

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition

July 16-22
Celebrating the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and Vietnam, Bangladesh Shipakala Academy and the Embassy of Vietnam are jointly holding a week long photography exhibition 'Vietnam, the country, people & culture' by ABM Salahuddin and several photographers of Vietnam at the Academy gallery. The exhibition will be held from 11:00 am to 7:30 pm (3:00 pm to 7:30 pm on Fridays).

Theatre

Silver Jubilee

July 19-21
Group Theatre 'Tarun Shamproday' from Serajganj celebrates its Silver Jubilee at the Bhashani Auditorium on July 19 at 10 am. Veteran theatre personality Azkarul Haque will inaugurate the celebration which features three stage performances. A reunion of all activists of the group will take place at 7:30 pm including a discussion session and reception of eminent personalities. Below is the schedule of the three drama performances.

July 19 at 10.00 pm
Swarnobolash starring Zahid Hasan and Afsana Mimi

July 20 at 7.30 pm
Oedipus by Pabna Theatre '77

July 21 at 7.30 pm
Muktodhara by Rangpur Natya Kendra

Video show

July 16-July 20
An exhibition presenting video works of 15 French resident artists will begin from July 16 at Alliance Francaise. The screening will take place everyday at 5:30 pm, except Fridays. La Galerie will also present the exhibition of digital pictures by French artist Alexandre Bocoillon. Opening times from 9am to 12 am and from 5pm to 8 pm everyday except Saturday, 5pm to 8 pm.

Drama festival

July 14-July 18

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of Mahakal Natya Shamproday a 5-day-long drama festival is going on at the Mahila Shamiti auditorium. The schedule is as follows:

July 17 Meraj Fakir Ma by Theatre (Bally road)

July 18 (Morning) Kanjush by Lok Natya Dal (Shiddheswar)

(Evening) Shikhondi Kotha by Mahakal Natya Shamprodaya.

Channel your thoughts

Visions of the pioneer satellite channel

Saiful Bari (Chief Advisor) and Nawazish Ali Khan (Director of Programmes) express their views, self-assessment and self-criticism, ideas and future planning about ATN Bangla in an interview with Harun ur Rashid and Kausar Islam Ayon of The Daily Star

THE Daily Star: ATN Bangla is another name among the country's television viewers with satellite cable connection. How do you evaluate the impression of ATN Bangla as a private TV channel?

Saiful Bari (SB): Founded in 1997, this is the first ever satellite TV channel in the country. The channel's impression is actually a mixture of opinions. We have quite a few good programmes that have attracted the audience. We have also some drawbacks--mostly technical--that have put us behind other TV channels. We are however developing gradually.

TDS: Among the criticisms of ATN Bangla, one is that the transmission gets often faulty resulting in still picture, incoherence between picture and sound, and the like. What is your opinion?

SB: Yes, we have lots of problems in transmission. The satellite link is not strong enough. But we are trying to improve it. Audience must have noticed by now that the inconsistency has decreased to a considerable extent.

TDS: Another area of allegation is the linguistic inefficiency of your journalists.

SB: Yes, we admit it. But we are organising training and workshops to improve this.

TDS: Which programmes will you name that make the channel worth watching?

Nawazish Ali Khan (NAK): There are in fact several of them. Some of them have stopped by now, anyway, like the show *Abdullah Al Mamun Adhghonta* and the talk show *Kothamala*. These were good programmes and attracted viewers. And also there is *Amra Korbo Joy*--a programme by children aged about 10-15. Regarding subject-based interview shows one must mention *Face to Face*. And amongst the musical shows *Pop Dhamaka* surely entertains its



Saiful Bari

audience.

TDS: You have a few magazine shows too.

NAK: Yes, *Kichhukkhon* has a large audience. Although items of the show do not always have much intellectual depth and the humour is rather coarse, the final 'punch' of the programme involves has a sure effect. It's pure entertainment.



The smartly turned out ATN crew celebrating the 6th Anniversary of the Channel.

TDS: *Sawaal Jawaab* is also a highly popular item of ATN. What do you think are its features that give it the acceptance?

NAK: Both the concept and content of the programme contribute to its richness. People, especially those from the middle class have lots of queries regarding religion and also about the religious pertinence of many day-to-day activities.

TDS: Why do you air Bangla films that are very often full of obscenity and violence?

SB: One must admit that the primary objective of any private concern is to return the investment. ATN Bangla too is no exception. Since Bangla films attract a lot of Ads and promotion, we cannot help but showing them.

NAK: Also you must agree that Bangla films have a large audience. Just think of the low-earning people who don't have many options for entertainment. Bangla films are the only source of recreation for them. Above all, we always try to maintain the minimum decency.

TDS: Tell us about your news



Nawazish Ali Khan

bulletins--what policy do you follow in news making?

SB: We are always conscious about the national interest and safety.

TDS: How many news bulletins and other similar items are aired on ATN Bangla at present?

SB: Amongst the regular ones, are the hourly bulletins, *Graamey-ganjey* at 5pm, and

three peak-hour bulletins at 7pm, 10pm and 11 pm. Also there is the Breakfast News at 8 am. In fact, we have been the first in the country to air the first news bulletin of each day. And the audience must have noticed that the news is not the repetition of the previous night's news.

TDS: What is the situation regarding Ads and commercials?

SB: The condition is frustrating. Around 60% of the Ads directly go to BTv. The private channels are struggling hard to capture the rest of the market.

NAK: Another point may be added in this context. It is because of this financial crisis that the channel used to show low quality commercials. But we are aware of the regulations about running a private channel. For example, some commercials are permitted to be aired after a certain time of a day.

TDS: Do you have any policy as regards reaching audience who don't have access to the channel?

SB: As an individual channel we do not have any such policy or plan. But personally I believe that there should be a corporation comprising all the private channels. Only then will it be possible to do something in this field. Otherwise, no private channel can do anything alone.

TDS: What are your future plans about the over-all development of ATN Bangla?

NAK: We are soon coming up with a number of new productions celebrating our 6th anniversary. You have already heard about the training and workshops for the improvement of the crew. We are also recruiting more efficient people. Having said all these, we may assure once again that we are going to wear a new look very soon.

Celebration

Asad turns 50



Friends and well wishers presenting bouquets to the eminent actor.

NOVERA DEEPTA

WITH colourful masks in the background, the stage decorated with red-orange-yellow curtains and fresh flowers, a portrait of Raisul Islam Asad was kept upon a stand at the corner of the stage. Well wishers of Asad signed their names and wished him luck, who recently turned 50 on July 15. Dhaka Theatre threw a Birthday celebration of actor Raisul Islam Asad a freedom fighter and founder member of Dhaka Theatre at the Shilpakala Academy.

Asad's mother and Nasiruddin Yusuf gave the actor a *Uttaria* (shawl). On behalf of the Dhaka Theatre and Gram Theatre a *Maanptra* (citation) written

by the playwright Salim Al-Din, was dedicated to Asad.

The actors of Dhaka Theatre, Abhinaya Shilpi Shangkha, Jahangirnagar University, Nagorik Natya Shamprodaya and other organisations gave flowers to the actor on his Birthday.

Among others Ramendu Majumdar, Golam Kuddus, Ataul Huque, Mursheedul Islam, Poet Hassan Hafiz, Leenu Billah, Apurba Majumdar, Ahsanul Haque Minu, Salluddin Zaki and others also spoke at the occasion. Later on in the programme, Mita Haque, Shubir Nandi and Shimul Yusuf performed songs.

Around the world



Balinese dancers perform Kanyaka Sura dance as the masts of the nineteenth century Indonesian replica ship is seen in the background. It reflects the power of ancient Indonesian's maritime skills and their incredible achievement in world trade.

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

BTv
News Headlines (Bangla) at 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:10 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm.
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.
News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English) News Headlines at 11:30 pm.
CHANNEL-i
Breakfast News 07:15am, 9:00am News (Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am.
Teletext of BTv news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

ATN BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, News (English) at 9:00 pm.
Teletext of BTv News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
Latest News (Bangla) at 09 a.m, 10:00 a.m, 11:00 am, 1pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm, and 8:00 pm.
N tv
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:02 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:45 pm.
News (Bangla) 11:00 pm.
TARA BANGLA
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 11:30 pm.
Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm.
Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.
BBC World
Every hour on the hour

BTv

7:30 Opening Announcement
7:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
8:00 Morning News
8:25 Selected Modern Songs
9:00 Film: Sea Is Green
9:15 News Headlines
12:00 Opening Announcement
12:10 News Headlines
12:30 Shagnabdotrer Pata
1:00 News
1:05 Magazine : Upahar
2:00 News Headlines
2:05 Cartoon Film
2:30 Open University
3:00 News in English
3:10 Bangla Feature Film
4:00 News Headlines
5:00 News
5:30 Computer Round
6:00 News: Desh Janapodh
6:10 Tathya Projukti
6:35 Jiboner Alo
7:00 News Headlines
Share Market
Weather Forecast
Boipatro
7:30 Film: Dark Knight
8:00 News at Eight (Bangla)
8:30 E Shoptaher Natok
10:00 News at Ten
10:25 Weather Forecast
10:30 Harano Diner Gaan
11:30 Late Night News/News Headlines

ATN BANGLA

8:00 ATN Bangla News
10:10 Talk Show: Face to Face
10:50 Musical Prog : Music Vision
12:00 ATN Bangla News
12:20 Akjer Sangbadpotro
12:40 Musical Prog : Srether Pata Theke
1:20 Bengali Feature Film: Mayer Kanna
4:20 Islamic Prog : Sundor Jeboner Janne
4:50 Akjer Sangbadpotro
5:00 Gramgonger Sangbad
5:10 Film Magazine : A Saptether Chobi
5:50 Musical Prog : Uro Cola Saat Rang
6:25 Islamic Prog : Islamee Sawal O Jawab
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:30 Cooking Prog : Quality Labone Labonge
8:10 Drama Serial Sultanan Sapno
8:40 Film Magazine : Henolux Benudon Bichitra
9:00 ATN Bangla News
9:25 Repoting Prog: Prekhhapot
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:35 Musical Prog :
11:00 ATN Bangla News
12:00 Bengali Feature Film: Sareng Bow

ntv

05:02 Centuries
05:04 Century: Disaster (Part-2)
05:32 Cine Gaan
06:00 Islamic Programme: Apanar Jigyasha Headlines
06:30 Shubhashanda
07:00 Cartoon Film
07:17 Iltishar Ei Diney
07:30 Telefilm: Dhrubotara (Part-5)
08:00 Ondukarer Phool (Part-2)
08:35 Shunskriti Ey Shaptaho
09:10 Drama: Aranya
09:45 Headlines
10:22 Khaborer Shandaney
11:00 News
11:30 Telefilm: Atodin Kothai Chhiley
12:30 Hello Music
CHANNEL-i
07:15 Channel-i News
9:00 Channel-i News
10:30 Bangla Feature Film: Palki
5:35 Jonopoder Khabor

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

5:45 Joto Poth Toto Mith Music Plus
6:10 Asia Today
6:45 Amaal Chhahi
7:15 Channel-i News
7:50 Drama Serial: Thief Of Bagdad
8:25 Megha Serial: Ggnihagolpo
9:00 Channel-i News
9:35 Drama Serial : Charisma
10:00 Band Show: Close Up Hit Wave
10:30 Channel-i News
11:15 Sangbad Potrey Bangladesh
11:30 Late Night News of BTv
12:15 Channel-i News

HBO

8:15 Simon Sez
10:00 Dragonheart
12:00 Bicentennial Man
12:00 A Better Way To Die
4:45 Final Destination
6:45 Erin Brockovich
9:30 Under Siege 2
11:30 Diamond of Jeru
1:15 Bicentennial Man

STAR MOVIES

8:15 The Three Musketeers
10:00 Jack The Bear
11:45 The Others
1:30 New Port South
3:15 Till Human Voices Wake Us
5:00 1900 Mt Sea
7:00 Out Cold
8:30 The Others
10:30 Micki & Maude
MGM
9:00 Revenge of Pink Panther
11:30 Buddy factor Kevin Spacey
2:00 Little Man Tate
4:30 RIG-3
7:00 Full Moon in Blue Water
9:30 Thrilling Thurdai : Incognito
BBC
8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report
10:30 World Business Report
11:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
12:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
1:30 Fast Track
2:30 Hardtalk
3:30 Simpsons World Directs
4:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
5:30 Hardtalk
6:30 World Business Report/Short Today
7:30 Top Gear,

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

STAR MOVIES: 7:00 pm. *Out Cold*. Bull Mountain, Alaska, is a no frills ski resort, and the staff is a bunch of partying snowboard bums. The late founder, Papa Muntz, was famed for skiing with his backside exposed, and in fact is so memorialized by a statue. But his son, Ted, plans to sell the resort to hotshot ski mogul John Majors, who starts turning it into a slick resort, which of course has no room for most of the staff. The exception is Rick, the most serious of the bunch. But there's a complication: Rick met Majors' step-daughter Anna on vacation in Mexico.

MGM: 9:30 pm. *Incognito*.

Harry Donovan is an art forger who paints fake Rembrandt picture for \$500,000. The girl he meets and gets into bed with in Paris, Manieka, turns out to be an arts expert. Harry's clients are using her to check the counterfeit picture he painted.

TARA BANGLA

8:30 Asia Today
9:30 Hardtalk
10:15 World Business Report/University Challenge TBA
10:30 Nonte Fonte Rept.
9:00 Upalabdi
9:30 Rajni Rpt.
10:00 Shabash Bhagne/Tele Times
10:30 Live Dashtay Rpt.
11:30 Soja Sapta
12:00 Hoi Hullor
12:30 Anyatama
1:00 Harir Khabar
1:30 Tara Sundari
2:00 Taka Na Sonar
2:30 Live Angana
3:30 Tara News Headlines
3:35 Travel Show
4:00 Antakshari Rpt.
4:30 TVC
5:00 Rahashya Sandhani
5:30 Tara News Headlines
5:35 Akjer Shironaam
6:00 Nonte Fonte
6:30 Howzzat Hungama
6:32 Taka Na Sonar
7:00 Gane Gane
7:30 Howzzat Hungama
7:32 Tara News Headlines
7:37 Hoi Hullor
8:00 Tara News Bangladesh
8:15 Tara News
8:30 Howzzat Hungama
8:32 Antakshari
8:40 Bakwas

PICK OF THE DAY



The Others

On Star Movies at 8:30 pm. A woman named Grace retires with her two children to a mansion on Jersey, towards the end of the Second World War, where she's waiting for her husband to come back from battle. The children have a disease which means they cannot be touched by direct sunlight without being hurt in some way.

STAR GOLD

8:00 Geet Bahar
8:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
9:00 Sharada
11:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
12:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
12:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
12:30 Gunga Jumna
Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
3:55 Jubilee Plus
4:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
4:30 Shatru
7:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
8:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
8:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
8:30 Iski Topi Uske Sar

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

9:30 Poles Apart
10:30 Through These Eyes
11:00 On Assignment
11:30 Dogs With Jobs S3
12:00 Earth Pulse
12:30 The Whale Shark Hunters
1:30 Built For The Kill
2:30 Giants Of Etosha
4:30 Fairy Penguin
5:30 Africa From The Ground Up
6:00 Animal Edens
6:30 Dogs With Jobs
7:00 Pal Chinn
7:30 Attack-In Pursuit Of Africa
8:30 Built For The Kill
9:30 Inside The Vatican
10:30 Last Flight Of Bomber
11:30 Monitor: Buried At Sea
DISCOVERY
8:30 Wild Discovery Reef Warriors
9:30 Globe Trekker Czech Republic
10:30 Past is Wild, Future is Wild When Dinosaurs Ruled China
11:30 Blue Planet

ANIMAL PLANET

8:30 Thursday APL Superstars
10:30 Wild Encounters
11:30 Whole Story
12:30 Thursday Imagine
2:30 Wild Encounters
3:30 Emergency Vets
4:30 Animal Doctor
5:00 Breed All About It
5:30 K-9 To 5
6:00 Wild on the Set
6:30 Planet's Funniest
7:30 Wild Encounters
8:30 Thursday Imagine
10:30 Wild Encounters

ADVENTURE ONE

9:00 Pioneers To The Deep
10:00 Death Zone
11:00 Explorer's Journal
12:00 Surfer's Journal
12:30 Game For It
1:30 The Hunt For Amazing Treasures
1:30 On Assignment
2:30 Ng Explorer
3:30 Danger Diaries
4:30 Microlight Odyssey
5:00 Explorer's Journal
6:00 Franz Joseph Land
7:00 Across The Line - S2
7:30 Pioneers To The Deep
8:30 Death Zone
9:30 Surfer's Journal
10:00 Franz Joseph Land
STAR SPORTS
7:00 Motorcycle Programming 2003
7:30 Sportsline Tonight
8:30 Dream Team (R)

ESPAN

9:00 Tour De France 2003 Highlights Paris France Stage
9:30 World Pool Championship 2003 Cardiff Wales Day 5 1st Session(S)
10:30 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (T)
11:00 Dream Team (R)
11:30 Futbol Mundial (T)
12:00 World Pool Championship 2003 Cardiff Wales Day 6 2nd Session(L)

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