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Enterprising Endeavour in Alternative Film Making

A special screening of two short clips from *Matir Maina or The Clay Bird*, a feature film in progress by Tareque and Catherine Masud, was held at the main auditorium of the BRAC Centre Inn.

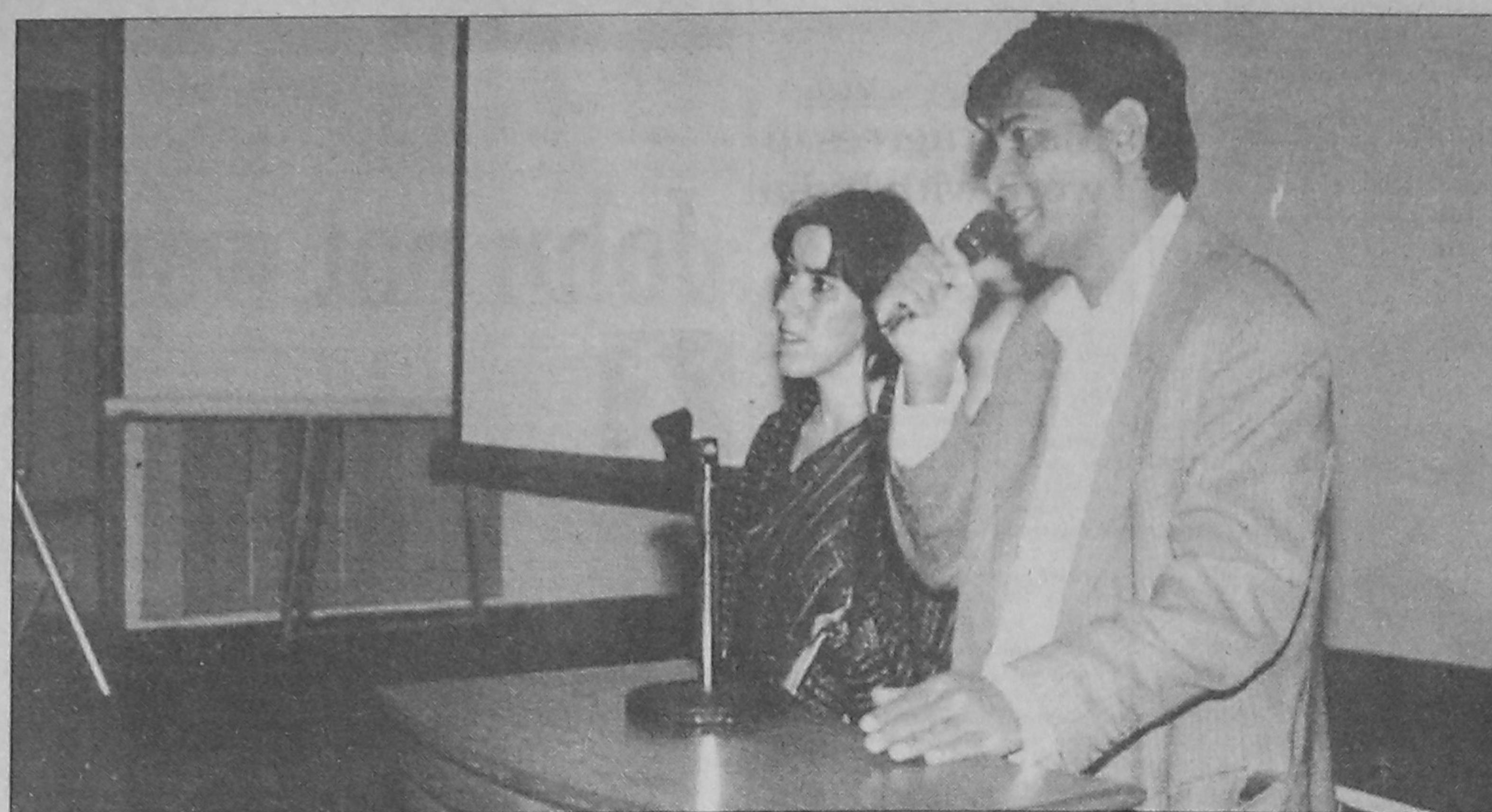
By Tawfique Ali

An introductory programme of the duo's, Tareque and Catherine Masud, latest venture in feature film *Matir Maina* was held on December 12 at 5 pm at the BRAC Centre Inn, Mohakhali.

The programme was precisely meant to seek advice and supports of all and accommodate a bevy of ideas to make their enterprising project a successful one.

The film tells the story of a boy and his mother and is set against the backdrop of the tumultuous years of upheavals leading up to 1971. This film would highlight the beauty of the people and land of Bangladesh both at home and abroad. The story of the film, while culturally and socially specific to Bangladesh, is based on universal themes of fraternity and religious tolerance and co-existence.

The story is essentially a human one that is expected to appeal across cultures, countries and times. "We want to portray a very true picture of Bangladeshi history and cultural heritage beyond Bangladesh," an ambitious Tareque expressed his dream while talking to The Daily Star.



Tareque and Catherine Masud speak highlighting various aspects of their forthcoming feature film *Matir Maina or The Clay Bird*

but all kinds of logistic supports also.

Since there is little or no government support for serious cinema in our country, the makers of this film are out to seek for other services of support. They have looked outside the country too for funding. They have been lucky and honoured in this regard that they have been awarded the prestigious "South Fund" grant offered to creative film makers every year by the French government. The award provides partial in-kind support only in France mainly for laboratory, stock and equipment. They have also got an assurance of international distribution of the production through a reputed European distributor MK2.

But now they badly need local producer or co-producer to meet the local production costs.

Tareque and Catherine Masud shared their bitter experiences and sheer disappointment and frustration with distinguished guests present on the occasion in their failed attempt to avail bank loans in the past. "For our previous film "Muktir Kotha", we desperately tried to arrange a modest bank loan to cover some of the production costs, but in spite of the fact that even the bank defaulters get huge loans in this country, we were completely unsuccessful in our attempt," they said.

Now for this film they demand support in any form, from both the government and non governmental organization.

The film *The Clay Bird* has been designed to present a depiction of a synchronic picture of Bangladeshi culture. In one clip shown on the occasion, a

synchronic festival Biswakarmar meaning a boat festival suggests a universal aspect of Bangladeshi Culture in which every one takes a part. Bangladesh has suffered from various disgraceful images which are out of tune with the reality of its rich culture, tradition and glorious history. Famines, floods and fundamentalism have featured Bangladesh in the global perspective. Film can help to reverse this negative notion about the country by framing an honorable image of the country through cultural exposure that will command better understanding and appreciation of Bangladeshi culture.

The French ambassador in Bangladesh, Editor of the Daily Star Mahfuz Anam, Jay Jay DIn editor Shafiq Rehman, ADAB president Khushi Kabir and many other distinguished per-

sonalities attended the function and took part in post screening discussion.

Shafiq Rehman said, "Seeking support for such a purpose is not begging but its a demand to the government."

Mahfuz Anam, while expressing his opinion, remarked, "we should support this kind of film making endeavour simply because of the fact that this is not a film like "Shami Keno Ashami". He appreciated Catherine's efforts in promoting Bangladeshi history and culture despite being a different national. He termed Tareque-Catherine couple as an instance of intercultural marriage that proved to be creative union. Khushi Kabir said that she would extend her hand of cooperation in realizing support from the government for these two outstanding sort film makers.

international



Nobel laureate in literature Chinese born Gao Xingjian (R) arrives with Celine Yang at the Stockholm Royal Palace 11 December 2000, for the traditional gala dinner.

--AFP Photo



Famous Russian writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn delivers a speech at the French embassy in Moscow, after being awarded the 50,000 FFr (6,766 USD) Grand-Prix of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences of France, on December 13, 2000.

--AFP Photo

Recommendations



Exhibition

A photography exhibition on the war victims of 1971 titled *War Veterans of Bangladesh* is being held at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, at road # 27, Dharmamandi. This show, held as part of the 1st Festival of Photography in Asia, will run till December 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day.

Painting Exhibition

Painting exhibition by Nurul Amin now being held at the Divine Art Gallery at 11:00 a.m.

Eminent art critic Sayeed Ahmed inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest, while artist Professor Abdus Salam was present as special guest.

The exhibition will remain open everyday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. till December 18.

Exhibition on Liberation

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Liberation War, the Liberation War Museum has put up a month long exhibition titled *Gourabmoy Atmadan Chiro-Jagoruk*.

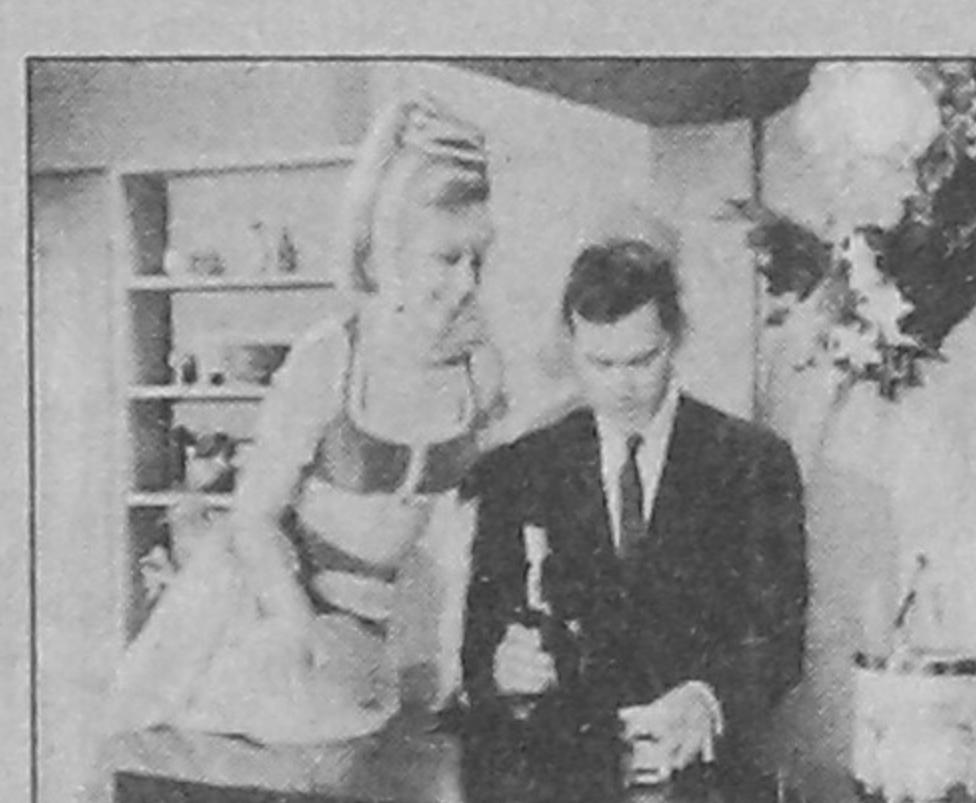
The remains found in the killing fields of Jalladkhana and Nuri Masjid and some photographs are being exhibited.



Drawing and Sketch Show

A selection of drawing and sketches done in charcoal, pastel, watercolour and acrylic by gifted artist Kurni will be put on display at the residence of Mrs. Chowdhury at Road 9, House 4, Gulshan-1. The two-day show begins on December 16 and will continue until December 17 from 2 to 8 pm.

EKUSHEY TV
2:30 Ajker Potrikay
2:40 Drishti 3:00
Ekushey News Headlines 3:05 Drama
Series: Dipannita 3:30
Bhalobasha Kare Koy 4:00 Mon Mon Re



I Dream of Genii on channel i at 8:40

Today/World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 HARDtalk 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Talking Movies 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Wheels 1:00 BBC News 1:30 HARDtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Reporters ex World Review 3:00 BBC News 3:30 HARDtalk 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Jancis Robinson's Wine Course ex Life 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Reporters ex World Review 6:00 BBC News 6:30 Wheels 7:00 BBC News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 Click Online 8:00 BBC News 8:30 HARDtalk 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Face to Face 11:00 BBC News 11:15 World Business Report 11:30 Holiday

BHO
7:00 Excalibur 10:00 Two For Texas 12:00 Bird 3:15 Caddyshack 5:15 The World According to Garp 8:00 Drop Zone 10:00 Beethoven 11:45 Mission Impossible 2:00 Excalibur 5:00 Drop Zone

AXN
6:00 Burn Up Excess/Who Dares



Drama Nisada Ghunpoka on Ekushey TV at 8 pm. Starring Sayed Hasan Imam, Sharmeele Ahmad and Shahid Khan.

Amar 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 5:00 Religious Musical Programs 5:30 Drishti 5:50 Ajker Potrikay 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 Classic Cartoons 6:30 Charidike 7:00 Ovalin Presents: Kemon Achen 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Drama: Nishobdo Ghoon Poka 9:00 Meizan Roshonar Boshona 9:30 Ami Birangona Bolehi 10:00 BTV News 10:20 Noorjanah 11:15 Ekushey Late Night News 11:30 E Shoptaher Bishsho 11:45 Ekushey News Headlines

BBC WORLD
6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia

ALPHA BANGLA TV
6:30 Alaap 7:00 Grihosajja 7:30 News/Arghya 8:00 Din Protidin 9:00

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Beethoven

on HBO at 10 pm.

Dad George Newton (Charles Gordin) and mom Alice (Bonnie Hunt) finally relents to his three children adopting a helpless pup 'Beethoven' who becomes slobbering, furry and drooly 185-pounder.

Show 8:00 Home Improvement 8:30 Earth Final Conflict 1/Scorpio's Dream 2:00 Big Sky II/The Right Thing 3:00 Silk Stalkings IV/Carrie & Jessie

STAR GOLD

8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Bandhan Kuchhev Dhagaon Ka (Shashi Kapoor, Rakhee, Zeenat Aman) 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Jeene Ki Raah (Jeevita, Tanuja) 3:30 Bollwood News 4:00 Sehra (Sandhya, Prashant) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Lamhe Pyar Ke - Ankhon (Dharmendra, Mala Sinha) 10:30 Bollywood News 11:00 Anand Math (Geeta Bali, Pradeep Kumar, Prithviraj Kapoor) 12:30 Anand Math (contd.) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:00 Sehra (Sandhya, Prashant) 5:30 Anand Math (Geeta Bali, Pradeep Kumar, Prithviraj Kapoor)

STAR WORLD

6:00 Hollywood Squares 6:30 The New WKRP in Cincinnati 7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show

Walker, Texas Ranger on Star World at 11 pm

6:55 Star News Asia (5 mins) 7:00 Walker Texas Ranger 8:00 Martial Law 9:00 Friends 9:30 Star News 10:00 World's Wildest Police Video 11:00 Walker Texas Ranger 12:00 Martial Law 1:00 World's Wildest Police Video 2:00 Walker Texas Ranger 3:00 Creffo Dollar Daily 3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries 4:00 Life In The Word With Joyce Meyer 4:30 World News 5:00 Ooh La La

STAR MOVIES
7:30 Drama Someone To Love Me 9:30 Comedy: Three Fugitives 11:30 Drama: An Element Of Truth 1:30 Midday Movie: Voyage Of Terror 3:30 Thriller: Midnight Heat (Moonstone) 5:30 Discover Magazine

CNN

4:00 CNN This Morning 4:30 Asia Business Morning 5:00 CNN This Morning 5:30 Asia Business Morning 6:00 CNN This Morning 6:15 Asia Business Morning 6:30 Asian Edition 6:45 Asia Business Morning 7:00 CNN This Morning 7:30 Moneyline 8:00 Larry King Live 9:00 World News 9:30 World Sport 10:00 World News 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:00 World News 11:30 & A (replay) 12:00 World Report 1:00 World News 1:30 World Sport 2:00 World News 2:30 Insight 3:00 Larry King Live (replay) 4:00 World News 4:30 Biz Asia 5:00 Asia Tonight 5:30 World Sport 6:00 World News 6:15 Asian Edition 6:30 Biz Asia 7:00 World News 7:30 The Artclub 8:00 Asia Tonight 8:30 World Sport 9:00 World News 9:30 Business Unusual 10:00 World News 10:30 Biz Asia 11:00 World News 11:30 Q&A South Asia 12:00 World News 2:00 CNN Hotspots 1:30 World Business Today 2:00 World News 2:30 Q&A News 2:30 CNN Newsroom

STAR PLUS
6:30 STAR Geetmala 7:30 Good Morning India 8:30 Cine Jharokha 9:00 Hit Ya Fit 9:30 Star Morning Show 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Tanha 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Saans 3:00 Gharwali 3:30 Small Wonder 4:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 Sewalal Mewawala 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Kahan Ghar Ghar Ki 8:00 Tu Main Main 8:30 Hasna Mat 9:00 Siski 9:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 12:00 Tanha 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 Small Wonder 1:30 Eye-witness 1:30 Danger Zone 11:00 Outer Bounds I & II 11:30 Shark Files, The II 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives I 2:30 Discover Magazine 3:30 Go For It! 4:30 Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet IV 6:30 Popular Mechanics for Kids III 7:00 Pop Sci 7:30 Wild

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

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