

Seminar

Identity redefined

A two-day seminar **Indigenous Arts: Traditions, Identity and Challenges**, organised as part of the 10th Asian Art Biennale, ends this evening at the National Museum auditorium

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A two-day Seminar titled **Indigenous Arts: Traditions, Identity and Challenges** started at the Poet Safia Kamal auditorium of National Museum in the city from yesterday. Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on the occasion of the 10th Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh 2001 has organized the special event.

Director-General of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Mustafa Zaman Abbasi, in the inaugural speech reiterated his firm notion on the importance of preserving indigenous cultural heritage worldwide. He further appealed for creating and upholding an atmosphere that could foster a culmination of cultural blending among the nations.

The opening session began at around 10:30 a.m., an hour or so late behind original schedule, as guests took their seats. Professor Syed Manzurul Islam presided over the morning affairs that revealed the keynote paper on indigenous art and related issues.



Keynote paper by Professor Masuda Chowdhury receives good response

The opening session presented a keynote paper on the seminar title prepared by Professor Masuda Rashid Chowdhury from whose viewpoint came out interesting conceptual aspects of the title theme.

'The importance of the seminar

lies in its topic, which is extremely necessary at this moment when we need to identify our roots, heritage and indigenous traditions', mentioned Masuda. She emphasized on the point of the preservation of indigenous art and try to stop any decay or destruction.



Sadeq Khan, Chairman of the opening session gives his reaction to the keynote paper

The paper made an attempt to explore the relationship of indigenous art with different traditional motives, objects and activities of the folk-based community. A careful insight by the author explained the issues of linkage between art and technology, tradition and modernity, myths and legends that are found in the traditional ideology of the native population of a country. The subject of indigenous art forms in folk painting, folk craft and religious or ritualistic art also came up through inscriptions on the paper.

'It is essential now to think of preservation and revitalisation of Indigenous Art, specially in Asia, Africa and the Pacific region where this art has remained for centuries. A main reason for this is because the forms of indigenous art are deeply rooted in the traditional skills, of mostly the rural people, based on local raw materials and environment, catering to taste. Indigenous art and craft are distinctive expressions of creativity and have high co-relationship with the genius of the individual artisan, his belief and his skills'.

A threat to the survival of indigenous art seemed to be the shrinkage in trade of craft items and hence, a lesser income for the artistes. Implementation of policy matters by

concerned regional bodies has now become a must, for the welfare of a global indigenous culture.

The challenges faced by the entity of indigenous art could be diverse in range and status. 'If we have to survive with our indigenous art even with all our internal and also foreign challenges, we have to undertake appropriate strategies for existence together with counter measures. It is true that however great we may become with our economic prosperity, we stand nowhere without cultural identity and heritage. Yet in this 21st century worlds it is necessary to keep a balance of the past and the present for we cannot lag behind in this era of globalisation'.

Sadeq Khan, a noted art critic and intellectual of the country was honoured with the chairmanship of the inaugural session. The speech of the Chairman was delivered in brief yet it was thought provoking much to the pleasure of the audience. A surprised Khan revealed the personal feeling of his psychological disagreement over the definition of the term 'indigenous', derived by Professor Masuda Chowdhury in the keynote paper. Yet at the end, Sadeq Khan agreed with the author



Artist Daryouish Saidi from Iran speaks on behalf of the foreign delegates

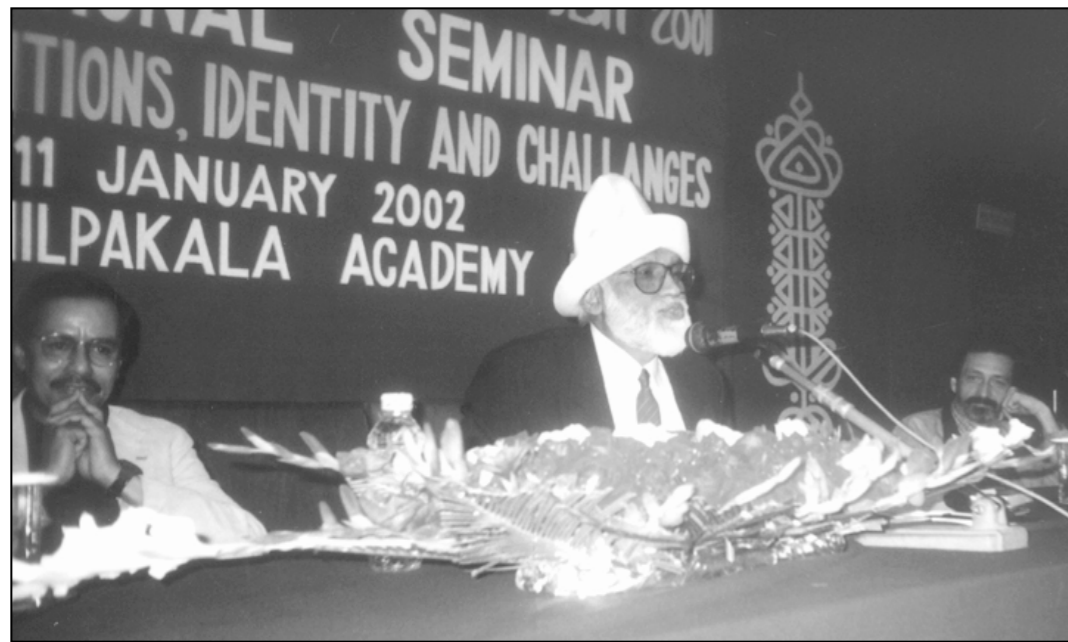
on the execution but not before providing her advice in keeping balance between modernity and tradition.

Professor Parveen Hasan and Mr. Abul Monsur took part in the seminar as discussants on the paper of Professor Masuda Chowdhury.

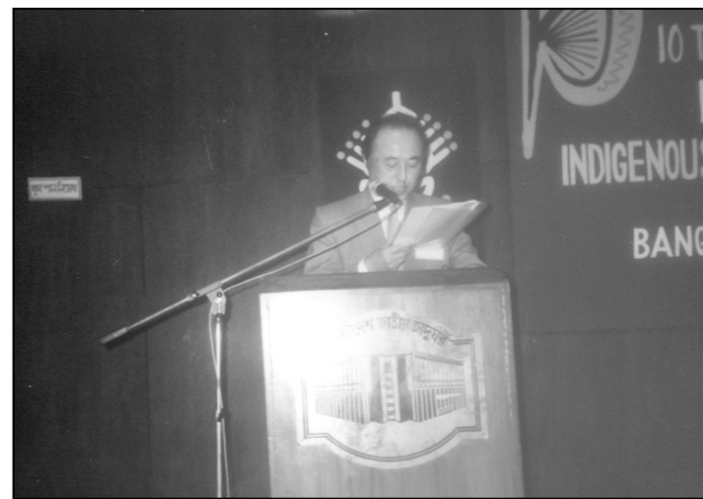
Daryouish Saidi, an artiste from Iran spoke about his personal feeling on art and culture of Iranian tradition regardless of particular

style. Papers from China, United Arab Emirates and Azerbaijan were also read out by respective representatives and authors who seemed well aware of the issues of indigenous culture and accumulation of folk, urban and national interests.

The seminar comes to a close this evening after the final session that would comprise of recommendations and summation of the entire event.

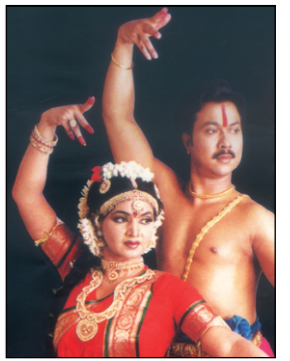


Director General of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy speaks at the seminar



Professor Wang Yong from China presents his country paper

RECOMMENDATIONS



Nriyanchal Festival 2002

Nriyanchal, a front ranking organisation in the country to institutionalise dance as a popular form of art, is organising a five-day long dance festival from January 10 to 14 at Bangladesh Shilpa Academy Auditorium.

Sculpture show

A group sculpture show is now being held at the gallery of National Museum at Shahbagh. The show showcases recent work by Hamiduzzaman, Ivy Zaman and Rowan Aziz. Open to all, the show runs till January 15.

Art show of three Bengali pioneers

An exhibition showcasing works of pioneer artists Zainul Abedin, Qamrul Hassan and S.M. Sultan- of Bangladesh art movement opens at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts at Dhanmandi on January 12. This show is the second of a series presented from the collection of Abul Khair, chairman of Bengal Foundation.

Asian Art Workshop

Bengal Foundation will hold a three-day art workshop involving the participants and delegates of the 10th Asian Art Biennale at BRAC Centre, Rajendrapur on January 14 at 12:00 p.m. The workshop will be inaugurated by Fazle Hassan Abed, chairperson of BRAC as chief guest while noted artist Safiuddin Ahmed and Professor Anisuzzaman will be present as special guests.

Group Art Show

The 45th Grand Group Art Exhibition of leading Bangladeshi artists organised by Saju Art Gallery is now being held at its gallery space at Gulshan, North Super Market 2nd circle. The month-long show, open to all, will run until February 7 from 10 am to 8:30 pm barring Fridays.

TV GUIDE

BTV

- 9:10 am Khabar
- 9:25 Aalor Pathay
- 9:30 Coca-cola Test series 2002 Bangladesh vs Pakistan Live from national Stadium
- 10:00 The News
- 4:00 pm Khabar
- 4:30 Bengali feature film
- 5:00 News headlines
- 6:00 Khabar
- 7:00 News headlines
- 7:30 Drama serial: Shukher Tari
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Drama serial Eai Mehga Eai raudra
- 9:00 News headlines
- 9:05 News headlines
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:25 Film The X-Files
- 11:20 World Music Album
- 11:30 Khabar/ The News
- EKUSHEY TV**
- 9:30 Bangladesh Pakistan Test Cricket Match Live Tele-cast from Dhaka
- 3:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 3:05 Bangladesh Pakistan Test Cricket Match Live Tele-cast from Dhaka
- 5:00 Circus Circus
- 5:30 E Shoptaher Bishsho
- 6:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 6:05 WWF Smackdown
- 6:55 Ekushey Headlines
- 7:00 Mukto Khobor
- 7:30 Ekushey News
- 7:58 Ek Minute
- 8:00 Annondo
- 8:30 Murchona
- 9:00 Ekushey News
- 9:05 Shukrobajer Natak: Dour
- 10:00 News : Simulcast from BTV
- 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News
- 11:30 Ei Shoptah
- 12:00 Ekushey Headlines
- ATN BANGLA**
- 05:30 Islamic Prog
- 07:00 Sundor Jeebaner Jannee
- 07:35 Protibha
- 08:00 ATN Bangla News
- 08:25 Amar Kechu Gan
- 09:00 Bondon
- 09:35 Samokalin Porsongo
- 10:10 Prekha Pot
- 11:30 Islamic Prog
- 12:00 ATN Bangla News
- 03:30 Bengali Feature Film: Jhorer Pakhee
- 06:07 Cholo Gan Gai
- 06:45 Motamat
- 07:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
- 07:35 Musical Prog
- 08:10 Meri Tomar Jan Gan
- 08:45 Tasmery Kechokhon
- 09:20 Goenda Kaheni
- 10:00 ATN Bangla News
- 10:35 Tume Amar Bhalobasha
- 11:30 ATN Bangla News

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 World Business Report
- 12:00 BBC News
- 12:30 World Business Report
- 1:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
- 2:00 BBC News
- 2:30 Talking Movies
- 3:00 BBC News
- 3:30 Money Prog.
- 4:00 BBC News
- 4:30 East Asia Today/Sport Today
- 5:00 BBC News
- 5:30 Hardtalk
- 6:00 BBC News
- 6:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
- 7:00 BBC News
- 7:30 Talking Movies
- 8:00 BBC News
- 8:30 Moneidy prog.
- 9:00 BBC News
- 9:30 Asia Today
- 10:00 BBC News
- 10:30 Question Time
- 11:15 World Business Report
- 11:30 The Car's The Star ex Top Gear
- 12:00 BBC News
- 12:30 Hardtalk
- 1:00 BBC News
- 1:30 Rough Science
- 2:30 BBC News
- 3:30 World Business Report
- 4:00 BBC News
- 4:30 Correspondent
- 5:00 BBC News
- 5:30 Asia Today
- HBO**
- 6:30 I Saw What You Did
- 8:30 Master of the Universe
- 10:45 The Rugrats Movie
- 12:30 Calendar Girl
- 2:15 Mad Dog and Glory
- 4:00 Implicated
- 6:00 Biloxi Blues
- 8:15 Operation Sandman

- 10:00 Children of the Corn
- 12:00 Outbreak
- 2:30 Masters of the Universe
- 4:45 Operation Sandman
- STAR GOLD**
- 7:00 Khilona (Sanjeev Kumar, Mumtaz)
- 10:30 Amul Bollywood News
- 11:00 Geet Bahar
- 11:30 Munimji (Dev Anand, Nalini Jaywant)
- 3:00 Amul Bollywood News
- 3:30 Hum Farishte Nahin
- 7:00 Geet Bahar
- 7:30 Shaandaar Shukrawar Balika Badhu (Sachin)
- 11:00 Amul Bollywood News
- 1:30 Ardh Satya
- 3:00 Geet Bahar
- 3:30 Hum Farishte Nahin
- STAR WORLD**
- 6:00 Happy Days
- 6:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
- 7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
- 8:00 Water Rats
- 9:00 Roswell
- 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
- 12:00 Martial Law
- 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 3rd Rock From The Sun
- 5:00 Star News Asia
- 5:30 Friends
- 6:00 Worlds Wildest Police
- 6:55 Star News Asia
- 7:00 Nash Bridges
- 8:00 Bugs
- 9:00 Friends
- 9:30 Worlds Wildest Police
- 10:30 Nash Bridges
- 11:30 Bugs
- 12:30 Worlds Wildest Police
- 1:30 Nash Bridges
- 2:30 It's Supernatural
- 3:00 Morris Cerullo
- 3:30 Exalted Word
- 4:00 Creflo Dollar, Changing Your World
- 4:30 World News

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

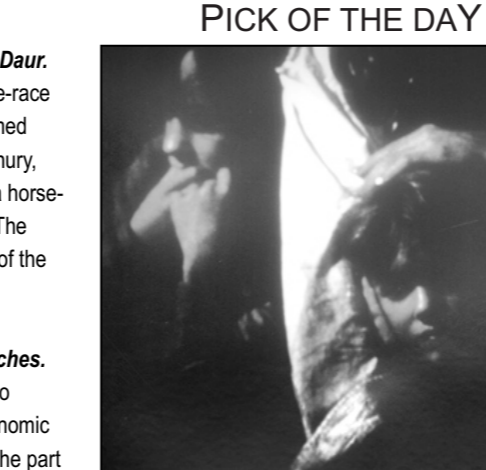
EKUSHEY: 9:05 pm. Friday drama Daur.
Nadar works at a nearly extinct horse-race programme. He works for the confirmed bachelor zamindar Jamshed Chawdhury, looks after his horse and organises a horse-race in a particular time of the year. The Nadar's are looking after the horses of the landlord family for generations.

BBC WORLD: 2:30 pm. Road to Riches.
How did humanity learn to become so clever and greedy? The BBC's Economic Editor Peter Jay's journey begins in the part of the world that is now Southern Jordan, where a fascinating archaeological find holds clue to our economic beginnings. From Jordan and Iraq, Jay visits the tiny, Pacific island of Yap, where money is made of stone and can sometimes be larger than man.

STAR PLUS

- 6:00 Sanskruti
- 6:30 Star Geetmala
- 7:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
- 8:00 Aatma
- 9:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
- 9:30 Fox Kids Daily
- 10:30 Small Wonder
- 11:00 Pal Chihin
- 11:30 Saahil
- 12:00 Shanti
- 12:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
- 1:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
- 1:30 Jannat
- 2:30 Star Bestseller- The Telephone
- 3:30 Kashmakash
- 4:00 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli
- 4:30 Kalash
- 5:00 Meri Saheli
- 5:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
- 6:00 Small Wonder
- 6:30 Fox Kids
- 7:10 Aaj Ki Baat
- 7:30 Gharwali Uparwali
- 8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
- 8:30 Kya Masti Kya Dhuum
- 9:30 Khullja Sim Sim
- 10:30 Sssh... Koi Hai
- 11:30 Kahani Jurm Ki
- 12:00 Aaj Ki Baat

PICK OF THE DAY



Children of The Corn
On HBO at 10 pm
In a quite town in Nebraska, the cornfields are ripe for harvesting when a newlywed couple, Burton and Vicky arrive on the scene. They, all of a sudden, run a child down in the cornfield. Only, it's no accident.

- 5:00 New Mission Impossible
- 1:00 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshri
- 2:00 Chhupa Rustom
- 2:30 Amul Best of Surabhi Show
- 3:00 Family Fortunes
- 3:30 Eena Meena Deeka
- 4:00 Tu Tu Main Main
- 4:30 Kahani Jurm Ki
- 5:00 Son Pari
- 5:30 Star Bestsellers
- DISCOVERY**
- 7:00 am Let's Dance & Eat
- 12:30 Gharwali Uparwali
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- 5:30 Star Bestsellers
- DISCOVERY**
- 7:00 am Let's Dance & Eat
- 7:30 Wild Discovery
- 8:30 Lonely Planet IV
- 9:30 Living Pulse
- 10:00 Living Pulse
- 10:30 Terra X
- 11:30 In the Wild
- 12:30 Science Mysteries
- 1:30 Wild Discovery
- 2:30 Wild Discovery
- 3:30 Born Winners
- 4:00 Let's Dance & Eat
- 4:30 Adventure Crazy
- 5:30 Lonely Planet VI

SPORTS

- ESPN**
- 6:00 Nba Action
- 6:30 Nba Basketball East
- 6:30 Nba Basketball East Rutherford, NJ USA Los Angeles Clippers @ New Jersey Nets
- 9:00 Winter X Games Classic 2001 Winter X Games V Classic Global Gold Mt Snow, VT USA
- 9:27 Australia Cricket Vb Series Melbourne, Australia New Zealand @ Australia 1st Odi, 1st Session
- 1:00 World Cup Mix
- 1:30 Australia Cricket Vb Series Melbourne, Australia New Zealand @ Australia 1st Odi, 1st & 2nd Session
- 3:30 Cricket programming Super Selector Decem-
- ber Winners
- 6:30 Nba Action
- 7:00 Western Union World Football
- 7:30 Here We Go
- 8:30 Sportscenter Hindi
- 9:00 Here We Go
- 9:30 Australia Cricket Vb Series Melbourne, Australia New Zealand @ Australia 1st Odi, Highlights
- 11:00 Cricket programming Super Selector
- 11:30 Sportscenter Hindi
- 12:00 Nba Basketball East Rutherford, NJ USA Los Angeles Clippers @ New Jersey Nets
- 2:30 Winter X Games Classic 2001 Winter X Games V Classic White Out Mt Snow, VT USA
- 3:00 Sportscenter Hindi
- 3:30 Atlantic Coast Conference Basketball Durham, NC USA Georgia Tech @ Duke
- 5:30 Pool World Pool League 2001
- STAR SPORTS**
- 7:30 Sportsline Today
- 8:30 Auto Racing Fia Sportscenter Championship 2001 Barcelona, Spain Event Highlights
- 9:30 Auto Racing The Michelin Race Of Champions 2001 Gran Canaria, Spain Event Highlights
- 10:30 Watersports World
- 11:30 Tiger Soccer 5's Tiger
- 12:30 Sportsline Today
- 1:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League
- 2001/02 Leeds, England Derby County @ Leeds United
- 3:00 Rally Racing Total Dakar 2002 Day 12 Highlights
- 3:30 Hopman Cup Hopman Cup 2002 Perth, Australia USA @ Belgium
- 8:00 Sportsline Tonight
- 8:30 Senior Pga Tour Golf Senior Pga Tour Year In review 2001
- 9:30 Australia Cricket International Cricket Tri Series Sydney, Australia India @ Australia 4th Odi, Highlights
- 10:30 Sportsline Tonight
- 11:00 Australian Domestic Cricket Perth, Australia South Africa @ Western Warriors Day 3 Highlights
- 12:00 Sportsline Tonight

- 8:30 Tonight at 8
- 9:00 Star Samachar
- 9:30 Star News English
- 10:00 Star Business News
- 10:30 Star Newshour
- 11:30 Star News English
- 12:00 Star News Hindi
- 12:30 Sports Tonight
- AXN**
- 6:30 Movie: Predator
- 8:30 AXN Speed India
- 9:30 Test of the Toughest
- 10:30 Pensacola III
- 11:30 Pacific Blue
- 12:30 World's Most Amazing Videos II
- 1:30 Test of the Toughest
- 2:30 Movie: Predator
- 3:30 Boardwild
- 4:30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents
- 5:30 world Most Amazing
- 6:30 AXN Speed India
- 7:30 Pacific Blue I
- 8:30 Test of the Toughest
- 9:30 The Right Stuff
- 10:30 Fri/Survivor: Africa
- 11:30 Who Dares Wins II
- 12:30 Silk Stalkings VII
- 1:30 Pacific Blue I
- 2:30 Pensacola III
- 3:30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents
- ZEE MUSIC**
- 7:00 Aalaap
- 7:30 Tara Rum
- 8:30 Hit Pe Hit
- 10:30 Hit Mix
- 11:00 Dil Se
- 11:30 Zee Music Box
- 12:00 Zee Music Plus
- 1:00 Hit Pe Hit
- 2:00 Jharokha
- 2:35 Pyaar Mohabbat Etc
- 3:05 Tara Rum
- 3:30 Tara Rum
- 4:00 Hit Pe Hit
- 5:00 Music Box
- 5:30 Hit Mix
- 6:00 Artist of the Fortnight
- 6:30 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
- ALPHA TV**
- 7:00 Nayantara
- 7:30 News in Bengali
- 8:00 Surer Ei Jhamadhara
- 8:30 Monniye
- 9:00 News
- 9:05 Bharat Bhraman
- 9:30 Ki Likhi Tomai
- 10:00 Bideshini Bodhu
- 10:30 Bhalobasa Mandosa
- 11:00 Nayantara
- 11:30 Ebar Jombe Moja
- 12:00 Jhara Samayer Uapakatha
- 12:30 Chena Mukher Shari
- 1:00 Ingeet
- 1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
- 2:00 Pratibimbo
- 2:30 Janmatithi Feature Film
- 5:00 Surer Ei Jhama Dharay Dour
- 6:00 News In Bengali
- 6:30 Chokher Bari
- 7:00 Nayantara
- 7:30 Monniye
- 8:00 Pratibimbo
- 8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
- 9:15 Chena Mukher Shari
- 9:45 Ingeet
- 10:15 Dai Baddha
- 10:45 Ek Palake
- 10:55 News
- 11:00 Ek Palake
- 11:30 Talk Jhal Misti
- 11:55 Ek Palake
- 12:00 Chokher Bari/Football
- 12:55 Ek Palake
- ZEE CINEMA**
- 7:00 Tara Rum
- 7:30 Vaapsi Sajjan Ki Feature Film
- 10:15 Movie Fare
- 10:30 Zaizala Feature Film

- 1:15 Madhyantar
- 1:30 Military Raaj Feature Film
- 5:00 Darpan
- 5:15 Making Of A Legend
- 5:45 Film Time
- 6:00 Sapno Ka Mandir Feature Film
- 9:15 Cine News
- 9:30 Ikke Pe Ikka
- 10:00 Rakhwala Feature Film
- HALLMARK**
- 6:00am Bridesmaids
- 8:00 Within These Walls
- 10:00 Lonesome Dove: The Series
- 11:00 Reunion
- 1:00pm Sliders
- 2:00 Sesame Street
- 3:00 Scholastic Clifford
- 3:30 Caillou
- 4:00 Lonesome Dove: The Series
- 5:00 Star Trek: Voyager
- 6:00 Sliders
- 7:00 Sanctuary
- 9:00 Star Trek: Voyager
- 10:00 No One Would Tell
- 12:00 A Father's Revenge
- 2:00 Kates and Dog
- 3:00 A Father's Revenge
- 5:00 Sesame Streets
- ANIMAL PLANET**
- 7:00 Wild On the Set II
- 7:30 Animal Doctor II
- 8:00 Vets on the Wild Side
- 8:30 Animal Planet Safari
- 9:30 Wet N Wild Friday
- 11:00 Animals A-Z
- 11:30 Fit for the Wild
- 12:00 Wild Rescues
- 12:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals
- 1:00 All Bird TV
- 1:30 Extreme Contact
- 2:00 Battersea Dogs Home III
- 2:30 Monkey Business
- 3:00 In The Wild Wolves
- 4:00 Vet's School
- 4:30 O'Shea's Big Adventure
- 5:00 Shark Gordon
- 5:30 Wet N Wild Friday
- 7:00 Barking Mad
- 7:30 Battersea Dogs Home
- 8:00 Animal Planet Safari
- 9:00 Natural World
- 10:00 Vet's School
- 10:30 o'Shea's Big Adventure
- 11:00 Shark Gordon
- 11:30 Wet N Wild Friday