

RECOMMENDATIONS



Thailand through my eyes

March 1-10
Bengal Gallery of Fine arts will hold a photography exhibition by Dr Rashid Un Nabi titled, 'Thailand through my eyes' on March 01 at 6:30p.m. The exhibition will continue everyday from 12-8p.m. till March 10 (Closed on public holidays).

Exhibition

February 28 - March 9
A solo exhibition by artist Tahera Khanom will start at the Gallery Chitrag on February 28 at 5:30p.m. The exhibition will continue everyday from 10a.m. - 8p.m. till March 9.

Exhibition

February 28-March 6
Drik Gallery holds an exhibition of paintings, sculptures and architecture by five young architects. This is the first time the artists-Ashik Vaskor, Mahmudun Nobil, Forhad, Mahfuzul Hasan Rana, and Tanzim-have come up before the mass audience. The exhibition continues up to March 6 from 3p.m. to 8p.m.

Exhibition

March 2-16
The Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University and the Embassy of Japan jointly hold a painting exhibition by Bangladeshi artists who studied in Japan. Entitled 'Japan-Bangladesh Cultural Bond through Painting', the exhibition takes place at Zainul Gallery of the Institute. The show is open from 2 p.m. to 8p.m.

Interview

Across the border

Artistes from West Bengal who came on February 21 speak their minds

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THE 21st February drew some artistes from across the border, who performed at the Fine Arts Institute on the invitation of 'Paddatik' and speaking to them one felt one's knowledge of Bengali music and poetry to grow.

Mitali Sen Gupta, one of the visiting artistes, sings all sorts of Bengali songs such as Rabindrasangeet, Nazrulsangeet, Otul Prasad, Rajani Kanta, Palli geeti and modern Bengali songs. Of the lot she enjoys Nazrul sangeet and modern Bengali songs. She went into Nazrul sangeet as it had a classical base and so attracted her and at the same time her voice is suited to modern songs. She picked up music early from her mother Protima Sen Gupta and her elder sister. It was while her sister learnt that Mitali first learnt to sing rather than speak out words like normal children.

Her guru for modern songs was Sudhin Das Gupta and Jotileshwar Mukhopadhyaya. She learnt her Nazrul sangeet from Biman Mukhopadhyaya. She also does classical music. She learnt music moving around place to place from Coochbihar to Jalpaigori etc in West Bengal as her father was posted at different places. She sings in the radio and TV since her childhood and gets the encouragement of her husband. She says, "In Nazrul sangeet one does have to be confined although one does have to keep within a framework of notations



Shostika Mukhopadhyaya

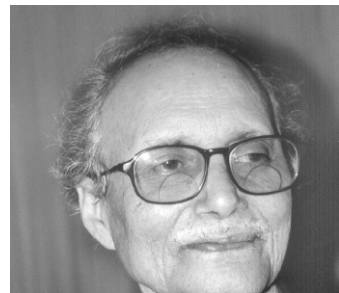
even in this. Keeping with one's own confines one can still express oneself.

"As for 'Rabindrasangeet' it is above so many other forms and one naturally enjoys it. I don't confine myself to any one particular form of songs. Regarding 'Uchchangasangeet', I learnt it at the different institutes, wherever my father was posted. I used to sing playing with the 'tanpura' and 'harmonium'. I hum all the time and practice whenever I can, specially in the evening. I have sung in different places in West Bengal, Delhi and have been in Dhaka before. The people in Dhaka are so enthusiastic about music that it is heartening. The people are very warm and friendly and receive you with invariable cordiality. I like Manobendhra Mukhopadhyaya, Purobi Dutta and Indrani Sen's songs very much. In Bangladesh I like Mita Huq and Rizvana Chowdhury Bonna's songs very much. I came to Bangladesh twice during the 21st February occasion. I find it very clean and pleasant and have bought a lot of handcrafts and saris. I have two CDs and cassettes of my songs.



Mitali Sen Gupta

Sobhun Sundor Bosu said that he did recitation and he said that his group selects those poems that express the thoughts of the masses rather than those of individuals. He said, "We do the poems of Subho Das Gupta from West Bengal, Nirmolendu Gun from Bangladesh, Sunil Gangopadhyaya, Joy Goswami and Joydev Bosu. My wife, Oisharya Bosu and I have a band 'Brishti' to go with our recitation and this is the first of its kind. We use live music with our recitation and there are four musicians who play the guitar, octopad, keyboard and effects like 'dugi', 'ghungur' and 'ghanta'. The music is compiled by Raja Sen Gupta. Throughout the year we work for the different TV channels. We have been using live music for five years and have been doing recitation for ten years. During the February 21 celebrations at the Fine Arts Institute we were brought in by 'Mitali' and 'Paddatik'. We had recited many of Tagore's



Samir Kanti Das

Somoronrey Sen Gupta's Sumon Chattyapaddya's, Dip Mukhopadhyaya's Joydev Bosu's poems. I got an invitation to go to New Jersey on the 50th anniversary of Indian independence but then they realized that I had taken part in reciting anti-establishment poems. In India I've been to Delhi, Jaipur and Bombay."

Shudipto Ghosh said, "I have learnt 'Rabindrasangeet' basically but I sing a variety of songs such as the ones I sang on the 21" that is 'Ganga amar ma Padma amar ma' and 'Gupi Gain Bagha Bain'. I've been singing 'Rabindrasangeet' from the time I could utter my first word as I have grown up listening to the songs of Devobroto Biswas, Konika Bandopadhyaya and Suchitra Mitra. I've studied at 'Gita Bitan' at Kolkata and then under Maya Sen. At present I'm studying with Subash Chowdhury. I've now been singing on stage for 15 years. I like 'Rabindrasangeet' as you

can identify both your happy and sad moments with them and the songs are eternal so that what was sung 50 years ago applies even today. I do like some 'Nazrul sangeet' too but when some of its singers try to show their expertise it irritates me. I do business on the side. This is the third time that I've come to Bangladesh and I like it very much as I can use my own language here. The response of the people to my singing is that I would like to come back again and again."

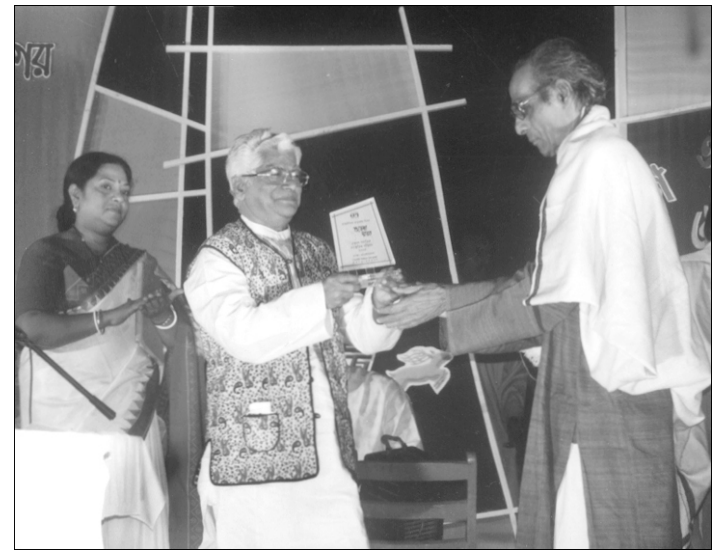
Samir Kanti Das who teaches 'Rabindrasangeet' said that Tagore had a strong link with Tripura from where he himself comes, and it was popular during the reign of the four rajahs there. Das said, "During the 40s I heard this type of songs. I had no teachers and learnt by myself. I cannot explain how I managed this myself although I got the 'Rabindra purashkar'

this year. I got the opportunity to go to Kolkata but stayed back at Tripura and many of the students there have learnt under me. I like all songs, that of Otul Prasad, Dwijendra Lal, Nazrul and I listen to all of them. I even like band music. As for myself, I work on TV and radio too as in 'Doordarshan' and 'Akashbani'. I have, incidentally, learnt a lot from the books of Sanjida Khatun. I have been singing on stage for 50 years now and I'm now 68. Till 1945 I was in East Bengal. Coming here reminded me of my childhood days which was a time of innocence and joy. I was originally a student of Bangla Literature."

Shostika Mukhopadhyaya said, "I sing Rabindrasangeet mainly as I'm a teacher of that song. I also sing songs of Dwijendra Lal, Otul Prasad and Rajani Kanta. I studied at Santiniketan as a child and I

got introduced to 'Rabindrasangeet' through my family. I did my Masters from there too staying at the hostel. I began singing before I went to school and at Burdwan, as a child, learnt from Nilima Sen. I am now teaching formally at the university for seven years now and before that I've been tutoring from home. My experience as a teacher is something different from that of a singer and the joy one gets out of teaching is something unique. Being in Santiniketan I sing 'Rabindrasangeet' more than any other types of songs. I like Otul Prasad and Dwijendra Lal Roy's songs too. I came to Bangladesh twice. I feel very much at home as the people here are so sincere and warm. The eagerness of the students here to learn 'Rabindrasangeet' is something rare. I have created students here like Oditi Mohsin, Tuhin and Azizur Rahman and they are like my own children. I was amazed to see on February 21 how performance went from 10 am to midnight and beyond and yet the audience was not the least restless."

Tushar Kanti Sen Gupta, who belongs to "Mitali" said in conclusion, "Our organization brings artistes from West Bengal to Bangladesh and similarly takes Bangladeshi artistes to West Bengal. So far we have done about 10 programmes all together. I love listening to songs and feel that since our language is the same there must be exchanges."



President of Paddatik, Syed Badruddin Hussain and president of India-Bangladesh cultural sangsad Mitali, T. K. Sen Gupta exchanging mementos.

TV GUIDE

CHANNEL-i

- 07.15 Prothom Shur
- 09.30 Tom and Jerry
- 10.10 Shushwashon Shanglaap
- 10.50 Unnyayon Manusher Jonnyo
- 11.30 Grihalgolo
- 12.00 pm Aamar Chhobi
- 12.40 Panthojan-er Shokha
- 02.00 Bangla Feature Film: Priyojon
- 05.35 Janopad-er Khabar
- 05.45 Programme on National Professor Dr. Nurul Islam
- 06.10 Music Plus
- 06.50 Bashor Ghar
- 07.15 Channel-i News
- 07.45 Ispahani-Te Quiz (Questions)
- 07.55 Close Up Juke Box
- 08.25 Aamader Graam
- 08.55 Aamader Shefali
- 09.00 Channel-i News
- 09.31 Ispahani-Te Quiz (Answers)
- 10.00 Manush Mandir
- 10.25 Channel-i Mobile Quiz 2525
- 10.30 Channel-i News
- 11.15 Business Show
- 11.30 Live Telecast of BTV Late Night News
- 12.30 TV Cast of Recorded Broadcast News at Ten
- 12.15 am Channel-i News
- ATN BANGLA
- 6:00 Islamic Programme
- 8:00 ATN Bangla News
- 8:25 Nabin Boran
- 9:35 Surer Madhury
- 10:10 Talk Show: Alokpat
- 12:00 ATN Bangla News
- 12:30 Aiker Sangbadpotro
- 12:50 Film Song's Programme Shurchobi
- 1:30 Bengali feature film K Tume
- 2:30 ATN Bangla News Headlines
- 4:50 Aiker Sangbadpotro
- 5:00 Gram Gonger Sangbad
- 5:15 ATN Bangla News Gold Medal Protijogita Islamee Sawal O Jawab
- 7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
- 7:30 Weekly Drama: Gunjon
- 8:40 Magazine Programme Sutorang
- 9:00 ATN Bangla News
- 9:25 Film Magazine Bioscop
- 10:00 ATN Bangla News
- 10:30 Musical Programme
- 11:00 ATN Bangla News
- 12:00 Bengali feature film: Tume Sudhu Amar

HBO

- 6:30 Trekkies
- 8:15 Friday the 13th: The Final Chapter
- 10:00 Hercules
- 12:00 Hard Knox
- 1:45 Splitting Herirs
- 3:30 The Corruptor
- 5:45 Texax Chainsaw Massacre Part 2
- 7:45 Grease 2
- 10:00 Shot in the Heart
- 12:00 Mission: Impossible 2
- 2:30 Friday the 13th: The Final Chapter
- 4:15 The Corruptor
- SONY (30 minutes +)
- 07:30 Amrit Varsha
- 08:00 Sant Asaram Vani
- 08:30 Chantabusters
- 09:00 Good Morning Disney
- 09:30 Good Morning Disney
- 10:00 Music Mantra
- 10:30 Thodi Si Bewafai Chamatkar
- 11:00 Family No 1
- 12:00 Hum Sub Ek Hain CID
- 12:30 CID
- 01:00 Kkusum
- 01:30 Extra Innings
- 02:00 ICC Cricket World Cup 2003: New Z vs Canada
- 10:00 Ekusum
- 10:30 Kahani Teri Merri
- 11:00 Achanak 37 Saal Baad
- 11:30 Aahat Dehshat Ke 6 Saal
- 12:00 Dil Vil Pyar Vyar
- AXN (30 minutes +)
- 06:30 Movie: Spanish Judges
- 09:30 Relic Hunter (Season 11) # 20 The Royal Ring
- 10:30 Seven Days (Season 11) # 4 Two Weddings and a Funeral
- 11:30 Farscape (Season 11) # 313 Scratch N Sniff
- 12:30 Who Dares Wins (Season 11) # 9
- 01:30 Martial Law # 8 Take Out
- 02:30 Movie: Spanish Judges (1:32)
- 04:30 The Right Stuff # 6
- 05:30 Who Dares Wins (Season 11) # 9

- 06:30 Farscape (Season 11) # 314 Infinite Possibilities Pt 1: Daedalus Demands
- 07:30 Eco-Challenge Sabah # 3
- 08:30 Relic Hunter (Season 11) # 21 Set in Stone
- 09:30 X Zone Fear Factor (Season 11) # 3 (208)
- 10:30 Award Winning Showcase
- Movie: The Fench Connection (1:38)
- 12:30 AXN Late Nights Relic Hunter (Season 11) # 21 Set in Stone
- 01:30 Farscape (Season 11) # 314 Infinite Possibilities Pt 1: Daedalus Demands
- 02:30 Seven Days (Season 11) # 4
- 03:30 Two Weddings and a Funeral
- STAR MOVIES
- 06:45 Highway 395
- 08:30 Orient Express
- 10:30 Blood Surf
- 12:30 Tigerland
- 14:15 The David Cassidy Story
- 16:00 California Suite
- 17:45 The Dish
- 19:30 Dead In A Heartbeat
- 21:15 Air America
- 23:00 Kindergarten Cop
- 01:00 Total Recall
- HALLMARK
- 07:00 Scholastic Clifford - The Kibble
- 07:30 Crook/Screaming For Ice Cream
- 08:00 Sesame Street - Episode # 22
- 09:00 Money Plays
- 11:00 Children Of The Dark
- 01:00 McLeod's Daughters (22 Episodes X 1hr) - Episode # 1 - Welcome Home
- 02:00 Live Through This - Episode # 9
- 03:00 Scholastic Clifford - The Kibble
- 03:30 Crook/Screaming For Ice Cream
- 04:00 Caillou - Episode # 40
- 04:00 Flipper (66 Episodes X 1hr) - A Helping

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- STAR MOVIES: 11:00 p.m. Kindergarten Cop. John Kimble is a tough city cop who's been on the trail of drug dealer Cullen Crisp for years. He finally tracks Crisp down but it seems the only person that can testify against him is his ex-wife. The problem is she's disappeared and all Kimble knows is the name of the school in Oregon where her son attends. When things don't quite go to plan, Kimble finds he has to go undercover on his toughest assignment yet - Kindergarten teacher!
- HBO: 10:00 p.m. Shot in the Heart. In fall 1977, Mikal Gilmore and his older brother Frank, Jr. ride through the Salt Lake Valley in a Rolls Royce driven by ACLU lawyer Richard Gaique. They are on their way to Utah's Draper Prison for a "one-time-only" visit with their notorious brother Gary, a death-row inmate set to be executed in a few days. Convicted a year earlier of the brutal murders of two Mormon men, Gary has been sentenced to death in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision to reinstate capital punishment.
- 05:00 Hand Sesame Street - Episode # 22
- 06:00 Star Trek: Voyager - Episode # 117 11:59
- 07:00 Jack And The Beanstalk - Part # 1
- 09:00 Early Edition - Season Iii - Two To Tangle
- 10:00 Star Trek: Voyager - Episode # 120 Equinox Pt. 1
- 11:00 Jack And The Beanstalk - Part # 1
- STAR WORLD (30 minutes +)
- 07:30 Chicago Hope
- 08:30 Nash Bridges
- 09:30 Traders
- 10:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
- 11:28 Star Asia Travel
- 11:30 World's Wildest Police Videos
- 12:30 Suddenly Susan
- 13:00 The Bold And The Beautiful
- 13:30 Hollywood Squares
- 14:00 The Brady Bunch
- 14:30 Baywatch
- 15:30 The Simpsons
- 16:00 Cheers
- 16:30 Starnews Asia
- 17:00 Frasier
- 17:30 THAT 70s SHOW
- 18:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
- 14:30 Shagun
- 15:00 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai
- 18:30 Grounded For Life
- 19:00 Frasier
- 19:30 Boston Public
- 20:28 Star Asia Travel
- 20:30 Frasier
- 21:00 THAT 70s SHOW
- 21:30 Grounded For Life
- 22:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
- 22:30 Frasier
- 23:00 Boston Public
- STAR PLUS (30 minutes +)
- 07:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
- 07:30 Aatma
- 08:30 Taaza Hits
- 08:35 Hit Filmehi Hit Sangeet - 20 M
- 09:00 Fox Kids
- 09:40 Hit Filmehi Hit Sangeet - 20 M
- 10:00 Kabhiekabhiemereg harmein-bhucha Meri Saheli
- 10:30 Kabhi Saas Kautabhi Saheli
- 11:30 Shanti
- 12:00 Hit Filmehi Hit Sangeet - 20 M
- 12:25 Taaza Hits
- 12:30 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
- 13:00 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
- 13:30 Bhabhi
- 14:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 14:30 Shagun
- 15:00 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai
- 15:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
- 16:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz
- 16:25 Film Topper - 301 Series
- 16:30 Saans
- 17:00 Hit Filmehi Hit Sangeet - 20 M
- 17:25 Taaza Hits
- 17:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
- 18:00 Fox Kids
- 18:40 Aaj Ki Baat
- 18:55 Film Topper - 301 Series
- 19:00 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
- 19:25 Film Topper - 301 Series
- 19:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
- 20:00 Krishna Arjun
- 20:30 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
- 21:00 Des Mein Nikla Hoga Chand
- 22:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
- 22:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 23:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz
- 23:30 Aaj Ki Baat
- STAR GOLD (30 minutes +)
- 07:00 Dekh Kabira Roya
- 10:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
- 10:30 Hit Filmehi Hit Sangeet - 20 M
- 10:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
- 11:00 Aradhana
- 13:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
- 14:00 Geet Bahar
- 14:30 Hit Filmehi Hit Sangeet - 20 M
- 14:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
- 15:00 Bandini
- 18:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
- 18:30 Hit Filmehi Hit Sangeet - 20 M
- 18:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
- 19:00 Masoom
- 22:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
- 22:30 Kuch Yaadein Kuch Baatein
- 23:00 Hit Filmehi Hit Sangeet - 20 M
- 23:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
- CHANNEL [V] (30 minutes +)
- 07:30 [V] Back To Back
- 08:00 [V] Jumpstart
- 09:00 [V] Hit Machine
- 09:30 [V] Back To Back
- 10:00 [V] Hit Machine
- 10:30 [V] Back To Back
- 11:00 [V] Hit Machine
- 11:30 [V] Zabadast Hits
- 12:00 [V] Jungli Jukebox
- 12:30 [V] Fdfs
- 13:00 [V] Hit Machine
- 13:30 [V] Zabadast Hits
- 14:00 [V] Back To Back
- 14:30 [V] Zabadast Hits
- 15:00 [V] Back To Back
- 15:30 [V] Hit Machine
- 16:00 [V] Hotline

PICK OF THE DAY

- The French Connection
- On AXN at 10.30 p.m. Alain Chanier is a dapper businessman from Marseilles, France, who is in reality a drug lord working on a big score - to sell \$32 million worth of 89% pure heroin to New York City. But his potential buyer - small-time hood Salvatore Boca - is being tailed by two undercover NYC cops, James "Popeye" Doyle and Buddy "Cloudy" Russo.
- 17:00 Vtop5@5
- 17:30 [V] Ideo War
- 17:45 [V] Hit Machine
- 18:00 Very V
- 19:00 Ctrl [V]
- 19:30 [V] Zabadast Hits
- 20:00 [V] Back To Back
- 20:30 [V] Zabadast Hits
- 21:00 [V] Jungli Jukebox
- 21:30 [V] Fdfs
- 22:00 [V] Hit Machine
- 22:30 Late Night [V]
- 23:00 [V] Zabadast Hits
- 23:30 [V] Back To Back
- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC (30 minutes +)
- 08:00 Vietnam's Unseen War: Pictures Fm The Other....
- 09:00 Game For It
- 09:30 Earth Report
- 10:00 Miracle In The Pacific
- 11:00 Dogs With Jobs
- 11:30 Earth Pulse
- 12:00 Cheetahs: Tale Of 2 Kitties
- 13:00 Croc Chronicles S2 - 20 M
- 13:30 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
- 14:00 Built For The Kill
- 15:00 Perils Of Electropomus
- 16:00 Keepers Of The Wild
- 17:00 Sea Stories
- 17:30 Mission Wild
- 18:00 Dogs With Jobs
- 18:30 Earth Pulse
- 19:00 Miracle In The Pacific
- 20:00 Croc Chronicles S2
- 20:30 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
- 21:00 Built For The Kill
- 22:00 Out In Nature
- 23:00 The Dragons Of Galapagos
- 17:00 Explorer's Journal
- 18:00 Out There
- 18:30 Next Wave
- 19:00 Action Asia Challenge 2000
- 20:00 Danger Diaries
- 21:00 Into The Volcano
- 21:30 Out There
- 22:00 Next Wave
- 22:30 Action Asia Challenge 2000
- 23:30 Danger Diaries
- STAR SPORTS (30 minutes +)
- 07:00 Follow Through Day 22(R)
- 07:30 Golf Tournament The Nelson Mandela Golf Invitational 2002 Cape Town, South Africa Highlights(R)
- 08:30 World Of Rugby The IRB's World Of Rugby (R)
- 09:00 International Motorsports News International Motorsports News 2003 (T)
- 10:00 Spanish Football League 2002/03 Spanish Football League Betis Vs Sevilla (R)
- 12:00 English Premier Football League United Vs Chelsea (R)
- 14:00 Football Asia (R)
- 14:30 IRL Racing Grand Prix Of Miami Homestead, FL USA (S)
- 16:30 Golf Programming The Golf Club 2003 (R)
- 17:00 Taking Guard Day 23(L)
- 17:30 Taking Guard Day 23(R)
- 18:00 Go Kart Champions Of The Future Karting Series 2002 Grant-ham, UK Highlights (T)
- 18:30 AMA Supercross Series 2003 THQ
- 20:00 World Supercross Gp (250cc) Metrodome, Minneapolis, MN USA Highlights (T)
- 19:30 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (L)
- 20:00 PGA Tour Golf Chrysler Classic Of Tucson Tucson, AZ USA Final Round (S)
- 22:00 Sportsline Tonight
- 22:30 Pool Rack 'Em Up - 1996 St Andrews Cup Steve Davis Vs Jimmy White Finals (T)
- 23:30 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (R)
- ESPN (30 minutes +)
- 07:30 Follow Through Day 22(R)
- 08:00 Pool Mosconi Cup 2002 (R)
- 09:00 The Expn Invitational Expn Invitational - In-Line Competition Grand Prairie, TX USA (R)
- 10:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2002/03 Newcastle, ENGLAND Newcastle United Vs Chelsea (R)
- 02:00 Extreme Programming 2002 Running With The Bulls Pamplona, SPAIN (R)
- 13:00 Motorsport Asia (R)
- 13:30 Pool Mosconi Cup 2002 (T)
- 14:30 Firefighters' Combat Challenge Firefighters' Combat Challenge - Survivor Ft Lauderdale, FL USA (R)
- 15:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2002/03 London, ENGLAND Arsenal Vs Charlton Athletic (R)
- 17:00 Taking Guard Day 23(L)
- 17:30 Taking Guard Day 23(R)
- 18:00 Pool Mosconi Cup 2002 (R)
- 19:00 English Premier League Highlights English Premier League Highlights 2002/03 (T)
- 20:00 Sportscenter Hindi (L)
- 20:30 Western Union World Football (R)
- 21:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2002/03 Newcastle, ENGLAND Newcastle United Vs Chelsea (R)
- 23:00 Sportscenter Hindi (T)
- 23:30 Pool Mosconi Cup 2002 (R)