

exhibition

Impersonal Images of Personal Sorrows

Photography exhibition titled 'My Sister Morgane: Why Her and Not Me?' now being held at the Alliance Française de Dhaka

By Nafid Imran Ahmed

CHOBİ Mela, the 1st Festival of Photography in Asia has certainly presented us with some amazing images from all around the world. Each exhibition of Chobi Mela is unique in its own right.

The exhibition, representing France in the festival titled 'My Sister Morgane: Why Her and Not Me' showcases works of a 12-year-old girl Héloïse Blier, began at the Alliance Française de Dhaka on December 17 stands out from the rest of the shows of Chobi Mela for its brilliant and moving narration of a personal tragedy.

Héloïse Blier and Morgane are fraternal twins. But unfortunately Morgane has muscular dystrophy, which is an inherited disease that causes increasing weakness in the muscle tissue. What Morgane actually has in medical term is Myopathy, which gathers about 40 muscular dystrophy and genetics diseases, which becomes apparent with a progressive muscular deficiency. The muscles affected are the skeletal muscles and, occasionally, the muscles of the heart. In all types of dystrophies the muscle tissue seems to be affected in a random fashion. There is usually



Amandine, my older sister and Morgane in the bathtub

early evidence of degeneration and then regeneration of some muscle fibres. Those that regenerate become larger than normal, and eventually the muscles are totally replaced by fibrous scar tissue and fat. These disorders result in a variable handicap situation with a loss of walking ability, muscular strength and breathing difficulties.

Watch her sister dying a slow death is too painful for Héloïse. She could not just sit there and do nothing. And this got her into photography. When a photogra-

pher from the Rapho Agency, who was doing a story on Morgane, gave Héloïse a camera, she started taking pictures of her twin sister in her everyday life. The exhibition 'My Sister Morgane: Why Her and Not Me?' is a collection of these photographs of Morgane's everyday life, taken by her twin.

"Her illness changes nothing about the way we love her" says Héloïse. "I think she's great, yet sometimes I wonder how she can be so happy all the time" talking about her sister. Her photographs



Amandine, our older sister often takes care of Morgane

also tells a lot about how she feels for her sister. It also takes one through the lifespan of a 12-year-old French girl with disability.

The photo captions written by Héloïse will bring one into tears. Héloïse took many pictures of Morgane while they were at their Grandpa's house. In these photographs sometimes she is working on her tan, playing ping-pong with her elder sister Amandine or gardening in her electric wheelchair, which she loves to do. Through these photos Héloïse tried to capture the moments while Morgane is having fun. But at the same time she captured the most disheartening moments of Morgane's life. There are pictures of Morgane in traction, which

prevents her from the deformation of her spine, at her school in the rehabilitation room where Claire, her physiotherapist is helping her to walk to her wheelchair, in rehab while doing the vertical (bird) respiration physiotherapy, at night how her legs are encased so that they do not deform and many other images through which Héloïse tries to share the pain of her twin sister.

Photographs having the captions "Even it's hard for Morgane, who likes to throw an old apple at me" and "Even a glass of water is becoming too heavy" describes how she feels for her twin.

There are also photographs of Morgane spending her holidays in Disneyland Paris, Sarlat and

Dordogne, their elder sister Amandine taking care of Morgane, brushing her teeth with the new electric toothbrush, which she got for her birthday and makes her life a little easier, at the Accessibility Exhibition in Roven where Morgane is trying out a system for which she can bathe on her own.

Morgane talks at the show 'Téléthon', the most important French live broadcast programme (30 hours long), which happens one a year since 1987. The money collected from Téléthon is managed by AFM (Association Française contre les Myopathies), which is dedicated to the research against muscular dystrophy and all kinds of genetic diseases. There is a photograph in the exhibition, which was taken in 1996 where French actor Thierry Lhermitte came for Téléthon and are showing Morgane and Johan, a friend of her, who is also in a wheelchair, how to surf the net.

Héloïse Blier is observing her twin go through a struggling and painful life as she grows up. She takes her everyday photographs, these photos are just the stills of her memory, through which she tries to feel and share Morgane's world and at the same time do something for her. She says, "Why her and not me? If I were in her shoes, maybe she would be happier, and I would not worry as much, but life, or a gene, have decided otherwise."

This must see exhibition will remain open for all from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. everyday till December 31.

theatre

Shada Ghora Goes to India

Theatre group Shomoy takes its production 'Shada Ghora' or 'White Horseto the Ganga Jamuna theatre festival to be held in Calcutta



A scene from Shads Ghora

By Cultural Correspondent

THIS month theatre group Shomoy is going to tour India with their production 'Shada Ghora'. Organised by Indian theatre Onik the Ganga Jamuna festival is about to begin in Calcutta on December 23. The festival will continue till December 31.

The play 'Shada Ghora' is Shomoy's latest production. Written and directed by Gazi Rakayet, Shada Ghora is an adaptation of Rosemerholm by Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen.

Shada Ghora, one of the first productions that received newly introduced government grants, will be staged on December 30 and 31 at Calcutta's Girish Mancha and Sonarpur of Rajpur respectively.

Recommendations



Circus Women

Indian photographer Sahal Das peeps beyond the glamour of shows and picks up the glimpses of the circus women their joy and misery, their agony and amusement entwined in their everyday life. The show is part of the ongoing Chobi Mela, 1st Festival of Photography in Asia. The show is being held at Russian Cultural Centre and will run until December 23 from 9 am to 4 pm.

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 at the museum gallery at Segun Bagicha.

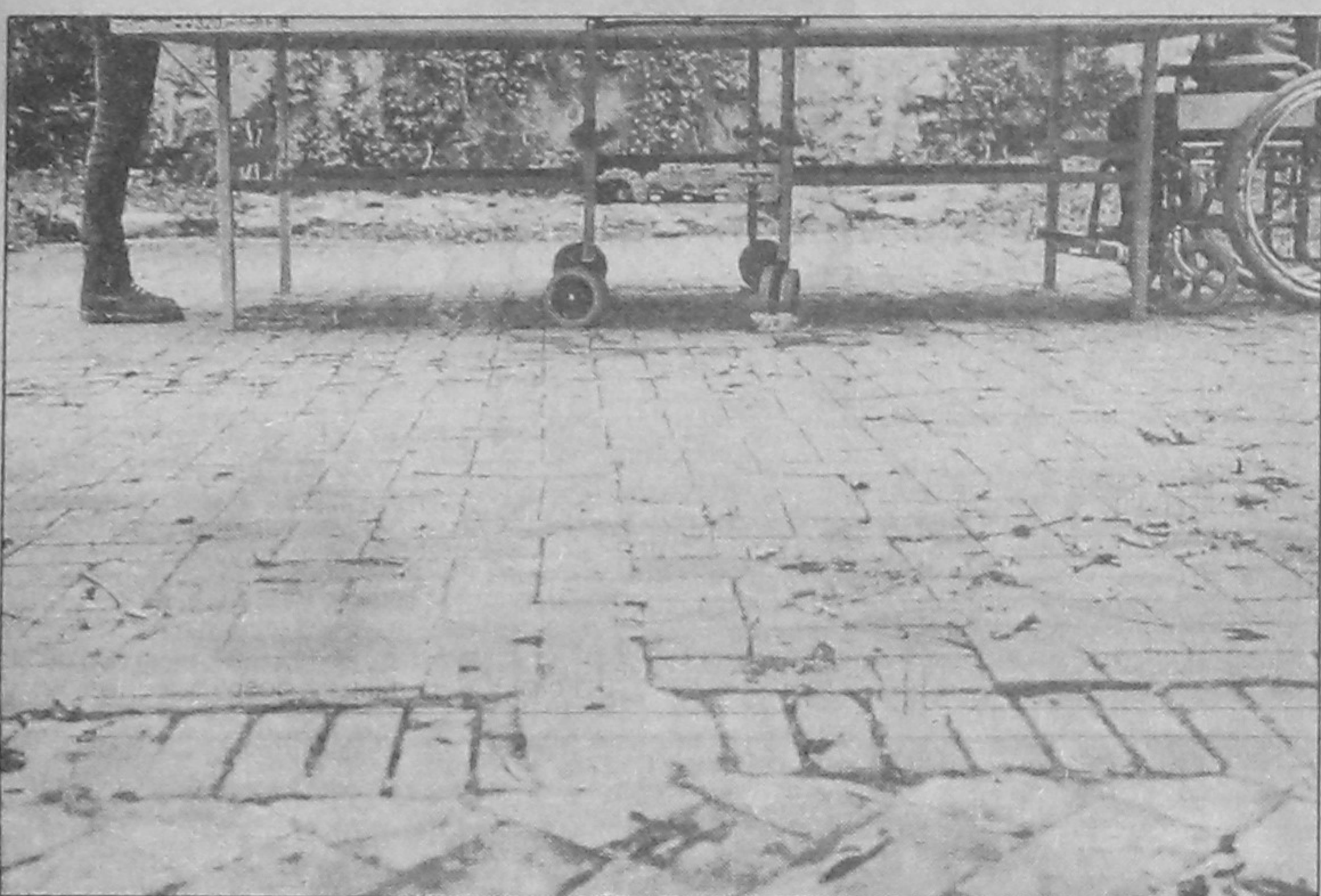
Exhibition

A comic exhibition titled 'Ora Prithibi Swarna Dekhe, 2000 Saler Chhobi' planned by Association Française d'Action Artistique is being held at the gallery of the L'Alliance Française de Dhaka. Open to all, the exhibition will run until January 9, 2001 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon every day.



Migrant Labour

Managing Director of Drk and Festival Director of the 1st Festival of Photography in Asia, now being simultaneously held at different venues of the city, Shahidul Alam's poignant photoessay on migrant labours, their pains and sorrows across eight countries tell a touching tale of painful separations and silent goodbyes. The exhibition titled 'Migrant Labour' can be seen at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy gallery open from 3:30 to 7 pm everyday until December 21.



Morgane, my twin sister, and Amandine my big sister play ping-pong. Our Grandpa has made Morgane a special hat



While on holiday in Sarlat, Morgane tries on a hat

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Kenny Loggins December on Star World at 10 pm.

Award-winning recording artist Kenny Loggins and his guests come together for Kenny Loggins December. Hosted by Loggins, the programme will feature performances by special guests including country superstar Clint Black. In addition to performances of holiday classics including 'White Christmas' and 'The Christmas', Loggins and special guests will perform material from Loggins' Columbia Records release 'December'.

AXN
6:00 Burn Up Excess/Who Dares Wins 7:00 Survivor 8:00 High Action Adrenaline/Space Warship Yamamoto Yoko 9:00 Dual/Shadow Skills 10:00 Burn Up Excess/Who Dares Wins 11:00 Survivor 12:00 Face/Expedition 1:00 Movie/Krull 3:00 Space Warship Yamamoto Yoko 4:00 Dual/Shadow Skills 5:00 Burn Up Excess/Who Dares

Wins 6:00 Survivor 7:00 North Face/Expedition 8:00 Movie/Flatliners 10:00 North Face/Expedition 11:00 Movie/Flatliners 1:00 The Scarecrow Returns 2:00 Big Sky II/Dark Horse 3:00 Silk Stalkings IV/Vengeance

STAR GOLD
8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Mere Mehboob (Rafendra Kumar, Sadhana) 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Dr Kotnis

Ki Amar Kahani (V. Shantaram, Jayshree) 3:30 Bollywood News 4:00 Samaj Ko Badal Dalo (Ajay Sahni, Sharada) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Lamhe Pyaar Ke Chor Machaye Shor (Shashi Kapoor, Mumtaz, Danny) 10:30 Bollywood News 11:00 Touhean (Raj Babbar, Dimple Kapadia) 12:30 Geet Bahar 2:30 Samaj Ko Badal Dalo (Ajay Sahni, Sharada) 5:30 Touhean (Raj Babbar, Dimple Kapadia)

STAR WORLD
6:00 Hollywood Squares 6:30 The New WKRP in Cincinnati 7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 8:00 Home Improvement 8:30 Happy Days 9:00 2 Guys A Girl and A Pizza Place 9:30 Maggie Winters 10:00 Ally McBeal 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 The Practice 1:00 Three Perfect Days 1:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 2:00 Mork & Mindy 2:30 Happy Days 3:00 Baywatch 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 Home Improvement 5:00 Star News Asia 5:30 Friends 6:00 Kenny Loggins December 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 Kenny Loggins December 11:00 Walker Texas Ranger 12:00 Martial Law 1:00 Kenny Loggins December 2:00 Walker Texas Ranger 3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily 3:30 Kenneth Cope-land Ministries 4:00 Life In The World With Joyce Meyer 4:30 World News 5:00 Ooh LaLa

STAR PLUS
6:30 STAR Geetmala 7:30 Good Morning



Close-up E-zone on Ekushey TV at 7 pm.

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 Kabhi Kabhi Mere-Ghar Mein Bhuchal Ata Hai 3:30 Small Wonder 4:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 4:30 Cine Jharokha 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 Kuchha Papad Pucca Papad 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Kahani Ghar

STAR MOVIES
7:30 Drama: This Boy's Life (15) 9:30 Thriller: Fatal Affair 11:30 Action: Free Fall 1:30 Middy Movie: Three Men And A Baby (15) 3:30 Thriller: Obsessive Love (PG) 5:30 Thriller: Earthquake In New York (15) 7:30 Horror: Omen IV: The Awakening 9:30 The Ticket 10:00 Thursday Mega Movie: Metro 12:00 Hot Favourites: Dangerous Ground (15) 2:30 Comedy: Three Men And A Baby (15) 4:30 Jennifer O'Neill 5:30 Drama: Shattered Hearts (12)

ZEE CINEMA
6:30 Jan Hatheli Par (Hema Malini, Dharmendra) 10:30 Maha Guru (Rajanikant, Meenakshi) 2:00 Honey Moon (Leena, Anil Dhavan) 6:30 Pretatma (Sandip Goyal, Sonali) 10:30 Hathiyar (Dharmendra, Rishi Kapoor) 2:30 Janam Se Pehle (Raj Babbar, Karah, Sonam).

ZEE MGM
6:30 Doctor At Large 9:00 Cop 11:30 Desert Heart 2:00 Hotel Oklahoma 4:30 Committed 7:00 Heart of

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7:00 National Geographic Specials: Rainforest 8:00 Hunt For The Coelacanth 9:00 Family Hour: Home Water 10:00 Wild: Return To The Wild The Orphaned Orang-Utan 10:30 Wild: Wildlife Down Under 11:00 Risky Business: Firebombs 11:30 Combat Cameramen 12:00 Science: Kanzi 1:00 Ape Of Genius 1:30 Wild: Two Years In The Galapagos 2:00 Adventure Starts Here: The Adventurer 3:00 Wild: Asian Ele-



phants-Wanted Alive 4:00 The Cheetah Family 5:00 Death Zoneback To The Killermountain 6:00 Wild: Return To The Wild The Rescued Koala 6:30 Animal Business: Urban Gator 7:30 Fire! 8:00 Science: Kanzi 2 9:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife 9:30 Wild: Wild Dog Wilderness 10:00 Wild: Wild Dog Wilderness 10:30 Risky Business: Urban Gator 11:00 Fire! 11:30 Science: Kanzi 2 12:30 Wild: Return To The Wild The Rescued Koala 1:00 Animal Business: Urban Gator 1:30 The Cheetah Family 2:30 Death Zoneback To The Killermountain 3:30 Toyota World Of Wildlife 4:00 Wild: The Rescued Koala 4:30 Animal Minds 5:00 Science: Tomorrow's World 5:30 Science: Shiver #8 Hypothermia 6:00 Death Zoneback To The Killermountain

Dream for an Insomniac on HBO at 8:15 pm. A young woman must choose between love and career in this delightful romantic comedy. Aspiring actress Frankie is about to embark on a trip to Hollywood with her best friend when she unexpectedly meets Da'vid the man of her dreams. Entangled in a romantic relationship with him, she soon discovers that he has a live-in roommate with whom she must compete with for his affections before departing for Hollywood in a few days time.

BTB
3:00 Opening announcement 3:20 Open university 4:00 Khabar 4:05 Cartoon: Burney and Friends 4:30 Batikram (rept) 4:50 Mahe Ramadan 5:25 TV School debate 6:00 Khabar 6:25 Programmes of Chittagong centre 7:00 Diganta 7:25 Sandha Malati 8:00 New in Bangla 8:20 Drama serial: Pakhi Sab Kare



Talk show Bhalobasha Kare Kai on Ekushey TV at 3:30 pm. Today's couple Ramendu Mazumdar and Ferdausi Mazumdar.

Rab 9:00 Band show 9:30 Chhanda chabi 10:00 News at Ten 10:20 Taraka Jagat 10:45 Documentary: Sacred Monuments of Asia 11:15 Khabar/The news 11:30 Closing

EKUSHEY TV
2:05 Ajker Potrikay 2:40 Drishti 3:00 Ekushey News Headlines 3:05 Drama Series: Shod 3:30 Bhalobasha Kare Koy 4:00 Mon Mon Re Amar 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 5:00 Religious Musical Program 5:30 Drishti 5:50 Ajker Potrikay 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 Classic Cartoons 6:30 Charidike 7:00 Close up E-Zone 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00

Drama: Mon Moyuri Bashona 9:30 To be Confirmed 10:00 BTB News 10:20 Noorjahan 11:15 Ekushey Late Night News 11:30 E Shoptaher Bishsho 11:45 Ekushey News Headlines

ALPHA BANGLA TV

6:30 Alaap 7:00 Griha Sajja 7:30 News/Arghya 8:00

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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 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 12:00 BBC News 12:30 World Business Report 12:45 World Sport 1:00 BBC News 1:30 HARDtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Top Gear 3:00 BBC News 3:30 World Business Report 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Asia Business Report/World Business Report 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Asia Business Report/Asia Today

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

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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 Q&A (replay) 12:00 World News 12:30 World Report 1:00 World News 1:30 World Sport 2:00 World News 2:30 World News 2:30 Naturequest 7:00 Jaws & Claws II 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Untamed Amazonia 9:30 Beyond 2000 10:00 Discovery News 10:30 Wings 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Untamed Amazonia 2:30 Beyond 2000 3:00 Discovery News 3:30 Wings 4:30 Discovery Profile Series 5:30 Discover Magazine

HBO
7:00 Honkytonk Man 9:30 Christmas on Division Street 11:30 Sphere 2:00 Rescuers: Stories of Courage Two Women 4:15 The Right Stuff 8:15 Dream For An Insomniac 10:00 Trapped 12:00 The American President 2:15 Honkytonk Man 4:45 Dream For An Insomniac

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
6:30 Go For It! 7:30 Ushuaia 8:30 Lonely Planet IV 9:30 Animal Survivors 10:00 Eye-

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



Drama Maan Mayuri on Ekushey TV at 8 pm. A romantic triangle directed by celebrated TV star Afzal Hossain. Starring Afzal Hossain, Shami Kaiser, and Tawkir Ahmad.