

## CULTURAL FEAST

## Exhibition

Title: Italian Art Books and Handicrafts Show



Organiser: The Italian Embassy

Venue: The Italian Ambassador's residence, House NW 7, Road 54, Gulshan 2

Time: October 28-30, from 10am to 2pm

Title: No More War, Make a Green World

Artist: Mohammed Younus

Venue: Gallery Dhruv, House 36, Road 5, Block G, Banani

Time: October 14-24 from 10am to 8pm

Title: Appointment 2004

Artists: Hamiduzzaman Khan, Abdus Shakur, Ranjit Das, Ifrat Ara Dewan, Ivy Zaman, Rashid Amin, Javed Jalli, Anukul Chandra Majumdar

Venue: Shilpangan, Road 5, House 25, Dhanmondi

Time: October 16-25, from 10am to 1pm and 5pm to 9pm

Title: Saree Exhibition

Designer: Nahida Sharmeen

Venue: Chitraneer, Gallery Chitrak, Road 4, House 21, Dhanmondi

Time: October 19-25, from 10am to 8pm

Title: Even the Walls Have Ears

Artist: Tayeba Begum Lipi

Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi

Time: October 21-31, from 5pm to 6:30pm

Title: Islamic Calligraphy & Italian Reproduction Art

Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Road 36, House 16, Gulshan

Time: October 29-November 20, from 12pm to 4pm, 7pm to 9pm

Title: Power

Artist: Khalid Mahmood Mithu

Venue: Gallery Chitrak, Road 4, House 21, Dhanmondi

Time: October 22-November 31, from 10am to 8pm

Title: Sholo

Artist: Saheli

Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A, Dhanmondi

Time: October 17-24 from 11:30am to 6:30pm

# Shefali Ghosh: A trend-setter of regional songs

ERSHAD KAMOL

SHEFALI Ghosh, is a name, familiar to the connoisseurs of folk music. She has been labeled the 'Queen of Regional Songs' as she popularised regional songs of Chittagong in the country and abroad.

Shefali started her music career at the age of seven. She has learnt music from many eminent *Ustads* and her repertoire comprises Nazrul and modern songs. However, she has basically gained popularity for the dramatic presentation of regional songs on stage with Shyamshundar Baishnab.

Shefali says, 'Shyam da and I always tried to present the songs through dramatic presentations. We spontaneously performed on stage like a couple. He typically interesting gestures, such as tying his hair or his *gamcha*, were rather entertaining for the audience.'

Talking about her duets with Shyam, she says, 'People think that Shyamshundar Baishnab and I are couple. However, my husband is Nani Gopal Datt, who always encourages me to do better. I recall an amusing incident when I was with my husband in a rickshaw and Shyam da was travelling in another rickshaw. This didn't go down very well with a music lover who said to Shyam da, 'Dada, why is Boudi with another man?'

'Many contemporary male singers have requested me to perform in duet songs on stage. But, I am not interested as I believe that Shyam da has no replacement. That is why after his death, I have changed my way of presentation. Nowadays, I do not present any



Shefali practises in a homely environ

song through dramatic presentation on stage,' she added.

Shefali does not particularly appreciate the music videos based on her duets with Shyam da. She says, 'Some companies have released VCDs of our duet songs using models. But, I have reservations on these music videos. They have been done for mere entertainment. However, the essence of the music of Shyam-Shefali is not reflected in these videos,' she added.

Shefali thinks regional folk songs are very popular. As she says, 'In the era of globalisation, my songs are still in demand in music circles. Expatriates from Chittagong invite me for live concerts in different parts of the world. They say that although they are happy to listen to music from a different culture, they are hungry for music rendered by

me from our homeland.

'My songs represent history, tradition and culture of the people of Chittagong region. Say for example, my popular piece *O Shama Rengune Naja* represents those days when a good number of people of Chittagong went to Yangon for their bread and butter. My other popular songs like *Ore Shampun Owala*, *Jodi Shundar Ekkhan Mukh* and others also move the audience. One of my popular songs, *Malika Banur Deshe Re*, has become a part of the marriage rituals of the rural culture,' she added.

Commenting on the interest of the younger generation in regional folk music, Shefali says, 'The new generation is not interested in such folk music. I think, this genre may be on its way out, as no suitable predecessors have been created. I

think the government should take steps to keep the folk music tradition alive.'

A memory that remains firmly imbedded is of her stage performance at Royal Albert Hall in London. As she says, 'I will never forget the day when the audience of that world famous hall enthusiastically responded to my performance.'

'I am thankful to God that I have had the opportunity to participate in some historic moments of the country. For one, I was one of the singers of *Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra*. Moreover, I also performed during the inauguration ceremony of the television center at Rampura. I also sang during the inauguration of the television center in Chittagong,' she added.

A popular singer of Bangladesh Television and Radio, Shefali has received many awards for her glorious music career. Shefali says, 'I have got awards from Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in 2003, Lifetime Achievement Award, 2002 for music from Bangla Academy, *Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra Shabda Shainik Award* in 1990 and others. Moreover, in 1998, Bangla Academy has published a collection of 396 regional songs sung by me.'

Shefali Ghosh is the playback singer of many films like *Malika Banu*, *Madhumita*, *Bashundhara* and others. Glamour International, a London based production company has released two of her albums in UK. Moreover, Messrs. Milfa Limited had released her LP in 1978 in UK. More than 60 albums of her regional songs are available in the country.

## MEGA-SERIAL

## Ek Jonomey next on Mamun's slot

AFSAR AHMED

In a common practice overseas, famous artistes are often allotted a special slot on TV channels. In our country ATN Bangla together with eminent theatre personality Abdullah Al Mamun has initiated the tradition. His mega serial *Baba* is being telecast and will soon end with its 100th episode. However, his slot is not coming to an end: another mega serial *Ek Jonomey* is starting on October 23. The premiere show of *Ek Jonomey* was held at Taj Mahal Restaurant on October 19.

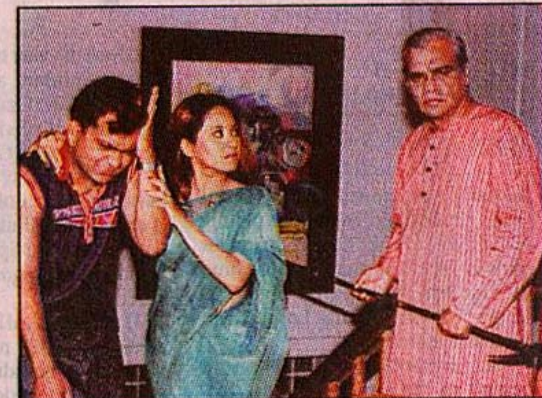
'At this age when I look around, I don't find any of my contemporary artistes', said a nostalgic Abdullah Al Mamun in his speech. 'At the same time, I fear to attend such programmes thinking it could be my last one,' he said. *Baba*, a *Sentimental Journey* is a projection of my true beliefs and I am grateful that people appreciated my effort. I hope that my next venture *Ek Jonomey* will get the same accolade from the audience,' said Mamun.

Nawajesh Ali Khan, vice president of ATN Bangla, said, 'We have been working together for 40 years and while others have retired, Abdullah Al Mamun is still pursuing his creativity.'

Writer Pranab Bhatta said, 'We always remember Abdullah Al Mamun for his TV drama *Shangshaptak*, the film *Sharenig Bou*, the first mega serial of the country *Jowar Bhatta* and his brilliant participation in Bangladesh's theatre revolution.'

Imdadul Haq Milon reminisced how Abdullah Al Mamun brought him into scriptwriting. Artistes Kazi Azad, Shirin Bakul, Shafiq Sadequi and singer Subir Nandi also expressed their gratitude to Mamun.

After the discussion, the hundredth and last episode of the mega serial *Baba* was screened. At the beginning of the episode, artistes of the serial talked about their experiences while doing the programme. The serial has a



Mir Sabbir, Tarin and Abdullah Al Mamun in a sequence from Ek Jonomey

tragic end.

The second show was the premiere of the new serial *Ek Jonomey*. Based on Abdullah Al Mamun's novel *Gurda Pandar Baba*, it is a sentimental depiction of the joys and sorrows of the family members of the protagonists. Abdullah Al Mamun, Ferdousi Majumder, Shirin Bakul, Tarin, Jitu Ahsan, Mir Sabbir and others act in this new serial.

Abdullah Al Mamun and Ferdousi Majumder, the protagonists, play two retired famous cultural artistes. Shirin Bakul's character is modelled on the traditional *jatra*-role of Bibek (conscience), who has the freedom to appear in any scene when the story needs an explanation.

The airing of *Ek Jonomey* is a welcome break from a surfeit of mediocre soap operas. Hopefully, ATN Bangla's 30-minute slot dedicated to Abdullah Al Mamun, will bring back viewers to our own TV channels.

## Kayes Chowdhury strikes back

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The communication gap between the youth and old is an age-old problem. While old is more centric to pride and prejudice, youth is above all these traditions. Youth is a symbol of life while the old is regarded as stagnant. However, to many, old is gold and youth is restless and inexperienced. This debate continues even today. However, Kayes Chowdhury, the popular writer, director of the popular TV drama serial *Naa*, has come forward after 10 years of *Naa* to solve these hoary conflicts with his new venture *Uki Deby Chand*. This mega serial is one the few TV programmes of the country to project the divide

between old and new generations and thus help diminish the generation gap.

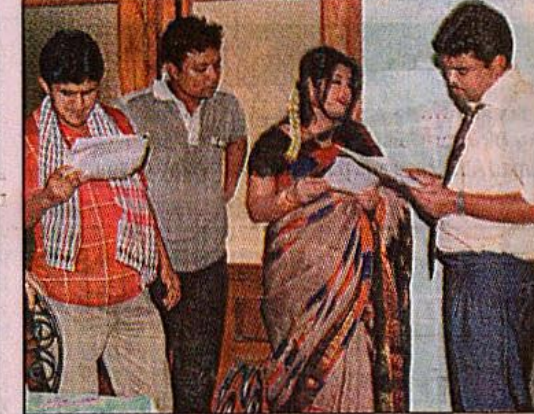
Recently, the *mahurat* of this new mega serial was held at the shooting spot of Uttara following an *Iftar* party and a brief discussion. However, this time Kayes will not direct the drama, instead a promising young director, ZH Helal, is working behind the lens.

*Uki Deby Chand* is a story of the young generation and their crisis, views, sentiments and aversion to rituals. The story has the same pattern as my previous story *Naa* but this is what I consider as a timeless appeal with modern theme,' said Kayes. 'The structure of the drama is so flexible that we can easily stretch it to 1,000 episodes', he added.

'The concept is very modern and the story unfolds with a package offer by Malaysian Airlines where a minimum 10 participants are needed,' continued Helal. He adds, 'Several strangers get together to visit Malaysia and thus create a new bond.' The trip to Malaysia gives many of the protagonists a new lease of life and a changed mindset on the ways of the world.

As usual, Kayes' venture will promote a bunch of new artistes. However, there are also a good number of established artistes like Nasima Khan, Dolly Jahur, Afroza Banu, Moushumi, Rokeya Prachi, Tania Ahmed, Shams Shumon, Soheli Arman, Toni Dayes, Shahed, Deepa Khondokar, Meem and others in this serial. Kayes and Helal themselves also act in the serial.

The serial has a very catchy song *Megher aral jodi dheke rakhey purnima raat, bujhe neo bondhu jekhono tokhon uki deby chand* sung by SI Tutul and the lyrics are by Kayes. The serial is to be aired on the first week of January on Channel-i.



Artists of the mega serial during shooting

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## Sharmila dons a new role

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Veteran actress Sharmila Tagore was appointed Censor Board chief by the government of India. She replaced eminent actor Anupam Kher.

Fifty eight-year-old Sharmila Tagore, who had made her movie debut at the age of 14 in master director Satyajit Ray's *Apur Sansar* in 1959, assumed charge in New Delhi on Wednesday, an official announcement said. The board chief's post is honorary in nature.

Becoming head of the Censor Board is a new and challenging role for Sharmila Tagore. The acting career of Sharmila spans over three decades, during which she has acted with equal elan in films of Ray as well as Bollywood's commercial movies. Among her Ray films are *Nayak* opposite legendary Uttam Kumar, *Seemabaddha* and *Aranyer Din Ratri*.

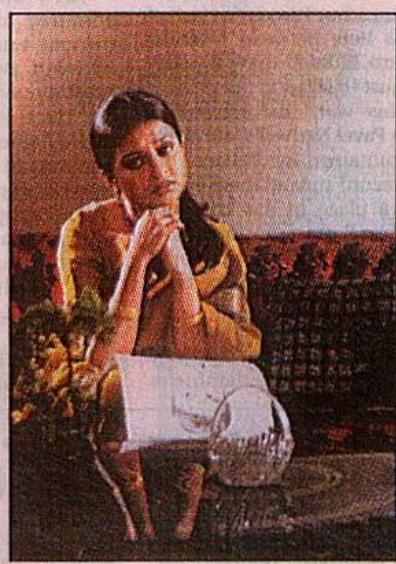
Sharmila Tagore married former Indian cricket captain Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi in 1970 and the couple has two children: actor Saif Ali Khan and newcomer actress Soha Ali Khan.



## A chit-chat with Oindrilla

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Amongst the many child artistes who have made a place for themselves in the media today, Oindrilla has been successful. At the age of one- and-a-half, Oindrilla was introduced to the media world through the movie *Pursohkar*. At the age of four, she won an award for young models. At five, Oindrilla began taking Kathak lessons from Shibli Mohammed and



Bharatnatyam from Belayat Hossain. She also took lessons in classical music from Sanjeev De and Rabindra Sanget from Sadi Mohammed. At the age of six, Oindrilla acted in her first television drama, *Dola*.

To date, Oindrilla has acted in 35 dramas. Currently the artiste leads a busy life with her husband and their only daughter Adrita.

In a freewheeling interview, she talked on a variety of issues.

'My idol is Rabindranath Tagore.

I believe that talent should be judged by quality. Proper guidance is also needed, through which one can display one's talent.

I have many dreams. I want to be happy and satisfied in my personal life, in my career and also stand out in the academic field.

True, I have had some weird experiences with fans. For my honeymoon I had gone to Australia and Malaysia, naturally thinking that nobody would recognise me there. However, the surprising thing was that in any Bangladeshi gathering, I would be recognised and bombarded with greetings and questions of sorts.

Despite my success as an actress, my ambition is to join a corporate firm after completing my education.

## 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 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 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) at 11:30 pm.

#### CHANNEL-i

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 7:15 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30, 12:15 am.  
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

#### ATN BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.  
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

#### ntv

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.  
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.  
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

#### TARA BANGLA

News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm.  
Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm.  
Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

#### BBC WORLD

Every hour on the hour

#### CHANNEL-I

11:00 Agora Shopping Guide  
11:30 Din Choley Jay  
12:00 Sa Re Ga Ma  
12:30 Aaj Dupurey and Tarika Kathon  
01:00 Ebong Cinema Gaan  
01:25 Public Reaction  
02:15 Pityo Nalok  
03:40 Banglar Gaan  
04:10 RC Brain Storming  
04:50 Ramadanul Mubarak  
05:45 Manohar Ilhar  
06:00 Music Plus  
06:30 Aamar Chhobi  
07:50 Drama Serial: Keboli  
08:25 Drama Serial: Raai Hoya Jai  
09:35 Beast Master  
10:00 Drama Serial: Shampurna Rangin  
10:00 Close Up Hit Wave

#### ntv

08:00 Aajkar Shokal  
08:30 Sprosher Bairey  
09:30 Nari Gharey Bairey  
10:05 Shapla Kuri  
10:30 Dhakar Cinema  
02:35 Drama Serial: Sprosher Bairey  
03:15 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan  
03:50 Drama Serial: Sheela  
04:25 Gambhira  
05:20 Mahilangan  
06:20 Shubho Shondhya  
06:50 Aain O Jibon  
08:20 Drama Serial: Ronger Manush  
08:50 Drama  
11:25 Dindarpan

#### ATN BANGLA

10:30 Anyodishili  
11:05 Magazine show: Ek Dui Teen  
11:35 Islamic Programme  
12:10 Eid Shambhar  
12:50 Tele Film

03:45 Musical Programme  
04:20 Islami Sawal O Jawab  
05:10 Mobarok O Mahe Ramadan  
06:20 Film Show: Thunder Stone  
08:00 Drama Serial: Tana Poren  
08:30 Drama Serial: Bhawal Raja Shanyashi  
09:00 Drama Serial: Detyo Bekti  
09:30 Drama Serial: Mohona  
10:35 Rock & Rhythm  
**ALPHA BANGLA**  
2:00 Neel Seemana  
2:33 Search Light  
3:00 Mayar Sansar  
5:30 Gaan Unhild  
6:00 Alpha Khabar  
6:30 Dhanmi Meye  
7:10 Dhyaitanika  
8:00 Neel Seemana  
8:30 Ek Akasher Niche  
9:10 Search Light  
9:30 Hao Mao Khao  
10:00 Paanch Dino Gappo  
11:00 Kothay Pabo Tare

#### HBO

8:15 My Little Eye  
10:15 The Crew  
12:00 Bail  
2:15 Riding In Cars with Boys  
5:00 See Spot Run  
7:00 Batman Forever  
9:00 Mr Deeds  
11:30 The Crimson Rivers  
1:45 Bail  
**STAR MOVIES**  
6:15 In His Life: The John Lennon Story  
7:45 Wall Street  
9:45 Starship Troopers  
10:00 Maiden Voyage  
1:30 Hollywood One On One  
3:00 Bollywood Queen

#### STAR GOLD

6:15 Karz Chukana Hai  
10:10 Yeh Hai Mumbai Meri Jaan  
1:30 Hello Brother  
4:10 Maya  
4:45 Haqeeqat  
8:30 Haseena Maan Jayegi  
**STAR PLUS**  
2:00 Bhabhi  
2:30 Kesar  
3:00 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai  
5:00 Zindagi Milke Bitayenge  
6:00 Maal Hai To Taal Hai  
6:30 Fox Kids  
7:30 Kunkum  
9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay

PICK OF THE DAY

**Rock & Rhythm**

3:30 Lost Junction  
5:05 City Of Ghosts  
7:00 Phone Booth  
8:20 The Craft  
**STAR GOLD**  
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#### Rock & Rhythm

On ATN Bangla at 10:35pm  
Musical programme  
Directed by Gazi Ahmed Shubhro  
Today's 23-minute episode of *Rock & Rhythm*, is a special one because the most popular bands of the country like Miles, ArtCell, Black, Souls and LRB will perform their hit songs. The songs will include both the former and recent hits of these groups. The additional attraction of the show is a brand new music video. The band members will also share their experiences and thoughts on music with the viewers.

9:30 Saara Akaash  
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki  
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhi Thi  
11:30 Kahiin To Hoga  
**STAR WORLD**  
1:30 Mac Gyver  
2:28 Star Asia Travel  
4:30 Hollywood Squares  
5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway  
5:30 Miami Vice  
6:30 The Simpsons  
7:00 Home Improvement  
7:30 Friends  
8:00 Just Shoot Me  
8:30 Smallville  
9:30 For Love Or Money  
1:28 Star Asia Travel  
11:30 Baywatch  
**HALLMARK**  
1:00 Mad About You  
7:30 Richie Rich

4:30 Horse Neglect  
5:00 One Camper Van, Seven-eleven Animals  
5:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals  
6:00 Barking Mad  
6:30 Shark Attack  
7:00 Monkey Business  
7:30 Skill To Survive  
8:00 Outer Limits  
8:30 Family Affairs  
9:00 Table Manners  
9:30 Tiger  
10:30 Tippi And The Koalas  
11:00 Secret World of Gardens  
**DISCOVERY**  
2:30 In Therapy  
3:00 Spacecraft  
3:30 Adventures With Geoff Mackley Fiery Pit, The  
4:30 Medical Detectives  
5:30 Neuschwanstein  
6:00 Physical Science In Air  
6:30 Air Aerobatics World Championship  
7:30 Wild And Nature Namib  
8:30 The Birth Of A God  
9:30 Shopping In Vienna  
10:00 Great Cars  
10:30 Beach Hour

8:30 Pokemon  
9:00 Digimon  
9:30 Tom and Jerry Show  
10:00 Dexter's Laboratory  
**AXN**  
2:30 Guinness World Records  
3:30 Boomtown  
4:30 Worst-Case Scenario  
5:30 Global Adventure  
6:30 3 Ninjas Kick Back  
7:30 CSI: Miami  
8:30 Now See This  
9:30 Ripley's Believe It Or Not!  
11:30 Wild On  
**ANIMAL PLANET**  
2:00 Emergency Vets (IV)  
3:00 Helping Hands  
4:00 Safety First  
5:00 Mc Mom  
6:00 Marsupial Morns

Special  
**ZEE TV**  
3:00 Reth  
3:30 Jamal Raja  
6:30 Cartoon Network On Zee  
7:30 Sai Baba  
8:00 Reth  
8:30 Tumhari Disha  
9:00 Piya Ka Ghar  
9:30 Astila Ekp  
10:00 Kareena Kareena  
10:30 Bollywood Dreams: The Making Of A Cinestar  
11:00 Tum Bin Jaason Kahan  
12:00 Pancham  
**ZEE CINEMA**  
9:30 Bewafa Se Wafa  
1:00 Bulandi  
5:30 Gopi Kishen  
9:00 Maa Tujhe Salaam  
**STAR SPORTS**  
10:30 Uefa Champions League 2004/05 (S)  
12:30 English Premier Football League Manchester City Vs Chelsea (R)  
2:30 Asia Golf Travel Bantan Indonesia (R)  
3:00 Tennis Masters Series 3rd Round(L)  
5:00 Tennis Masters Series 3rd Round(L)  
7:00 Motorcycle Programming GP Series 2004 Hamar Norway Highlights(T)  
8:00 Uefa Champions League 2004/05 (R)  
10:30 Sportsline (R)  
11:00 Football Crazy (S)  
11:00 Tennis Masters Series Spain 3rd Round(L)

8:00 ESPN  
New Zealand Tour Of Bangladesh 1st Test

Day 2 Highlights(R)  
New Zealand Tour Of Bangladesh 1st Test Day 3 1st Session(L)  
Hit (R)  
New Zealand Tour Of Bangladesh 1st Test Day 3 2nd & 3rd Session(L)  
Asian X Games VI Presented By Toyota Wakeboarding Round 1(R)  
Football Crazy (L)  
Goals! (R)  
Uefa Champions League 2004/05 (R)  
Sportscenter India (L)  
New Zealand Tour Of Bangladesh 1st Test Day 3 Highlights(S)  
World Pool Masters 2004 Marcus Chalmers Vs Mika Immonen (T)  
Sportscenter India (R)  
Sportscenter Asia (S)  
**TEN SPORTS**  
Pakistan v Sri Lanka 1st Test Day 1 Highlights  
WWE: After Burn  
Trans World Sports  
Indian Golf Show  
Gillette World Sports  
Pakistan v Sri Lanka 1st Test Day 2 (1st Session)  
Pakistan v Sri Lanka 1st Test Day 2 (Lunch)  
Pakistan v Sri Lanka 1st Test Day 2 (2nd Session)  
Pakistan v Sri Lanka 1st Test Day 2 (Review)  
WWE: The Bottom Line  
Indoor Cricket World Cup H/Ls  
Indian Golf Show  
Pakistan