

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

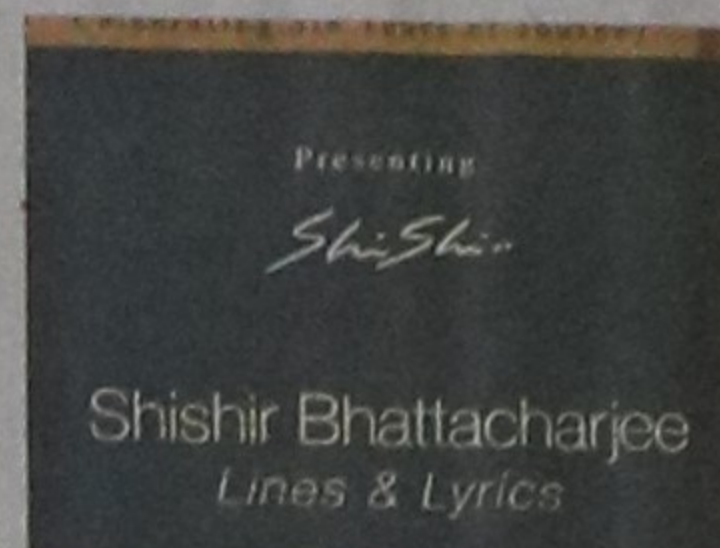
Film Screening
3rd session of African Film Festival '08
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society. Venue: Cothe-Institut Bangladesh, H 9, R 10, Dharmondi.
Date: June 1-3, June 1
3pm Days of Glory; 5pm Ali Zaoua; Prince of the Streets; 6:30pm Tale of an Encounter; 8pm The Betrayal



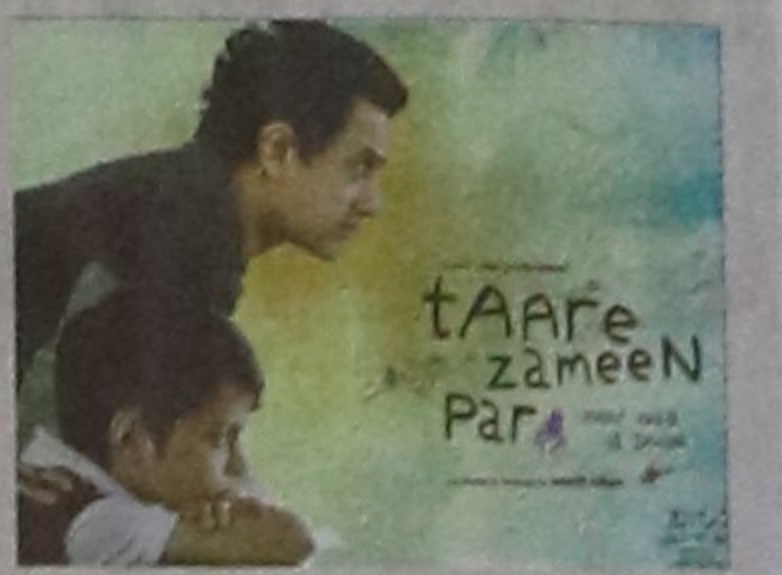
16th Young Artists' Art Exhibition 2008
Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: May 18-June 6
Time: 11am-7pm (3pm-7pm Fridays)



Solo Exhibition
to mark the fourth anniversary of Galleri Kaya
Title: Lines & Lyrics
Artist: Shishir Bhattacharjee
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H 20, R 16, Sec 4, Uttara
Date: June 6-20
Time: 11am-8pm



Film Screening
To raise fund for Post Samudra Gupta
Organiser: Students of Institute of Fine Arts, DU
Venue: Auditorium, IFA
Date: May 27-June 4
June 1
11am Tara Jansen Par; 2:30pm Colour of Paradise; 4:30pm Water, 7pm Kaal



Kites fly high at Kishoreganj Of quaint flora and fauna

Reviving the past glory of folk traditions



Contestants gear up for the kite festival

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

Kite Festival '08 was held at Kishoreganj's new stadium last Thursday. The aim was to acquaint the younger generation with what was once an integral part of our folk culture.

The opening ceremony was followed by a function of folk songs by local singers. The speakers emphasised that due to urbanisation many traditions of rural Bengal were fading away. Though urbanisation may have helped us materially, it has eroded our tranquility. Many speakers at the opening ceremony, in fact, became nostalgic when they went down memory lane.

Over 50 participants, including additional deputy commissioner Tapan Chandra Bonik, took part in



Kites on display

the kite flying competition organised by Kishoreganj Zila Parishad.

Among others, deputy commissioner Sultan Ahmed; chief executive, Babu Bonamali Bhoumik of Zila Parishad; police super, Mizanur Rahman; principal Ashraf Uddin of Kishoreganj Government Women's College; Sadar Upazila Nirbahi officer Shahanaaz Dilruba Khanam addressed the opening ceremony. Dr. Abdul Hye was the convener of the kite festival.

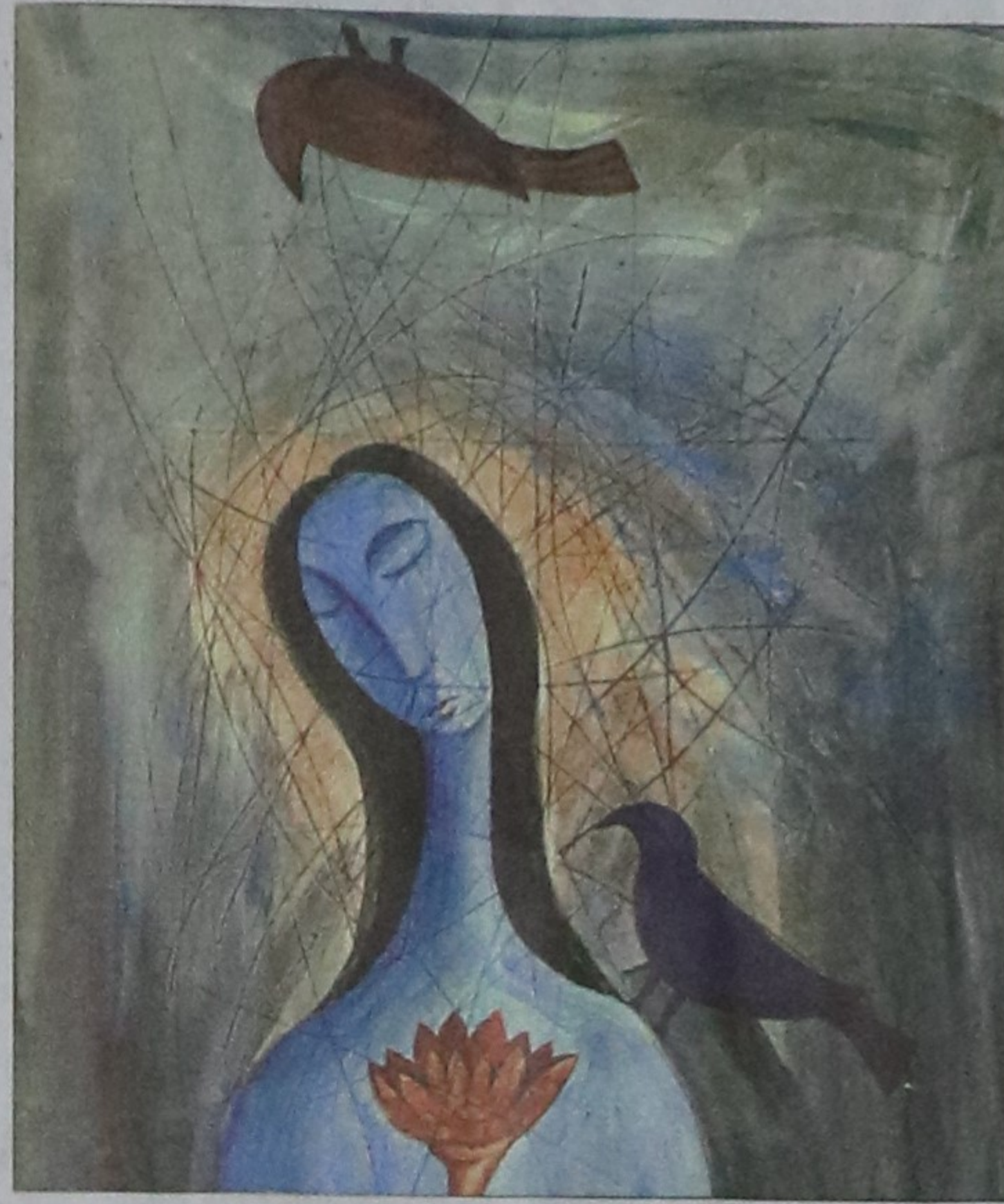
Prizes were distributed in two categories- one for kite flying competition while the other was for fancy and striking design of kites.

In the kite flying competition Siddiqur Rahman bagged the first place, Abul Kalam second, ADC (revenue) Tapan Chandra Bonik and Sajahan jointly came third. In the other category, Selim Kabir who is member of Jatia Ghuri Federation notched the first place while, Fenu Mia and Haris Mia came up second and third respectively.

In the prize giving ceremony followed by kite flying competition speakers said, making kites is an aesthetic skill. In bygone days, the denizens of rural Bengal made a variety of fancy kites which had a mass appeal.

ADC (revenue) Tapan Chandra Bonik, who came third in the kite flying competition while defeating seven contestants, said a stadium is not suitable for flying kites. He said to have real taste of flying kites one has to go to open fields where there is uninterrupted flow of wind - which is only available in rural Bengal.

Chief executive of Zila Parishad Babu Bonamali Bhoumik said, to revive the past glory of folk cultural traditions, every year Kishoreganj Zila Parishad will organise kite festivals, bull-fights and other events at the town's stadium.



Acrylics by Zahir Hossain Newton

FAYZA HAQ

Zahir Hossain Newton's acrylic work seen recently at Gallery Zoom at Alliance Francaise deals with nature. He brings in trees, leaves, grass, cacti and birds. At times he introduces the face or figure of a woman onto the paper. Apart from painting, Newton does woodcarving too, and onto the wood surface he introduces his preoccupation with nature.

"I simplify the images of nature and try to give them a form of my own, with thin carving leaves and simplistic birds. The elements of nature are sometimes seen upside down to introduce a different angle of the image I wish to focus on," says Newton. He complements the

greenery with dainty, compact birds and quaint women. His "Rhythm and nature" stresses on the cadences of flora, inhabited by fauna.

The colours are laid on flat and yet they create a remarkable harmony of leaves, branches, grass and brown and red birds that are soon disappearing from our environment, specially in the cement jungles of the city. The repeated application of the fine green, brown and blue strokes soothe the eye and the mind and reaffirm the tranquillity and beauty of leaves, grass and blossoms. The cactus is included as the artist believes it to be something rare and beautiful in our country, specially the flowers.

"I had won a Berger award some



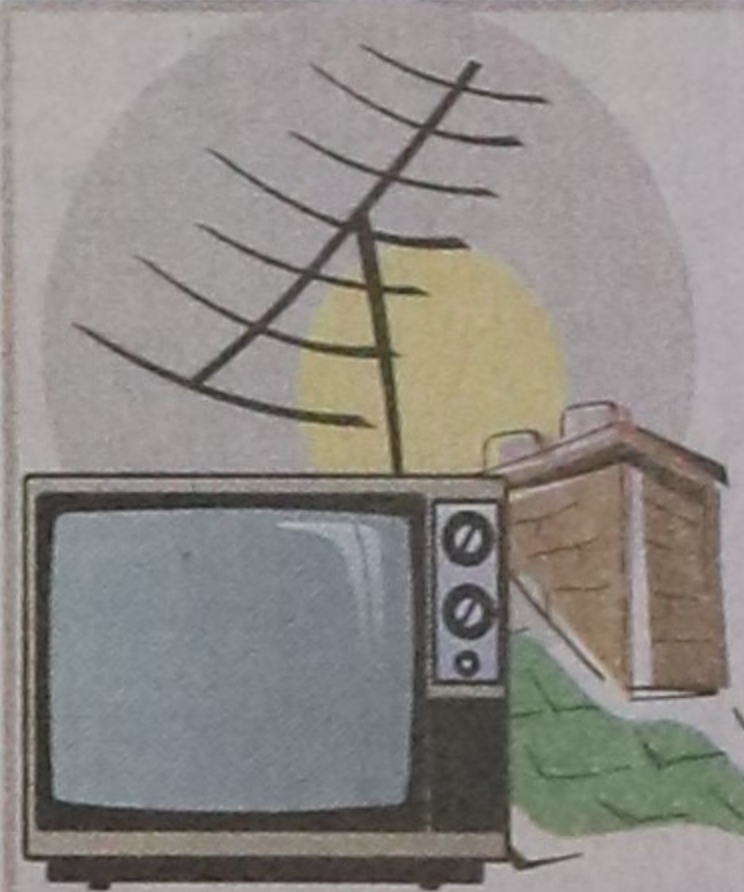
years back with a painting such as this, and my teachers, such as Abdus Shakoor and Mahmudul Haque, had urged me to continue with these forms and images," says Newton. As a crafts student, with a Masters to his credit from IFA, he was taught the techniques of water-colour and acrylic as a student. Since the gallery is a small one, Newton felt that acrylic would be the best medium to set off his works.

Asked which are his favourite artists, Newton says that they are Van Gogh from Europe, MF Hussain from India, and Monirul Islam from Bangladesh. So far Newton has exhibited in India, China and Japan.

His profession is that of a designer. "If I could give more time

for my free-lance work, I'm sure their quality would have improved. I hope to have another solo in October in Khulna," he says. "I have a group of my own called 'Space Visual Art', with seven artists, and we have exhibited at Bengal Gallery and New Delhi recently with success," says Newton.

When doing his work, Newton first does a layout. After drawing, he applies the colours. He has put different colours for the birds, such as pink, blue and orange, to suggest their endless movements. The human figures are sometimes blue to suggest their tie with nature. Fine texture work, resembling pencil marks have been introduced to lend variation and interest.



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

On Air

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) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-1
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm. News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm

Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

CHANNEL 1
News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am

Rtv
News (Bangla) at 10:15pm, and 12:15am

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News (Bangla) 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am

ETV
News (Bangla) 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

BTv

09:05 Musical Programme: Esho Gaan Shikhi

09:30 Musical Programme: Smritimoy Geelimoy

10:05 Open University

11:30 Coffe-er Table-e Gaalgotpo

12:30 Maa o Shishur Katha

01:00 Drama

02:15 Educational Programme

02:40 Manchhyo Katha

03:05 Cartoon

03:30 Ongona

04:05 Amader Angeena

04:30 Shur Lohon

05:05 Debate

06:15 Malanchyo

07:00 Mati O Manush

07:25 Bhalobashi Gaan

08:35 Drama Serial: Neel Konthey Konya

09:00 Golpo Theke Natok: Nirbashiha

10:30 Matir Gaan

ATN BANGLA

09:50 Shada Mon-er Manush

10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti

11:05 Entertainment Show: Aaj Kaal Porshu

12:15 Musical Programme: Shur Chhobi

01:25 Khelar Jagot

02:30 Drama Serial: Bijoya

03:15 Selected Programme

04:30 Documentary Programme

04:50 Shada Mon-er Manush

05:00 Gram Gonjer Khabor

05:10 Talk Show: Kaal-er Jatrar Dhoni

06:20 Three Stooges

07:50 Shada Mon-er Manush

08:00 Drama Serial: Showa Paanch Arai Lane

09:20 Drama Serial: Orchid

10:45 Shada Mon-er Manush

11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House

12:00 Grameephone Lead News

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09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh

09:50 Grameephone Tritiomatra

11:05 Tele Prescription

11:30 Hindoyay Mati O Manush

12:30 Citycell Taraka Kathan

01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan

01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma

02:35 Ekattur-er Dinguli

03:05 Selected Programme

03:30 Hindoyay Gaan

04:05 Channel-i Shera Kontho'08

05:30 Mukhti Judho Protidin

06:00 Talk Show: Kathay Kathay

07:50 Drama Serial: Ghar Kutum

08:20 Drama Serial: Nouka Dubi

09:35 Waiting for Baby

10:00 Drama Serial: Zero Point

11:30 Drama Serial: 69

12:00 Grameephone Ajker Shangbadpotro

ETV

09:15 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shabbag, Dhaka 1000

10:30 Ekusher Dupur

12:00 Ekusher Business: Special Focus

01:30 Ekusher Business: Shaphol Jara

02:10 Drama Serial: Pori Bibi

03:30 Shangkriti Shath Din

04:00 Explosive

05:45 Ekusher Shondha

06:15 SMS Mania

06:30 Dash Jurey

07:45 Street Show: Key Ki Kay

08:15 Drama Serial: Poribibi

09:30 Drama Serial: Dur-er Manush

10:10 Golpo Sholpo Gaan

11:40 Sports Round Up

12:00 Ekush-er Raat

Rtv

09:00 Rtv Exclusive

09:05 Proldin

09:35 Documentary Programme

10:03 Drama Serial: Nirontar

10:55 News Update

11:00 Kingfisher Taraka Alap

12:15 Drama: Ghuri

01:30 Dhallywood Beats

02:30 Bangla Feature Film

06:00 Proldin

Musical Programme: Path Chaotai Anondo

08:00 Drama Serial: Aguntak

08:35 Wide Angle

09:20 Drama Serial: Porashpor

11:00 Borney Borney Rochito

11:30 Biz Event

ntv

12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

01:05 Japan Video Topic

02:30 Nazrul-er Chithi

03:20 Drama: Frame-e Badhano Prem

04:25 Tera Kahon

05:30 Aparajit Jigyasha

06:45 Shomporko

08:15 Drama Serial: Amar Bau Shob

Janey

09:00 Close up 1 Tomakey Khujchhey

Bangladesh

11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

BANGLAVISION

09:00 Selected Programme

09:30 Bangla Feature Film

12:30 Amader Olthi

02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar

02:30 Golper Nalok

03:05 Nodi O Jiban

04:20 Drama Serial: Nagorey Nagojik

05:30 Law Chamber

05:15 Rupanor-er Gaan

06:00 Saajbela

06:30 Top News

07:00 Shomoyer Swad

08:15 Drama Serial: Moja Marey Foza Bhai

09:00 Shomoyer Aainaya Rajniti

09:30 Cine Tune

11:00 Gaaney Gaaney Bohudur

BOISHAKHI

10:05 Selected Programme

10:30 Selected Programme

12:05 Musical Programme: Prio Shilpi

Shera Gaan

02:10 Jantey Chai

04:00 Tagore Song

05:00 Cartoon

06:00 Nazrul Song

09:00 Drama

10:30 Business Hour

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

10:30 Story Of India, The: Freedom

11:30 Fight Quest: Brazil

12:30 SMASH LAB: Blast Proof Building

01:30 HUNTERS: Rulers Of The Deep

02:30 Human Body: Pushing The Limits: Sensation movements.

03:30 Story Of India, The: Beginnings

04:30 Raw Nature: Raw Lessons

05:30 Deadliest Catch (Season 3): New Beginnings

06:30 All New Planet's Funniest Animals: Episode 4

07:00 Animal Camera - Surveillance On Survival: Episode 3

07:30 Raw Nature: Raw Talk

08:30 Valley Of The T-Rex (WT)

09:30 Dinosaur Planet: White Tip's Journey

10:30 Deadliest Catch (Season 3): Caught In The Storm

11:30 Wild Europe: Ice Ages

DISCOVERY TRAVEL & LIVING

11:30 Adventures Of The Ladies

Tailor: Episode 5

12:00 Amazing Vacation Homes (Season 2): Episode 9

12:30 Married Away: Episode 10

01:30 Nigella Feasts: Solitary Sensations

02:30 Kylie Kwong: Simply Magic (Series 2): Mothers And Daughters

02:30 How To Find A Husband: Episode 5

03:30 Hell's Kitchen Usa Season 2: Episode 6

04:30 Ultimate To Do List: 30 Before 30, The

05:30 Overhaul: 5: Wake Up Call

06:30 Europe's Richest People: Natural Talent

07:30 Globe Trekker 11: Good And Bad Food Guide 2, The

08:30 Ian Wright Live: Iceland/ Greenland

09:00 Adventures Of The Ladies Tailor: Episode 6