

Event

# On attaining prominence

## Accolades to Devdas Chakrabarti

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DEVIDAS Chakrabarti is a well-known figure in the country's art arena. He is regarded as one of the giants of Bangladesh's art. His work reflects his attitude towards life. Devdas paints slowly but he is steady. Though the volume of his work is not much, Devdas' devotion and insight



The artist: Devdas Chakrabarti.

into human life have earned him public admiration and recognition. His works reflect his own experiences and his inspiration is derived from the evolution of his life. Events and incidents of his own moved him and gave him an insight into the pains of life.

Devdas' use of multi-colour effect in his work represents different aspects of life's different dimensions. Strokes of red, blue, yellow, dark and ash establish a colour prominence in his work. Blue, having various implications, is quite prominent in his works.

Devdas Chakrabarti Sangbhadhana Parishad, in collaboration with Bengal Foundation, organised a reception ceremony to honour his eventful life and work.

An art-show by Devdas was also arranged on the occasion at the Bengal Shilpalay Gallery that ended on April 18.

The show presented Devdas' work done during 1996 and 1997. Except a few realistic drawings, all other were abstract work done in oil on canvas under different series.

Realistically sketched pieces on



life's different phases and inevitable realities in the name of jubilation, grief, gloom, dismay, dejection, disappointment and alienation that the man's life is made up of. Sometimes distorted images convey the message of modern man's aimless ad, hollowness and desertion.

It also portrays the marks of cruelty that poverty leaves on human beings.

Two series called 'Time and Space' and 'Time and Movement' consist of work poignantly pointing at sadness and separation; disillusionment and oblivion scratched on human life by the passage of ever-marching time.

Devdas' other piece on display titled 'Freedom Fighter' is kind of a tribute to the War of Independence in 1971. Done in oil on canvas, this work has a striking use of colours. The darkness at the bottom indicates the struggle for independence while the greenery that emerges at the top suggests birth of a new nation. The spread of red colour bordering the picture reminds one of the sacrifices that led to freedom. The colour red is prominent in the works of this artist.



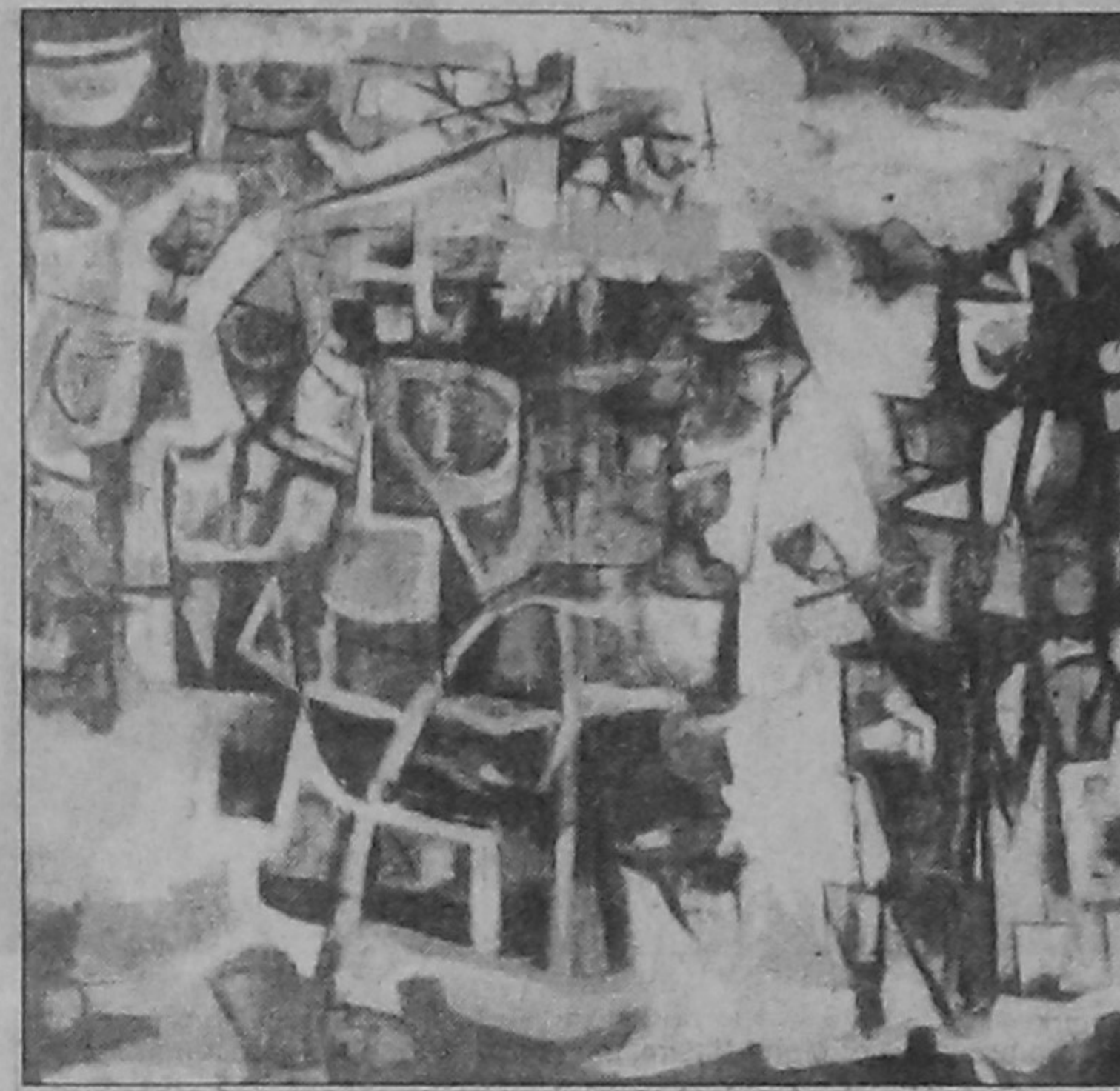
women revealed the artist's interest for the mystery and beauty that a woman's physique may represent, which altogether gives rise to a sense of aestheticism in the mind of an onlooker.

Another work titled 'Couple' portrays a union between a man and a woman which evidently points at the peacefulness of conjugal life. This reminds the viewer of the divinity human-beings seek man-woman relationships.

Devdas' abstract works seem to dominate in terms of number and eloquence, though sometimes they appear mere design, often become rhetoric and stir viewers' imagination and interpretation.

'Composition' is a series that contains assembly of different shapes and forms appearing in different colours signifying eloquent message of modern life.

Red, green, blue, yellow and dark are the different appearances of



After having been rusticated from Kolkata Art Institute, Devdas Chakrabarti came in contact with artist Sultan and Dhaka's other contemporary artist all of whom were of the same bohemian nature as himself. Devdas' experience as an expatriate, of the liberation war and untimely loss of his wife all has found a channel of outlet in his works. The consecutive sad incidents that marked his life left an impression in him that is quite observant in his paintings.

Devdas mainly began his semi-abstract works in the sixties. The use of colours in his work during this period was mediative and of an unearthly mood. Such subjects as cloud, rain, forest, bird, river, and even people found a form in abstraction. Yet his semi-abstract works, dominated by realistic shapes which under a shade of colours leave much to the imaginative mind.

RECOMMENDATIONS

GLOBAL



Art Show

'Mindscape'—4th solo painting exhibition by Syed Iqbal is now being held at the Bengal Shilpalay, Road # 27, House # 275/F, Dhanmondi. 'Mindscape' is a series of sensitive art work by the artist. The show will remain open to public from 12 noon to 8 p.m. everyday till May 4.



Art Show

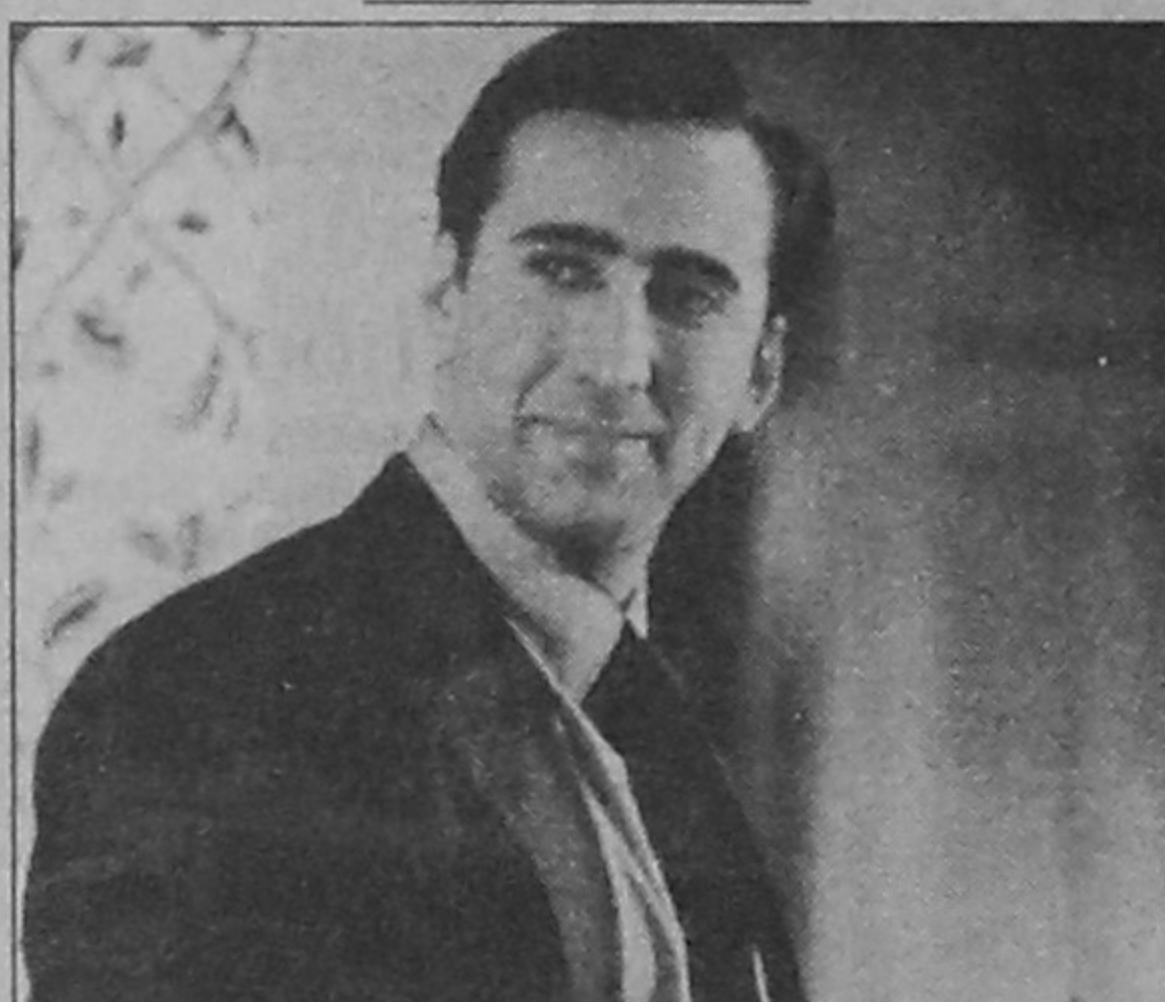
A solo exhibition of etchings by Mela Ferrer a Spanish artist is now being held at Shilparag, #15, Rd-16, Dhanmondi. The show will remain open to all till April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily.

Theatre

Centre for Asian Theatre presents the premiere of Puntler Itikatha (Henrik Ibsen's A Doll's House) at Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, on April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

## TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Guarding Tess on HBO at 9:30p.m. Oscar-winner Nicolas Cage (Doug Chesnic), a by-the-book secret service agent has just been given the toughest assignment of his career guarding Tess Carlisle (Shirley MacLaine), widow of former U.S. President. What results is a conflict that at first, hilarious, becomes a moving and unforgeable friendship between two unlikely people.

**BTV**  
3:00 Opening Announcement  
3:20 Open University 3:45 Shukhi Porbar: Programme on population 4:00 Khabar 4:05 Animation Film: Jim Hanson's Animal Show 4:30 Pushitathya 4:45 Notun Juger Bhore: Programme with talented students 5:10 Shashthalithya: Health care programme for mother and children 5:25 National Television Debate 6:00 Khabar 6:10 Taruchaya: Folk songs 6:35 Programme from Chittagong station 7:00 News Headlines 7:05 Mati O'Manush: Agricultural development programme 7:30 Iyashar Pata Theke: Remembrance of the Liberation War 8:00 News in Bengali 8:30 Drama Serial: Mosto Boro Kando (Episode 1) 9:00 News Headlines 9:05 Drama Serial: Nilanjana 9:30 Series: Team Knight Rider 10:00 Chayachanda 10:30 News in English 10:55 Abohoman Bangla 11:30 Khabar / The News 11:45 Closing

Asrom 2:40 Bangla Cinema: Vul Bichar (Faruq/Rozina) 6:00 Reciting from Holy Quran 6:10 Addar Table 6:40 Manchholoke... 7:15 Drama: Sagar... 8:30 I Tele Quiz 8:40 Ghar Gheroshali 9:15 Job Line 10:00 Amar Chobi 10:40 Bangla Cinema: Rokter Badla (Jasim/Anju)

**BBC WORLD**  
6:00 BBC News 6:30 Holiday 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Eur Dir. USA Dir. Sci World, Aus Dir 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Correspondent 9:00 BBC News 9:30 This Week 10:00 BBC News 10:30 IT: India Tomorrow 11:00 BBC News 11:30 India Business Report 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Wheels Hospital 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Face To Face 2:00 BBC News 2:30 This Week 3:00 BBC News 3:30 ICE Mummies (14-15) Hillary's Ny (16) Ray Mears (17-19) The Big Chill (20) Killer Bugs (21) Face/Leoprosy (22), Earth Story (23-26) 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Click Online 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Eur. Dir. USA Dir. Sci World, Aus Dir 6:00 BBC News 6:30 QED 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Top Gear 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Dateline London 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Dancing in the Street 10:00 BBC News 10:30 India Business Report 11:00 BBC News 11:30 ICE Mummies 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Eur Dir. USA Dir. Sci World, Aus Dir 1:00 BBC News 1:30 QED 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Top Gear 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Dateline London 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Asia Business Report/Reporters 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Asia Business Report/Asia Today

Doyle's The Lost World 10:00 Ally McBeal 11:00 The Practice 12:00 Martial Law 1:00 World Championship Wrestling Thunder 3:00 Crown and Country 3:30 Travel Asia 4:00 Baywatch 5:00 The Simpsons 5:30 3rd Rock From the Sun 6:00 Star News Focus Asia 7:00 The X Files 8:00 Star Trek The Next Generation 9:00 TV Com 9:30 Star News Sunday 10:00 Star News Sunday 10:30 The X Files 11:30 Star Trek The Next Generation 12:30 Cops 1:00 Star News Focus Asia 2:00 The X Files 3:00 Crefo Dollar Daily 3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries 4:00 Life In The World With Joyce Meyer 4:30 World News 5:00 Fashion TV 5:30 Mork & Mindy 6:00 Murder Call

**STAR PLUS**  
6:00 Kuchha Papad Pucca Papad 6:30 Star Geetmala 7:30 Good Morning India 8:30 The Sword of Tipu Sultan 9:30 Fox Kids Sunday 10:30 Janata Ki Adalat 11:00 Chupa Rustum 11:30 Chali Ka Naam Anilashri 12:30 Family Fortunes 1:00 Musaffir Hoon Yaron 1:30 Mirch Masala 2:00 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu 2:30 Mail Milap 2:40 Star Sunday Matinee: 6:00 Shrimat Sharma Na Kahi Thi 6:30 Jubilee Plus 7:00 Star Bestsellers 8:00 Star Film Utsav: 11:30 Jubilee Plus 12:00 Janata Ki Adalat 12:30 Kalash 1:00 Pari 1:30 Star Movie Show: Amaan (Raj Babbar, Ranjita & Deepak Parashar) 4:30 I Love My India 5:00 Shanti 5:30 Hit Ya Fit

**STAR GOLD**  
8:30 Jubilee Plus 9:00 Naqab (Rishi Kapoor, Farha) 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Sunday Noon Show Massey Saheb (Raghavi Yadav) 3:00 Geet Bahar 4:00 Madhumati (Dilip Kumar, Vyjayantimala) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Sunday Blockbusters: Uttar Dakshin (Jackie Shroff, Madhuri Dixit) 10:30 Beete Hue Din 11:00 Anand Ashram (Uttam Kumar, Sharmila Tagore) 12:30 Anand Ashram (Contd.) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Naqab (Rishi Kapoor, Farha) 5:30 Anand Ashram (Uttam Kumar, Sharmila Tagore)

**HBO**  
7:00 Airport 1975 9:15 Zero Effect 11:45 Blankm 1:45 Heaven's Burning 3:45 Talent For The Game 5:45 The Amazing Panda Adventure 7:30 Steel 9:30 Guarding Tess 11:30 The Natural 2:15 Ms. 45 4:00 Zero Effect

**DISCOVERY CHANNEL**  
6:30 Untamed Australia 7:30 High Adventure 8:00 High Adventure 8:30 Wings 9:30 Going wild with Jeff Corwin 10:00 Buck Staghorn's Animal Bites 10:30 Popular Mechanics for Kids IV 11:00 Let's Dance & Eat 11:30 Real Kids: Real Adventures 12:00 I Love My Music, My House and My Animal 12:30 Journeys 6:30 Wings 7:30 Medical Mysteries

**AXN**  
6:30 You're Under Arrest/You're Under Arrest 7:30 VIP/1/1/Hard Val's Night 8:30 I Dare You 9:30 Battledome 10:30 You're Under Arrest/You're Under Arrest 11:30 Action Heroes 12:30 Planet Ex/World Extreme Games 1:30 Survivor II 3:30 Movie: Bitter Harvest 5:30 You're Under Arrest/You're Under Arrest 6:30 Battledome 7:30 Action Heroes/Action Heroes 8:30 Survivor II 10:30 Movie: Atomic Train P11 12:30 Planet Ex II 1:30 Movie: Atomic Train P11 3:30 Farscape II/The Locket 4:30 Wheels of Justice/There's Something About Marvin 5:30 Battledome

**ZEE CINEMA**  
9:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme 9:15 Weekend Cinema 9:45 Movie Fare 10:00 Shreeman Ashu Feature Film 1:00 Bollywood Top 5 1:15 Madhyantar 1:30 Judai Feature Film 5:00 Darpan 5:15 Top Of The Tops 5:45 Film Time 6:00 Hum Tum Pe Marte hai-Feature Film 9:45 Bollywood Top 5 10:00 Event 2:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme 2:30 Jhoola- Feature Film 5:30 Chhrehn 5:45 Film Time 6:00 Patton Ki Baazi- Feature Film

**ZEE MGM**  
6:00 Total Recall 6:30 Four Friends 8:30 Original Sound Track 9:00 Blame It On Rio 11:00 Hollywood Remembers 11:30 Rebecca's Daughter 1:30 Hollywood Remembers 2:00 The Joshua's Tree 4:00 Total Recall 4:30 The Great Train Robbery 6:30 Hollywood Remembers 7:00 Four Friends 9:00 Hollywood Remembers 9:30 Blame It On Rio 11:30 Rebecca's Daughter 1:30 The Joshua's Tree 3:30 Original Sound Track 4:00 The Great Train Robbery

**ZEE MUSIC**  
6:00 Zee Music Com 7:00 Aalap 7:30 Tarun 8:30 Hit Pe Hit 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Arisr Of The Fortnight 11:30 Zee Music Box 12:00 Dial M 1:00 Hit Pe Hit 2:00 Jharokha 2:35 Blue 3:05 Tarun 4:00 Hit Pe Hit 5:00 Zee Music Box 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 DJ Se 6:30 Zee Music Live/Best of the Best 7:30 Hit Pe Hit 8:30 Fillers 9:00 Compact Disc 9:30 Zee Music Box 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha 11:00 Zee

**ALPHA BANGLA**  
6:30 Dabaddho 7:00 Anand Vilas 7:10 Arghya 7:30 News in Bengali 8:00 Surer E Jharnadharee 8:30 Jonbar Dorebar 9:00 News Bulletin 9:05 Bharat Bhraman 9:30 Swami Vivekananda 10:30 Apna Der Janya 11:00 Talk Jhaal Misti 11:30 Netaji Subhash Chandra 12:00 Bidishni Bodhu 12:30 Bhalobasa Mondobasa 1:00 Ranna Ghar 1:30 Bhowanipurer Chattujera 2:00 Jemon Boleben Sir 2:30 Uttar Phalguni- Feature Film 5:00 Khelar Dunye 5:30 Anand Vilas 6:00 Alpha Khabor 6:25 Jhankar 6:30 Mojar Khela Kobitae 7:00 Wah Kee Daroon Driyaha 7:25 Jhankar 7:30 Googly 7:55 Jhankar 8:00 Alpha Bangla Rangmanch Utsav 10:00 News Bulletin 10:05 Iskabore: Bibi 10:25 Ek Palake 10:40 Anya Bhuvan/Prapto Baeskodeer Janye 11:10 Ek Palake 11:25 Alpha Khabor 11:40 Ek Palake 11:45 Sat Rang 12:15 Wah Ki Darun Driyaha 12:25 Ek Palake 12:30 Sur Taal 1:00 Bharat Bhromon 1:30 Bengali Feature Film 4:00 Ek Akashar Niche 4:30 Nayantara 5:00 Ingi 5:30 Foot Ball 6:00 Apna Der Janya

**EKUSHEY TV**  
12:00 Ekushey Midday 12:30 Drama Serial: Jhor Brishtir Neer 1:00 Drishti 3:00 Test Cricket: Bangladesh vs Zimbabwe 1st Test (4 Day) 7:30 Ekushey News 9:00 White Plus Jana Ojana 9:30 Mega Serial: Noorjahan 10:30 News: Simulcast from BTV 11:00 Ekushey Nightly News

**CHANNEL-i**  
6:15 Nilanjana 7:00 Drama Serial: Durbin 7:40 Music Horizon 8:00 Din Prodin 8:25 Anondo Asrom 10:40 Sur Sandha 11:15 Nilanjana 12:00 Drama Serial: Durbin 12:40 Music Horizon: 1:35 Anondo

**STAR WORLD**  
7:00 Nash Bridges 8:00 The Pretender 9:00 Sir Arthur Conan

**STAR MOVIES**  
6:30 Thriller: Arachnophobia 8:15 Comedy: Bom Yesterday 10:15 Action: Ice Breaker 12:00 Thriller: Mind Rage 1:45 Com-

**ESPN**  
6:00 In The Driver's Seat In The Driver's Seat-Atpa Tractors Ft. Wayne, IN USA 6:30 Sportscenter: International Edition 7:00 American Muscle 2001 7:30 English Premier Football League 9:30 Italian Serie A Football Italian Serie A 2000/2001 11:30 Cricket Classics Boycott's Best England

**STAR SPORT**  
8:00 Nba Inside Stuff 2000/01 Nba Inside Stuff 8:30 Asa Football Show 9:00 Windsurfing Adecco Asian Windsurfing Tour 2001 Birtan, Indonesia Highlights 10:30 Sports Unlimited 11:30 Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports 12:00 Asia Sport Show 12:30

**ZEE ENGLISH**  
6:30 Benny Hill Show 7:00 Too Close For Comfort 7:30 Music Zone 8:00 Late Show With

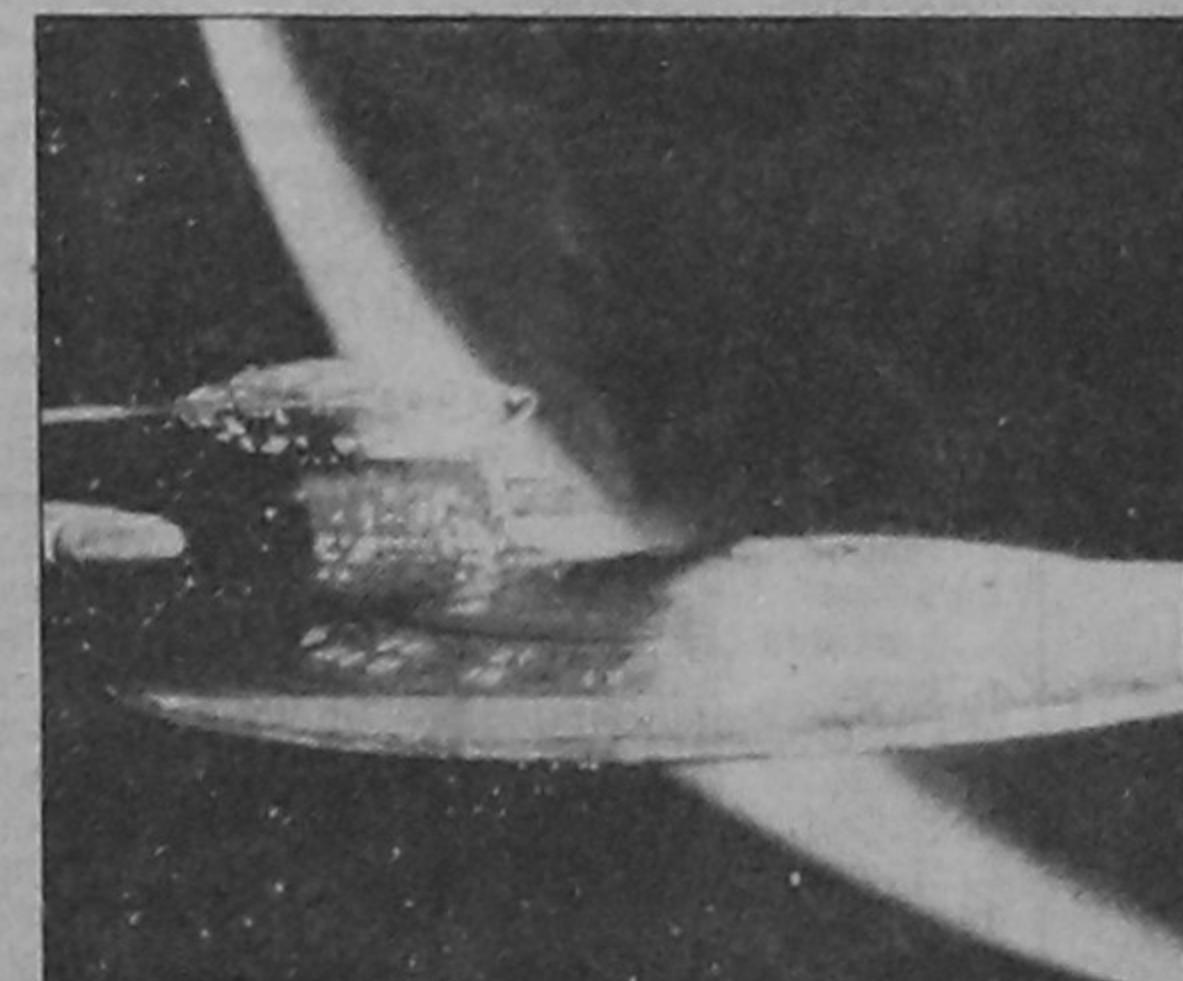
**ZEE TV**  
6:15 Yaadon Ke Pal 6:45 Old Is Gold 7:00 Bhakti: Geet 7:30 Amrit Kalash 8:00 Ganesha 8:30 Nickelodeon 9:30 Ja Ganesha 10:30 Vishnu Pura 11:30 Whirl Pool Mera Magic Mera Home 12:00 Zee Talkies 12:30 Quiz Contest 1:00

**HALLMARK TV**  
12:00 Hamlet 2:00 Helmet 4:15 Danger Bay 5:00 Mopatop's Shop II 5:30 Shazam 6:00 The Cat In The Hat's Indoor Picnic 6:30 Space Sentinels 7:00 Clifford 7:30 Construction Site III Mine all Mine 7:43 Construction Site II/Crane Of The Year 8:00 Wishbone/Digging Up The Past 8:30 Bravestarr/Tunnel Of Terror 9:00 Secret World of Alex Mack: The III/Trangle 9:30 Archie and Sabrina Surprise Package 10:00 New Adventures of the Lone Ranger, The Memory Trap 10:30 House of Shokottet 11:00 Big Bird In Japan 12:30 The Song Spinner 2:30 Danger Bay 3:15 Danger Bay 4:00 Sea Change 5:30 Survival On The Mountain 7:30 The Runaway 9:30 Hiroshima 11:45 Hiroshima

**SAT MAX**  
7:30 Mini Movies: Shree Ganesh 8:30 Harmony 9:30 Shree Ganesh Mahima Ka Viva 12:30 Hotlist 1:00 Sunday Matinee: Kal Ki Awaaz 4:30 Harmony 5:30 Appu Raja 9:30 Mera Movie N 2:30 Kal Ki Awaaz 5:00 Insaaf Ka Khoon



Test Cricket: Bangladesh vs Zimbabwe 1st Test (Day 4) on Ekushey television at 3:00p.m.



Star Trek - The Next Generation on Star World at 11:30p.m.



The X Files on Star World at 10:30p.m.



Baywatch on Star World at 4:00p.m.