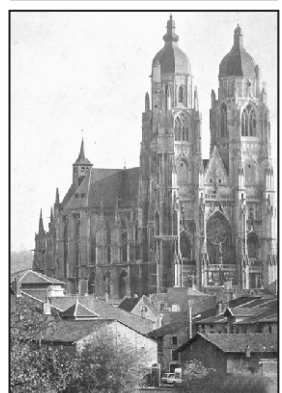


RECOMMENDATIONS



Exhibition on French artist

July 5 August 2
An exhibition of the works of French artist George de La Tour, observing his 350th death anniversary, continues at the Andre Malraux room of Alliance Francaise in the city.

Weekend cinema

July 19
Alliance Francaise screens two films on the day, the first being, 'Louvre, la visite' to be shown at 10:30 a.m. while the other, 'Que la fete commence', at 6:00 p.m.

Art exhibition

August 2-15
Artist Fakrul Alam holds a solo exhibition of his works at the gallery of Alliance Francaise, complete schedule of which will soon be announced.

Cabaret Pasteur

July 19
An exhibition on French scientist Louis Pasteur will be held at the cafeteria premises of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka at 7 p.m.

Theatre

Seminar upholds Thespian values

Visiting Indian playwright Devendra Raj Ankur speaks on background, issues, prospects and problems of contemporary Indian theatre at a seminar organized by Center for Asian Theatre (CAT) and Goethe Institut in the city

AZIZ AMIRUL

AFTER conducting a 6-day theatrical workshop at Mirpur in the city, Devendra Raj Ankur, a professor and current Director of National School of Drama at New Delhi attended and spoke at a seminar on Contemporary Indian Theatre at the auditorium of Goethe Institut in the city on the evening of July 13.

Renowned dramatists and performers like Mamunur Rashid, Ataur Rahman, Nasiruddin Yousuf and a host member of the event and Secretary-General of Center for Asian Theatre, Kamaluddin Nilu joined in the meet. Ataur Rahman presided over the seminar.

The elderly Indian guest speaker, while elaborating on various aspects of the theatrical developments in the Indian subcontinent, particularly, mentioned, in his key-note speech, of four different trends those lead to branching out of the traditional medium of theatrical performance in India.

The influence of western theatre, in regions and states of the country, was there. Cultural quarters and theatrical communities started to follow the alien styles and concepts. Another trend was of western form yet dramatists and performers tried to rediscover their traditional forms through the passage of western theatre.

While the professor gave description of a long historical background of the modern day theatre, Devendra Raj praised the important roles of famous theatrical and literary personalities like Badal Sarker, Bibhutibhusan, Tagore,

Nazrul and others in development of stage drama in the Indian subcontinent.

An issue that was raised by Devendra Raj, in the seminar, was the matter of significance of a director in a stage production, racing past the role of a lead performer that, ever since, is argued by critics' groups.

Devendra Raj Ankur mentioned of the immense strength and diverse qualities of words on theatres and dramas while, at the same time, criticized of the unnecessary and widespread use of dialogues in mediums of cinema, sports, television and in those of others.

As he said, theatre should have required a very strong service of words and the use should have clearly been visible through the performances on stage. 'A new world should feel the influential strength of dialogue'.

'Theatre should be the most important alternative in ones' life and the world should go back to the medium of theatre which is not actually happening at the present. It has been long that we have moved away from theatrical ideologies and connotations', added quite a dejected Devendra.

A question and answers session took place that witnessed a number of interactions between individual audiences and the NSD director.

Devendra Raj, while answering on various queries, once again, brushed up on a number of earlier mentioned topics including the complex matter of supremacy either of a director or of a lead performer, on stage. He also gave his personal opinion on comparative standards of Bangladeshi and Indian theatres, to him, what seemed rather quite equal, hardly having any differences.

'Being a citizen of a neighbouring country, I should have come here right at the beginning of my carrier some three decades back, had I knew that Dhaka had such a flourishing theatrical culture'. At this stage, Professor Devendra gave a



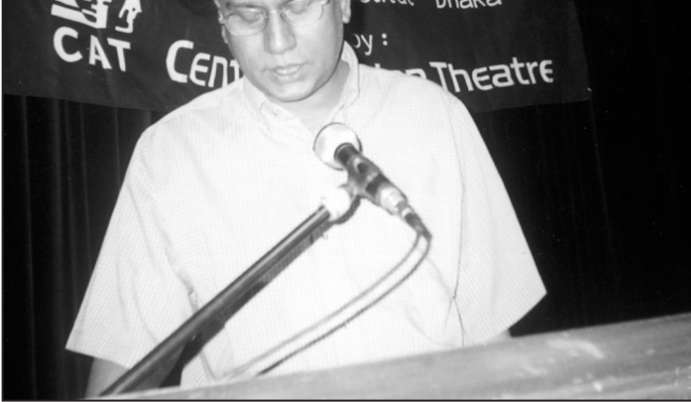
Devendra Raj Ankur reads out his keynote paper

brief description on the background of theatre that used to be found in this world of Bengal during the 60's.

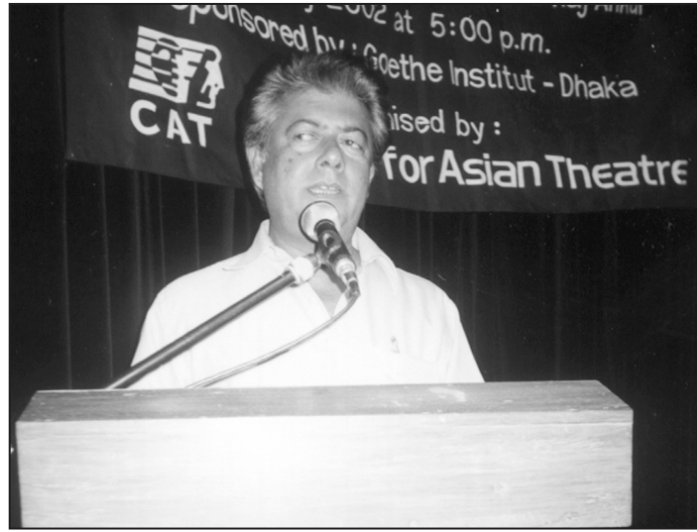
Ataur Rahman, Mamunur Rashid and Nasiruddin Yousuf expressed their appreciation and gratitude to the visiting guest and

spoke of their personal feelings on arrangement of the workshop.

Devendra Raj gave a brief description of the workshop activities and a 20-minute session demonstrated some creations of the 6-day clinic. A pantomime and a



Nasiruddin Yousuf delivers speech

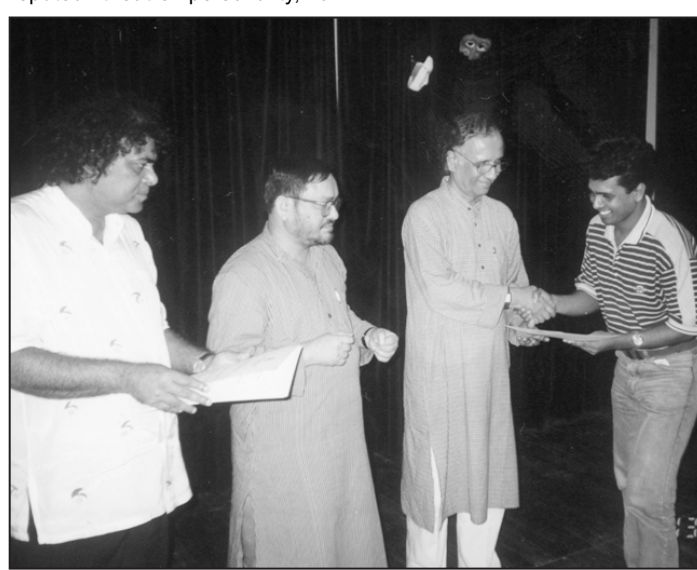


Mamunur Rashid speaks before the audience

musical performance, 'Padma Gokhra', were presented those received loud applause from the audience.

The final session witnessed the presence of Ramendu Mazumder, a reputed theatre personality, on

stage, who gave away certificates to the 26 participants of the workshop. With a short thanksgiving speech from Mazumder, the show of the evening came to a pleasant end.



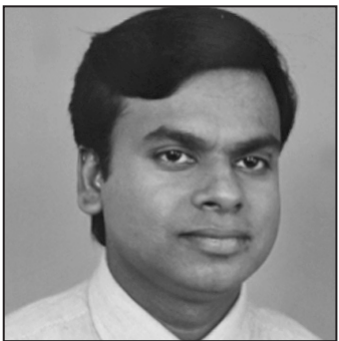
A workshop participant receives certificate from Ramendu Mazumder

Obituary

An artiste departs

Padatik performer Mohammad Rafiqul Islam expires at 26, in a city hospital

CULTURE DESK



MOHAMMAD Rafiqul Islam, a young stage performer who was a leading member of Padatik Natya Sangshad passed away (Innallillaha...) on June 14 at Shomorita Hospital in the city. He was 26. Rafiq was suffering from viral hepatitis-B, dengue and malignant malaria.

Mohammad Rafiqul Islam joined Padatik in 1992 during his teens. Street productions like 'Taramon' and 'Shari shari lush' brought him fame in the theatre arena. Rafiq played the role of Noim in the drama, 'Khetmojur Khoimuddin' that too, made him popular. His last performance took place at Agartala in Tripura last year where Padatik presented 'Khetmojur Khoimuddin' on December 26.

Rafiq was also good at recitation. He recently completed MBA major in Marketing and had working experience in different business organisations. Till before his death, Rafiq ran a travel agency in the city and earned considerable recognition among visiting tourists in Bangladesh as a reliable and smart tour guide.

Rafiq's namaj-e-janaza was held at the complex of Muktijoddha Mosque at Mirpur and he was laid to rest in his family graveyard at Bhaluka in Mymensingh. Rafiq left behind his parents and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his death.

Members of Padatik Natya Sangsad expressed deep shock at the untimely death of Rafiq and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

TV GUIDE

BTV

- 2:00am. Opening
12:30 News headline
2:15 Songs
2:20 Open University
2:45 Health
3:00 News
3:10 School debate
4:00 News headline
4:05 Special program
5:00 News
5:05 Sukhi Paribaar
5:30 Anu paramanu
6:00 News
6:10 Nutrition
6:35 Dolon chapa
7:00 News headline in English
7:05 Tukhore
7:30 Dance
8:00 News
8:30 Drama
9:00 News headline
10:00 News at ten
10:25 Shiplo O Shahitya
11:00 Documentary
11:30 News (Bangla/English)
11:45 Closing

EKUSHEY

- 12:00pm Ekushey Midday
12:30 Deshjure
1:00 Ekushey Headlines
1:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
1:30 Documentary Programmed : Japan Video Tropic
1:50 Classic Cartoons
2:10 Nazrul Gitee
2:30 Drishti
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Drama Serial: Kena Kata
3:30 Surer Propid
4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
5:00 Wildlife on One
5:30 Drishti
5:50 Akjer Potrikay
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Classic Cartoons
6:30 Deshjure Chalchitro
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Ebong Ranna
7:30 Ekushey Shongbad
8:00 Ekushey News
8:05 Drama Serial: Bondhon
8:30 New Programme: Ganer Hat
9:00 Bangla Film: Konnyayadan
10:00 News: Simulcast From BTV
10:30 Bangla Film: Konnyayadan
11:00 Ekushey Late Night Shongbad

HBO

- 6:30 Kids in the Hall Brain Candy
8:15 Hanover Street
10:30 Trilogy of Terror II
12:15 Mute Witness
2:15 Every Breath
4:00 Higher Learning
6:30 Justice League of America
8:15 Monster!
10:00 Masterminds
12:15 Child's Play 2
2:00 Mute Witness
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BBC WORLD

- 6:00am BBC News
6:30 Asia Today/Reporters
7:00 BBC News
7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report
8:00 BBC News
8:30 Asia Today/Reporters
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
12:00pm BBC News
12:30 World Business Report / Sports Today
1:00 BBC News
1:30 Euro Brief
2:00 BBC News
2:30 Hardtalk
3:00 BBC News
3:30 Correspondent
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Asia Business Report/World Business Report
5:00 BBC News
5:30 Hardtalk
STAR MOVIES
6:30 Circle, the Heist, the
8:30 Fatherhood
10:15 Stay Tuned
12:00 Closer You Get, the Quiz Show
1:45 Rough Air
5:30 Rough Air
7:00 Mighty Joe Young
9:00 World Is Not enough, the
11:15 Heist, the
STAR PLUS
7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:00 Aatma
9:00 Hit Filmein Hit
Sangeet
9:30 Fox Kids
10:20 Hit Geet
10:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
11:30 Small Wonder
11:30 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 Kii
2:00 Bhabhi
2:15 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
2:30 Shaqun
3:00 Kasautii Zindagi Kay Kunkum
4:00 Kunkum
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
7:20 Aaj Ki Baat
7:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
7:30 Bhabhi
7:55 Film Toppers
8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:30 Krishna Sharma ca Kasautii Zindagi Kay Des Mein Nikila Hoga Chand
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 GOLD
7:30 Geet Bahar
8:00 Mahal (Ashok Kumar, Madhubala)
10:30 Kuch Yaddain Kuch Baatein Padmini
12:00 Kothapure
12:00 Boston Public
12:00 Friends
12:00 King of Queens
12:00 Dharma & Greg
12:30 Everybody Love Raymond
6:55 Starmews Update
7:00 Dharma & Greg
7:30 Frasier
8:00 Boston Public
8:00 Friends
9:00 King of Queens
9:30 Dharma & Greg
10:00 Everybody Love Raymond
11:00 Frasier
11:30 Boston Public
STAR NEWS
8:30 Breakfast News English
8:00 Breakfast News Hindi
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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
7:30 Saat Baje Hindi
8:00 Star Khel

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- STAR WORLD: 7:00 & 10:00p.m. Dharma & Greg. Dharma Finklestein, San Francisco Yoga instructor, sometime dog trainer, boards the subway one sunny day. So does Greg Montgomery, Harvard-educated US Attorney. One decides the other is the One. That's right, it's love at first sight. Before their first date is over, this is one totally married couple!
STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. Mighty Joe Young. The movie opens with poachers attacking a group of gorillas. Animal preservationists fight the poachers, which ends with one gorilla and a young girl's mother dead. In the melee, a particularly large gorilla baby attacks the head hunter and bites his thumb and forefinger off.
AXN: 10:30 p.m. Hook. Peter Pan (Williams) has grown up to be a cut-throat merger and acquisitions lawyer, and is married to Wendy's granddaughter. Captain Hook (Hoffman) kidnaps his children, and Peter returns to Never Land with Tinkerbell (Roberts). With the help of her and the Lost Boys, he must remember how to be Peter Pan again in order to save his children by battling with Captain Hook once again.
2:30 Family Ties
3:00 Baywatch
3:00 The Simpsons
4:30 3" Rock From The Sun
5:00 Starmews Asia
5:30 Friends
6:00 King of Queens
6:30 Everybody Love Raymond
6:55 Starmews Update
7:00 Dharma & Greg
7:30 Frasier
8:00 Boston Public
8:00 Friends
9:00 King of Queens
9:30 Dharma & Greg
10:00 Everybody Love Raymond
11:00 Frasier
11:30 Boston Public
STAR NEWS
8:30 Breakfast News English
8:00 Breakfast News Hindi
8:30 Breakfast News English
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9:30 Star News English
10:00 Star News Hindi
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
7:30 Saat Baje Hindi
8:00 Star Khel

PICK OF THE DAY

- Masterminds
On HBO at 10:00 p.m.
Oz, a rebellious teenager who just got expelled from his prep school returns for one final prank. But as he goes to the basement to set things up, he stumbles upon a security consultant, former school employee, that just took the entire school hostage for millions in ransom. Oz must rely on his youth and love for pranks to outwit the devious criminal mastermind.
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
12:00am Sports Tonight
8:00 [V] Back To Back
8:30 [V] Jumpstart
9:30 [V] Hit Machine
10:00 [V] Back To Back
10:30 [V] Hit Machine
11:00 [V] Back To Back
11:30 Hit Macine
12:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
12:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox
1:00 [V] FDFS
1:30 [V] Hit Machine
2:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
2:30 [V] Back To Back
3:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
3:30 [V] Back To Back
4:00 [V] Hit Machine
4:30 [V] Hitline
5:30 Very [V]
6:30 Ctrl [V]
7:00 [V] Back To Back
7:30 [V] Hit Machine
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8:30 [V] Back To Back
9:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
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10:00 [V] FDFS
10:30 [V] Hit Machine
11:00 Late Night [V]
11:30 [V] Rewind
12:00 [V] Back To Back
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
7:30am National Geographic
8:30 Special
9:00 Nat Geo Genius
9:00 Human Edge
9:30 Adventure Starts Here
10:30 Journey Of life
11:30 Best of the Week
12:30pm Dogs with Job
1:00 Humn Edge
1:30 On The Edge
2:30 Wild
3:30 Nat Geo Max
4:30 Scientific American Frontiers
5:30 People & Places
6:30 Dogs with Job
7:00 Human Edge
7:30 On The Edge
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9:30 Nat Geo Max
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HALL MARK
6:00 Inside the Osmonds
8:00 Zelly And Me
10:00 Live Through This
11:00 Hostage for a Day
1:00 Touched by an Angel
2:00 Sesame Street
3:00 Scholastic Clifford Caillou
4:00 Live Through This
5:00 Star Trek: Voyager
6:00 Touched by an Angel
7:00 Moleod's Daughters
9:00 Star Trek: Voyager
10:00 My Brother's Keeper
12:00 Jackie, Ethel, Joan
11:00 RPT
10:30 Bulletin
12:00 Dream Destination
12:30 Bulletin
12:57 Manoranjan
1:00 RPT
1:30 Beyond Headlines
2:00 Bulletin
2:57 Manoranjan
3:00 Bulletin
4:00 RPT
4:57 Manoranjan
5:00 Inside Story
5:30 Bulletin
6:00 RPT
6:30 Zee Business
6:57 Manoranjan
7:00 Bulletin
7:30 News At 7
8:00 Zee Business
8:30 News At 8
9:00 Metro News
9:30 News At 9
10:00 Prime Time
10:30 ISS Waqt
11:00 Din Bhar
11:30 World View
11:57 Manoranjan
ZEE MUSIC
6:30 Music Box
7:30 Sizzlers
8:00 Music Box
8:30 Best of the Best
9:30 Hit Pe Hit
10:30 Hit Mix
11:30 Zee Music Plus
12:00 Dil Se
12:30 Hit Pe Hit
1:30 Music Box
2:30 Tara Rum Pum
3:30 Artist of the Foringht
4:00 Zee Music Box
5:00 Dil Se
5:30 Hit Mix
6:00 Zee Music Plus
7:00 Artist of the Foringht
7:30 Zee Music Box
8:00 Music. Com
10:00 Nupoor
10:30 News
10:35 Alpha Feature
10:45 Kathakathi
11:00 Zee Music Box
11:30 Phoren Maal
11:30 News
11:35 Alpha Windows
11:40 Geetanjali-Exposure
11:45 Dewachiye Dwari
12:00 Mrunmayi
12:30 News
12:35 Surtaal
1:00 Alpha Features
1:10 Shriyut Gangadhar
1:30 News
1:35 Manasi
2:00 Ek Ha Asa Dhaga Sukhacha
2:30 News
2:35 Avantika
3:00 Feature Film
3:30 News
3:35 Feature Film Contd.
4:30 News
4:35 Feature Film Contd.
5:30 News
5:35 Feature Film Contd.
6:00 Alpha Windows
6:05 Swartaal-Exposure
6:30 News
6:35 Sanjhoohi
7:00 Alpha Feature
7:10 Surtaal
7:25 Swartaal-Exposure
7:30 News
7:55 Gaane Nave Tarane-Exposure
8:00 Kopalakhalii
8:30 Pimpalpaan
9:00 Avantika
9:30 Shrivansaree
10:00 Duniyadari
10:30 Ek Ha Asa Dhaga Sukhacha
11:00 Manasi
11:25 Geetanjali-Exposure
11:30 Alpha Windows
11:33 News
12:00 Alpha Feature
12:10 Bhatkanti
ZEE ENGLISH
6:00 Over the Edge
6:30 Capitol
7:00 Family Pride
7:30 Heartbreak High
8:30 Benny Hill Show
9:00 Three's Company
9:30 Kete & Allie
10:00 Movies Stars
10:30 The West Wing
11:30 Full House
12:00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air
12:30 Veronica's Closet
1:00 Royal Canadian Air Force
1:30 Benny Hill Show
2:00 Three's Company
2:30 Friends7
3:00 Seinfeld
3:30 The West Wing
4:30 Suddenly Susan
5:00 Mad About You
5:30 Heartbreak High
6:30 Full House
7:00 Gregory Hines Show
7:30 Seinfeld
8:00 Three's Company
8:30 Fresh Prince of Bel Air
9:00 Suddenly Susan
9:30 Veronica's Closet
10:00 Mad About You
10:30 Seinfeld
11:00 Friends
11:30 The Sopranos
ANIMAL PLANET
7:00 Planet's Funniest Animals
7:30 Horse tales
8:00 The Aquanauts
8:30 Animal Funniest
9:30 Monday Connections
11:00 Crocodile Hunter
12:00 Zoo
12:30 Animal Doctore II
1:00 Vet's school
1:30 Wild Rescues I
2:00 The Trials of life
3:00 Animal Planet Safari
4:00 Planet's Funniest Animals
4:30 Monday Connections
6:00 The Jeff Corwin Experience
7:00 Zoo
7:00 Horse Tales
7:30 Animal Planet Safari
9:00 Nature World
10:00 Planet's Funniest Animals
10:30 Monday Connections
11:30 The Jeff Corwin Experience
DISCOVERY
7:30 Plane Funniest Animals
8:00 Barking Mad
8:30 Wild Discovery
9:30 Lonely Planet V
10:30 Classic Discovery
12:30 Wedding Story
1:30 Wild Discovery
2:30 Planet's Funniest Animals
3:00 Barking Mad
3:30 Splat!
4:00 Buck staghorn's Animal Bites
4:30 Extreme Machines II
5:30 Lonely Planet V
6:30 Planet's Funniest Animals
7:00 Barking Mad
7:30 Wild Discovery
9:30 Classic Discovery
10:30 On the Inside
11:30 The FBI Files
ZEE TV
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:20 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym & Eat Healthy
8:20 News
8:30 Ardhanganj
8:45 Yadeain Radio Ceylon Ki
9:00 Nickelodeon
9:30 Nick on Zee
10:00 Hum Paanch
10:30 Hudd Kar Di Amanat
12:00 Kitee Kool Hain Hum
12:30 Tu Kahe Agar
1:30 Koi Apna Sa
2:00 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
2:30 Gharana
3:00 Chhote Sarkar
3:30 Nickelodeon On Zee
8:00 Yeh Hai Mumbai Meri Jaan...
8:30 Kitee Kool Hain Hum
9:00 Saanjhi
9:30 Baazi Kiski
10:00 Koi Apna Sa
10:30 Choti Maa... Ek Anokha Bandhan
11:00 Tu Kahe Agar