

Exhibition

Deadly; yet the show must go on

Photography exhibition 'Circus Life' by Indian photographer Saibal Das starts

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STRIKING lights, beam-
ing from every corner of
the arena, reflecting on
the dazzling skin-huggers
flashes before the eyes of the
viewers at the circus. Their
mesmerising feats on trapeze
gradually give rise the tension
among the thrilled audience.
Their supple bodies float, swirl
and swing in the air with the
music reaching to its climax; and
then applause adore them. Meet
the 'Circus Woman' the indis-
pensable part of the 'Circus Life'.



Saibal Das

An exhibition titled 'Circus Life' by reputed Indian photogra-
pher Saibal Das started on
September 20 at the High Com-
mission of India Cultural Centre
(754, Satmasjid Road,
Dhanmondi, Dhaka). Renowned photographer Dr.
Noazesh Ahmed inaugurated
the exhibition as chief guest
while Mani Lal Tripathi, High
Commissioner of India in Ban-



gladesh was also present as
guest of honour. Born in 1960,
Saibal Das is a photojournalist
working with India Today.

Chobi Mela, the first festival of
photography on Asia, held dur-
ing the end of last year and
earlier this year had a number of
exhibitions by Indian photogra-
phers in its long list. One of them
was 'Circus Woman' by Saibal
Das, which started on Decem-
ber 17, 2000 and took the view-

ers through the unknown world
of a group of women with a very
risky profession - Circus.

The risk factors involved in
the Indian local circus scenario
are major. It's almost similar to
that of Bangladesh. Lack of
proper safety measures can re-
sult in serious damages. For
those who work there, it is just
walking on a tightrope, in a fine
balance between life and death.

Photographer Saibal Das
glanced beyond the glamour of
the shows and picked up the
glimpses of their joy as well as
misery, their agony and amuse-
ment entwined in their everyday
life. These on-display self-
explanatory photographs
revealed many aspects of those
who work in this field.

After completing a breathtak-
ing performance they are
adored by the audience. They
bow, not so much to receive the
praises from the thundered
watchers, but possibly unto the
Almighty, for having yet another
successful completion of nerve-
wrecking performance. Sunil
tracked along these nomads
right from their rigorous training
days to the deathbed where they
wait for a final rest, and captured
them in his camera.

Working for the circus and
being a vagabond is almost the
same thing. Travelling through-
out the country, the circus girls
perform in different places. One
photo shows such a lonely
circus woman sitting with all her
belongings in a huge circus
arena, where she must have
given a breathtaking perform-
ance the previous night. But
now it is time to hit the road and
go to a new place.

At the same time, some of the
circus women are also mothers
and have to raise their children.
Sunil has many shots of these
mothers. In one of photos, a
baby is sleeping in a hanging



sari of the mother, while the
mother sits beside and looks
after during her time off. Another
picture shows a mother, having
fun with her child.

Maybe the worst part about
being a circus girl is when any
fatality jolts them if a single
move of indiscretion, a momen-
tary lack of synchronisation
leads to a crash. If one survives
such accident, she has to live in
exile from the haloes of the
arena, in her hell of disability.

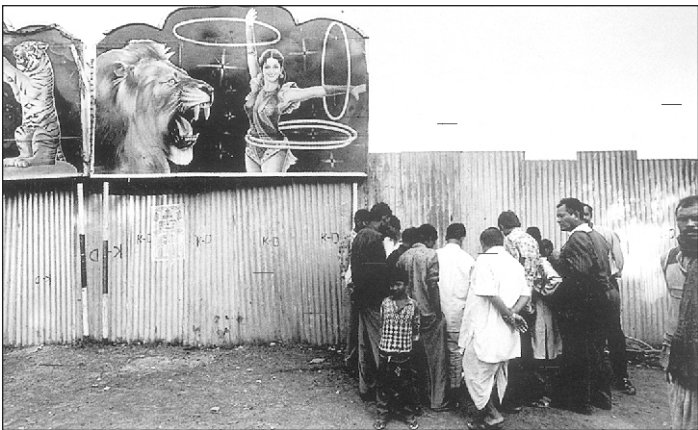
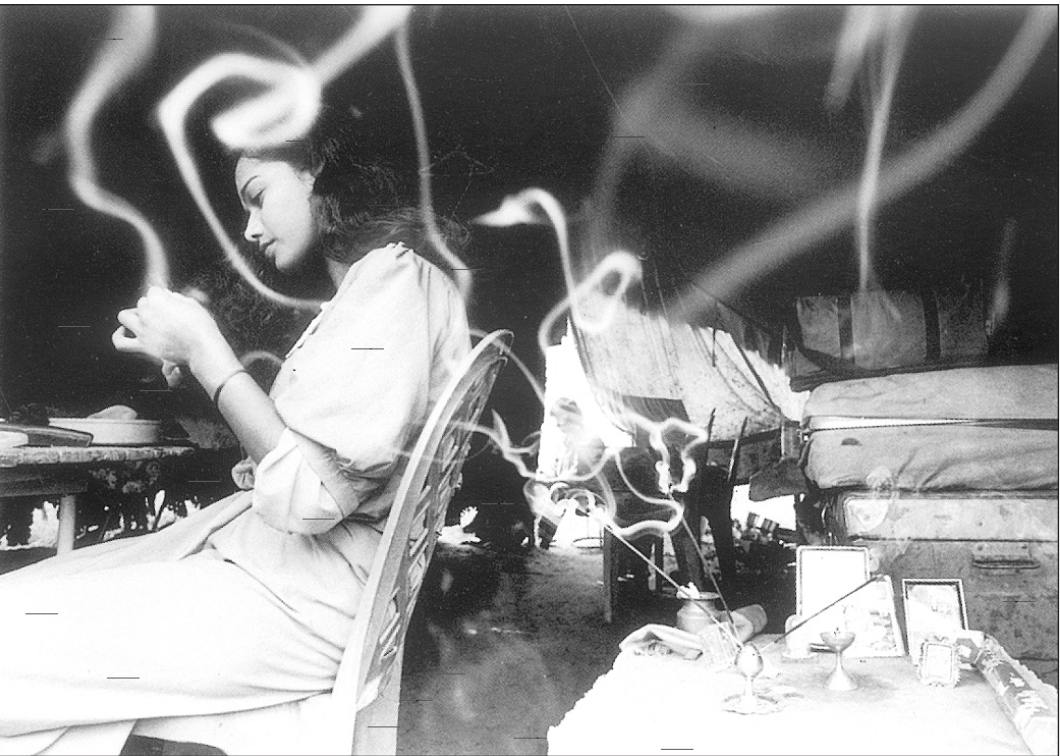
Sunil has also pictured some
victims of such mishaps. Where
some lie in pain, all alone, no
one to look after, some are
seriously injured surrounded by
her circus mates who are in
deep shock and are praying for
their friend. Actually what drives
them to get exposed to such a
risk of an uncertain and dark
future and to overcome the fear
of feeling the paws and nails of a
lion poised over their shoulders,
is nothing but hunger. This pre-

cisely compels some of the
finest acrobats in India to per-
form in the ring for only a meagre
sum.

Saibal also pictured the circus
girls while they were practising
and performing some authentic
aerobic skills. One of these
photos shows a lioness standing
on a tool keeping her paws on
the shoulders of a woman. An-
other one shows three men
standing on a little girl. Saibal
also took a couple of photo-
graphs while these circus girls
were practising, putting on
makeup and getting ready for
the big show.

All in all, in this extraordinary
exhibition Saibal Das tried to
capture the lives of the circus
girls behind the curtain, who are
living their lives on the edge and
Saibal was able to do it very
successfully.

The exhibition will continue
everyday from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00
p.m. till September 27.



RECOMMENDATIONS



Photo-Exhibition : Germany 1945-1995.

Goethe Institute Dhaka holds a
photo exhibition titled 'Germany
1945-19195' (Deustschland seit
1945), featuring fifty years of
German history at House # 10,
Road # 9, Dhanmondi R/A. The
show runs from 2 to 8 p.m every
day, (except Fridays & Saturdays)
till September 30.

Solo exhibition

A solo painting exhibition by Ali
Akbar is being held at the Gallery 21
(765 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi,
Dhaka). The exhibition will remain
open to all everyday from 10:00 a.m
to 8:00 p.m. till September 30.



Sculpture show

The 3rd solo sculpture show by
Maynul Islam Paul is being held at
the La Galerie l' Alliance Francaise
de Dhaka. The exhibition will
remain open to all everyday from
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. till September
30.

Six Seasons

Shilparag Gallery at Dhanmondi
(House#15, Road# 27 old)
presents an exhibition on the theme
six seasons. Leading artists of the
country have captured in their
canvases the rich variety of our
seasons and their ambience. The
month-long show will continue till
October 14 everyday from 11 am to
8pm.

TV GUIDE

BTV

3:20 Open University
3:45 Shukhi Poribar
4:00 Khabar
4:05 Cartoon: Totally Tuned In
4:30 Pushtitathya
4:45 Amra Korbo Joy
5:10 Special on the National Day
of Saudi Arabia
5:25 National Television Debate
6:00 Khabar
6:10 Taruchaya
6:35 Programme from
Chittagong station
7:00 News Headlines
7:05 Mati O' Manush
7:25 Barta Probaha
8:00 News in Bengali
8:30 Drama: Ocheni Oitithi
9:00 News Headlines
9:30 Musical Programme
10:00 News in English
10:25 Kobi O' Kobita

EKUSHEY TV

12:00 Ekushey Midday
12:20 Bangla Film: Mir Jafor
2:40 Drishti
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Drama Serial: Oitithi Apon
3:30 Kena Kata
4:00 Surer Prodeeep
4:30 Expedition to the Animal
Kingdom
5:00 Drishti
5:20 Aiker Potrikay
5:30 Muktomoncho
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Muktomoncho
6:30 Deshjure
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Chat Show Ishpani Ek Cup
Cha
7:30 Ekushey News
7:58 Ek Minute
8:00 Nirbachon Songlap
8:30 Drama Serial: Falguner
Rater Andhare
10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV
10:30 Ekushey Business
11:00 Ekushey Nightly News
11:30 Nirbachon Songlap

ATN

9:20 Special prog: Saber
Hossain Chowdhury
9:55 Sagner Dhaka-Samriddo
Dhaka
10:35 Magazine prog: Isphani
Ayajone
11:05 Nirbachon-2001 "Prarther
Moukh"
11:15 Joy Banglar Banglar Joy
11:45 Bengali Film: Bodyguard
6:07 Anurodher Assor
6:45 Film prog.: Cine Songlap
7:20 Drama serial Uttaran
8:00 Nirbachon-2001 ATN
Banglar Mukhomukhi
8:35 Special prog: Saber
Hossain Chowdhury
9:10 BNP produced election
prog. Sabass Bangladesh
10:00 ATN Bangla News

STAR GOLD

10:30 Geet Bahar
11:00 Geet Bahar
11:30 Beete Hue Din
12:00 Rahein Na Rahein Hum
1:00 Sunday Noon Show:
Chalte Chalte (Simi
Garewal, Vishal)
3:30 Kaala Sona (Feroz
Khanna, Parveen Babi)
7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Sunday Blockbusters
Aitbar (Raj Babbar,
dimple Kapadia,
Suresh Oberoi)
11:00 Beete Hue Din
11:30 Barkha Bahar (Navin
Nischol, Rekha)
12:30 Barkha Bahar
(Contd....)
3:00 Geet Bahar
3:30 Raaz Ki Baat (Simi
Garewal, Sujit Kumar)
7:00 Aitbar (Raj Babbar,
Dimple Kapadia,
Suresh Oberoi)

HBO

7:00 Spiders
9:00 Dracula Dead and
Loving It
10:45 The War
1:15 Greedy
3:30 Rattled
5:15 My Best Friend's
Wedding
7:30 Kill The Conqueror
9:30 Primar Fear
12:00 Internal Affairs
2:15 Macarthur
4:45 Dracula Dead and
Loving It

STAR WORLD

6:00 JAG
7:00 Nash Bridges
8:00 The Pretender
9:00 Sir Arthur Conan
Doyle's The Lost World
10:00 Ally McBeal
11:00 The Practice
12:00 First Wave
1:00 Buffy The Vampire
Slayer
2:00 Angel
3:00 Crown and Country
Travel Asia
3:30 Baywatch Hawaii
5:00 The Simpsons
6:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
7:00 Star News Focus Asia
7:00 The X Files
8:00 Star Trek The Next
Generation
9:00 That '70s Shows
9:30 Star News Focus Asia
10:30 The X Files
11:30 Star Trek The Next
Generation
12:30 Star News Focus Asia
1:30 The X Files
2:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily
3:30 Kenneth Copeland
Ministries
4:00 Life In The Word With

STAR PLUS

6:00 Kuccha Papad Pucca
Papad
6:30 Star Geetmala
7:30 Aatma
8:30 Dharam Aur Hum
9:30 Jap Tap Vrat
10:30 Kaun Banega
Crorepati Junior
11:30 Chalti Ka Naam
Antakshri
12:30 Chhupa Rustam
1:00 Musafir Hoon Yaron
Mirch Masala
1:30 Barkha Bahar
(Contd....)
2:00 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu
Mail Milap
2:30 Star Sunday Matinee
Shrimati Sharma Na
Kehti Thi
6:30 Fox Kids Sunday
7:30 Son Pari
8:00 Jubilee Plus
9:00 Star Mast Movie :
Millenium Mast
(Salman Khan, Akshay
Kumar, Sushmita Sen)

DISCOVERY

12:00 Musafir Hoon Yaron
1:30 Kalash
2:00 Sonpari
2:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz
3:00 Jubilee Plus
3:30 Maal Hai To Taal Hai
4:00 Saahil
4:30 Sansaar
5:00 I Love My India
5:30 Hit Ya Fit

STAR MOVIES

6:45 Action: Rambo-3
8:45 Comedy: Pushing Tin
11:15 Sunday Best : Last
Dance
1:15 Comedy : Chapter Zero
3:15 Star Kids Club : D2:
The Mighty Ducks
5:30 Thriller: Amnesia
7:30 Action: Space Marnes
9:30 STARbiz
10:30 Sunday Box Office :
Heat
1:15 Drama: Last Dance
3:15 Action : Rambo-3
5:15 Comedy: Chapter Zero

CHANNEL [V]

7:30 [V] So Long Gone
8:30 [V] Best of Jumpstart
10:30 [V] Sunday Stack
[V] Colossal Chaos
Countdown
12:00 PO [V]
1:00 [V] Sunday Stack
1:30 [V] LFW
2:00 [V] Sunday Stack
3:30 [V] Karaoke
4:00 [V] Sunday Stack
5:30 [V] Weekend Spl
6:30 [V] Sunday Stack
7:00 [V] Colossal Chaos
Countdown

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



ESPN: 7, 9 a.m. & 7, 9 p.m. **English Premier League.** The season is in its early days but the theme is bound to be the same as in recent years can anyone stop Manchester United? Champions seven times in nine years, three times double winners and memorably the treble winners in 1999, United have been an unstoppable force.



STAR WORLD: 4:00 p.m. **Baywatch Hawaii.** Baywatch O'Hana: The team arrive at the cave in Maui overlooking the ocean. A tourist tells Sean that group of people maybe four or five are trapped inside the cave. Sean calls Jason for backup.



EKUSHEY: 9:00 p.m. **Phalguner Rater Aadhare.** Just-married Kaisul Karim is lecturer in Shatbari private college. His sister-in-law Sabina has come to visit them in a mafussli town. The newlywed couple and Sabina go to a local cinema one day. At the cinema one pervert Fazlu teases and abuses Sabina. Enraged cinema goers give Fazlu a good beating.

PICK OF THE DAY



Primal Fear

On HBO at 9:30 p.m.
A headline-grabbing lawyer gets the case of a
lifetime: an altar boy accused of brutally murdering
the Archbishop of Chicago. Richard Gere stars as
the attorney whose young client's confusion and
seeming innocence mask a deadly secret. Laura
Linney plays the prosecuting attorney, whose past
relationship with Gere complicates their courtroom
clash.

7:30 PO [V]
8:30 [V] Sunday Stack
9:30 [V] Weekend Spl
11:00 [V] Mainstage
[V] Billboard US Count-
down
3:00 [V] So Long Gone
4:00 [V] Hit Machine
DISCOVERY
6:30 Untamed Australia
7:30 Wild Asia
8:30 Wild Discovery
9:30 Real Kids, Real Adven-
tures
10:00 Bonehead Detectives
of the Paleoworld
10:30 Splati! IV
11:00 Mega Movie Magic II
12:30 Untamed Australia
12:30 Land of the Tiger
1:30 Saturday Night Fever
2:30 Health Showcase
3:30 Medical Mysteries
4:30 Lonely Planet V
5:30 Crime Night
6:30 Science Mysteries
7:30 Discovery Sunday
10:30 Powerzone
12:30 Oceans of Mystery
1:30 Discovery Sunday
4:30 Powerzone

ZEE TV

12:30 Bourmvita Quiz
Contest
1:00 Ateet
1:30 Dollar Bahu
2:00 Hip Hip Hurray
2:30 Zee & You
3:00 Hindi Feature Film
5:30 News
6:30 Yaadon Ke Pal
6:30 Aalap
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:20 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym
8:15 Guldasta
8:30 Nickelodeon On Zee

12:27 Intermission
ZEE NEWS
6:30 News In Hindi
10:00 Cyber Zee
11:00 Spl. Correspondent
12:00 Inside Story
12:30 News In Hindi
1:00 Zee Premier Show
4:00 Beyond Headlines
4:30 News In Hindi
5:00 Cyber Zee
5:30 News In Hindi
6:30 Sports News
7:00 Business News
7:30 News In Hindi
8:30 Sports News

7:00 Business News
7:30 News In Hindi
8:30 NR Eye's
9:00 Metro News
9:30 News At 9
10:00 News In Hindi
10:30 Encounter
11:00 News Round Up
11:30 Zee Premier Show
12:00 Sports News
ZED TV
10:30 Funda Kya Hai
11:00 Drishti
11:30 Cyber Chat
12:00 Business Quotient
12:30 Jadoo & His Magic Word

ball League English
Premier Football
League 2001/02 Leeds,
England Derby Country
@ Leeds United Afc
9:00 English Premier Foot-
ball League English
Premier Football
League 2001/02
English Premier
Football League
2001/02
11:00 Pakistan Cricket New
Zealand Tour Of Paki-
stan Lahore, Pakistan
New Zealand @ Paki-
stan 2nd Odi, Highlights
12:00 Cricket Programming
Super Selector October
Launch
1:30 Cart Cart Rockingham
500 Corby, England
4:00 Italian Serie A Football
Italian Serie A
2001/2002
6:00 Super Sunday Preview
7:00 English Premier Foot-

12:45 Jobs People Do-Hindi
1:00 Crt Rsr-IT & Corp
2:00 Kya Ap Jante Ho
2:30 Aa Gai Hindi
2:45 Little Einsteins
3:00 Paisa Vasool
3:30 Xpressions
4:00 Swayam
4:30 Parenting Ek Ehsaas
5:00 Off-beat Professionals
5:30 Echak Daana
6:00 Managing People
6:30 Crt Rsr-School & ECL
7:30 Footprints of Time
8:00 Right Click
8:30 World Games
9:30 Fashion Design
10:00 Zed TV Curtain Raisers
11:00 Net Riders
11:30 Corporate Warriors
12:00 Strictly Business

ZEE ENGLISH
10:30 Charlie Chaplin
11:00 Can't Hurry Love
11:30 Police Academy
12:30 Brand Champs
1:00 For Your Love
1:30 The Sopranos
2:30 Friends
3:00 La Femme Nikita
4:00 Mini Series
5:00 Veronica's Closet
5:30 Suddenly Susan
6:00 ER
7:00 Movie Stars
7:30 Amazing People
8:30 Jesse
9:00 Friends
9:30 Central Park West
10:30 Picture This
ZEE CINEMA
2:30 Tyaag

3:00 Sports India
3:30 Formula One Highlights
2001 Formula One
Highlights Monza, Italy
Italian Grand Prix
4:30 Fim World Motorcycle
C'Ship Motogp 2001
Com. Val. Ricardo
Tormo, Spain
7:00 South Africa Cricket
India V Zimbabwe 1997
Paarl, South Africa India
@ Zimbabwe 3rd Odi
12:00 Spanish Football
League 2001/02
Spanish Football
League
2:00 PGA Tour golf Marconi
Pennsylvania Classic
Ligonier, PA USA Third
Round
4:00 World Grand Prix
Badminton Brunei,
Brunei Finals Highlights
5:00 Fim World Motorcycle
C'Ship Motogp 2001
Com. Val. Ricardo

6:00 Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
10:00 Mere Sanam
1:30 Saagar
6:00 Jaan
10:00 Ab Aayga Mazaa
9:00 The Favor
11:30 Driving Me Crazy
2:00 Alice
4:30 China Moon
7:00 Johnny Be Good
9:30 The Favour
11:30 Driving Me Crazy
ZEE MUSIC
10:30 Hit Mix
11:00 Artist of the Fortnight
11:30 Zee Music Box
12:00 Dial M
1:00 Hit Pi Hit
2:00 Jharokha
2:35 Blue
3:05 Tara Rum
4:00 Hit Pe Hit
5:00 Zee Music Box
5:30 Hit Mix
6:00 Dil Se
6:30 E Music Live
7:30 Hit Pe Hit
8:30 Fillers
9:00 Ompect DI
9:30 Zee Music Box
10:00 Sizzlers
10:30 Jharokha

ALPHA TV BANGLA
10:30 Soni Robi Mojar Chobi
11:30 Ananda Nagarit
Kathokatha
12:00 Bides Shini Bodhu
12:30 Tritiyo Purush
1:00 Ranna Ghar
2:00 Goenda Paribar
2:30 Bangla Feature Film
Hit List
5:00 Anand Vilas
5:30 Disney
6:00 Alpha Khabor
6:25 Jhankar
6:30 Mojar Khela Kobitae
7:25 Jhankar
7:30 Googly
7:55 Jhankar
8:00 Alpha Bangla Telechobi
10:00 News Bulletin

SITI CINEMA
10:30 Duniya
3:30 Akayla
6:30 Sehra
9:30 Parwana
CNN
11:00 World News
11:30 Inside Africa
12:00 World News
12:30 World Sport
1:00 World News
1:30 Diplomatic License
2:00 World News
2:30 Business Unusual
3:00 Larry King Weekend
4:00 World News

4:30 World Sport
5:00 World News
5:30 CNN Hotspots
6:00 World News
6:30 ebiz Asia
7:00 Talk Asia
8:00 World News
8:30 World Beat
9:00 World News
9:30 Style South Asia
10:00 Science & Technology
Week
CARTOON NETWORK
10:30 Boomerang
11:30 Bugs & Daffy Show
12:00 Tom & Jerry Show
12:30 Vot-A-Toon
1:30 Heidi
2:30 Bugs Bunny Specials
3:00 Scooby's All Star Laff-a-
lympics
4:00 2 Stupid Dogs
4:30 The Popeye Show
5:30 Toon Tamasha
6:30 Sindbad
7:00 Batman of the Future
7:30 The Powerpuff Girls
8:00 Sheep in the Big City
8:30 Heidi
9:30 Cardcaptures
10:30 The Popeye Show
11:30 Tom & Jerry Show

MTV
11:00 Chito Chat
11:15 Non Stop Hits
12:30 MTV Hit Film Music
1:00 House Full
1:30 Non Stop Hits
4:00 MTV Bakra
4:15 Web Watch
4:30 MTV Ek Do Teen
5:30 MTV & Kenwood India
Hit List
6:30 Kya Bolti Tu
6:45 MTV Classics
7:30 MTV Gone Case
8:00 Non Stop Hits
8:30 MTV Bakra
8:45 Made In India
9:00 Non Stop Hits
9:30 MTV Hit Film Music

SONY
10:30 Good Morning Disney
11:30 Boogie Woogie
12:00 Family No 1
12:30 Hum Sub Ek Hain
1:00 Yeh Dunिया Hai Rangeen
1:30 Weekened Matinee
4:00 Star Yaar Kalakar
5:00 Boogie Woogie
5:30 Charbuster
6:00 Music Mantra
6:30 Disney Hour
7:30 The Poppadum Show
8:00 I Love You
8:30 Jeeto Chhappad Phad Ke
9:30 Khel
10:00 Hindi Feature Film