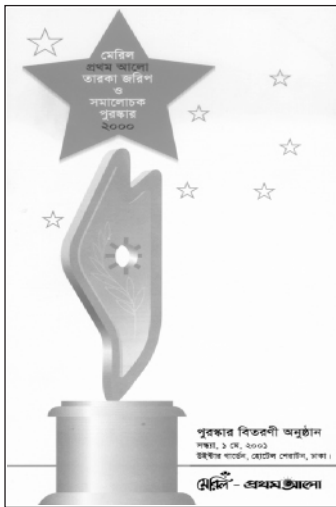


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# A night of the kings and queens of the hearts

The Meril-Prothom Alo Star Survey Awards 2000 ceremony held at Hotel Sheraton crowns people's choice of the most popular cultural performers of the year



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It was an evening of triumph for many veterans at the **Meril-Prothom Alo Star Survey Awards 2000** ceremony held on Tuesday evening in the city. Cheers marked the evening as some of the winners of the awards proved their unquestioned popularity among there fans by topping the list for the third consecutive year.

It was the also third such presentation of the popular awards for the cultural arena introduced by the daily in association with SquareToiletries limited.

By the time the last of the guests arrived at the Winter Garden of Hotel Sheraton there was hardly enough place left to seat them, and the programme, had began, as promised, on time.

Editor of the daily Motiur Rahman, welcomed the guests and thanked everyone of the newspaper's readers who had filled in the coupons to vote for their choice of the years most popular stars. The final winners were decided by a board of jury from amidst the three finalists.

Next came on stage Anjan Chowdhury of Square Toiletries Limited. He welcomed all the guests and said that his house, one of the oldest business associations in the country, was proud to be part of this unique award ceremony decided through the votes of the people, as it



Manna receiving the Best Cinema Actor Award from Kabari Sarwar

was always eager to help the development of the cultural field in the country.

Popular TV actor and renowned advertisement maker Afzal Hossain, who has gained a new popularity with his old fans as a compere of different shows in recent years was here once again to present the popular awards to the winners. He opened the show with the introduction of a pantomime group from Chittagong Natuwa

Nirbak Shampraday which presented an enchanting piece to the back ground of eleconic beats.

Afzal then called on renowned singer and Nazrul Geeti exponent Nilufar Yasmin to hand over the Best Singer Award (Male). The first winner of the evening was thus popular singer Andrew Kishore in recent years has regained his popularity among the masses after years of self-exile from music. The Best Singer Award (Female) went to



Best Model (female) Mou enchants the audience with a dance erformance



Shabnoor won the Best Cinema Actress Award

Konokchampa.

Before the announcement of awards for best models, Afzal Hossain, himself the maker of many popular TV advertisements, reminded everyone of the contribution of everyone -- working behind the scene in the making of an advertisement -- that went to make an advertisement popular, and suggested that a category be also opened for their recognition as well. Dance exponent and cultural activist Laila Hasan stood up to add that the dance artists were also being deprived from an honour in this case.

Model Nobel won the award for best male model followed by Sadia Islam Mou who won the award for Best Female Model for the third consecutive year running. This was the just beginning of the veteran winners of the Meril-Prothom Alo title because the next award for Best TV Magazine Programme was won, very predictably, by Hanif Shonket for his unbeatable presentation of *Ittaydi*. Hanif Shonket also bagged the award in the last two years that it was given out.

The Best Band Award went to LRB, which also won the title for the third year running.

Before the Awards for the Best Cinema Actor and Actress came a very delightful break in the form of the presentation of the popular film song *"Shob Shokhiray par koritay...."* from the hit film *Sujan*-



Ayub Bacchu receiving the Award for LRB for Best Band group



Syed Abdul Hadi handing over the Best Singer Award to Konokchampa

shortlisted for the award) and asked her for her reactions instead. This set the audience roaring with laughter but a much amused Bipasha very elegantly said that she was delighted that Shomi had won the award who must have deserved it more as the people's voting had decided.

The Critics awards went to Mostafa Sarwar Faruki (best TV director), Masum Reza (best TV dramatist), Masun Aziz ( best TV actor) and Tarana Halim (best TV actress)

The evening was not only delightful because as Afzal Hossain kept on reminding everyone through the show that they had tried

to do something different for the night but also because of the very disciplined audience. May of whom had also remembered to keep their mobile phones turned off during the programme.

Another relief was that the apprehension, that none really talked about, but weighed heavy on everyone's mind, of the recent incidents of attacks on cultural programmes, had come to nothing.

It was thus really a happy ending to return from the show with nothing but memories of a pleasant ceremony.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### Reception

Breenta, a socio-cultural organisation, holds a discussion meeting and accords a reception to social worker Ershad Begum Chowdhury today at Bhaskor Novera Hall of the National Museum at 5:30 p.m. Justice Habibur Rahman is due as the chief guest.

### Architecture in Dhaka

A seminar on the future of Dhaka city titled 'Architecture in Dhaka - Transforming the City' will be held at the Goethe Institut (German Cultural Centre) on May 5. Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Morning session), 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Architects, planners and people from other disciplines will critically examine the current architectural and planning scenario of Dhaka and put forward recommendations.

### 13th National Convention

The 13th National Convention of Bangladesh Uddichi Shilpi Goshthi will be held on May 4 & 5 at the Dhaka Mohanagar Natyamancha. This includes cultural programmes daily at 7:00 p.m.

### Satyajit Ray Retrospective

Satyajit Ray Retrospective organised by Zahir Raihan Film Society is now being held at the auditorium of the High Commission of India at Road No. 2, Dhanmondi. Screening schedule: Kanchanjanga (The Kanchenjunga) on May 5 at 3:30 p.m., Charulata (The Lonely Wife) on May 5 at 6:00 p.m., Nayak (The Hero) on May 6 at 3:30 p.m. and Aranyer Dintrati (Days and Nights in the Forest) on May 6 at 6:00 p.m.

### Art Show

"Mindscape"--4th solo painting exhibition by Syed Iqbal is now being held at the Bengal Shipilay, 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 7 instead of May 4.

## TV GUIDE

### PICK OF THE DAY



Godzilla on HBO at 10:00 tonight. The world's most infamous giant lizard is back leaving a trail of chaos and destruction on a riveting tail swiping journey to New York City. In a vain attempt to stop the lizard an alliance between an intrepid cameraman, a scientist and an insurance investigator is formed. They must stop him before he wipes out Manhattan and the world.  
Starring : Matthew Broderick, Hank Azaria, Jean Reno.

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2:15 Classic Cartoons  
2:40 E Shoptaher Bishsho  
3:00 Ekushey Headlines  
3:05 Bangla Film : Praner Priyotoma  
5:30 Gillette World Sports Special  
6:00 Ekushey Headlines  
6:05 WWF Smackdown  
7:00 Mukto Khobor  
7:30 Ekushey New  
8:00 Virgin Takdum Takdum  
8:30 Undecided Program  
9:00 Shukrobarer Natak: Oggyatobash  
10:00 Ekushey Test Special  
10:30 BTV News  
11:15 Ekushey Late Night News  
11:30 Ei Shoptaho  
11:45 Ekushey Headlines

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7:40 I Dream of Jennie  
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12:40 I Dream of Jennie  
1:15 House Ful  
2:00 Drama: Jubo Raj  
3:00 Bangla Cinema: Hirok Razar Deshe  
6:00 Reciting from Holy Quran  
6:10 Addar Table  
6:40 Silpo Khatha  
7:15 Khathi Khathai  
8:00 Look @ I  
8:30 I Tele Quiz  
8:40 Your Choice Ole Ole  
9:15 Pepsi Buet Live Concert  
10:00 Drama Serial: Kajol Rekha  
11:00 Bangla Cinema: Sukher Sargo (Alamgir/Sabana)

### STAR GOLD

10:30 Woodland Bollywood News  
11:00 Geet Bahar  
11:30 Palki (Rajendra Kumar, Waheeda Rehman)  
3:00 Woodland Bollywood News  
3:30 Babul (Dilip Kumar, Nargis)  
7:00 Geet Bahar  
7:30 Shaadaar Shukrawaar  
Geet Gaaya Patharonn (Jeetendra, Rajashree)  
11:00 Woodland Bollywood News  
12:00 Sasural (Rajendra Kumar, B. Saroja Dev)  
12:30 Sasural (Contd)  
3:00 Geet Bahar  
3:30 Shakuntala (Jayshree, Chandramohan)

### 7:00 Hum Tum Aur Who (Vinod Khanna, Bharati)

### STAR WORLD

6:00 Murder Call  
7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show  
8:00 Home Improvement  
8:30 Happy Days  
9:00 Walker Texas Ranger  
10:00 Martial Law  
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show  
12:00 The Drew Carey Show  
12:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?  
1:00 Media TV  
1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful  
2:00 Mork & Mindy  
2:30 Happy Days  
3:00 Baywatch  
4:00 The Simpsons  
4:30 Home Improvement  
5:00 STAR News Asia  
5:30 Friends  
6:00 World Championship Wrestling Worldwide  
6:55 STAR News Asia  
7:00 Nash Bridges  
8:00 Murder Call  
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11:00 Goodness Gracious Me  
11:30 Blackadder  
12:00 3rd Rock From the Sun  
12:30 French and Saunders  
1:30 Murder Call  
2:00 Nash Bridges  
3:00 Morris Cerullo  
3:30 Exalted Word  
4:00 Creflo Dollar, Changing Your World  
4:30 World News  
5:00 Outback Adventure  
6:00 The Adventures of Sinbad

### STAR PLUS

6:00 Sanskruti  
6:30 STAR Geetmala  
7:30 Kuccha Papad Pucca Papad  
8:00 Hit Ya Fit  
8:30 Good Morning India  
9:30 Star Morning Show: Abhi Abhi (Soorya, Rudaina Khan, Tanuja)  
12:30 Hit Ya Fit  
1:00 TSN  
1:30 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi  
2:00 Jubilee Plus  
2:30 Star Bestseller - Shuruvaat  
3:00 Meri Saheli  
4:00 Meri Saheli  
4:30 Kalash  
5:00 Hit Ya Fit  
5:30 Chhupa Rustom  
6:00 Small Wonder  
6:30 Fox Kids  
7:30 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu  
8:00 Siski  
8:30 Tu Tu Main Main  
9:00 Star Superhits- Bade Miyan Chhote Miyan (Amitabh Bachchan,

### Govinda, Raveena)

Aaj Ki Baat  
Bade Miyan Chhote Miyan (Contd.)  
Ek Main Aur Ek Tu  
Chalti Ka Naam Antakshri  
Janata Ki Adalat  
Chhupa Rustom  
Shrimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi  
Kalash  
I Love My India  
Janata Ki Adalat  
Siski  
STAR Bestsellers

### HBO

6:30 The Stepdaughter  
8:15 Jerry Maguire  
8:30 Cannonball Run II  
1:30 Rapture  
3:30 The Exorcist  
6:00 Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot  
7:45 Biloxi Blues  
10:00 Godzilla  
12:45 The \$Treet 2 : Propheting On Losses  
1:45 Event Horizon  
3:45 Jerry Maguire

### BBC WORLD

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6:30 World Business Report  
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7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report  
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10:30 Click Online  
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8:30 Life ex Panorama  
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9:30 Asia Today  
10:00 BBC News  
10:30 Question Time India  
11:30 World Business Report  
12:45 World Sport  
1:00 BBC News  
1:30 PHYS WRLD

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6:30 Grander  
Musashi/Starship Troopers  
Shin hakkenden/ Samurai X  
7:30 Shin hakkenden/ Samurai X  
8:30 Nightman II/Revelations  
9:30 Core Culture  
10:30 Grander  
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Shin hakkenden/ Samurai X  
12:30 The Net/Y2K Total System/Failure  
1:30 Core Culture  
2:30 Beastmaster II/(tbc)  
3:30 Movie: Twilight Zone/Rod Serling's Lost Classics  
5:30 Who Dares Wins/Grander  
Musashi  
6:30 Starship Troopers/EI. Hazard : the Alternative World #1  
7:30 Samurai X/World Extreme Games  
8:30 Planet Ex II/Planet Ex II  
9:30 18 Wheels Of Justice/Sleeping Dragons  
10:30 Survivor II  
11:30 Premiere Movie: Perfect Prey  
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### ZEE MGM

6:30 Where The River Runs

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### ZEE MUSIC

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7:00 Aalap  
7:30 Tararun  
8:30 Hit Pe Hit  
10:30 Hit Mix  
11:30 Zee Music Box  
12:00 Zee Music Plus  
1:00 Hit Pe Hit  
2:00 Jharokha  
2:35 Pyar Mohabbat Etc  
3:05 Tararun  
4:00 Hit Pe Hit  
5:00 Zee Music Box  
5:30 Hit Mix  
6:00 Artist Of The Fortnight  
6:30 Zee Music Plus  
7:30 Hit Pe Hit  
8:30 Dial M  
9:30 Zee Music Box/First Take  
10:00 Sizzlers  
10:30 Jharokha  
11:05 Compact Disc  
11:35 Phoren Maal  
12:35 Shabab  
1:05 Zee Music Box  
1:30 Jharokha  
2:00 Hit Pe Hit  
3:00 Dil Se  
3:30 Tararun  
4:30 Phoren Maal  
5:30 Sizzlers

### ALPHA TV

6:30 Aatpake Bandha  
7:00 Jeebon Rekha  
7:30 News Bulletin  
8:00 Aalaap  
9:00 News Bulletin  
9:05 Bharat Bhraman  
9:30 Ki Likhi Tomai  
10:00 Surjomukhi  
10:30 Mon Niye

Friday drama Augyatobash on Ekushey TV at 9:00 p.m.