

RECOMMENDATIONS

Hashem Khan's

Solo Exhibition

September 27 October 7

Renowned artist Hashem Khan holds a solo exhibition, 'Art Fair: Six Seasons' at Shilpangan gallery at Dhanmondi in the city. The exhibition remains open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. everyday.

Photography on The Twin Towers

September 29 October 6

A photography exhibition is on at the National Art Gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the city, of photographer Obaidullah Mamoon, titled, 'The Twin Towers and The American Spirit' and remains open to all from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily except on Friday, when the time is 3 to 7 p.m.

Six celebrated artists' show

Sept. 20 Oct. 7

Akku Chowdhury hosts art exhibition of 6 celebrated artists of the country, Jamal Ahmed, Kanak Champa Chakma, Khalid Mahmud Mithu, Saidul Islam Juise, Fareha Zeba and Nisar Hossain at La Galerie, Kemal Ataturk Avenue. The show remains open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Solo art exhibition

Artist Firoz Mahmud holds a solo exhibition of his artworks at the Alliance Francaise de dhaka, sponsored by Benson & Hedges. The exhibition is open to all and the timings coincide with that of Alliance Francaise.

Anniversary

A seedling matures

Channel-i, a private satellite television channel, observes its third anniversary

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H RIDOEY Bangladesh 'Bangladesh in heart', as says part of the logo of Channel-i, the private television channel welcomes common citizens at her office at Swiddeshhari in the city, also of *Impress Telefilm*, the parent firm, to join the third anniversary celebration of the electronic media organization today, October 1. Back in 1999 Channel-i appeared before the viewers as a satellite channel in Bangladesh. It is the first digital Bangla channel that has been running for over ten hours every day with fresh programs since launching.

Today the channel goes on air from nine o'clock in the morning. Special programs include entertainment for children, youth and for adults, as well. Magazine programs, songs, viewers' opinion, comedy, drama and many more are there on schedule of the day. Two special dramas, 'Jatra' of Humayun Ahmed and 'Ashroy', written by Pranab Bhatt are also to be presented on the day.

Channel-i, on the eve of its



'Jibon Jekhaney jemon', like many other programs, makes Channel-i important

third anniversary, informs of presenting several new long-version serial programs those are to be aired on weekly and daily basis. 'Griho golpo', a new daily soap arrives soon with its first episode, as informed by Shaikh Siraj, Director, Director (News) of the channel. 'Joar bhata', a daily soap serial continues on air with transmission of its 200th episode and so far, is a top choice of the regular viewers. Since the last three years, Channel-i has aired programs

on a wide range of topics apart from pure entertainment. These included education, community awareness, information technology, social progression, language and language-movement related issues.

A significant development in the channel during the past year has been the introduction of regular daily news on fixed times of the day. As Shaikh Siraj informs, Channel-i started news transmission through airing results of the National Parliamentary elections that took place on October 1 last year. The channel soon brings on air additional news headlines during late afternoon, English and breakfast news in morning session. Along with news, a daily-based musical magazine, 'Music Plus', too, celebrates its first year since its launching, with completion of its 365th episode.

With the closure of Ekushey Television, Channel-i certainly takes a big leap as a front-runner in this competitive media business though it lacks some potential. The main limitation of Channel-i lies in its very technical status, satellite transmis-

sion. Whereas a terrestrial channel is able to go on air with coverage across the country, a channel based on satellite technology can only reach those who possess cable access on their television sets, mostly in large metropolitan cities. As a result, advertisers of products more suited to rural and remote areas do not usually prefer to choose a satellite channel, and approach a terrestrial one.

It is more of a ritual for Channel-i to transmit special programs on eventful days of the year like religious festivals, Independence and Victory day. Commemorative programs are produced in observance of birth and death anniversaries of reputed personalities of national and international stature. Band music and talk shows are some of the more popular programs of the channel among the younger viewers.

As regards various social awareness programs like on arsenic pollution, diseases and illness like tuberculosis, AIDS, etc., adult education program, environment protection and so on, the channel authorities produce short documentaries and films strictly on their own expense and technical expertise.

Some of the more popular programs like *Amar cchabi*, *Joar bhata*, *Flop show*, *Jibon jekhaney jemon*, *Your choice ole ole*, *Sajai swapner ghar*, *Kothay kothay*, *I Sports*, *Music Plus*, *Baro mash-er ranna*, *chithi pelaam*, *Goto saat deen*, *Shilpo kotha*, *Boithoki*, *I Focus*, *Sanchita*, *Gaan-er oparey*, *Roving I*, etc., have brought Channel-i commendable honour from among the television viewers of the region.



Shaikh Siraj, Director of Impress Telefilm, parent organization of Channel-i, while speaking to The Daily Star, expresses his feelings, thoughts and more about his vast experience during conducting of an earlier television program of BTv, 'Mati O Manush' that had gained immense popularity and support among both the urban and the rural population.

As Siraj believes, to be a competent staff of a television channel, one should possess standard qualities those of an electronic media journalist, which he feels are not easily available originally among those who want to work in this sector and usually come from print media. 'The boys and girls who now work here had to be initially trained for at least three months before being given job assignments', says Siraj.

'Before launching the channel I myself did not have any television news experience, only the experience of running an agro-based program, 'Mati O Manush', in Bangladesh Television from 1982 till 1996'. Yet, I gained quite a vast experience from the program, through interaction with a cross section of commoners and replying to hundreds and thousands of letters those had to be sorted out for reading before television viewers.' Says Sheikh Siraj. A similar kind of program that has been aired on Channel-i is Amar Chan-

nel-i, one of 250 episodes that contained quizzes by drama personalities to viewers across the country on some particular drama scene of the performer shown earlier on the program. Winners used to be picked up through drawing lot those provided opportunity to the winning viewer to reach the studio and meet his or her dream personality face to face, speak and shake hands. Thus closeness between the stars and the common people took place easily.

'Certainly, Channel-i is the first channel in this country to introduce several new conceptual programs on television including VJ culture, 7-day soap drama, highly attractive computerized screen format and such', the director adds. 'Today it is our extreme pleasure to celebrate the third anniversary of the channel along with our fans and patrons who constantly provide us inspiration and courage. Though we have implemented the use of advanced technology, yet, we are not fully satisfied with our performance and are trying our best to provide the viewers with better quality programs,' says Siraj.

Shaikh Siraj holds a special category 'Ekushey Padak' in development journalism for his contribution to country's agricultural advancement through hosting of the program, 'Mati O Manush'.



A scene from 'Joar bhata'


TV GUIDE

CHANNEL-i (3 rd anniversary)	
9:00a.m.	Opening
9:10	Children's program
10:00	Chader hashi / mag
10:40	Alor bonnya
11:30	Bioscope
12:15p.m.	Songs
1:00	Amar Channel i
1:50	Bangla feature film
5:40	Rangaraas
6:10	Music Plus
6:45	Mega serial
7:15	Channel I News
7:50	Asroy
9:00	Channel I News
9:30	Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh
9:40	Telequiz
9:50	Drama: Jatra
10:30	Channel I News
11:15	Amar Channel I News
12:00a.m.	Channel I News
ATN BANGLA	
5:30	Islamic Prog
7:00	Children Prog: ATN Sapla Saluk Gold Medel Protejugeta
8:00	ATN Bangla News
8:25	Reporting Prog: Ghotonar Napathee
9:00	Magazine Prog: Sutorang
9:35	Musical Prog: Music Time
10:10	Drama Serial: Brethrer Balobasa
12:00	ATN Bangla News
2:00	Film Song's Prog: Surchobi
2:30	ATN Bangla News
2:45	Bengali Feature Film: Dheuer Por Dheu
5:50	Magical Prog: Music Time
6:25	Drama Serial: Kakhono Jante Chayoy Na
7:00	ATN Bangla Evening News
7:25	Musical Prog
8:00	Computer Based Prog: ATN Computer Projukte
8:35	Film Magazine: Henolux Benudon Bichitra
9:10	Drama Serial: Ey Karecho Balo
10:00	ATN Bangla News
10:35	Musical Prog:
11:15	Musical Prog: Ek Barosar Bresthe Beje
11:30	ATN Bangla News
12:00	Bengali Film: Aamar Sansar

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	World Business Report
11:00	BBC News
11:30	World Business Report
12:00pm	BBC News
12:30	World Business Report/Sport Today
1:00	BBC News
1:30	Click Online
2:00	BBC News
2:30	Hardtalk
3:00	BBC News
3:30	Earth Report
4:00	BBC News
4:30	Asia Today/World Business Report
5:00	BBC News
5:30	Hardtalk
HALLMARK	
01:00a.m.	Bridge To Silence
03:00	No One Could Protect Her
05:00	Sesame Street
06:00	Seasons Of The Heart
08:00	Mark Twain's Roughing It
10:10	Young Riders, The - Home Of The Brave
11:00	Getting Out
01:00p.m.	Touched By An Angel VII
02:00	Sesame Street
03:00	Scholastic Clifford
03:30	Caillou
04:00	Flipper
05:00	Early Edition
06:00	Star Trek: Voyager
07:00	Voices From A Locked Room
09:00	Early Edition
10:00	Star Trek: Voyager
11:00	Sarah, Plain & Tall: Winter's End
STAR MOVIES	
12:30a.m.	Keeping The Faith
02:15	Powder
04:15	What About Bob
06:00	Mission To Mars
08:00	Fatal Instinct
09:30	Keeping The Faith
11:45	Powder
1:45p.m.	Memory Run
17:30	D3: The Mighty Ducks

19:15	Air Up There, The
21:00	A League Of Their Own
23:15	Outrageous Fortune
HBO	
06:30a.m.	Body Parts
08:15	No Way Back
10:15	A Memory In My Heart
12:00p.m.	Hard Rain
02:00	Double Platinum
04:00	Tango & Cash
06:00	The Blob
08:00	Sudden Terror: The Hijacking Of School Bus #17
10:003	Ninjas Knuckle Up
11:45	Night Visions 01: The Bokor
STAR GOLD	
7:00am	Geet Bahar
7:30	Mehboob Ki Mehindi
11:00	Bollywood Beats
11:30	Raampur Ka Lakshman
3:00	Geet Bahar
3:30	Madhumati
7:00	Bollywood Beats
7:30	Mangal Masti-Tum Hasen Main Javan
11:00	Yeh Kaisa Insaf
STAR PLUS	
7:30	Shaka Laka Boom Boom
8:00	Aatma
9:00	Hit Film:in Hit Sangeet
9:30	Fox Kids-Daily
10:10	Hit Geet
10:25	Kya Film Kya Geet
10:30	Small Wonder
11:30	Meri Saheli
12:00pm	Shanti
12:30	Hit Film:in 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 Zindagii Kay
4:00	Kumkum
4:30	Kabhi Sautan Kabhi Saheli
5:00	Kora Kagaz
5:30	Hit Film:in Hit Sangeet
6:00	Small Wonder
6:30	Fox Kids Daily
7:20	Aaj Ki Baat
7:25	Kya Film Kay Geet
7:30	Kumkum-Pyara Sa Bandhan
7:55	Film Toppers
8:00	Hum Saath Aath

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS	
	HBO: 6:00 p.m. The Blob . The Blob, a man-eating ball of pinkish plasma, falls from the sky in a meteor one lazy autumn night. After devouring an unlucky hermit who lives in the woods, it moves on to battle government officials and two local teens for the lives of the townsfolk.
	STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. A League Of Their Own . In 1943 when the ranks of professional male baseball players were leaving for the war, a group of ladies left their homes to become part of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League and kept baseball alive for a grateful nation. Dottie is the team's most gifted player.
	HALLMARK: 7:00 p.m. Voices from a locked room . The lives of real-life English music critic Philip Heseltine and composer Peter Warlock are explored in this taut and surprising psychological thriller. Heseltine falls in love with cabaret singer Lily Buxton, and their whirlwind romance leads to an engagement. But as Lily learns more about Philip, she uncovers a secret.
8:30	Hain
9:00	Kalash
9:00	Kasautii Zindagii Kay
9:30	Kehta Hai Dil
10:30	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
11:00	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30	Kaahin Kissii Roz
12:00	Film Toppers
12:05	Aaj Ki Baat
AXN TV	
6:30	Movie: Defenseless
8:30	Rescue
9:30	Alias A Broken Heart
10:30	Andromeda Under the Night
11:30	The Immortal Learning
12:30	Fear Factor
1:30	Alias A Broken Heart
2:30	Movie: Defenseless
4:30	The Green Hornet
5:30	Fear Factor
6:30	Rollerjam
7:30	The Immortal
11:30	Alfred Hitchcock Suspense Theatre
10:30	Movie: Rear Window
STAR NEWS	
7:30	Breakfast News English
8:00	Breakfast News Hindi
8:30	Breakfast News English
9:00	Breakfast News Hindi
9:30	Star News English
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
STAR WORLD	
7:00	The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00	Da Vinci's Inquest
9:30	Dharma & Greg
10:00	Boston Public

PICK OF THE DAY	
	Jatra On Channel-I at 9:50 p.m. Drama written by famed novelist and drama writer, Humayun Ahmed, Jatra brings a village plot before the viewers where one Sarkar family is shown. The girl of the family is to get married within next three days when a frail-bodied person reaches their doorstep and falls critically ill. Everyone becomes highly worried about the incident that is the arrival of an unknown man. The person suddenly dies. The girl's father makes all arrangement of burial when all of a sudden, the seemingly dead man opens eyes!
CHANNEL [V]	
7:00	[V] Hit Machine
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	[V] Hit Machine
12:00pm	[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] Hotline
5:30	[V] Top 5 @ 5
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7:30	Ctrl [V]
8:00	[V] Zabardast Hits
8:30	[V] Back To Back
9:00	[V] Zabardast Hits
9:30	[V] Jungli Jukebox
10:00	[V] FDFS
10:30	[V] Hit Machine
11:00	Late Night [V]
11:30	[V] Rewind
12:00am	[V] Back To Back
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC	
6:30	Wild
7:30am	Nat Geo Max
8:30	Scientific American Frontiers
9:30	People & Places
10:30	Dogs With Jobs
11:00	Human Edge
11:30	On The Edge
12:30pm	N G Specials
1:00	Wild
2:30	Nat Geo Max
3:30	Sci-files
4:30	People & Places
7:30	Human Edge
6:00	Mission Wild
6:30	Dogs With Jobs
7:00	Earth Pulse
7:30	On The Edge
8:00	Wild
9:30	Nat Geo Max
10:30	Sci-Files
12:00	People & Places
ZEE NEWS	
6:30	Bulletin
7:00	RPT
7:30	Bulletin
10:00	RPT
10:30	Bulletin
12:00	Dream Destination
12:30	Bulletin
12:57	Manoranjana
1:00	RPT
1:30	Beyond Headlines
2:00	Bulletin

2:57	Manoranjana
3:00	Bulletin
4:00	RPT
4:30	Bulletin
4:57	Manoranjana
5:00	Inside Story
5:30	Bulletin
6:00	RPT
6:30	Zee Business
6:57	Manoranjana
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	Manoranjana
ALPHA TV BANGLA	
7:00	Shyaola
7:30	Aalaap Bengali Spi
8:00	Purobi Bngla
8:30	Gaan Unltd
9:10	Bharat Bhraman
9:30	Sat Kahan
10:00	saregama
11:00	Bideshini Bodhu
11:30	Gaan Unltd
12:00	Chokh
12:30	Chena Mukher Shari
1:00	Nayantara
1:30	Ek Akasher Niche
2:00	Pratibimba
2:30	Andhare Alo
5:00	Gaan unltd.
5:30	Ingit
6:00	News in Bengali
6:30	Bideshini Bodhu
7:00	Shyaola
7:30	Bishesh Sangbad
8:00	Data
8:30	Pratibimba
9:10	Ek Akasher Niche
9:30	Chena Mukher Shari
9:50	Chokh
10:00	News in Bengali
11:00	Ingit
11:30	Nayantara
12:00	Shyaola
ZEE ENGLISH	
7:00	Family Pride
7:30	Heartbreak High
8:30	Benny Hill Show
9:00	Three's Company
9:30	Kate & Allie
10:00	Gregory Hines Show
10:30	The Sopranos
11:30	Full House
12:00	Fresh Prince of Bel Air
12:30	Veronica's Closet
1:00	Royal Canadian Air Farce
1:30	Benny Hill Show
2:00	Three's Company
2:30	Friends

3:00	Seinfeld
3:30	The Sopranos
4:30	Suddenly Susan
5:00	Mad About You
5:30	Heartbreak High
6:30	Full House
7:00	For Your Love
7:30	Seinfeld
8:00	Three's Company
8:30	Fresh Prince of Bel Air
9:00	Suddenly Susan
9:30	Veronica's Susan
10:00	Mad About You
10:30	Seinfeld
11:00	Friends
11:30	Homicide-Life on the Street
ZEE MGM	
6:30	Doctor in Love
9:00	The Woman In White
11:30	Doctor in the House
2:00	To Kill For
4:30	Dream Lover
7:00	Blood Oath
9:30	Why Me?
ZEE CINEMA	
7:00	Top of the Tops
7:30	Chintamani Surdas Bhagam Bhag)
10:30	Babul
1:30	Weekend Cinema
5:15	Hum Bhi Insan Hain
6:00	Yaadein Radio
9:15	Ceylon Ki Dadamoni
9:30	Anari No 1
10:00	
ZEE MUSIC	
7:30	Sizzlers
8:00	Zee Music Box
8:30	Dil Se B
9:00	Sizzlers
9:30	Hit Pe Hit
10:30	Hit Mix
11:00	Zee Music Plus
12:00	Compact Disc
12:30	Hit Pe Hit
1:30	Zee Music Box
2:00	Jharokha
2:30	Tara Rum
3:30	Hit Mix
4:00	Hit Pe Hit
5:00	Compact Disc
5:30	Hit Mix
6:00	Zee Music Plus
7:00	Just Jammin
7:30	Hit Pe Hit
8:30	Zee Music Com
9:30	Sizzlers
10:00	Dil Se B
10:30	Jharokha
11:00	Zee Music Box
11:30	Phoren Maal
ANIMAL PLANET	
7:00	Planet's Funniest Animals
7:30	Wild Island