

Exhibition

Vibrant colours on joyous jute

Kazi Sayed Ahmed's solo at Alliance Francaise in the city

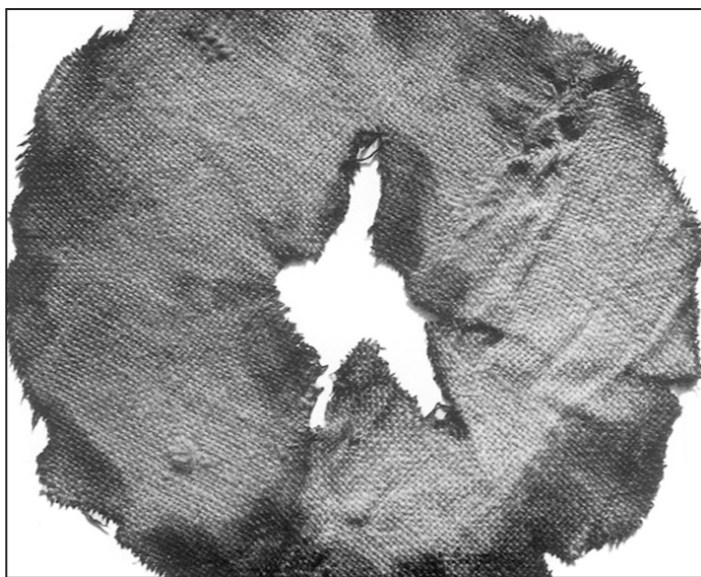
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KAZI Sayed Ahmed's third solo exhibition at La Galerie, Alliance Francaise, is "vraiment superb". His earlier exhibits had been held at "Cezanne" (Sheraton hotel) and "Divine" (Sonargaon hotel) and the Alliance Francaise. The exhibits are oil on jute stuck on paper. These jute bags that have taken the place of normal canvas, are from Sayed's father's wastes from this bakery in Old Dhaka. The artist's works are so mature at such an early stage — Sayed being an MFA student of Fine Arts, DU — that they have already been exhibited in Tokyo, Japan. Despite his youth, Sayed has travelled to Europe including palaces like UK, France, Holland, Belgium, Italy and Spain, enriching his vision in the process.

Syed's awards include 'young Artists Award 2000, 13' young Artists Art Exhibition, Bangladesh Shipakala Academy, in 2000, and Shahed Shanawaz Memorial Award Annual Art Exhibition, Institute of Fine Arts, DU in 1998.

As we go through his exhibits we notice patches, gashes, stretches on sackcloth. They invoke beauty by the combination of the portions of their pieces being stuck together or stitched together in geometrical motifs along with bits of woos stuck on as in the case of "Catalogue of Sin" which was in the last Asian Biennale at Dhaka. Here we have a burnt umber piece touched with vermilion and stitched with massive beige stitches. From it flows bars of yellow wood from the centre to the middle forefront. The vermilion used in the composition make the other brownish and greenish colours dance a mystic dance of their own. At the back is a vast expanse of dramatic black with a gold strip leading from the main composition to the right end.

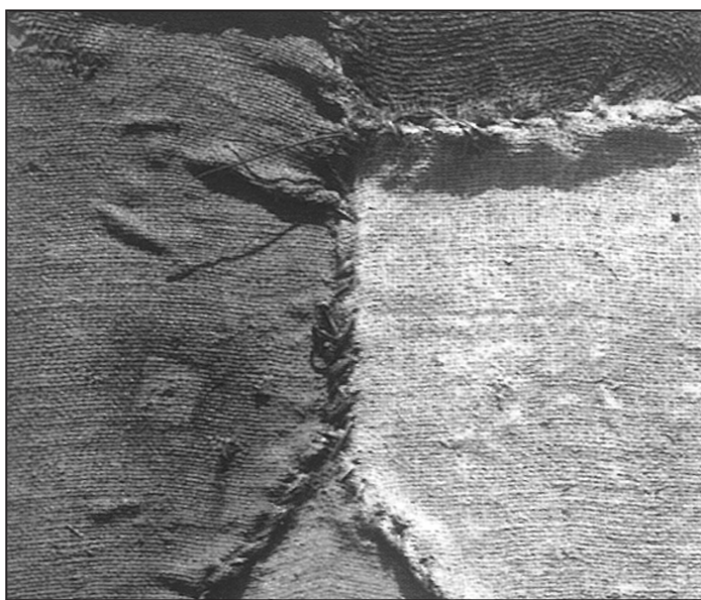
"Reconstruction-6", which has been included in the Tokyo exhibit, has four segments of cloth, painted differently, in burnt-sienna, yellow ochre, mustard yellow and sap green. The stitches are huge and bold and create a combination of different flights of thoughts or experiences. On the deep brown part is a



Reconstruction-10, oil on sack 2002

noticeable dark smudge with a tiny square in the centre which lends interest to the texture and total composition.

Equally bold and imaginative is "Reconstruction-5" and "Reconstruction-4". The earlier one has vertical black thick stripes like some railway racks on brown sacking that appears like fields around. At the



Reconstruction-6, oil on sack 2002

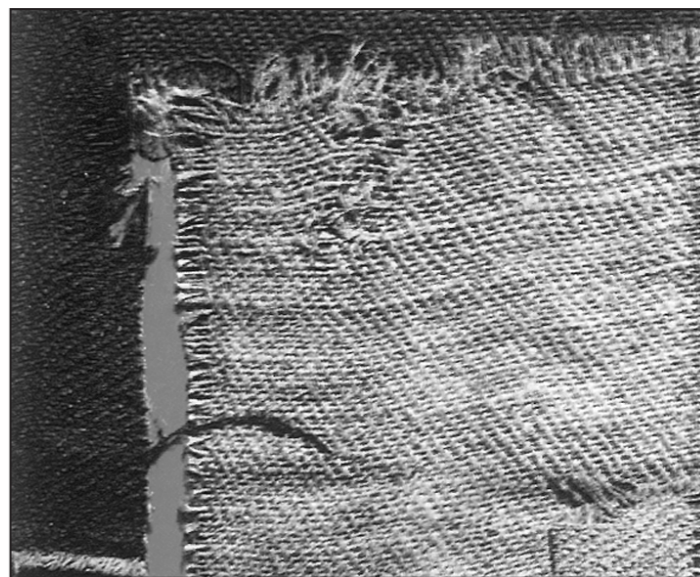
two ends are more pale yellow and dusty yellow rectangular pieces that have again been roughly stitched on with the cobbler's stitches lending beauty and depth to the composition. The other creation, which was also in the Japan exhibit has a golden green piece of rectangular sacking touched with scintillating vermilion on the side. On top one

sees textures of burnt umber while that phases out to the left with a thin gold bar at the left forefront. On the main sacking are more gold patches and touches of black and green colour. Similarly fascinating is "Reconstruction-7" with a falling thimble shaped piece suspended from a similar coloured white string. This is juxtaposed against a blue back sacking. All along, the sacking are not pasted evenly but have ups in down which adds to the flights of fancy for the viewer. To the left bottom is the delightful strip of "sindur" red while the rectangle sacking to the left is golden, pink, brown with touches of black and a border of thick yellow at the bottom.

With more variation of colours and shapes comes "Reconstruction-8" on which we see a gold piece of square cloth, almost like some cushion because of the up and won of the pasting on the paper. To the left and right are touches of vermilion. This is delicately poised on a navy blue background surrounded by gold sacking with bold, rough, oversized stitching. This again is placed on a background of emerald with shades of black and hints of yellow while a strip of long yellow sacking holds the composition together.

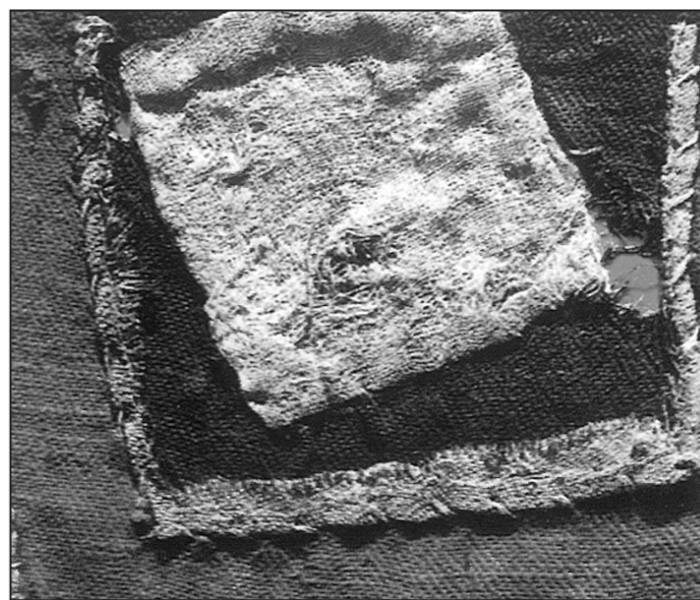
"Reconstruction-1", shown only at Dhaka, has vermilion oblong and vertical pieces seen between torn pieces of blue and gray sacking. Stitches of large zigzag sizes and other "kantha" type ones hold the sacking together. On top is a large fold on the left piece of gray-brown sacking, while a rectangular piece of gray cloth touched with yellow and red and bearing a fold in the centre is stitched with thick blue threads with a bit of vermilion peeping through at the bottom.

Another piece is a creation with blue sacking that has darker hues on left and bottom. To the right is a strip of thick stitching that emanates from the sacking itself and the pattern with its variation of black and ink-blue colours go wonderfully with the red that is seen from behind the tears of the sacking. The red appears like drops of ruby flower petals on the top and the centre. Imagination and dexterity is



Reconstruction-4, oil on sack 2002

again seen at work in "Reconstruction-15" here we see a background of lumpy burnt-umber sacking tied with pieces of large knots and pieces of tiny sliced yellow wood. At the bottom is a beige rectangular piece that is placed at an angle in the forefront along with waves of thick stitches of ruby red and yellow stitching to lend fascination to the



Reconstruction-8, oil on sack 2002

creation. An oval dark hole painted with lighter hues around makes you "stand and stare" with wonder.

Last but not the least is "Reconstruction-3" with a vermilion piece of sacking in rectangular shape tied on to another rectangular piece emerald and jade sacking with a touch of yellow in and a beige torn sacking with large extended threads

and deep folds arising from the original shape of the sacking. At the back of the three pieces held together by flamboyant pieces of stitching in white and yellow is some jet-black, yellow and white seen from behind the rough jute cloth.

Sayed has had over 30 group exhibitions in places like the Federal Republic of Germany in 1999, Toyneeb Hall and Bangladesh Centre Gallery ROSL 15th Annual Open Exhibition, and Manchester UK, 1998, London, UK, 2001, Art Association of Harrisburg, PA, USA, 25th Anniversary of Miniature Art Society, Florida, USA 1999, "Art for Expo 2000" Nord LB, Germany 1999, Grover's Society, Washington D.C. USA 1998, Contemporary Art Gallery, Nepal, 1999, United nation's 50th Anniversary Artists' Exhibition 1995, 14th National Art Exhibition 2000, Shipakala Academy, Dhaka, 2001 etc.

The young artist has made the Save the Children UK calendar painting in 2000, and has done the stage decoration for the 50th Anniversary of the "Festival of Cannes" in 1998. He has taken part in four workshops such as "Self Management for artists" conducted by Ilse Hilpert of Germany in 20002, the "Modern Art Workshop" conducted by artist Iftikharuddin Ahmed, in 2001, India-Bangladesh art camp organised by Kolkata Nandonic, India 2000, and the water colour workshop by "Charu Shilpy Parishad" in 1995.

Through scintillating colours, with tears and patches, Sayed has brought out the mixed emotions of human beings. The tears and patches symbolise the agony and ecstasy of our existence. They include our hopes, expectations, dreams and thoughts of the subconscious mind. The tears and stitches of the sackcloth along with the vibrant oil paints create something purely abstract and yet easy to appreciate. It is amazing how a young artist, born in 1972 in Dhaka could achieve so much through his drive and dedication. His experimentation is admirable and remarkable indeed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Group Print Exhibition

June 8-14 A group print exhibition of 12 contemporary print-makers is now being held at the Zainul Gallery of Fine Arts Institute at Dhaka University in the city. The exhibition remains open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day.

Cinema

June 12 Premiere show of 'Fulkumar', a free-length cinema, will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Shaikat Osman Memorial auditorium of Public Library in the city. Filmmaker Morshedul Islam will be present as a special guest.

Reconstruction of Reality

June 7-21 Kazi Sayed Ahmed holds a solo exhibition of his artworks titled "Reconstruction of Reality" at the gallery of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. The show is open to all daily except Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Jamdani exhibition

June 3-18 A Jamdani sari exhibition is on at Haseen's gallery in Kemal Alaturk Ave. in the city. Done in cotton and half silk, around 150 saris are on display with 24 designs. The show is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Seminar

June 13 The 21st seminar of the International Center for Study of Bengal Art will be held at 5:00 p.m. in the Library Hall of the center in the city. Dr. S.S. Mustafizur Rahman, Associate Professor of the Dept. of Archeology of Jahangirnagar University will give and illustrated speech on 'Ancient glass beads of Wari-Bateswar: An archeological analysis'.

Painting Exhibition

June 6-15 A solo painting exhibition by artist Esmkar Uddin Ahmed is being held at the Gallery Chitrak (H-21, R-4 Dhanmondi). The exhibition will continue veryday from 10:00a.m. to 8:00 p.m. till June 15.

TV GUIDE

BTV

- 11:30a.m. Opening
11:40 Patriotic songs
11:50 Special program
12:15 World cup football program
12:20 World cup match live: Sweden Vs Argentina
2:10 News headline
2:45 World cup match live: Nigeria Vs England
3:00 News
4:00 News headline
5:00 News
5:20 World cup match live: South Africa Vs Spain
6:00 News
7:00 News headline
7:30 Mati O Manush
8:00 News
8:30 World cup match highlight: Paraguay Vs Slovenia
9:00 News headline
10:00 News at ten
10:25 World cup football highlights
11:30 News (Bangla/English)
11:45 Closing
EKUSHEY
12:00pm Ekushey Middy
12:30 Deho Tore
1:00 Ekushey Headlines
1:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
1:30 Documentary Programmed: Japan Video Tropic
2:10 Classic Cartoons
2:50 Surer Prodeep
2:30 Drishti
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Drama Serial: Ek Cup Cha
4:00 Surer Prodeep
4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
5:00 Wildlife on One
5:30 Drishti
5:50 Aiker Potrikay
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Classic Cartoons
6:30 Deshjure Songlap
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Bolte Chai
7:30 Ekushey Shongbad
8:00 Ekushey News
8:05 Drama Serial: Bondhon
9:00 Pother Pachile
9:30 Serial: Choto Golper Shombhar
10:00 News: Simulcast From BTV
10:30 Chittrogetee
11:00 Ekushey Late Night Shongbad
11:30 Sumprotique
12:00 Ekushey Headlines

ATN BANGLA

- 5:30 Islamic prog
7:00 Musical prog: ATN Music
7:35 Dance prog: Nete Netay
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Mega Serial: Mohine
9:00 Computer Based prog: ATN Computer Projukte
9:35 Talk show: Face to Face
10:50 Bengali Feature Film: Pream Kahene
12:00 ATN Bangla News
6:07 Healthcare prog: Sustha Thakun
6:45 Film song's prog: Surchhobi
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:35 Musical Prog
8:10 Talk show: Face to Face
8:45 Drama Serial: Paranote
9:20 Musical Prog: Surer Madure
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:50 Bengali Feature Film: Raja Shaheb
BBC WORLD
6:00am BBC News
6:30 World Business Report
7:00 BBC New
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 World Business Report
11:00 BBC News
11:30 World Business Report / Sports Today
1:00 BBC News
1:30 Clarkson
2:00 BBC News
2:30 Hardtalk

BBC News

- 3:00 BBC News
3:30 Reporters
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
5:00 BBC News
5:30 Hardtalk
HBO
6:30am Bram Stoker's Burial of the Rats
8:15 Sahara
10:30 Devil in a Blue Dress
12:30 Beethoven's 2nd
2:15 The Haunting of Seaciff Inn
4:15 Child's Play 2
6:00 One Kill
8:00 The Base II
10:00 The Jackal
12:30 Ransom
3:00 Beethoven's 2nd
4:45 Child's Play 2
STAR MOVIES
6:00 Thriller : Motel
7:45 Comedy : Domonds
9:15 Drama : The Hurricane
11:45 Comedy : Chasers
1:30 Drama : American Tragedy
4:30 Hollywood Action Night : High Adventure
6:15 Thriller : The Coroner
8:00 Thriller : Motel
10:00 Comedy : Till Dad Do Us Part
12:00 Action : News Break
STAR GOLD
7:30am Dushman (Mithun, Mandakini)
10:30 Bollywood News
11:00 Geet Bahar
12:00 Sasural (Rajendra Kumar, B Saronja, devil)
3:00pm Bollywood News
4:00 Bikhre Moti (Jeetendra, Babita)
7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Nature Fresh Rang Birangi Jheel Ke Us Paar (Dharmendra, Mumtaz)
6:00 Small Wonder
11:00 Bollywood News
11:30 Aakhrni Baazi

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Includes Ekushey: 9:30 p.m. Swapner Bhoitor Boshobas. Badshah comes from a poor family. Every day evening he goes to gossip with his friends and girlfriend. But everyone avoids him. His girlfriend also starts falling for one of his friends. One day miraculously he gets a job abroad. This news changes everyone's behaviour including his girlfriend. Is this happening in reality?
STAR MOVIES: 6:15 p.m. The Coroner. Emma is just trying to be a good lawyer but she has the distinct feeling she's being watched. Soon after this feeling hits her, someone actually kidnaps her. Stuck in a basement she is tortured but eventually escapes. But her nightmare has only begun because when she leads the police back to the madman's house, they know who it is. It's the local coroner.
STAR WORLD: 6:00 & 9:30 p.m. The Drew Carey Show. If you loved his sarcastic tone and deadpan expression in Whose Line Is It Anyway?, then don't miss him in form on the show that's named after him. In tonight's episode, Drew's parents land up to attend his bachelor party.

PICK OF THE DAY

The Jackal
On HBO at 10:00 p.m. Russian mobster Terek Murad has declared open season on the Russian militia and the FBI over the shooting of his brother in a Moscow nightclub. He hires the Jackal, a nasty assassin whom nobody has even seen, to kill some high-ranking person in the American government.

- (Shatrughan Sinha, Moustmi Chatterji)
STAR PLUS
7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:00 Aatma
9:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
9:30 Fox Kids Daily
10:10 Hit Geet
10:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
10:30 Small Wonder
11:00 Maal Hai To Taal Hai
11:30 Meri Saahil
12:00pm Shanti
12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
1:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz....
1:25 Film Toppers
1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
3:00 Shagun
3:30 Kasautii Zindagi Kay
4:00 Kavita
4:30 Kabhii Sautan Kabhii Saheli
5:00 Kora Kaagaz
5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
6:00 Small Wonder
6:30 Fox Kids Daily
7:10 Aaj Ki Baat
7:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
7:30 Bhabhi
7:55 Film Toppers
8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:30 Son Pari
9:00 Kasautii Zindagi Kay
9:30 Sanjivani
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz ...
12:00 Film Toppers
12:05 Aaj Ki Baat
STAR WORLD
7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 MacGyver
9:00 JAG
10:00 The Pretender
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00pm Law & Order: Special Victims Unit
1:00 Caroline In The City
1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
2:00 Hollywood Squares
2:30 Family Ties
3:00 Baywatch
4:00 The Simpsons
4:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
5:00 Star News Asia
5:30 Friends
6:00 The Drew Carey Show
6:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway
6:55 Star News Asia
7:00 Ally McBeal
8:00 The Practice
9:00 Friends
9:30 The Drew Carey Show
10:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway
10:30 Ally McBeal
11:30 The Practice
STAR NEWS
6:30am News Hour
7:30 Breakfast News
8:00 English
8:30 Breakfast News Hindi
9:00 Star News English
9:30 Star News Hindi
10:00 Star News Hindi
10:30 Star News English
11:00 Star News Hindi
11:30 Star News English
12:00pm Star News Hindi
12:30 Star News English
1:00 Star News Hindi
1:30 Star News English
2:00 Star News Hindi
6:30 BollyWood News
7:00 Star Bazaar Hindi

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

- 6:30 Wild
7:00 Wild
7:30am Nat Geo Max
8:30 Endangered
9:00 Human Edge
9:30 On The Edge
10:30 Sci-Files
11:30 People & Places
12:30pm Endangered
1:00 Human Edge
1:30 On The Edge
2:30 Dogs With Jobs
3:00 Wild
3:30 Nat Geo Max
4:30 Sci-Files
5:30 People & Places
6:00 Hutun
6:30 Endangered
7:00 Human Edge
7:30 On The Edge
8:30 Wild
9:30 Nat Geo Max
10:30 Sci-Files
11:30 People & Places
HALL MARK
6:00 Earth Angel
8:00 Taking Back Our Town
10:00 Sea Change
11:00 Run for the Dream
1:00 Sliders
2:00 Sesame Street
3:00 Scholastic Clifford
3:30 Caillou
4:00 Sea Change
5:00 Star Trek: Voyager
6:00 Sliders
7:00 Taking to Heaven
9:00 Star Trek : Voyager
10:00 No Ordinary Baby
12:00 Lonesome Dove
ZEE TV
6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal
6:30 Bhakti Bhav
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:30 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym & Eat
8:20 News
8:30 Ardhangani

ALPHA TV

- 8:45 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
9:00 Nickelodeon on Zee
9:30 Nick On Zee
10:30 Hum Paanch
11:00 Hudd Kar Di
12:00 Justjuoo
12:30 Kitne Kool Hain Hum
1:00 Tu Kahe Agar
1:30 Koi Apna Sa
2:00 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
2:30 Gharana
3:00 Sir
6:30 Nickelodeon on Zee
7:00 Nickeldeon
8:00 Yeh Hai Mumbai Meri Jaan....
8:30 Kitne Kool Hain Hum
9:00 Mehndi Tere Naam Ki
9:30 Niilaam Ghar Bid Bid Boom
10:00 Koi Apna Sa
10:30 Choti Maa... Ek Anokha Bandhan
11:00 Tu Kahe Agar
11:30 Gharana
12:00 Yeh Dil Kya Kare
ALPHA TV
BANGLA
6:30 Aatpake Bandhe Shayola
7:00 Aalaap Bangali Spli
8:00 Purobi Bangla Gaan Unltd.
9:05 Bharat Bhraman
9:30 Talk Jhaal Misti
10:00 Googly
10:30 Mathe Maidane
11:00 Saffalya
11:30 Gaan Unltd.
12:00 Kashinath
12:30 Chena Mukher Shari
1:00 Nayantara
1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
2:00 Pratibimba
2:30 Janmatlithi
5:00 Gaan Unltd (Bengali) Football
6:00 News in Bengali Saffalya
7:30 Shayola
7:30 Bichitra
8:00 Patibimba
8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
9:10 Chena Mukh Shari
9:55 Kono Ek Din
10:25 Anya Bhuvan

ZEE CINEMA

- 11:00 News In Bengali
11:30 Nayantara
12:00 Shayola
ZEE CINEMA
7:00 Making of A Legend
7:30 Qaid Mein Hain Bulbul
10:30 Raagini
1:30 Jaan
5:15 Top of the Tops
6:00 Shor
9:30 Ikke Pe Ikka
10:00 Nyay Anusay
ZEE MUSIC
7:30 Sizzlers
8:00 Zee Music Box
8:30 Tara Rum Pum
9:30 Hit Pe Hit
10:30 Hit Mix
11:00 Taaza Maal
12:00 Artist of the Fortnight
12:30 Hit Pe Hit
1:30 Zee Music Box
3:30 Jharokha
2:30 Tara Rum Pum
3:30 Hit Mix
4:30 Hit Pe Hit
5:00 Dil Se
5:30 Hit Mix
6:30 Zee Music Plus
7:00 Dil Se
7:30 Hit Pe Hit
8:30 Music Com
9:30 Sizzlers
10:00 Artist of the Fortnight
10:30 Jharokha
11:00 Zee Music Box
11:30 Phoren Maal
CNBC
6:30 Asia Squawk Box
7:30 India Business Hour
9:00 US Business Centre
10:30 Bazaar
12:00 Your Stocks
1:30 Business Lunch
2:30 Dalal Street
2:30 Europe Squawk Box
3:00 India Market Wrap
4:00 Closing Bell
4:30 Business Now
5:00 Asian Wall Street Journal
6:00 Digital Revolution
7:00 Business Now
7:30 Bazaar Aaj
8:00 Business Now
8:30 US Squawk Box
9:00 Markets Today
9:30 India Business Hour
10:30 Business at 10