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Nurun Nahar Samad Nattya Padak '98

ORGANIZED by Theater Art, the Inauguration and Award Distribution ceremony of Nurun Nahar Samad Nattya Padak '98, Festival '99 started on March 10 at the Engineers Institute, Dhaka.

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Finance Minister, Shah A. M. S. Kibria inaugurated the festival as chief guest. President of ITI, Ramendu Mozumdar and Professor Abu Sayed, Ministry of Information, was also present as special guests. Programs and seminars of the festival will continue till 23 April, 1999.

Nurun Nahar Samad was a noted student leader. She was the Vice President of Rokeya Hall, University of Dhaka. She was also the President of Bangladesh Mohila Mother's

Club. During his speech, Theater Art's convener, Azizus Samad, spoke about her and her love for theater. The first part of the ceremony started with his speech. The whole program was separated in three different sections. The first was the speech of the distinguished guests, the second was the award ceremony and the speech of the award winners and at the end, the 'Ballet Show', jointly organized by Theater Art and 'Commitment', performed by the Russian Ballet Troop 'Northern Dawn'.

The Award winners of the Nurun Nahar Nattya Padak '98 are Salim Al Deen for best play writer (Bon Pangshul, Dhaka Theater), Nasir Uddin Yousuf Bacchu for best director (Bon Pangshul, Dhaka Theater), Shimul Yousuf for best actress (Bon Pangshul, Dhaka Theater),

Tariq Anam for best actor (Crucible, Nattya Kendra), Thandu Rayhan for best lighting (Brittany, Theater Art), Taufiq Ahmed for best stage designer (Crucible, Nattya Kendra), Bon Pangshul for best production (Dhaka Theater production), Nasir Uddin Yousuf Bacchu, while speaking on the occasion, said that he had a heavy heart due to the bombings in Jessore. Under these circumstances he felt a little guilty about receiving the 'Padak'. The others too, reflected their inner feelings, while condemning the heinous crime. They all appealed for quick action to the ministers present against the people behind the bombings. Professor Abu Sayed, during his speech called for unity among the artists and people alike to fight against the anti-libera-

tion forces and fundamentalists.

After the award giving ceremony the much-awaited 'Ballet Show' began. As the dancers streamed on to the stage, a big hand of applause filled the auditorium of the Engineers Institute. The lighting and the gorgeous costumes added to the glamour of the evening. Their graceful movements and light-footed steps of 'Northern Dawn' (which includes T. V. Izumova, N. N. Maltseva, A. N. Ozernikova, A. E. Ediatulina among others) had the audience cheering for more.

All in all, it was a good show and a wonderful way to pay homage to Nurun Nahar Samad. Congratulations to Theater Art for organizing such a show and awarding deserved individuals for excellence in their respective fields.

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Chandraloke Ognikanda: The Premiere

Date: March 11, 1999. Time: 4.30pm (which actually turned out to be 5.30pm). Venue: Hotel Purbani. Occasion: Premiere Show of Star Media's new package drama, Chandraloke Ognikanda (would you believe that this is a family drama and not a science fiction, as the title suggests?)

FOLLOWING a long wait (for Bipasha Hayat), the director of Chandraloke Ognikanda gave the opening speech of the premiere show. He was very happy with his directorial debut and thanked all the actors and actresses for their co-operation. He said that he didn't have to direct them, they knew what they had to do. After this followed the drama,

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which starred Raisul Islam Asad (Riyaz), Bipasha Hayat (Lubna), Khayrul Alam Shobuj (Hasan), Toru Mostafa (Rapeha), Solayman Khoka (Ramzan), Fayeze Ali Babu (Johir) and Taj Tarin (Moni).

The drama begins with Ostad Riyaz Hossain entering the lobby of a house in Dhaka. As the guard takes him in, he stares at Lubna's photograph on the wall and reminisces about the first time he met her in Kurigram, when she went there to sing at a function. Soon after, Lubna comes down the stairs and greets the old gentleman with excessive zeal and earnestness and begs him to stay with them. She even wants to forgo her radio recording for the man she barely knew. She had written to him once, to which he did not reply. As Lubna mentions that, he says, "I came to answer that in person". Then this man tells her not to tell her parents about knowing him, or about meeting him in Kurigram, to which she hesitantly agrees. This seemed a little out of the ordinary since she trusted the stranger she met in Kurigram more than she trusted her parents. Anyway, even though Lubna agrees to lie



A still from Chandraloke Ognikanda

to her parents, she fights a battle inside her, and suspects that her mother was once romantically involved with Ostad Riyaz Hossain. She wonders about everything and worries even more, until one day, their old servant, Ramzan Mia, tells her that he is Lubna's maternal uncle. Then, finally she gets to know that this old man, Ostad Riyaz Hossain, is her actual father.

What had happened was that Riyaz, the son of a famous lawyer in Comilla, fell in love with a singer, Munira Begum Moni and married her. Since Moni was the daughter of a poor man, Riyaz's father and sister,

Rapeha, could not accept their marriage. Then, during childbirth, Moni dies leaving Riyaz with their only daughter, Riyaz, then, leaves his daughter with his sister, Rapeha and leaves Comilla for good. He goes to Kurigram, assumes the name of Ostadi and lives there in peace. Then, when he sees Lubna, he is reminded of his wife, and feels a different kind of love for her.

The last scene shows Lubna's birthday, which is also her mother's death anniversary. Overcome by emotions of love, she calls "Ostadiji" "Baba" for the first time and draws an end to all the mysteries and prob-

lems of her world.

With a so-so story line and unnecessary dialogue, the drama would have been a complete no-no if it had not been accompanied by brilliant acting on Bipasha Hayat and Raisul Islam Asad's part. Toru Mostafa and Khayrul Alam Shobuj too did a good job. The directorial debut of Rezanur Rahman was quite good, considering the fact that this was his first drama series. However, it has to be said that Shafikul Kabir's story was a bit of a disappointment. This viewer, for one, definitely expected better from such a reputed and distinguished writer.

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Ratan Thiyam's Uttar-Priyadarshi

If you've seen one, you've seen them all, a spectator commented before the play even started, which was probably because Uttar-Priyadarshi, like a few of Thiyam's other produc-

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tions, was about war and peace. The audience settled down at around 6.45pm at the Osmani Memorial on 11 March 1999, and waited for the play to begin.

Uttar-Priyadarshi began at 7.00pm, as scheduled, and had the audience travelling to a world of myth and make-belief. Uttar-Priyadarshi starts with the chanting of a prayer by the narrators with staffs and eight members of the Chorus with symbols of the eight-fold path of Lord Buddha. They all pray to Lord Buddha and praise his al-

truistic disposition. They also mention the previous birth of Buddha and his reincarnation.

Then, it is seen that Priyadarshi returns to Magadha, a victorious from the Kalinga battle. The narrator describes Priyadarshi's might and potency. In the second scene, Priyadarshi commands his royal musicians too are surrounding him. He then wants to drive the spirits away and punish them by throwing them into hell. Thereupon, Priyadarshan appoints Ghors, who is ferocious and evil, as the Lord of Hell.

Next, Ghors performs the dance of death and destruction with his female attendants and commands the male attendants to liquefy anyone who enters hell's domain, even Priyadarshan. In the next scene, the travelling narrators enter hell,

crossing hills and valleys. Ghors' female attendants lure the travelling narrators, who are trapped and tortured. However, the narrators manage to escape. The following scene shows victims in Hell, who are tortured and killed. It is seen that human organs like lungs and livers are chopped, fried, cooked and eaten. Then, a Bikshu is seen, who brings a message with the hope of liberating all humans from inhumane suffering. He prays for the promised Light that washes away ignorance and gives enlightenment. The Bikshu, tortured by Ghors and his attendants, invokes strength to endure and to be free from fear.

The flames of Hell dwindle as the Bikshu tolerates the pain inflicted on him, and the place becomes calm and peaceful. The Bikshu sits alone on a lotus and

Ghors calls on his attendants to show him their evil powers, but to no avail.

In the last scene, Priyadarshi enters the calm and serene Hell, and Ghors tortures him, in spite of Priyadarshan's reminder that Priyadarshan is the one who made him the Lord of Hell. The Emperor notices that the Bikshu is unaffected by the flames. He asks Bikshu how he manages to do that and he replies that with the affection of the divine light, one is liberated from all human bondage.

In this play, Priyadarshi is a confused man who reaches the path of human kindness and peace by eliminating the evil inside him, and Ratan Thiyam manages to portray this masterfully.

It was a wonderful evening for all that were present and surely everyone would want Ratan Thiyam to come again with another of his marvelous productions.

TV Guide

Saturday 13th March
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme).

BBC

6:00 BBC World News
6:05 USA Direct 6:30 World Living: Wilderness Walk—Baffin Island 7:00 BBC News Headlines 7:30 Asia Today 8:00 BBC News 8:30 World Focus: USA Di-

the Edge VJ Sophiya 8:00 Turn On T [V] 8:30 Rewind VJ Sophiya 9:30 Turn On T [V] 11:30 VHS 12:30 On Rewind VJ Sophiya 1:30 Hot Seat 2:00 Mainstage 3:00 Turn On T [V] 4:00 The Drum from Australia VJ Moli 5:00 Billboard US Countdown 6:00 Speak Easy 6:30 Turn On T [V] 7:30 Top Of The Pops 8:00 The Juice [V] Laila 8:30 Over the Edge 9:00 The Ticket 9:30 Sophie's Choice 10:00 House of Noise 10:30 Banned At

Big Easy — Love Doctor 12:00 Mystery Movies — Inspector Morse — Which Is dead 2:00 Space And Beyond 3:00 The Adventures of Sindbad 4:00 Hercules — Cast a Giant Shadow 5:00 WWF Shotgun Challenge 6:00 Series: Xena 7:00 Series: Baywatch 8:00 Series: Lovejoy 9:00 Series: Soldier Soldier 10:00 The Adventures of Sindbad 11:00 Series: Xena Warrior Princess — Is There A Doctor 12:00 Series:

TV Encyclopaedia 3:40 Sports Time 4:05 Serial 5:05 Medicine 5:25 Computers 6:10 Sunheri Yeadoon 7:00 English News 7:20 PTV Music Library 7:30 Virsa Pakistan 7:55 Ghazal Uss Naye Saaree 8:25 Denomic World of Sports 8:45 Drama 9:00 Break for Headlines News 10:00 Khabarnama & Commercial News 10:45 Drama: Laaj 11:45 Do Sitaree 1:15 Urdu Feature Film/Khas Khabrain/Close Down

ZEE INDIA TV

7:00am 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 Nagmeen 11:00 Hum Zamen 11:30 Zee News Update 11:50 Zee Business News 12:00 Bournvita Quiz Contest 12:30 Hasen 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 Ashiana 4:30 Hum Honge Kamyab 5:00 Naye Nagme 5:30 Zed it Pro 6:00 Beech Shahar 6:30 Gaane Anjane 7:00 Huseen Pal (Trailer Show) 7:30 Center Stage 8:00 Mystery Unfolds 8:30 Zee News- English 8:50 Zee Face To Face 9:00 Ek Aur Nazaria 9:30 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 Dish Samwad 1:00 Agenda 2000 1:30 BQC 2:00 Zee News- Hindi 2:30 Zee Face To Face 3:00 Hum Zameen 3:30 Zee News-Hindi 3:30 Zee Countdown 4:00 Hindi Feature Film (B/W)

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STAR PLUS

6:30am Nainad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:00 Travel Asia 10:00 Kids Times: Eak the Cat 10:30 Story Teller 11:00 Potli Baba Ki 11:30 The Great Escape 12:00 It's a Small World 12:30 Living on the Edge 1:00 LG Is Dunia Ke Sitarey 1:30 Tanha 2:30 Bakemans - Ooh La La VJ Ruby (Hindi Top 20 Countdown) 3:30 Brook Bond Tea Time Hindi Film: Dhamkee (Vinod Khanna, Yogita Bali) 6:30 World Cup Cricket Magic Moments 7:30 Awaaz 8:00 So Lets Yahoo 8:30 Apradhi 9:00 Series: Ek Mulaqat 9:30 Star News 10:00 Star Super Hit Hindi Film: Aftanon (Akshay Kumar, Urmila) 1:30 Movie — Survival Zone 3:30 Series: Snowy River 4:30 Class Act

STAR WORLD

7:00 Crystal Maze 8:00 Mr. Belvedere 8:30 Nanny And The Professor 9:00 The Good Life 9:30 Murder Most Horrid 10:00 How Bizarre 10:30 Travel Asia 11:00



Xena: Warrior Princess on Star World at 11 pm

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CHANNEL [V]

7:00 Turn On T [V]/ Over

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 B & W Gems 8:30 All Time Hits (Hit Songs Show) 9:00 Old Tavern - Sizlaars 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 - Sizlaars 1:00 Bagpiper - Jharokha 1:30 Ciba Tube Top Ten 2:30 Bajaj Music Box (Trailer Show) 3:00 Old Tavern - Sizlaars 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 Premiere 7:30 Old Tavern - Sizlaars 8:00 Coca-Cola World Premiere 8:30 Bagpiper - Jharokha 9:00 Bajaj Music Box (Trailer Show) 9:30 Banganga Festival 10:00 Music Zone 10:30 Bagpiper - Jharokha 11:00 Aalaap 11:45 Sabab 12:30 All Time Hits 1:30 Jharokha

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5:55 Vande Mataram 6:00 Serial: Aradhana 6:30 UGC Programmes Bharati 10:02 Jay Hanuman 11:02 Mile

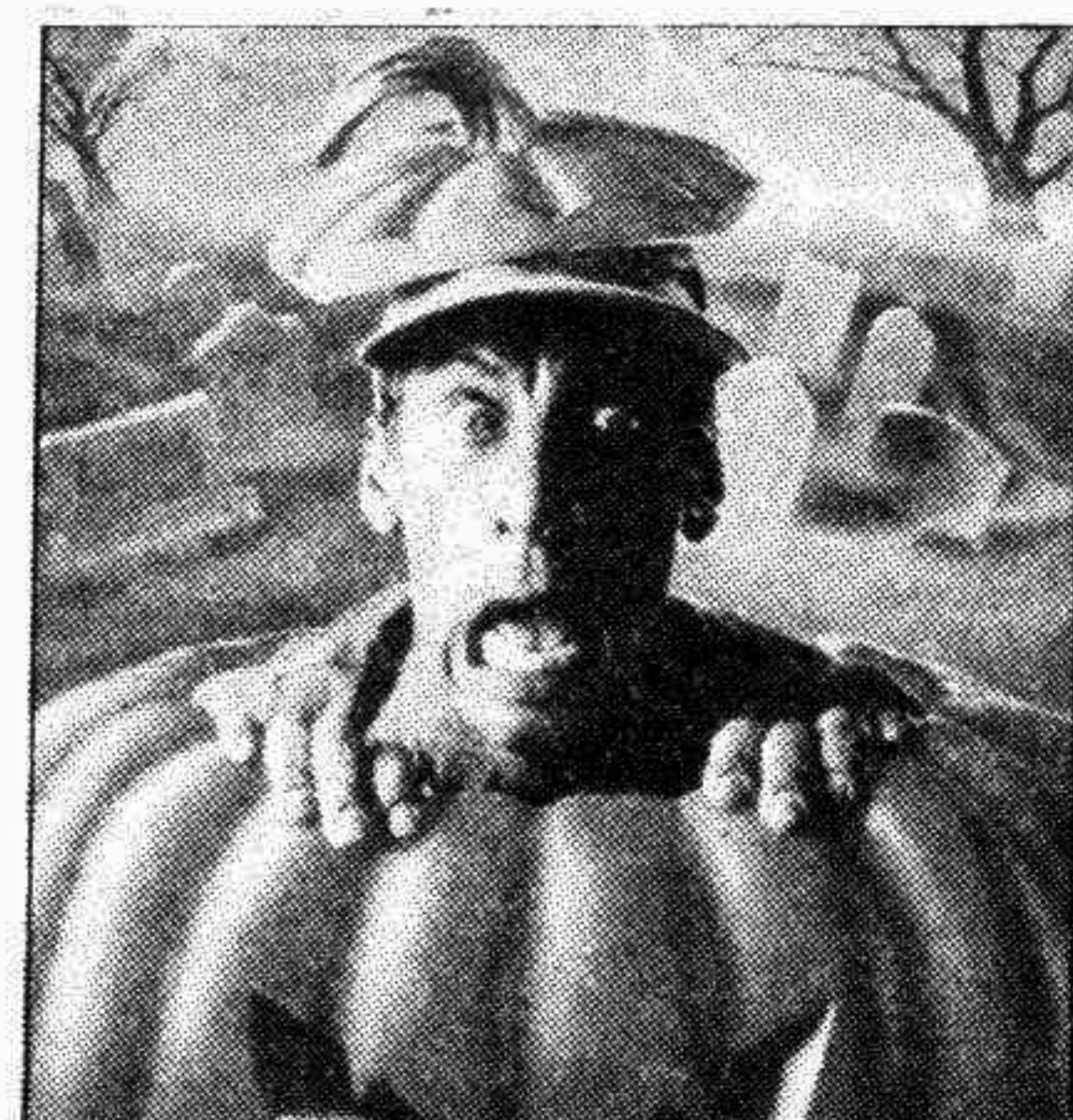
Aharnish Bhalobashe Ekjon on ATN Bangla tonight



The 6th episode of Aharnish Bhalobashe Ekjon will be aired on ATN Bangla at 9.00 pm today.

In this episode Tushar reminisces about how Raina had come to visit him while he was in jail and had later requested him to back to his studies. He begins to doubt that Raina has fallen in love with him and this sets his heart in flutters, a feeling that he is not too comfortable about.

The serial made with technical assistance from Impress Telefilm Ltd. stars Toukir Ahmed in the lead role of Tushar and Bipasha Hayat in the role of Raina. It will be repeated tomorrow morning at 9.00 am.



Earnest Scared Stupid on Star Movies at 2:30 pm

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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 Sapthahiki 7:30 Bangla Sambad 8:00 Jatra Pala 8:30 Durbin 9:00 Serial: Katha 9:25 Serial: Sukh Duksha/Surjan 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:10 Drama: Siddhanta 10:30 News & Bengali Sambad & Closed

SONY TV

7:30 Indian Holiday 8:00 Rishprashad 8:30 Movers And Shakers 9:00 Family No. 1 9:30 Cine Clips 10:00 Toofan Mail with Guest 10:30 Just Mohabbat 11:00 Heena (Simone Singh, Rahul Bhatt, Rakhi Bhajan) 11:30 Choti Si Asha 12:00 Movers & Shakers 12:30 Dekh Bhai Dekh 1:00 Chamatkar 1:30 Cine Clips 2:00 Hum Sab Ek Hai (Serial) 2:30 The Good Home Show 3:30 Cine Clips 4:00 Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature Film: Dharam Kanta 7:30 Kehne Mein Kya Harz Hai 8:00 Bajaj Ki Lehren 8:30 SPL: Lata The Queen in Concert 12:00 CID 1:00 Alpavir (Serial) 1:30 Mahayaga (Serial) 2:00 Bhannur 2:30 Aadaab Arz Hai 3:00 Pop Pouri 3:30 Cine Nite-Film: Mahaball Hanuman

ZEE TV

6:00 Yeadon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:30 Zee News & Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Eno Cholo Cinema 8:30 Aur Ek Minute 9:00

Teacher 9:30 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 10:00 Ek Nazar 10:30 Commando 11:00 Chhoti Muh Bari Baat 11:30 Baat Ban Jaaye 12:00 Kala Sona 12:30 Nestle - Jhatpat Kazana 1:00 Jaan (Bhagyashree, Sudesh Beri) 1:30 Mujhe Chand Chahye 2:00 Hum Paanch 2:30 Hasratein 3:00 Thums Up Public Demand 3:30 Bakemans Mama Mia 4:00 Serial: X Zone 4:30 Cola Cola: Dance Mastia 5:30 Khubsoorat 6:00 Tata Salt: Khana Khazana 6:30 Ek Nazar (Trailer)/Gane Anjaane 7:00 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 8:00 Zee Cine Awards '99 Showcase

8:25 Colget - Top Ten 9:30 Gudgudde 10:00 Saturday Suspense 11:00 Tare Mere Sapne 11:30 Close Up Antakshari 12:30 Serial: X-Zone 1:30 Chhoti Muh Bari Baat 2:00 Zee News 2:30 Zee Arabia: Serial: India's Most Wanted 3:00 Hindi Feature Film: Chor Bazaar

DD METRO

7:00am Health Tips 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 8:00 Puhwari Bachchoon Ki Tute Time 8:45 Alnajo Its My Choice 7:15 Abhiman (Amitabh Bachchan, Jaya Bhaduri) 10:30 Faisla (Vinod Khanna, Saira Banu) 1:45 Top of The Tops 2:15 Rajput

DD INT'L

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) 11:45 Masaal (Serial) 12:15 Bharat Samachar (News in Hindi) 12:30 India File (Note: Programmes may be changed) 1:00 Hindi Film Show 10:00 Hindi Film Show (Rpt)

CARTOON NETWORK

5:30am World Famous

Toons 6:30 Jatsons 7:00 Flintstones 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy D 8:30 Scooby & All Star Laff-Lympics 9:00 You'll's Treasure Hunt 10:00 Young Robin Hood 10:30 The Detective Squad 11:30 Dymonutt 12:00 Tom & Jerry Show 12:30 Bugs & Daffy 1:30 Addams Family 2:00 Dumb & Dumber 2:30 The Real Adventure of Johnny 3:00 Goober & The Ghost Chasers 3:30 Casper and the Angels 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 & Daffy Show 7:30 Johnny Bravo 8:00 Two Stupid Dogs 8:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You 9:00 The Popeye Show

ZEE CINEMA

8:15 Sangeet Samrat Tansen 11:15 Movie Fare 11:30 Lux ZEE Technical Awards 2:30 Madhyantar 2:45 Ghari Detergent Cine Magic 3:15 Joshilay (Anil Kapoor, Sunny Deol, Sunny Deol, Sridevi) 6:15 Ek Mood Anek 6:30 Tune Time 6:45 Alnajo Its My Choice 7:15 Abhiman (Amitabh Bachchan, Jaya Bhaduri) 10:30 Faisla (Vinod Khanna, Saira Banu) 1:45 Top of The Tops 2:15 Rajput

STAR SPORTS

7:00 Spanish League 1998/99 Highlights 7:30 1999 Coca Cola Asian Test Championships 9:30 1999 Coca Cola Asian Test Championships LIVE 10:30 1999 Coca Cola Asian Test Championships LIVE 5:30 New Zealand Cricket South Africa Tour to NZ 1st Test South Africa Vs. New Zealand 8:30 Asia Sport Show 9:00 Formula One 1999 Highlights 10:00 PGA Tour Golf Honda Classic 11:30 NBA Inside Stuff 98/99 12:00 Futbol Mundial 1:00 Spanish Football League (S) 1998/99 LIVE 3:00 Asia Sport Show

ESPN

8:30 ATP Tour Tennis 9:00 Spanish League 1998/99 Highlights



The Adventure of Sindbad on Star World at 10 pm