Doping probe widens

ROME, Dec 18 (Reuters/Internet): A probe into doping in Italian soccer widened on Thursday as both the head of the Football Federation (FIGC) and secretary-general of the Italian Olympic Committee (CONI) were placed under investigation.

Officers from Italy's finance police arrived at the Football Federation's Rome headquarters to inform FIGC chief Luciano Nizzola he was being investigated by two magistrates.

CONI secretary-seneral Raffaele Pagnozzi, who served as a special commissioner in charge of the Federation before Nizzola took over, was later notified that he was also under investigation in the same inquiry. There was no immediate reaction from Pagnozzi but Nizzola said he had already known the notification was on its way.

"I'm absolutely calm and serene for two reasons -- firstly, because as I've shown over many years I am a serious person and secondly because I have full faith in the judiciary."

The move had been widely expected since Wednesday, when Nizzola's predecessor, the current UEFA and FIFA vice-president Antonio Matarrese, and the head of the FIGC's anti-doping commission Carlo Tranquilli were similarly notified.

The probe is looking into alleged irregularities at the Rome laboratory of CONI, which runs sport in Italy.

The FIGC is affiliated to CONI along with all the country's sports federations and the lab is used to test soccer players for banned substances after matches. Magistrates ordered the closure of the facility in October after a raid allegedly discovered iregularities in the way dope tests were carried out and archived.

Five laboatory staff were sacked and the head of CONI, Mario Pescante, subsequently resigned.

Van Gaal set to resign

BARCELONA, Spain, Dec 18(Reuters/Internet): Barcelona's Dutch coach Louis van Gaal is expected to tender his resignation any moment, according to reports in the Spanish media on Thursday. Barcelona are said to be trying to reach an agreement with van Gaal over his contract, which has an indemnification clause of 800 million pesetas ($5.7 million), the Spanish agency Europa Press reported. Van Gaal has been under constant pressure at the club, from fans and media alike, after a poor start to the season. Last season's Spanish league-and-cup double winners failed to qualify for the European Cup quarter-finals and they currently languish in 10th place in the first division after four successive losses.

Van Gaal was was widely expected to be eased out after the defeat by Villareal on Sunday but won the backing of the club board after a three-hour meeting on Monday.

Sri Lankan Damayanthi Darsha waves the national flag after clinching the 200 metres title on December 17. — AFP photo

P T Usha's swan-song

BANGKOK, Dec 18 (AFP): Asia on Saturday will say goodbye to P T Usha, one of its all-time athletics greats.

Everybody but her immediate rivals will be hoping she can go out with yet another medal after a glorious career spanning two decades.

Usha, from the southern Indian state of Kerala, has no match when it comes to climbing on the podium, she has won 33 Asian Games and Asian Championships, 18 of them gold, since 1983.

One more here and she will have one medal for every year of her life.

But Usha, who made her debut in 1979 as a 14-year-old and who is due to compete in Saturday's 4x400-metre relay, will run knowing she risks serious injury.

Usha, who won four golds and a silver at the 1986 Asiad in Seoul, came here with a damaged left hamstring which has affected her stride pattern.

Short of her best, she came sixth in the 400m final and, as anchor, missed a bronze medal in the 4x100m by a tenth of a second.

She failed to reach the 200m final on Thursday, but that could be a blessing in disguise, leaving her fresher for her best chance of a final honour in the longer relay on Saturday.

In India, she is a legend.

Athletics expert V. Krishnaswamy, who has followed her career from the start, says: "She's like a good in Indian sport. She really wants a final medal. She hasn't actually said it but I'm sure its in her mind."

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She still holds four national records — for the 100 metres, the 200, 400 and 400-metre hurdles, the oldest of which dates back to 1984, when most of her rivals here were still in pigtails, doing their homework.

It was in 1984 that she just missed an Olympic bronze in Los Angeles, coming fourth in the 400m hurdles.

Krishnaswamy says her secret lies in her commitment. "She always been totally focused. She retired in 1990, came back in 1993, then returned again in 1996 after hardly running at all during the 12 previous months.

"Running is what she is about, it's her life," he says.

Her dominance has been such that her Indian teammates were awe-struck, even frightened of her. Only now are other Indian women runners, like Jyotirmoyee Sikdar who struck gold here, beginning to escape her shadow.

There was some controversy over whether Usha should run at the Asian Games because of her injury.

It was decided, however, that she was still the best India could offer — even if she had to run on one leg.

In her home village of Payyoli however, there is no controversy, just unconditional affection and support. They've even named one of their streets after her.

Velodrome suspended

PARIS, Dec 18 : Olympique Marseille's Velodrome Stadium has been suspended for one match after crowd trouble delayed the kickoff to last Saturday's game against Metz by about eight minutes, the French league said on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Marseille fans launched smoke bombs before the match which the home side won 3-0.

The league leaders had already received a warning after minor crowd trouble at their game against Paris St Germain, a 0-0 draw, two weeks earlier.

Aussie striker For Coventry

LONDON, Dec 18(Reuters/Internet): Coventry City signed Australian striker John Aloisi from first division Portsmouth for 650,000 pounds (1.09 million dollars) on Thursday, the Premier League club said.

Aloisi joined Portsmouth from Italian club Cremonese last year. That transfer was part of a British police investigation last month.

Aloisi, who signed a 4-1/2 years contract, said: "Playing in the premiership has always been an ambition of mine and I'm glad I am finally doing it."

"I've been doing pretty well at Portsmouth and was always hoping someone would come in for me."

Aloisi is likely to start on the bench for Coventry's home game against Derby County on Saturday as manager Gordon Strachan keeps faith with his first-choice pairing of Darren Huckerby and Noel Whelan.

Another lifter tests positive

BANGKOK, Dec 18: A Kuwaiti has become the second weightlifter to test positive for banned drugs at the Asian Games, officials said Friday, reports AP.

Jaber Al-Ajmi has been disqualified after testing positive for nandrolone, a banned anabolic steroid, the Olympic Council of Asia said in a statement.

"I hope we don't have any more in future," said OCA president Sheikh Ahmad Al-Sabah, who also is Kuwaiti.

But, he added, "I am very happy that there have been only two cases, not important cases, not involving champions."

At the last Games in Hiroshima, Japan, four years ago, "we had 11 cases with 11 medals, and we had to change all the results," he said.

Chinese were the main culprits in 1994. This time, Chinese officials said, extensive tests were carried out before the games to make sure the athletes were clean.

In all, in 1994, 15 athletes out of 700 tested were found to have used banned substances, said Dr Ruengsak Siriphol, chairman of the games' medical control subcommittee.

Al-Ajmi was tested at random Dec 14 after finishing 10th in the over 105-kilogram division. He placed 10th with a total lift of 270 kilograms, well behind the 427.5 of winner Kim Tae-hyun of South Korea.

Both samples from his urine test were found positive for nandrolone, the council said.

It said Al-Ajmi still was subject to sanctions to be taken by the International Weightlifting Federation.

Earlier, Jordanian weightlifter Ayed Khawaldeh tested positive for the banned substance triamterene, the council said. Triamterene is a diuretic, used to help lose weight, allowing a competitor to compete in lower weight categories. Diuretics can also be used to mask the use of other drugs.

The Sheikh said weightlifters still need more education against doping.

WC soccer 2006

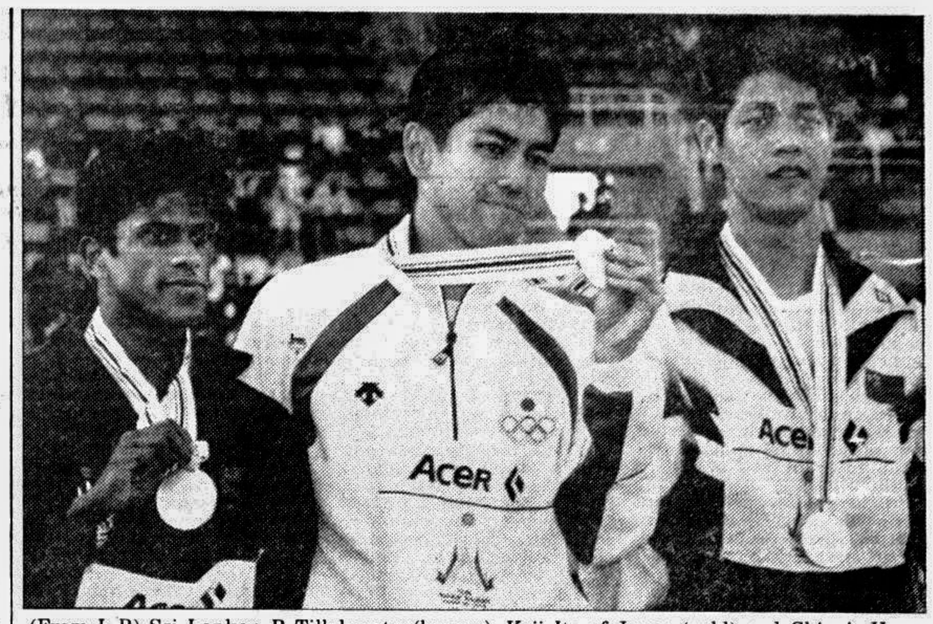
S Africa, Egypt strike deal

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 18: The football authorities of South Africa and Egypt signed a cooperation agreement here Thursday and pledged to do what was necessary to bring the 2006 World Cup to Africa, reports AFP.

The agreement, signed by the heads of South African Football Association and Egyptian Football Association, stated the belief that the 2006 World Cup should be hosted on the African continent.

Both countries, amongst Africa's most powerful soccer nations, have announced their intention to bid to host the World Cup finals but have not officially applied.

Other African bidders are Morocco and Ghana, have formally applied for what could become the first World Cup finals on African soil.



(From L-R) Sri Lankan R Tillekeratne(bronze), Koji Ito of Japan (gold) and China's Han Chaoing (silver) on the podium after the final of the 200m yesterday. — AFP photo

Ito sprints to his third

BANGKOK, Dec 18: Japan's Koji Ito once again was the fastest on foot Friday, winning his third Asian Games gold medal, while Chinese did their speeding on water, rowing off with five golds, reports AP.

And with the Chinese far ahead in the overall gold standings, any victory over them was a cause for celebration.

Those with bragging rights Friday included Sri Lanka's Damayanthi Darsha, who edged ahead of Asian record holder Li Xuemei of China in the women's 200 metres, and the Japanese women's basketball team, 93-69 winners over a bigger Chinese team in the gold medal game.

Ito also beat a Chinese in the men's 200, but he was far from the underdog. He already had established himself as Asian's fastest man by winning the 100 and anchoring Japan's victorious 400-metre relay quartet, and by running a 10-flat in the 100 semifinals.

His winning time, 20.25 to the 20.75 of China's Han Chaoming, was slower than his Asian record of 20.126. But, he said, "the record will be broken by somebody one day but the medal will never be taken away."

His triumphs have made him one of the favourites to collect the 100,000 dollars being offered to the Games' MVP by the Olympic Council of Asia.

Supriati Sutono, who was carried off the track on a stretcher after edging India's Sunita Rani by .01 second in the women's 5,000, gave Indonesia its first Games track and field gold since 1962.

Darsha's victory gave Sri Lanka its third gold, the country's best result at any Asian Games, and was her own second, following triumph in the 400.

She won in 22.48 seconds, with Li second in 22.53.

South Korean Lee Jin-taek won the men's high jump, and Uzbekistan had a 1-2 finish in the decathlon as Oleg Veretelnikov beat 1994 winner Ramil Ganiev.

China's Wang Yinghang overcame two warnings and overtook favourite Sergey Korepanov of Kazakstan in the final kilometre to win the men's 50-kilometre walk.

By late afternoon, China had boosted its gold total here to 109, well ahead of South Korea's 62. Japan had 50.

While the Japanese women beat China for one basketball gold, the Chinese men foiled the Philippines' all-out campaign to climb back to the top of Asian basketball by fielding a team of professional stars. The Chinese beat the Filipinos 82-73 in a semifinal.

For the gold, they will play South Korea, a 101-64 winner over Kazakstan.

In rowing, China swept all five of the day's golds, and coach Gao Hongyin said, "Now we are on the right track to clean sweep the Asiad rowing gold medals for the third time."

In the last Games in 1994, China won 11 of 12 rowing golds. They had swept all four in 1982 and all 12 in 1990.

Because of a dispute with national officials, none of Ma's runners is in the Asian Games, but Ma went to the rowers' training camp.

The Chinese gained still another gold when Li Fang and Chen Li beat South Koreans Cho Yoon-jeong and Park Sung-hee 6-2, 7-6 (7-2) in women's doubles tennis.

But South Korea's Yoon Yong-il won the men's singles gold, beating Japan's Satoshi Iwabuchi 5-7, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

The South Koreans also beat China 45-44 for the men's saber team gold in fencing competition.

MEDALS TABLE

China	102	68	58	228
S Korea	57	40	48	145
Japan	49	46	56	151
Kazakhstan	19	21	26	66
Thailand	18	22	33	73
C Taipei	17	17	35	69
N Korea	6	12	7	25
Iran	6	9	11	26
Malaysia	5	9	13	27
India	5	5	11	21
Indonesia	4	7	9	20
Kuwait	4	5	4	13
Hong Kong	4	3	6	13
Uzbekistan	2	17	12	31
Pakistan	2	4	3	9
Singapore	2	2	8	12
Mongolia	2	1	7	10
Sri Lanka	2	0	0	2
Vietnam	1	4	9	14
Myanmar	1	4	4	9
Philippines	1	3	7	11
Qatar	1	2	2	5
Turkmenistan	1	0	0	1
Kyrgyzstan	0	3	3	6
Jordan	0	3	2	5
Nepal	0	1	3	4
Syria	0	1	3	4
UAE	0	1	1	2
Macao	0	1	0	1
Bangladesh	0	0	1	1
Omen	0	0	1	1
Brunei	0	0	1	1
Total	311	311	384	1006

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Saturday 19th December

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

BTV

Morning Session

9:00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme summary 9:05 Patriotic song 9:10 Neejer Jonya 9:25 Moner Mukure 10:00 Angona 10:45 Movie of the Week 12:30 Close down

Evening Session

3:00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme summary 3:10 Recitation from the Holy Tripitok 3:15 Patriotic song 3:20 Chayachandha (Replay) 4:00 Khabor 4:05 Film show: The Legent Continues 4:45 Open University 5:25 Computer 6:00 Nibedon 6:30 Khabor 6:40 Programme from Chittagong centre 7:05 Geetimallo 7:25 Mir Mosharraf Hossain's death anniversary programme 8:00 News in Bangla 8:40 Drama of this Week 10:00 News at Ten 10:30 Film show: Hurcules 11:30 Khabor/The News 11:45 Close down

BBC

6:00 BBC News Followed by Weather 6:30 World Living: Earth Report China (Reports include China's dead river systems; medicine alternatives to tiger bones and a return visit to the Guanzhou family) 7:00 BBC News Followed by Weather 7:30 Asia Today (The latest news, analysis and features from the BBC Correspondents who live and work in the region) 7:45 World Business Report 8:00 BBC News Followed by Weather 8:30 Asia Today 8:45 World Business Report 9:00 BBC News Followed by Weather 9:30 Hardtalk (Tim Sebastian talks to newsmakers and personalities from across the globe) 10:00 BBC News Followed by Weather 10:30 USA Direct (The Entertainment Show From New York, Tom Brook with the latest movie releases, a rundown of the American music charts and the website of the week. Plus today's American Business News from Wall Street with Patrick O'Connell) 11:00 BBC News Followed by Weather 11:30 World Focus: Kings Of The Jungle (In the Second of two programmes Matt Frei probes Indonesia's absentee landlords, a ruling elite who have enriched themselves at the expense of the rainforest, the people and the animals who lived in it. Followed by World City Guides) 12:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather and Urgent Action 12:30 World Living Earth Report China (Reports include China's dead river systems; medicine alternatives to tiger bones and a return visit to the Guanzhou family) 1:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 1:30 Hardtalk (Tim Sebastian talks to newsmakers and personalities from across the globe) 2:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather and Urgent Action 2:30 World Focus: Correspondent 3:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 3:05 Weekend World (Legacy of a Princess Joan Bakewell presents a moving tribute to the achievements of Diana, Princess of Wales, in camapigning against landmines and reassesses the imapct of her historic visit) 4:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 4:30 World Living: Holiday (Jill Dando travels to Venice where she attends a masked ball; Micheal McNally visits St Pete on the Gulf coast of Florida in the USA; and Sankha Guha stays in the Turkish resort of Kalkan. Followed by World City Guides) 5:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 5:30 This Week (A weekly showcase for reports from the BBC's network of over 250 global correspondents. Followed by World City Guides) 6:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 6:05 Weekend World (Provos Secret War Peter Taylor continues his history of the provisional IRA & Sinn Fein since 1969. This week looking at the escalation of violence as the '80s progressed and the 'supergrass' era) 7:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 7:05 Weekend World: American Visions The Empire of Signs (Robert Hughes personal view of American art focuses on the time between 1945 and the late 1960s, when America becomes the art capital of the West with the Pop Art of Jackson Pollock and Willem de Kooning) 8:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather and Urgent Action 8:30 World Living: The Big Catch Nile Perch 9:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 9:05 Weekend World: Diana (Legacy of a Princess Joan Bakewell presents a moving tribute to the achievmeents of Diana, Princess of Wales, in campaigning against landmines and reassesses the impact of her historic visit) 10:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather and Urgent Action 10:30 Style! : Rahul Bose and Namrata Baruwa present the show that showcases anything and everything that's stylish — from the ultra-modern to the truly ancient, and from urban chic to rural savvy 11:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather and Urgent Action 11:30 World Living: Holiday (Jill Dando travels to Venice where she attends a masked ball; Micheal McNally visits St Pete on the Gulf coast of Florida in the USA; and Sankha Guha stays in the Turkish resort of Kalkan. Followed by World City Guides) 12:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 12:30 This Week 1:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather Urgent Action 1:30 World Focus: Correspondent 2:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 2:05 Weekend World: Provos Secret War 3:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 3:30 World Living :

Hercules: The Legendary Journeys on Star World

The Vanishing Dead at 4 today

In *The Vanishing Dead*, Hercules battles Ares, the god of war, and his vicious flesh-eating dog for the souls of fallen soldiers. Hercules and Iolaus are persuaded by young Krytus, whose older brother has been killed in battle, to come home with him to the city of Tantalus where the bodies of slain warriors have been mysteriously disappearing from the battlefields.

Top Gear (Steve Berry travels to Seattle to look at Jeep's new Grand Cherokee; and Vicki Butler-Henderson considers the tiny tearaway Tommy Kaira ZZ sports car, made in Britain for the Japanese market) 4:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 4:05 Weekend World: American Visions The Empire of Signs 5:00 BBC World News Followed by Weather 5:30 Simpson's World (The BBC's world affairs editor, John Simpson, takes a personal look at global issues. Followed by World City Guides)

STAR WORLD

(Northern)

6:00 Spiderman 6:30 G I Joe 7:00 Crystal Maze 8:00 Mr Belvedere 8:30 Nanny And The Professor 9:00 The Good Life 9:30 Absolutely Febulous 10:00 Japan Scope 10:15 Media TV 10:30 Travel Asia 11:00 C-15 The New Professionals: Souvenir 12:00 Mystery Movies Agatha Christie's Poirot 2:00 Space Above and Beyond 3:00 The Adventures of Sinbad 4:00 Hercules 5:00 WWF Shotgun Challenge 6:00 Xena 7:00 Baywatch 8:00 The Knock 9:00 Soldier Soldier 10:00 The Adventures of Sindbad 11:00 Xena 12:00 Hercules 1:00 Tropical Heat 2:00 Baywatch Nights 3:00 Soldier Soldier 4:00 Nanny and the Professor 4:30 World News 5:00 The Animals of Farthing Woods 5:30 Jack Houston's Imagine Land

CHANNEL [V]

6:00am Presents Prince & The Pop Star 630 Turn On T[V] 7:30 V Spot 8:00 Turn On T[V] 8:30 Rewind VJ Sophiya 9:30 Turn On T[V] 10:30 Best of By Demand VJ Trey 11:30 Volume Double 12:30 Hot Seat 1:00 Turn On T[TV] 1:30 Mainstage 2:30 Turn On T[V] 3:30 Billboard US Countdown 4:30 VHS 5:30 The Drum 6:30 Speak Easy 7:00 Turn On T[V] 8:30 First Day First Show 9:00 The Ticket 9:15 Turn On T[V] 9:30 Channel [V] Out There 10:00 Close-Up Close Encounters 10:30 Turn On T[V] 3:30 Channel [V] Presents The 1998 Billboard Music Awards

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:15 Dress Circle 9:30 Travel Asia 10:00 The Great Escape 10:30 Living On The Edge 11:00 Shotgun Shoot 11:30 Bodyline 12:30 Potli Baba Ki 1:00 Eek The Cat 1:30 Story Teller 2:00 Kudratnama 2:30 Bakemans: Ooh La La 3:30 Tea Time Cinema: Palki (Rajendra Kumar, Waheeda Rehman) 6:30 Kiron Joneja Show 7:15 Dress Circle 7:30 Awaaz 8:00 So Let's Yahoo 8:30 Apradhi 9:00 Ek Mulaqat 9:30 Star News 10:00 Star Star Box Office: Coolie No. 1 (Govinda, Karishma Kapoor) 1:00 Newhart 1:30 Movie "Chinese Caper" 3:30 Snowy River McGregor Saga 4:30 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea 5:30 Jewel In The Crown

STAR MOVIE

7:30 Comedy: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls 9:30 Comedy : Soul Food 11:30 Family : Ernest Goes to Camp 1:30 Family : Chronicles of Narmia-EPs 9&10 2:15 Star Kid's Club: Joe at the Kingdom Ofbees 3:45 S K C Blue Arrow 5:30 Wild West: Iam Sartana Your Angel of Death 7:30 Saturday Queens Logic 9:30 Movie Television 10:00 Mega Movie of the Month: Jingle All the Way 12:00 Comedy : Ace Ventura: When Naure Calls 2:00 Romance : Flight of An Albatross 4:00 Western: Iam Sartana Your Angel of Death 5:30 Romance: Jingle All the Way

PTV-2

8:00 Tilwat aur Tarjuma/ Hamd/Naat 8:20 Cartoons 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Visitors Book 9:10 Phool Khushboo 9:25 Dastarkhawan 9:40 Mehman 10:05 Aap Ki Anwar Maqsood 10:30 English Film 10:55 Milli Naghma 11:00 Khabrain 11:10 Meri Pasand 11:35 Janun 12:55 Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15 Grind 2:05 Drama Serial 2:55 Husool-E-Insaf & Sports Coacing 3:20 TV Encyclopaedia 3:40 Sports Time 4:05 Serial 5:05 Medicne 5:25 Computers 6:20 Aiou Courses 7:00 English News 7:20 PTV Music Library 7:30 Virsa Pakistan 7:55 Ghazal Uss Naye Sairee 8:25 Dentonic World of Sports 8:45 Drama 9:00 Break for Headlines News 10:00 Khabarnama & Commercial News 10:35 TBA 11:55 The Flash Point 01:05 Urdu Feature Film: Khas Khabrain/Close Down

ZEE INDIA TV

(Former-EL TV)

7:00 Jagran 7:30 Zee News: Hindi 8:00 Beech Shahar 8:30 Zee News-Hindi 9:00 Insight 9:30 Zee News-Eng. 10:00 Vision Beyond-50 10:30 Naye Nagmee 11:00 Hum Zamen 11:30 Zee News Update 11:50 Zee Business News 12:00 Bournvita Quiz Contest 12:30 Haseen Pal (Trailer Show) 1:00 Session with Seshan 1:30 Zee News: Hindi Bulletin 2:00 Help Line 2:30 Money Game 3:00 Teer Kaman 3:30 News Line 4:00 Aashiana 4:30 Hum Honge Kamyab 5:00 Naye Nagme 5:30 Zeed it Pro 6:00 Beech Shahar 6:30 Gaane Anjane 7:00 Haseen Pal (Trailer Show) 7:30 CentereStage 8:00 Mystery Unfolds 8:30 Zee News- English 8:50 Zee Face To Face 9:00 Ek Aur Nazaria 09:30 Zee News: Hindi 10:00 Question Hour 10:30 Zee News-Hindi 10:50 Zee Business News-Hindi 11:00 The Ent Show 11:30 Zee News Round Up 12:00 The Women 12:30 Disha Samwad 1:00 Agenda-2000 1:30 BQC 2:00 Zee News-Hindi 2:20 Zee Face To Face 2:30 Hum Zameen 3:00 Zee News: Hindi 3:30 Zee Countdown 4:00 Hindi Feature Film (B/W)

MTV INDIA

7:00 MTV Asia Hit List VJ Mike/Sarah 9:00 MTV Fresh VJ Sarah 9:30 MTV-U 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV Housefull V Nafisa 1:30 MTV-U VJ Cyrus 2:30 MTV In Control 3:30 Thums-Up Non-Stop Hits 4:00 MTV Unplugged 5:00 Essential 5:30 MTV Recycled 6:30 Non-Stop Hits 7:30 MTV Fresh VJ Rahul 8:00 MTV & Smirnoff Mega Mix VJ Nafisa 8:30 Non-Stop Hits 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 House Full VJ Nafisa 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 11:30 The Grind 12:00 Club MTV VJ Malaika 12:30 Non-Stop Hits Continue

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 B& W Gems 8:30 All Time Hits (Hit Songs Show) 9:00 Old Tavern: Sizzlers 9:30 Aalaap 10:00 All Time Hits 10:30 Bagpiper: Jharokha 11:00 Old is Gold 11:30 Bajaj Music Box (Trailer Show) 12:00 Coca-Cola: World Premiere 12:30 Old Tavern: Sizzlers 1:00 Bagpiper- Jharokha 1:30 Cibaca-Tube Top Ten 2:30 Bajaj Music Box (Trailer Show) 3:00 Old Tavern: Sizzlers 3:30 Bagpiper-Jharokha 4:00 Pop Busters 4:30 Bajaj-Music Box (Trailer Show) 5:00 All Time Hits 5:30 Bagpiper- Jharokha 6:00 B&W Gems 6:30 Music News 6:45 Coca-Cola: World Premier 7:30 Old Tavern: Sizzlers 8:00 Coca-Cola: World Premiere 8:30 Bagpiper-Jharokha 8:30 Hum Apke Hain Kountdown (Viewers' Choice Songs) 9:00 Bajaj: Music Box (Trailer Show) 9:30 Banganga Festival 10:00 Music Zone 10:30 Bagpiper-Jharokha 11:00 Aalaap 12:30 All Time Hits 1:30 Jharokha

DD CHANNEL-1

(National)

5:55 Vande Mataram 6:00 Serial: Aradhana 6:30 UGC Programmes 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Business Destinations 8:15 Khoj Khabar 8:45 The News 9:00 Hindustan Meri Najar Main (Anupom Kher Serial) 9:30 Series-Devi Chowdhouri 10:00 Serial: Arakhaniya (Sarat Chandra's Story) 10:30 Serial: Naye Subha 11:00 Serial: Lakin Woh Sachch Tha 12:00 Shaktiman (Animated Series) 1:00 Rejional Film Show 3:30 Sports World 4:30 Sunhera Pal 6:00 Heads & Tales 6:30 Series: Turning Point 7:00 Yeh Delhi Hai 7:30 Samachar 8:00 Show Them 8:30 Belaiti Babu 9:00 Samachar & The News 9:20 Saptan 9:50 Serial: Main Delhi Hoon 10:05 Hindi Film (Underrun Closed)

DD 7

10:30 Movie Club Film (Last Monday's Repeat) 1:30 Movie Club Film (Last Tuesday's Repeat) 4:35 Movie Club Film (Last Wednesday's Repeat) 7:00 Saptahiki 7:30 Bangla Sambad 8:00 Bahanna Parba 8:30 Durbin 9:00 Serial: Katha 9:25 Serial: Sukh Duksha/ Surjasnan 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:10 Drama: Siddhanta 10:30 News & Bengali Sambad & Closed

SONY.TV

7:30 Jeevan Mulya 8:00 Rishiprashad 8:30 Rang Birangee 9:00 Pop Pouri 9:30 Cine Clips 10:00 Toofan Mail with Guest: Makarand Deshpande & Ajmal Khan 10:30 Thriller Story 11:30 Hermony With Gust: Shailendra Singh 12:00 Movers & Shakhers 12:30 Yeh Sadi Nahi Ho Sakti 1:00 Chamatkar 1:30 Cine Clips 2:00 Hum Sab Ek Hai (Serial) 2:30 The Monster Quiz 3:00 The Good Home Show 3:30 Cine Clips 4:00 Cine Matinee:Hindi Feature Film: Avtaar (Rajesh Khanna, Sabana Azmi) 7:00 Pop Pouri 7:30 Kehne Mein Kya Harz Hai 8:00 Cine Clips 8:30 Cine Prime: Hindi Feature Film: Blockbuster: Rangeela (Aamir Khan, Urmila M, Jackie Shroof) 12:00 CID 1:00 Alpviram (Serial: Pallavi Joshi, Aamir Bashir) 1:30 Mahayagya (Serial) 2:00 Bhanwar 2:30 Aadaab Arz Hai 3:00 Cine Nite-Film: Daku Hasina

ZEE TV

6:00 Yeadon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:30 Zee News & Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Jungle Book 8:30 Teacher 9:00 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 10:00 Ek Nazar 10:30 Colget Top Ten/ Antakshari 11:30 Neeyat #Ep-15 12:00 Mujhee Chand Chahiye (Serial: Tejeswani) 12:30 Jhatpat Kazana 1:00 Liberty 1 to 10 1:30 Chote Chote Baatein 2:00 Hum Paanch 2:30 Adhikar 3:00 Ek Raja Ek Rani 3:30 Cha Cha Cha (Dance Contest) 4:00 Jaan #22 (Bhagyashree, Sudesh Beri) 4:30 Mohan Das Ba LLB (Pankaj Kapoor) 5:30 Sapath (Serial: Nikita Shah, Karan Kumar) 6:00 Khana Khazana 6:30 Ek Nazar (Trailer) / Gane Anjaane 7:00 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 8:00 Dam Dama Dam (Shekher Sumon) 8:25 Colget: Top Ten (Weekly Top Ten Chart VJ Shakti Kapoor, Saurav) 9:30 Gudgudde #20 10:00 Zanjeerein 10:30 Saturday Suspence 11:30 Daily Sope: Chahat Aur Nafrat 11:55 Jhalak 12:00 Rishtey: The Love Story 1:00 Serial: X-Zone 2:00 Zee News 2:30 ZEE Arabia: Serial: India's Most Wanted 3:00 Hindi Feature Film (B/W)

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7:00 Health Tips 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 8:00 Phulwari Bachchoon Ki 8:30 The First Edition 9:00 Serial: Apne Apne Suryamukhi 9:30 Top Job 10:00 A Few Rupees More 10:30 Telefilm 12:00 Telebrands 12:30 Filmi Dunia Ki Kahani 1:00 HT Ones 1:30 Serial: Rishte 2:00 Serial: Aur Pal Do Pal 2:30 Hindi Feature Film 5:30 Thunder Cats 6:00 Defenders of the Earth 6:30 Denis the Menis 7:00 Success Track 7:30 Feeling Fine (Health Today) 8:00 Dusra Pehlu/Parda Hatao Parda Girao 8:30 India this Week (Magazinc) 9:00 Naughty Boy (Comedy Serial) 9:30 Hindi Film

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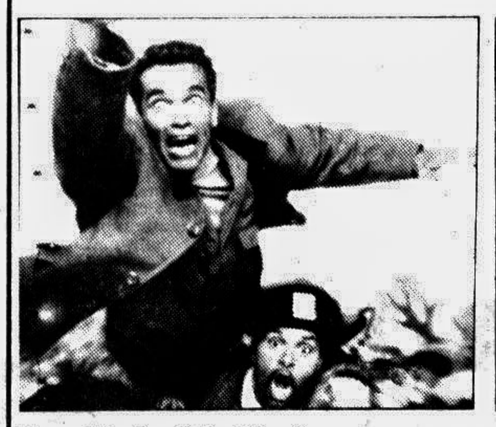
9:30 Opening & News in English 9:45 Business Plus 10:00 Magazine 10:30 Parakh (Serial) 11:00 Light Music 11:15 Upasana (Serial) 12:15 Bharat Samachar (News in Hindi) 12:30 India File 1:00 Hindi Film Show 10:00 Hindi Film Show (Rpt)

CARTOON NETWORK

5:30am World Famous Toons 6:30 Jatsons 7:00 Flinstones 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy D 8:30 Scooby All Star Laff 9:00 Yougil's Treasure Hunt 10:00 Young Robin Hood 10:30 The Detective Squad 11:30 Dynomutt 12:00 Tom & Jerry Show 12:30 Bugs & Draffy 1:30 Addams Family 2:00 Dumb & Dumber 2:30 The Real Adventure of Jhonny 3:00 Goober & The Ghost Chasers 3:30 Casper and the Angles 4:00 Goldie Gold and Action Jack 4:30 The Detective Squad 5:30 Dexter's Laboratory 6:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 6:30 Bugs & Draffy Show 7:30 Johnny Bravo 8:00 Two Stupid Dog 8:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You 9:00 The Popeyee Show

OUR CHOICE



Mega Movie of the Month on Star Movies

Jingle All the Way at 10 tonight

Arnold Schwarzenegger plays a neglectful father who promises his son a Turbo Man doll for Christmas — but little does Arnie's character realise the lengths he will have to go to in order to get his hands on the coveted Christmas gift. And he has stiff competition.

Xena: Warrior Princess on Star World

The Black Wolf at 6 tonight

In *The Black Wolf*, Xena goes undercover to aid a group of rebels following a shadowy leader known only as the Black Wolf. When a band of freedom fighters, following a shadowy figure known as the Black Wolf, ambush and kill a group of armed men collecting taxes.