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Dhaka Day by Day

That Orb In The Sky

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Pathological worriers have found a new reason to sustain those furrowed eyebrows and shaking heads. The invasion of the dish antenna that is polluting the minds of the youth and robbing them of their lovable charm(!) and innocence(!). The music channels are enough to destroy entire civilizations and serials like Baywatch, Doogie Howser (MD etc. are indubitably the workings of the devil incarnate. The blatant vulgarity on ATN and IVI, unscrupulous immorality of the cast of soaps like the Bold and the Beautiful shocks onenumb and soon and so forth. Yet in very few households can one actually find these sanctimonious critiques avoiding the idiot box. They have their own reasons though. If they do not tune in to the Philips Top Ten or BPL Oye, how will they know about the state of moral degeneration the world's in? Only after sitting through the entire air time can they rant and rave in righteous indignation at the plight of the cultural arena of their beloved motherland. Later that very day they will sit for another insufferable episode of the B & B to know whether Brooke is getting married to Ridge or Eric. Why is Bengali psyche so averse to admitting that they are enjoying themselves?

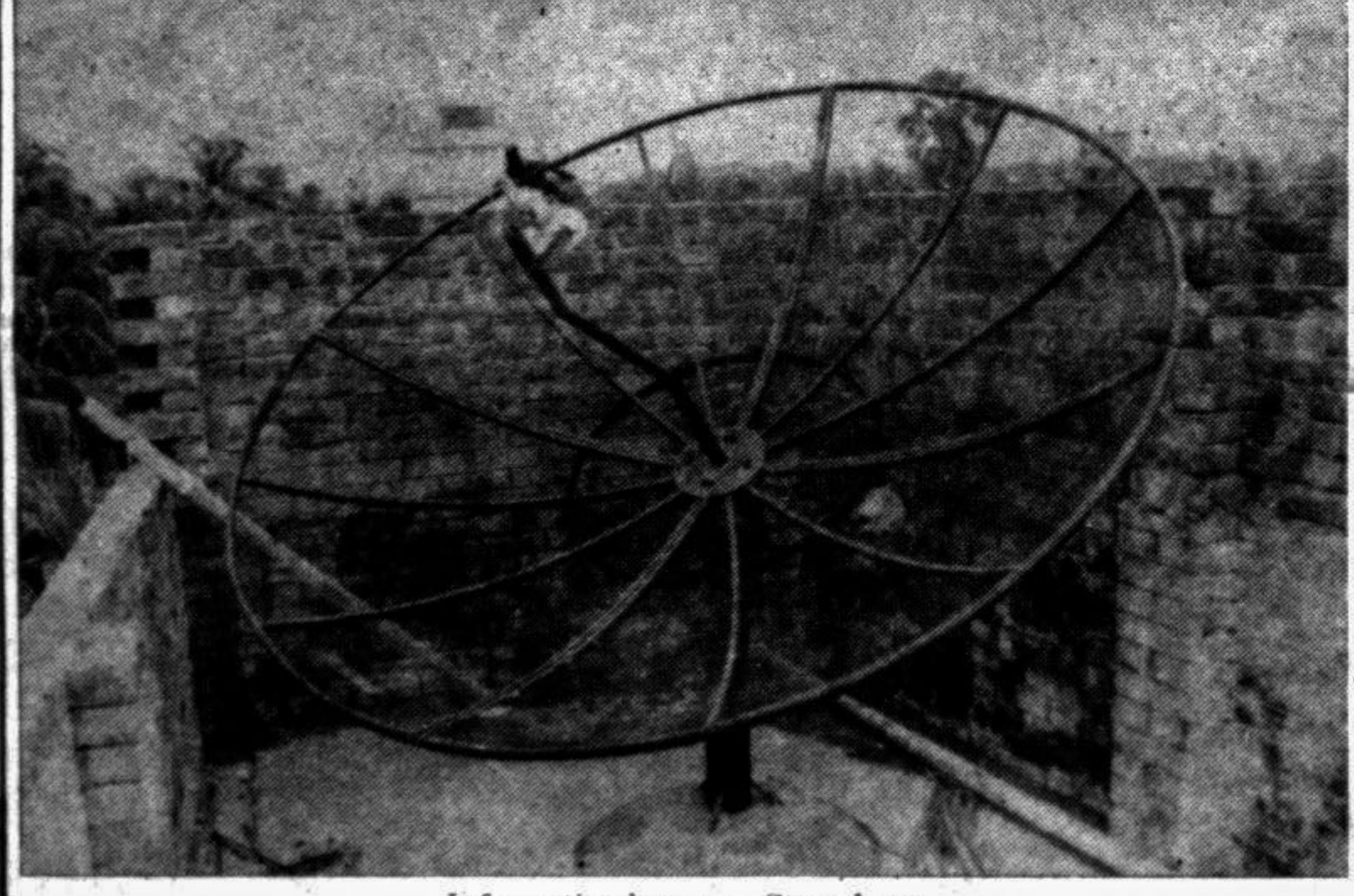
There might be some detrimental effects of the dish but moral retrogression is hardly one of them. God knows we have enough of that with or without the dish. The real downside is when you have a bag of potato chips one evening and the ketchup bottle is empty. On demanding explanation you might just find out that all the contents had gone into the curious red chicken that you had for lunch because Yan or Floyd instructed a budding chef from Comilla to sprinkle some sauce to enhance the taste of the cuisine. And you thought language was a barrier!! You cuss your fate because the native land does not grow sweet lime for the sprite nor strawberries for the dessert. There are a few suspicious mint leaves in a glass of sprite in your house these days that ordinary people don't know what to do with. Furthermore, one must have some very expensive sesame seed oil to marinate the chicken these days. Some new words in the vocabulary are saute, garnish, flambee, fondue, mousse, etc. Life has become a gourmet delight with the arrival of the dish.

One four-year-old was having some difficulty with moving her limbs one fine day and worries flew out the window when we discovered that she had take a free aerobics Oz-style lesson last evening. With vigorous exercise at such a tender age one tends to suffer a little ache here and a pain there. The good thing is the awareness about keeping fit that the dish has been able to convey to a four-year-old.

When you come out of your room dressed in your flashy new raegge coloured shirt and RED jeans the elders with their closed minds chew your head off. Thanks to the dish you know the right moves to make on a dance floor and your family thinks are you having a seizure or what. Really, some people! The Ragamuffin music movement has been encouraging young adults to find their identity and be proud of their roots. The new greeting is Respect. Songs like dear mama and Thank you can only teach you to love and respect your parent and be grateful for all the love you receive. There are so many more good stuff coming out each day then why is everybody obsessed with a handful of songs that don't make sense any way? As for children getting the wrong messages from the telly, if there is strong disciplinary guidance at home there is no way a child could go astray. There are superb shows on TV for young and old alike for instance Remington Steele. And mother makes three etc. The Wonder Years tells the story of the growing pains of an American kid. The parent just needs to point out the fact that this is not America. Even the teacher has a lot of influence which he can wield to make a difference. When a standard 4 student says to a teacher that she looks like Shawmie from Baywatch could she please not smile and let it go at that. What happened to the values that need to be instilled in their hearts so firmly that they cannot think of enacting Doogie at school, or use swear words on the playground, start eveeteasing at the ripe old age of 8 or 9?

The know-walls turn up their noses at the mention of IVI, Zee and ATN because these channels apparently flaunt vulgarity. Fine but long before this dish invasion there wasn't any lack of harassment on the streets or ogling at 11 or 12-year-old girls, let alone teenagers. The other day pedestrians were flocking before the display window of a boutique shop ogling at the mannequins while a shopkeeper changed their outfits for crying out loud! Instead of denouncing technology why can't anybody ostracise these perverts who probably do not have a TV to learn vulgarity from. People are never so illiterate as not to know good from bad. Every society has some unwritten laws according to sociologists → what are ours?

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নতুন পলিসি বিক্রি করেছে।

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