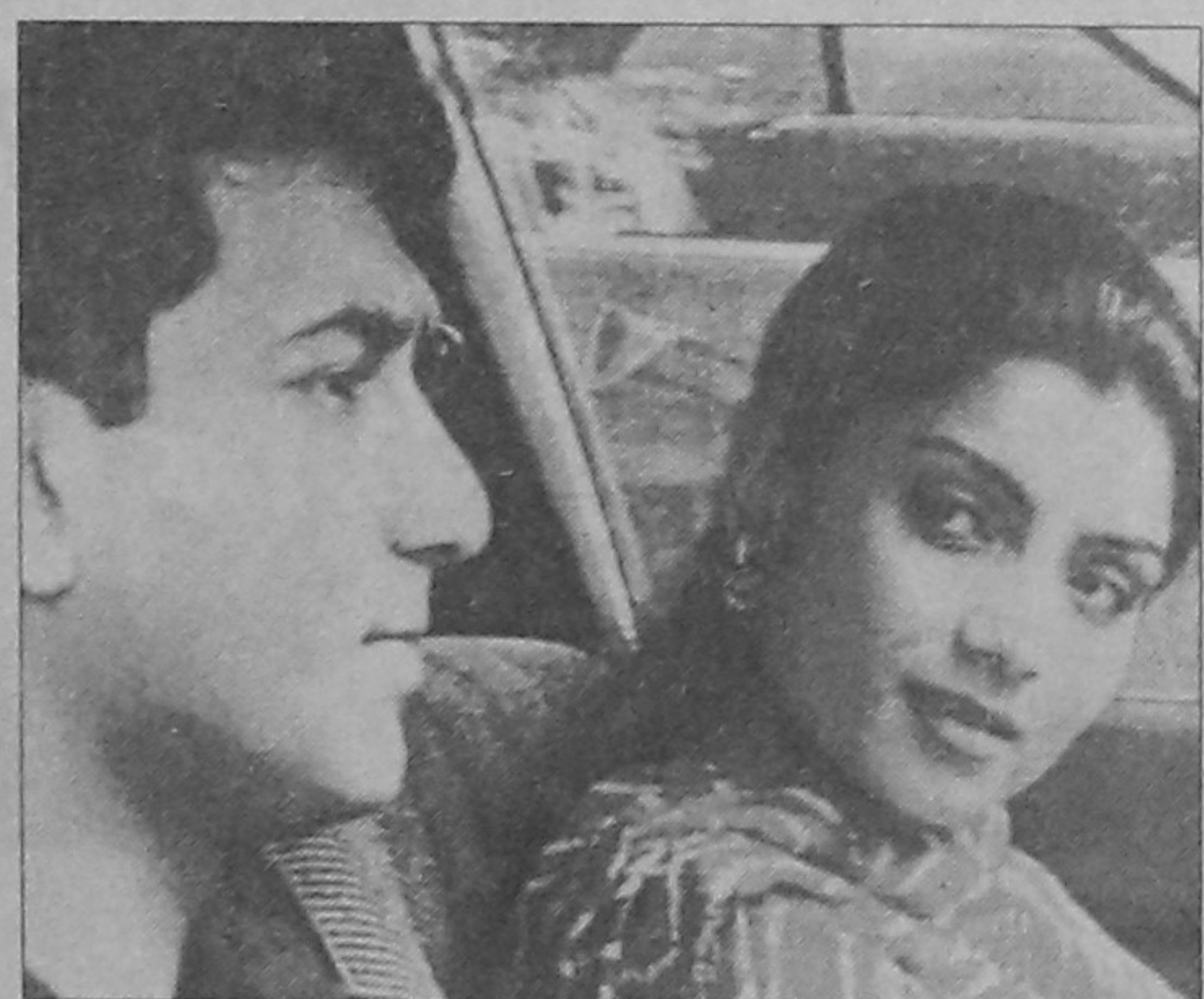
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6:00 Reciting from Holy Quran 6:10 I Music 6:40 Abriti Ar Kazi Arif 7:15 Gharial Bhai 8:40 Flop Show 9:15 Choke 10:00 Drama: Bibiar Sawpno 10:30 Music Moments

Dalal 2:00 Boogi Woogi 2:30 Daily Soap- Imtihaan 3:00 Daily Soap: Aurat 3:30 Daily Soap: Ghar Ek Mandir 4:00 Daily Soap: Nazdeekiyan 4:30 Daily Soap: Itihaas 5:00 Daily Soap: Junoon 5:30 Chartbusters 6:00 Music Mantra 6:30 Disney Hour 7:30 Boogi Woogi 8:00 Mera Aangan Mein 8:30 Cats 9:10 Heena 9:50 Ek Mahal Ho Sapna Ka 10:30 Tujh Pe Dil Querein 11:10 Movers & Shakers 12:00 Daily Soap: Nazdeekiyan 12:30 Saaya 1:00 Choodiyan 1:30 Missing 2:00 Yeh Duniya Hai Rangeen 2:30 Movers & Shakers 3:00 Rang Birangee 3:30 Cine Nite-Film:

ZEETV

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 Breakfast Zee (News, Views & Chat) 9:00 Guldasta 9:30 Nicolodion Kid's show 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Pictionary Game Show 11:30 Samay 12:00 Sound of Music 12:10 Naye 12:40 Bourvita Quiz Contest 1:10 Jhalak 1:45 Daily Soap- Hasratein #60 2:25 Saath Saath 3:00 Daily Soap- Kartavya 3:30 Daily Soap- Adhikar 4:00 Daily Shop- Chaltan 4:30 Daily Soap: Banegi Apni Baat 5:00 Intermission 5:10 Aashiana 5:40 Lakeeren 6:10 Ek Nazar (Trailer On Film) 8:00 Daily Soap- Dastaan 8:30 Ittefaq 9:00 Close Up 9:30 Antakshari 10:00 Ashirwad 10:45 Daily Soap- Babul Ki Duayin Leti Ja 11:30



Toukir Ahmed and Tazin in Pata Urar Din on Ekushey Television at 9:00 tonight.

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 Sukhi Panbar (Population Based Prog.) 6:25 Transmission From Chittagong Center 7:00 ees For Weather 7:10 Maloncho (Morden Songs) 8:00 Bangla News At 8:20 Drama Serial: Gul

6:30 Gillette World Sports Special 7:00 Pepsodent Braincheck 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Shofol Jara Kemon Tara 8:30 Virgin Takdhum 9:00 Shokrobabar Natok: Pata Orar Din 10:20 BTV News 10:20 Chirontoni 11:00 Late Night News 11:15 Ekushey News Headlines
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6:40 Money Talk 7:15

11:00 Bangla Cinema: Sohel Rana
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