

festival

Adieu to Shishir-Kishore Theatre Festival '99

THE National Child-Juvenile Theatre Festival '99 ended on 19th March. Children for sixteen days of the festival, continuing from 4th to 19th March performed forty seven plays on the stage of the Public Library Auditorium, shaped up as house for dramatic-representations of the invited participants of different districts of our country. The concluding part of the festival comprised brilliant theatrical performances of the little actors, radiating an indescribable artistic charm and beauty.

by Mahfuz Ali

The festival began, as in other days, at 4:30 PM in a musical atmosphere. There gleamed before eyes of the spectators dramatic representations of three theatre-troupes namely, "Shishir Kishore Sangathan, Dhaka", "Little Theatre, Bogra" and "Ghoray-Byray, Dhaka". And the plays staged by them were "Sora Mama", "Jhuddho O Sadhinota" and "Teray Ketay Dha".

Drama and society should be always regarded as being attuned with each other. Drama sustains the revolutionary force to celebrating the historical events, working in tune with the interest of mankind. The anti-liberation force of our country hatched a conspiracy to give a false colouring to the spirit of liberation war. Kids belonging to "Little Theatre Bogra" played a progressive part by reflecting the true history of Bangladesh so that the young might easily distinguish between the collaborators and the freedom fighters.

Though stylistic-features of opera constituted the structure of the play entitled "Jhuddho O Sadhinota" but it grew equally appealing to all as compared with other plays. Little actors furnished the stage with comic elements. Spectators couldn't but burst into a guffaw of laughter as the actor who played the part of the anti-liberation force began to give an account of his influential social position, remaining oblivious of his stage performance.

The little actors of "Ghoray-Byray, Dhaka" performed the last play of the festival entitled "Teray Ketay Dha". The central idea of the play is that the whole world suffers from a state of disharmony. Man has become egocentric and doesn't care for others. The agents of evil tend towards the ways and means of harming others. But boys, as well as girls in the play "Teray Ketay Dha" expressed their firm-determination to recover the lost harmony.

After the play was staged, Mou, a renowned TV artist of our country walked up the stage, congratulated the little actors on behalf of the Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy and gave them the laudatory certificates.

Last of all Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy working in collaboration with Bangladesh People's Theatre Association arranged a discussion meeting, dance-representations and musical programmes to hold the concluding part of the National Child-Juvenile Theatre Festival '99.

interview

Jurassic Park: Modhumita's Eid Gift

In our entertainment firmament Modhumita holds a special place. For cinema-goers Modhumita conjures up an image of good entertainment in a decent environment. The cinema hall's spacious lobbies are tastefully decorated and kept absolutely spick and span making it an ideal place to take a time out from Dhaka's claustrophobic living. It is only natural that in 1992 the national award for best theatre hall went to Modhumita Cinema. Keeping pace with the fast changing time is what makes one modern. Modhumita in its effort to tune in with time has recently gone digital theatre system (DTS), the ultimate in sound system. In an exclusive interview with The Daily Star the backbone of Modhumita Cinema M Iftekharuddin spoke about the forthcoming releases, his future plans and country's entertainment industry. Excerpts:

By Ziaul Karim

Q: When Modhumita Cinema came into being?

A: Back in 1967 my late father Mohammad Serajuddin opened the theatre.

Q: Was it a 70mm cinema hall from the very beginning and what was the movie to hit the screen first?

A: It's big screen cinema hall right from the day one and it started its journey into the world of entertainment with such multistar blockbusters like Cleopatra.

Q: You have successfully upholding the tradition of bringing in the very best from Hollywood.

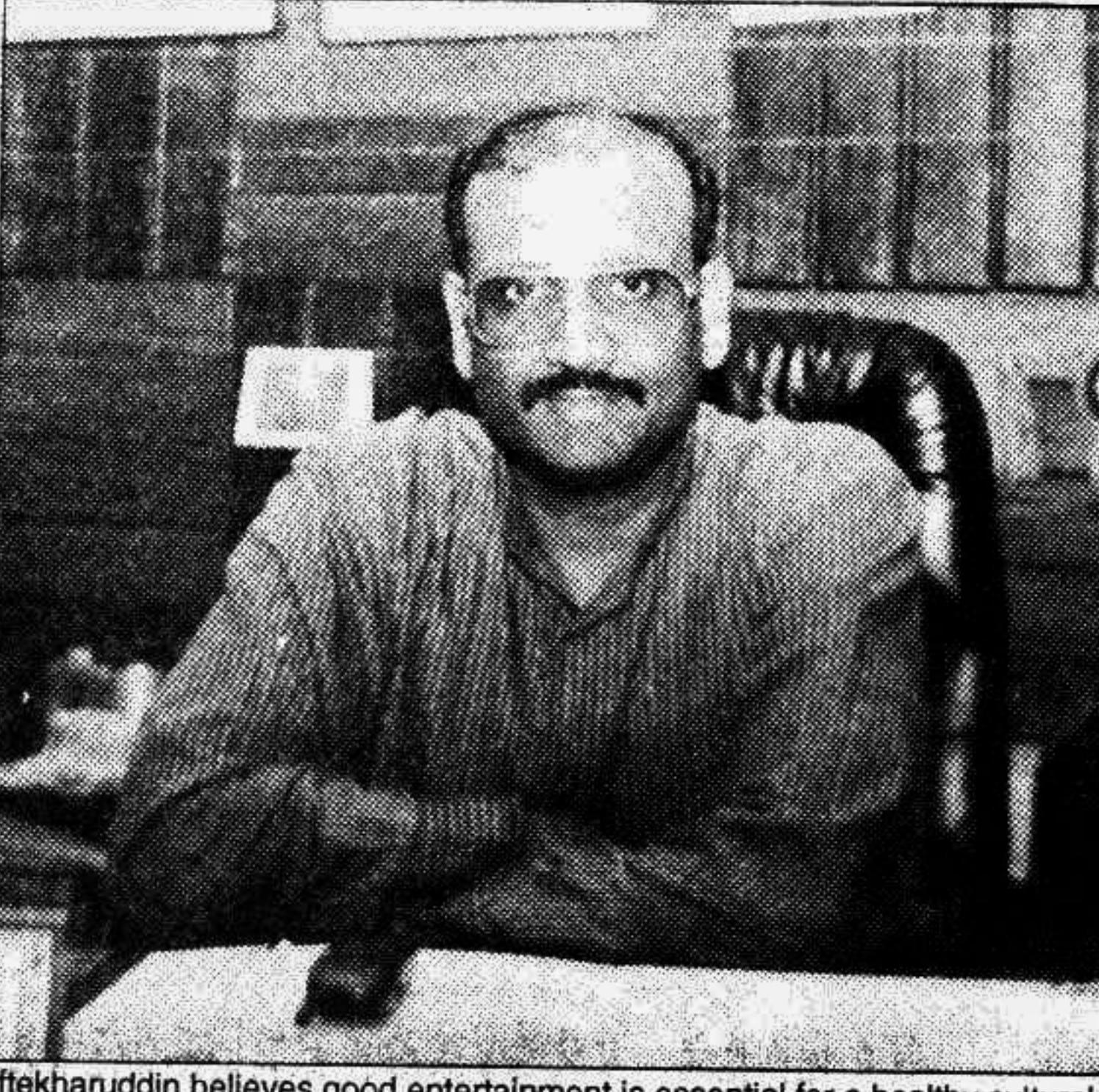
A: Yes. We have brought contemporary classics like Titanic and you know the following havoc it made in entertainment.

Q: After independence, import of foreign movies was banned we know. Did Modhumita, which was serving a sophisticated clientele, suffered a blow?

A: My father switched to producing movies under Modhumita Movies banner. His last production was *Ekti Mutho Bhat*. Throughout his life his heart was in entertainment. He believed in decent entertainment and acted accordingly.

Q: How come you take interest in entertainment?

A: After the death of my father in 1976, my eldest brother



Iftekharuddin believes good entertainment is essential for a healthy cultural growth.

— Photo Zahid

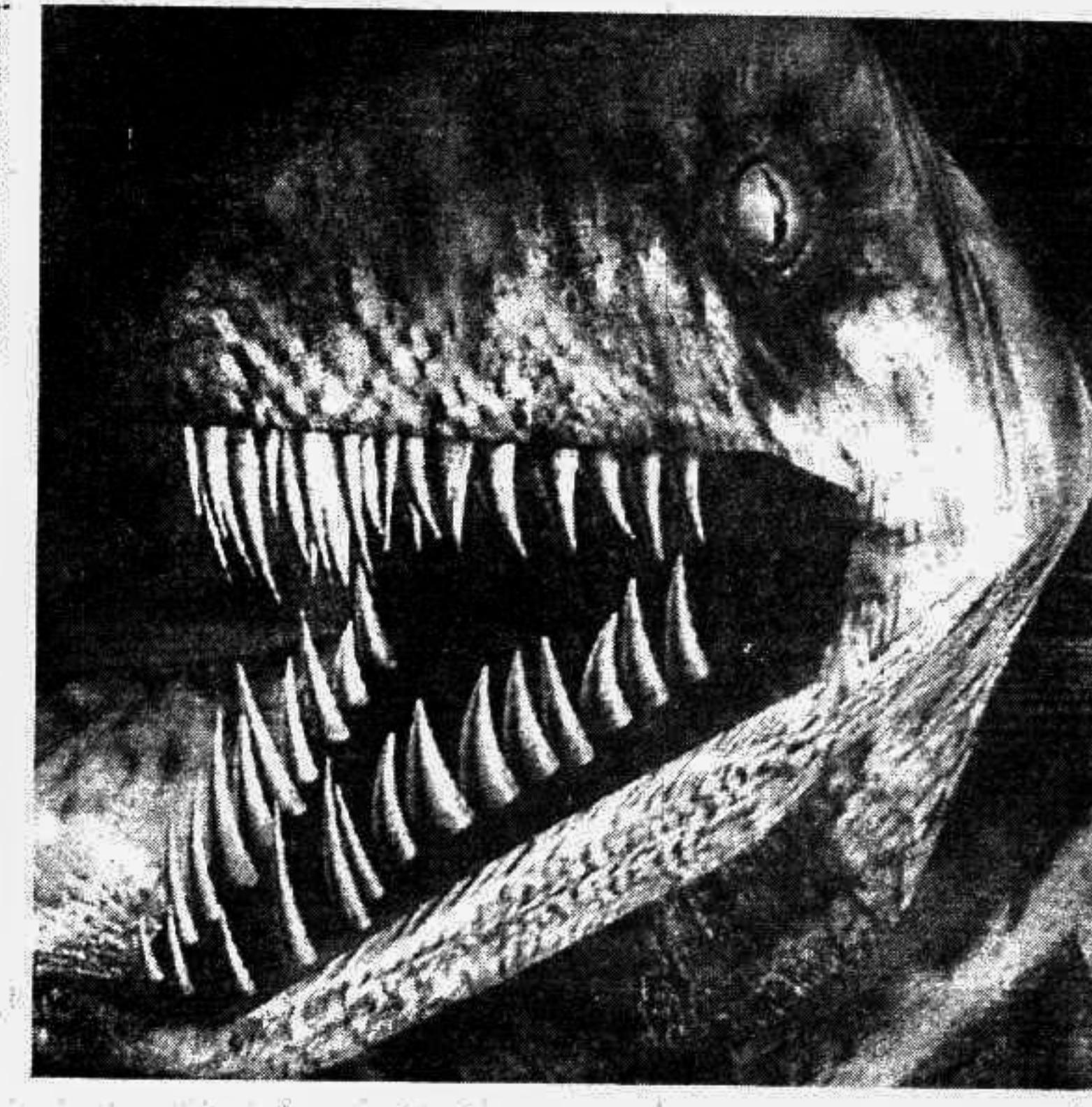
Salauddin took over. He finished the film *Nishan* a project my father dreamt of, but could not finish. I and my brother Ziauddin were studying in London then. We had no plan whatsoever to venture into show business. It was Ziauddin (is dead now) who persuaded us to join our family business.

Q: You, one can guess, with your exposure to West carried with you the taste for good English movies.

Q: The entertainment tax that has been levied on each

A: Well, you can say that. We started importing movies from international big names such as Warner Brothers, MGM, Columbia Pictures and also some independent companies. We brought in movies like *Hot Pursuit*, *Where Eagles Dare*, *Towering Inferno*, *Heaven's Gate*, *Two Women*, *Dirty Dozen*, *Ben Hur* etc.

Q: Do you have a plan to go



structures existing in the SARRC countries to restructure it.

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A: We have already ordered for a silver screen. Within a two to three months it will be here. By the year 2000 cinema-goers of Dhaka will have the taste of 3D movies.

Q: What is your Eid gift?

A: *Jurassic Park*.

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TV Guide

Sunday 21st March

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

ZEE INDIA TV

7:00 Jagran 7:30 Zee News: Hindi 8:00 Zed It Pro 8:30 Zee News: Hindi 9:00 Disha Samwad 9:30 Zee News: Eng 10:00 Zee Business Show 10:30 Aap Ki Adalat Aap Ki Faisala 11:00 10:00 Purush Kshetra 12:00 Ru-Ba-Ru 12:30 The Dream Merchant 1:00 Ghoonta Aasma 1:30 Zee News 2:00 Namaste India 2:30 Haseen Pal 3:00 Teen Kaman 3:30 News Line 4:00 Ashiana 4:30 Humong Kameyba 5:00 11:00 Nayee Nagme 5:30 Zed It Pro 6:00 Peoples Club 6:30 Young Buzz 7:00 Kuch Band Darwaze 7:30 Insight 8:00 Vision Beyond: 50:30 Zee News: English 8:50 Face To Face 9:00 The Tech Show 9:30 Zee News: Hindi 10:00 Zee World 10:30 Zee News: Hindi 10:50 Zee Business News: Hindi 11:00 India Debates 11:30 Zee News: Round-up 12:00 Ek Aur Nazaria 12:30 Question Hour 1:00 The Ent Show 1:30 Ro-Ba-Ru 2:00 Zee News: Hindi 2:20 Zee Face To Face 2:30 Zee Business Show 3:00 Zee News: Hindi 3:30 The Women 4:00 (EL TV) Hindi Feature Film (B/W)

DD-7

9:00 Sure Sadhak 9:30 Movie Club Film (Last Thursday's Film, Rpt) 12:30 Sawaal Zabaw 1:30 Movie Club Film (Last Friday's Film, Rpt) 3:30 Geet Sangeet 4:30 Sunday Bangla Film 5:30 News 7:20 Binodin (Magazine Show) 7:30 Bangla Sambad 8:00 Serial: Pratighat 8:30 Serial: Baro Theke Atharo 9:00 Serial: Surja Namn 9:30 Serial: Sidhanta 10:30 Sambad

ZEE TV

6:00 Yaadon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:30 Zee News & Zee Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:05 Gudgeude 8:30 Sunday Zee Sunayita Zee (Dhak Ghar) 9:30 Disney Hour Cartoons 10:00 Close-Up Antakshari 10:30 Mahabharat #Ep: 21 11:30 Rin Super 7 Mukabela (Countdown) 12:30 Bourniya Quiz Contest 1:00 Mr Gaayab (Jay Sengupta) 1:30 Commando 2:00 Nirma: Yeh Ishq Nahin Aasan 9:30 Superhit Mukabila 10:30 Croos Fire 11:00 Live Wire 11:30 Sunehari Yaadein/Yeh Cafe 12:30 Pop Show 12:30 UGC Prog



The Joy Luck Club

on Star Movies at 10 pm

One of the most beloved and best-selling novels of our time was transferred into a widely acclaimed film which debuts tonight on STAR Movies. It's the complex story of two generations of Chinese women and their American daughters which unfolds when one young woman is invited to join the Joy Luck Club — the weekly mahjong group of her recently deceased mother. A transfer of wisdom and affection begins as the club's three "Aunties" go on an emotional journey back through their own lives to reveal the richness and magic of their often hidden and devastating pasts. Starring Ming-Na Wen, Tamiya Tomita, Kieu Chinh, Tsai Chin, France Nuyen and Lauren Tom.

CHANNEL V

7:30 VJ Hour Sp1 8:30 Rewind VJ Sophia 9:30 Catch: #22 #8 10:00 House Arrest 10:30 Turn On T [V] (Back to Back Vids) 11:30 Cabaret Cabaret VJ Suchitra Pillai 12:00 TooFan TV #8 12:30 First Day Frist Show (Trailer Show on Hindi Film) 1:00 The Udam Singh Show 1:30 The Indian Top 10 Pop 2:00 Zabardast Hits (Back to Back Vids) 4:30 Sunday Special 5:30 Zabardast Hits (Back to Back Vids) 7:30 8:00 Zee Arabic: Sapath (Nikita Shah, Kiron Kumar) 9:00 Hindi Feature Film (B/W) Naulakha Haar

#3/6: The Island of Muil Mark Niu 10:30 3rd Rock From Sun 11:00 Series: The Crow #Ep: Souled Out 12:00 Series: The X-Files: #Ep: Gethsemane 1:00 Series: Tropical Heat 2:00 Series: Baywatch Nights 3:00 Series: Cops 3:30 Series: Cod-3 4:00 Aerobics Oz Style 4:30 World News 6:30 British Empire

STAR PLUS

6:30 Nainad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Ent) 8:30 Animals of Earthing Woods #S3: 12/13 9:00 Animal Adventure #38/87 9:30 Hindi Songs Countdown: Ek Do Teen 10:30 Hindi Serial: Janata Ki Adalat #Ep-107 (Host: Rajat Sharma) 11:00 Shootout Shoot #Ep-25 11:30 Amul The India Show #Ep-303 (Anchor: Sanjana Kapoor) 12:00 Master Card: Family Fortune #66 Rpt 12:30 India Business Week #260 1:00 A Question of Answer #9 1:30 Star Sunday Lunch 2:00 Kya Baat Hai #15 2:30 Serial: Apradhi #16 3:00 Plus Preview 3:30 Sunday Tea Time Movie: Kasam Vardi Ki (Jeeendra, Bhanu Priya, Chankey Panday) 6:30 Priya Tendulkar Show #89 7:30 Star Miss India

World Focus: This Week 10:00 Star News Sunday 1:30 India Business Week #260 Rpt 2:00 World Cup Cricket Magic Moments 3:00 Movie Classic: The Amazing Mr Bluden 4:30 Media TV 5:00 Series: The Knock #2 6:00 Travel Asia #89 rpt

ESPN

8:00am English Premier Football League 10:00 English Premier Football League 12:00 LPGA Golf Standard Register Ping 1:30 ATP Tour Tennis 2:00 Cricket Magazine Show Flasback 2:30 UEFA Champions League 4:30 English Premier Football League 6:30 Sportscentre: International Edition 7:00 NBA Action 98/99 #21 7:30 Tokyo Marathon 1999 8:30 ATP Tour Tennis 9:00 English Premier Football League Chelsea vs Aston Villa 11:00 ATP Tour Tennis 11:30 Cart Grand Prix of Miami Live 1:30 Horseshow Jumping Bay Desert Circuit 2:30 Thrify Car Rental Racing Across America Gotham Stakes Live 3:00 World of Rugby

Unlimited 1:30 ATP Tour World Series Tournament Franklin Templeton Tennis Classic

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Family: Paper Brigade 9:15 Comedy: Monkey Trouble (PG) 11:00 Bhaskar Ghose Show 11:30 Sunday Best: Rhinest One 1:30 Romance Matinee: Vanishing Point (1997) 3:30 Documentary: Howard Hawk (Interviewed by Lauren Backell) 4:45 Adventure: 1492: Conquest of Paradise 7:15 Guilty As Sin 9:30 And The Award Goes To (Oscar Preview) 10:00 Sunday Night Premiere: The Joy Luck Club 12:45 Romance: Vanishing Point (1997) 2:45 Thriller: Guilty As Sin 4:45 Comedy: Blame It On The Bellboy 6:30

PTV-2

8:00 Tilwat Aur

Tarjuma/Hamid-Naat/Warzish 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabrain 845 Fun Time 9:05 TV Encyclopedia 9:25 Khat Farmasi 9:40 Sports Clinic 10:05 PTV Gold 10:30 English Film: Darkwing Duck 10:55 Mast Masi Sanyo 11:00 Khabrain 11:10 Sports Hour 12:05 The Sunday Brunch 12:55 Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Food Show 1:40 Aaj Di Shaam 2:00 Drama Serial 2:55 Laag (Zeba Khan) 3:55 Karabar 4:15 Education 5:25 Razi for 9th 5:55 Zameen Per Zindagi (Drama Serial) 6:25 Alou Courses 7:00 English News 7:15 Do Starree 7:30 English Film: Star Trek Deep Space Nine 8:10 MoonSoon (Serial) 8:40 Khawab Ajab 9:00 Break for Headlines News 9:02 Khawab Ajab 9:00 Break for Headlines News 9:02 TBA 10:00 Khabarnama & Commercial News 11:00 Its My Choice Songs 11:35 Home Victims (New Serial) 12:35 Serial: Monsoon 1:00 Khas Khas Khabrain



News Series: The Crow

on Star World at 11 pm In the hit feature films 'The Crow' and 'The Crow — City Of Angels', Eric Draven was a brilliant young musician, in love with Shelley, the woman of his dreams... until one day their lives were taken from them... their happiness destroyed. She rose to heaven, but he remained on earth — a lost soul, avenging the killers who tore them apart. In a world, avenging the killers who tore them apart. In a world where justice is vanishing, one man has returned to protect the innocent. Now, Eric Draven is back in the television series 'The Crow — Stairway To Heaven'. Each week, Draven's guardian angel, Shelley, guides him to his next challenge. With a guitar in one hand and the Crow leading the way, he seeks salvation by helping others. He must fight for those who can't fight for themselves and sometimes, when forced to take extreme action, he is taken one step further from a place in heaven — keeping him from the one he loves. In 'Souled Out', Draven finds the man who ordered Shelley's and his murder, but as he uncovers the truth, is he strong enough to battle an evildoer that seems to have the same supernatural powers he possesses as The Crow?

MTV INDIA

7:00 MTV Hanging Out VJ Sonia 9:00 House of Style 9:30 Non-Stop Hits 10:30 Best of.... 11:30 Made in India VJ Cyrus 12:00 MTV Hipshakers 12:30 MTV Hit Music 1:00 MTV Housefull V Nafisa 1:30 Non-Stop Hits 2:30 MTV In Control: Cricket 3:30 MTV-U VJ Cyrus 4:30 MTV EK Do Teem VJ Raageshwari 5:30 MTV & Kenwood India Hit List VJ Rahul 6:30 Non-Stop Hits 7:30 MTV Recycled VJ MTV Hit Film Music 10:30 MTV Housefull V Nafisa 10:30 MTV FRESH VJ Rahul 11:00 Smirnoff Mega Mix VJ Nafisa 11:30 Destination Dance: The Grind: Beach Show 12:00 MTV Unplugged 1:00 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: Jharkha 1:10:00 Bangla Festival 11:30

The X-Files on Star World at 12 midnight In *Gethsemane*, Mulder and Scully search for the truth when an anthropologist discovers what could be the frozen remains of extraterrestrial life. Scully enters Mulder's apartment, where a group of detectives and forensic technicians are waiting. Detective Rempulski introduces himself, then pulls a sheet draped over a body lying on the floor. Scully positively identifies the victim. Later, Scully appears before a group of FBI officials led by Section Chief Scott Blevins. During the meeting, Scully recounts how, four years earlier, Blevins assigned her to a project known as The X-Files.

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