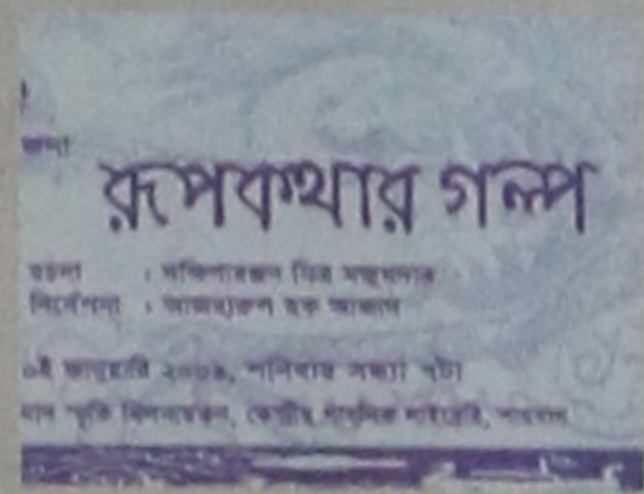


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Musical Soiree
 Title: Praner Khela
 Artist: Chandana Majumdar
 Organiser: Bengal Foundation
 Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, 275/F, Rd 27, Dhanmondi
 On January 10 at 7pm



Recitation
 Title: Rupkothar Galpo
 Organiser: Kanthasheelan
 Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbag
 On January 10 at 7pm



Digital Biography and Photography Exhibition
 Title: Joon O Chhey Gurjon
 Organiser: Gurjon
 Venue: Alliance Française, 28, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
 Date: January 6-10
 Time: 9am-12pm, 5-8pm



Photography Exhibition for Children
 Title: Shishur Chokhe
 Organiser: Muktochokh
 Venue: Alliance Française, 28, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
 Date: January 9-21
 Time: 9am-12pm and 5-8pm



Celebrating the bounties of winter

Poush Mela at Ramna



The 'mela' includes live music, dance and offers traditional delicacies like 'pitha'.

MAINUL HASSAN

To celebrate the season of winter, 'Poush Mela Udjapon Parishad' has organised a two-day 'Poush Mela' (Winter Fair) at Ramna Botomul. The festival was inaugurated yesterday morning.

This is the 11th 'Poush Mela' by the organisation.

"One of the main reasons for organising this 'mela' is to promote our rural traditions among the urban youngsters.

We intend to re-establish a bridge with our rural roots," said Selim Shamsul Huda Chowdhury, convenor of the programme.

Traditionally, Poush, the first month of winter in the Bengali calendar, is a time for festivals and special occasions in rural Bengal.

This year's festival was inaugurated by renowned cultural personality and President of IIL, Ramendu Majumder. Noted journalist Abed Khan presided over the

inaugural session. Selim Shamsul Huda Chowdhury read out the declaration of this year's festival. Bishwajit Roy; Golam Kuddus, general secretary, Sammito Sanskritik Jote; Jhuna Chowdhury and Mahmud Selim spoke on the occasion.

The daylong 'mela' featured live music, poetry recitation and dance. Special treats included traditional 'pitha' (rice cakes) and other rural delicacies.

Members of cultural

organisations including Udichi, Kranti, Muktaadhara, Wrishiz, Nriyam, Konthoshilon, Sargam, Shurtirtha, BAFA, Bonhishikha, Shukonya, Khelaghar, Dhaka Swarokalpan and Srot performed at the programme. Among others, noted artists Fatema Tuz Zohra, Mita Haq, Bipul Bhattacharya, Malay Kumar Ganguli, Kalpana Anam, Timir Nandi, Rupu Khan and Aditi Mohsin rendered songs at the event.

Bhaswar Bandyopadhyay, Rezina Wali, Rafiqul Islam, Hassan Arif, Mahidul Islam and others recited poems.

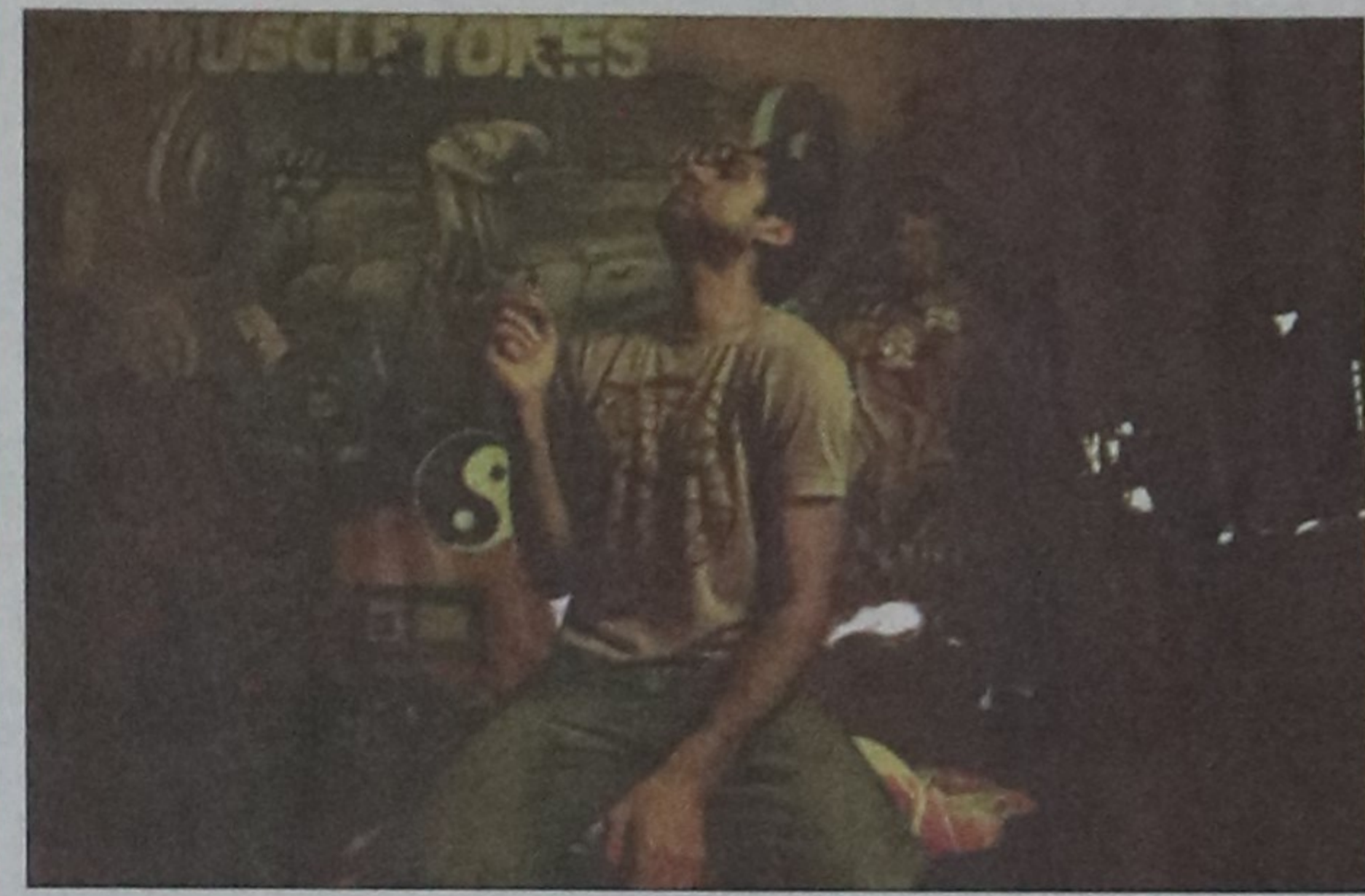
The programme started at 7:10 am and continued till 11:00 am. The evening session started at 4 pm. One of the main attractions of the evening session was a 'jatra-pala' performance, "Roopban".

Today's programme will start at 4 pm and will continue till 9:15 pm. The festival will end with the staging of a 'jatra-pala', "Kashem Malar Prem".



Sneak Peek

Dev D Sarat Chandra's classic anti-hero gets a Generation Y makeover



"Dev D" is a re-imagining of the classic Sarat Chandra novel "Devdas", representing a generation that is torn between eastern roots and western sensibilities.

"Dev D" is a modern-day interpretation of the classic novel "Devdas" by Sarat Chandra. The main characters Dev, Paro and Chanda, reflect the sensibilities, conflicts, aggression, exuberance and recklessness that define the Generation Y - a generation that is torn between eastern roots and western sensibilities.

Dev D is set in the rustic and colourful Punjab and also explores the dingy, morbid, dark underbelly of Delhi -- from sprawling mustard fields to a riot of neon. Written and directed by Anurag Kashyap, "Dev D" has been produced by UTVSpotboy.

Dev: Son of a rich industrialist, sent away to London

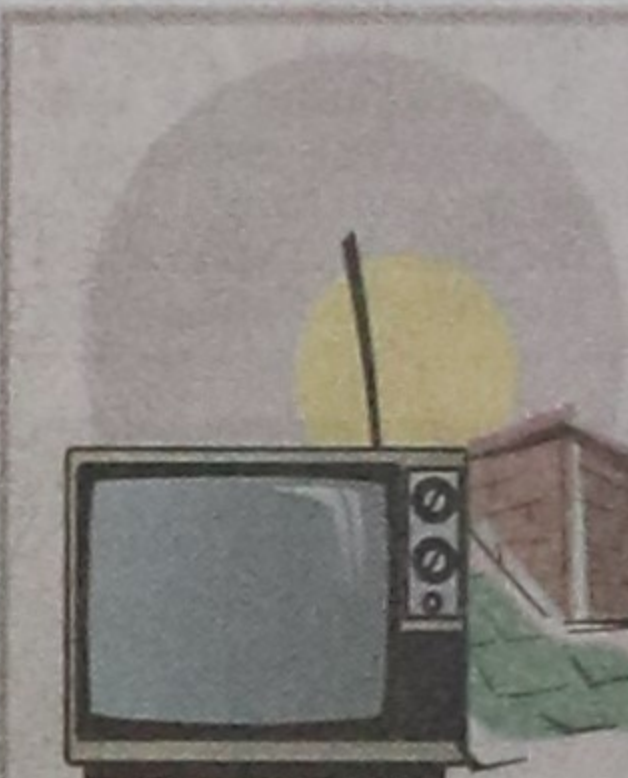
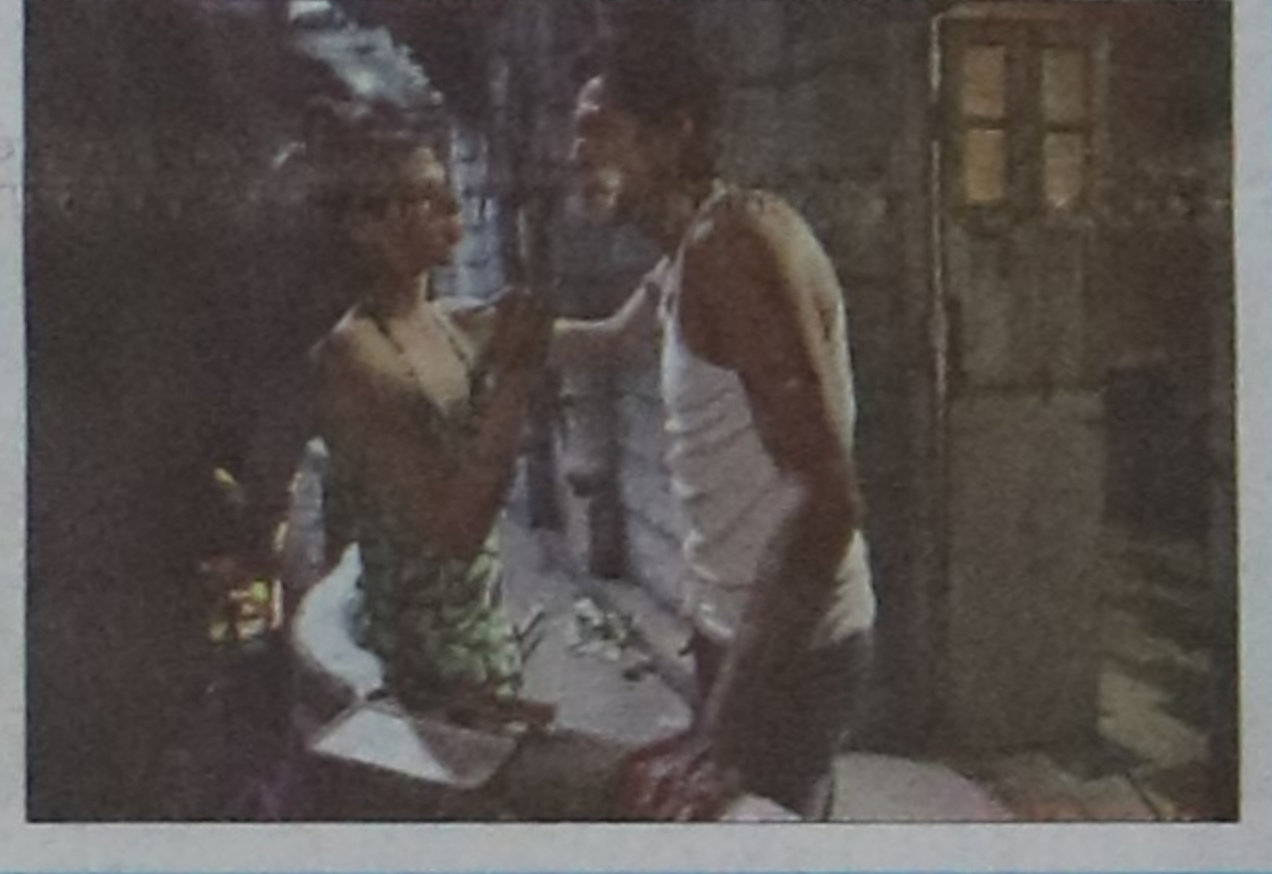
at the age of 12, Dev (played by Abhay Deol) returns to his hometown and to Paro, his childhood sweetheart. Inseparable as they seem, a momentary rush of blood puts their lives in a tizzy; Paro is married off to someone else and Dev goes into severe depression. Not one to take on responsibilities for his acts, Dev digs deep into drugs and alcohol for salvation. He stays away from home but his finances still come from a doting father. An escapist instinct and a massive ego leads him into an aimless search for lost love that pushes him further into an abyss of darkness and hopelessness soaked in self-pity.

Paro: Dev's neighbour and childhood friend Paro (Mahi Gill) is a free spirit riding high on life with nothing but an indestructible faith in her love for Dev. That faith is shattered in a major

turn of events and she is resigned to marry an older man with children. Paro picks up the threads of her life and moves on with a lot of grit and dignity and she hopes Dev can do the same.

Chanda: Leni (Kalki Koechlin) -- an affluent college student with hyperactive hormones and a penchant for adventure -- likes to live on the edge. After a devastating MMS scandal she's abandoned by her family and is forced into isolation. As a runaway she finds shelter with Chunnii, a pimp. With great determination and inner strength she adopts an alter ego -- Chanda. As Chanda, she remains a college student by day and becomes a high profile escort by night. With coke in her head and money at her disposal, Leni/Chanda lives life on her own terms.

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On Air

News Bulletin
 BTB
 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, 5:30 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 a.m, 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 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am
BANGLAVISION
 News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm, News (English) at 6:00pm
Rtv
 News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
ntv
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ETV
 News (Bangla): 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

BTB
 09:00 Cricket: Bangladesh Vs Zimbabwe
 12:30 Sisimpur
 05:05 Bangla Feature Film
 05:35 Laukik Bangla
 07:30 Apnar Doctor
 08:35 Selected Programme
 09:00 Drama: Atyosamarpaan
 10:30 Selected Programme
ATN BANGLA
 08:15 Aker Shanbadpotro
 08:30 Dance Programme: Nupur-er Chhondey
 09:15 Asian City Top Spin
 10:30 Hello Bangladesh
 11:15 Char Deyaler Kabyo
 12:15 Musical Programme: Shesh Okhkhori
 01:30 Prapok
 02:40 Bangla Feature Film
 05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor
 05:30 Baniyo Mela Protidin
 06:20 Square Hostipal Shushtho Thakun
 06:45 Projonmo Katha
 08:00 Drama Serial: Sagai
 08:40 Drama Serial: Eka
 09:20 Drama Serial: Noksha
 10:40 Mukto Shonglaap
 11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News
CHANNEL 1
 09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh
 09:45 Public Reaction

09:50 Grameenphone Trio Matra
 11:05 Talk Show: Amader Aaina
 12:05 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
 12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan
 01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan
 01:30 Shobaar Jonyo Shorboshesh Bigyan Dharona
 02:30 Selected Programme
 03:30 Akte! Money Talk
 04:05 Educational Programme: FM Method
 04:30 Shotyer Shondhane
 05:30 Otobi Baniyo Mela
 06:00 Amar Bangladesh
ETV
 08:30 Ekusher Shokal
 09:35 Drama Serial: Aziz Market Shabag Dhaka 1000
 10:02 Deho Ghor
 11:30 Spondon
 02:02 Bangla Feature Film
 05:30 Sports Plus
 05:45 Ekusher Shondha
 06:30 Bhuboghurey Dot Com
 07:45 Dhum Ta Na
 09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Marjet Shabag, Dhaka 1000
 10:10 Golpo Sholpo Gaan
 11:45 Business Trends
 12:02 Ekusher Raat



Dolls House
 On ATN Bangla at 11:30 pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Sanjida Preety, Shubarna Mustafa

07:50 Drama Serial: Ghar Kutum
 08:25 Drama Serial: Shagotaam Bhalobasha
 09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush
 11:30 Selected Programme
 12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shongbadpotro
CHANNEL 1
 08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh
 10:30 Drama
 01:00 Drama: Swapner Chila
 02:00 Shoptaho Sheshey

03:30 Junior Artiste
 04:30 Show Case
 05:15 Amar Ghar
 06:00 Saaj Bela
 07:00 Shomoyer Swad
 08:15 Drama: Dityo Aguntaak
 09:00 Vote Bitarko
 09:30 Angikaar
 11:00 Olpo Sholpo Gaan
BANGLAVISION
 08:00 Shubho Shokaal
 08:30 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jol
 09:30 Drama Serial: Antyorkhyo
 11:35 Drama Serial: Shada Megh Kalo Megh
 11:35 Home Care
 Avenue
 05:45 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
 06:20 Selected Programme
 08:15 Drama Serial: Jogphol
 09:05 Talk Show: Lizan Mehedi Amar Ami
 09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
 11:25 Law Chamber
 12:10 Shangbad Protidin
HBO
 10:45 The Making Of Blades Of Glory
 11:00 Blades Of Glory
 12:45 The Brothers Solomon
 02:30 Twelve Monkeys
 05:00 The Making Of The

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
 08:00am Saturday Morning Show
 12:00pm Boiyer Poka
 02:00pm Foorti Unlimited
 07:00pm Celebrity on The HotSeat
 10:00pm Back to Back music
Radio Today 89.6 FM
 07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
 11:00am Masti Unlimited
 01:00pm Saturday World Music
 04:00pm U-tum
 08:00pm Top of The Week
 11:00pm Raat Vor Gan
 2:00 am Back to Back

Will Smith is HITCH
 On Star Movies at 7:00 pm
 Genre: Drama

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL
 09:30 NG's Amazing Moments
 10:30 Penious Journeys
 11:30 Amazing Vehicles
 12:30 World's Deadliest Animals
 01:30 Built For The Kill
 02:30 Planet Carnivore
 03:30 ShowReal Asia
 03:30 Snake Wranglers
 05:30 I Didn't Know That
 06:30 Rough Trades
 07:30 Hunter Hunted
 08:30 World's Deadliest Animals
 09:30 Naked Science
 10:30 Against All Odds
 11:30 Lord Of The Rings On Stage
 Chocolate
 04:50 Deja Vu
 07:00 Hitch
 09:05 Rocky Balboa
 10:50 Death And Life Of Bobby Z, The
STAR WORLD
 09:30 Carpoolers
 10:00 The Knights Of Prosperity
 10:30 Koffee With Karan
 12:30 The Simpsons
 01:30 Psych
 02:30 American Idol
 04:30 Who Wants To Be A Superhero
 05:30 Most Daring
 06:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live
 07:30 Kyle Xy
 08:30 90210
 09:30 Shark
 10:30 Criminal Minds
 11:30 Heroes
 12:30 Most Daring
THE HISTORY CHANNEL
 09:30 Mahabharata
 11:30 Around The World In 80 Treasur
 12:30 Yash Chopra
 01:00 Karan Johar
 01:30 Rise and Rise of David Beckham
 02:30 Lords of the Mafia
 03:30 Saddam's Tribe
 05:30 The Greats
 06:30 The Great Wall
 08:30 Casanova
 09:30 Pink Floyd
ZEE STUDIO
 10:15 Gone In 60 Seconds
 12:45 Vanity fair (1-2)
 03:15 Dark Water
 05:30 Hollywood's 10 Best
 06:00 Batman Returns
 08:45 The Perfect Murder
 11:00 Flubber