

## The Small Screen

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Television is one of the greatest inventions of the modern age. Its brief name is TV. It is also sometimes called the Idiot Box and the small or Silver Screen. The word 'small' aurally brings into mind the cinema in comparison to which it has a small screen and hence presents images on a small scale whereas the cinema screen offers them life size.

Before the advent of television, radio ruled the roost in the houses of the common people. Now, we have TV sets in most of the houses of people in our country. The installation of satellites of varying degrees and purposes in space by some countries and now our own county, has given a fillip to TV as to products in other fields such as information Technology, Telecommunication, etc.

At first, black and white T.V was introduced in our country. Color TV came only later. Surprisingly, color TV was introduced in Bangladesh earlier than in India.

The advantages of TV are many and varied. Now, there are several TV channels, we also have several private TV companies a besides Doordarshan, now under Prasar Bharti, such as Zee TV, star TV, Jain TV, Sony TV, etc. there is the Cable System and direct to home (DTH) has also now been started.

We see over TV films matches, discoveries, advertisement, happenings, speeches, etc. most of these we see live. There are so many TV serials which are instructive and humorous and some of them are especially meant for a section of society such as children, women, sports persons, farmers, students, youth etc. some serials are quite interesting while others are just boring.

We should not sit too close to the TV set. Some children who sit too close to it get their eyesight weakened. We should also not became addicts to TV. TV should not be watched at the cost of studies.