

## Flamboyant Sagas on the Streets



**R**UHUL Amin Kajol, famous for his street paintings in Scandinavian countries, Spain and Czech Republic, is now in Dhaka continuing with his unique and dramatic and buoyant art. He talks to The Daily Star, baring his soul. He dwells on his beginnings and speaks of the future of this painting of streets, lanes and tunnels, which is now in the Guinness Book of Records.

by Fayza Haq

**DS:** Why can't you be satisfied with canvas or paper, why do you yearn after covering large masses of asphalt etc?

**Kajol:** My urge to paint on the streets began when I covered the Fine Arts Institute nearby streets with "alpana" in '74 during the Ekushey February commemorations when I was a part of a group who wished to brighten up the place where we studied. This was the beginning of the asphalt as a surface for me. I continued with this street art for years until I left Bangladesh in '86. We had made

the "alpana" patterns, free, dynamic and spontaneous rather than the one-colour circular type of floor design that we were earlier acquainted with. Today young artists in Dhaka elaborate on the traditional patterns and make something quite modern and eye-catching.

**DS:** What exactly do you do in Denmark as regards your street painting -- how many places have you covered?

**Kajol:** In Denmark I did my traffic art for the first time last year. I did two pieces in Copenhagen and one in a coastal town in Svendborg where sailors visit and actually stay. The last is a perfect setting for something colourful and unique. This coincided with the yearly city festival. In Copenhagen too the programme occurred at the same time as a city festival in an area called Vesterbro.

My work in Spain was done much earlier with the beginning of the use of colour on ground plan. It was on a canal which was carpeted with colours. There was no water in it and only a drain in the middle. In this I was involved in a group

activity which was spearheaded by Milton and Juan. The mayor of the city accepted the proposal and paid for the work done. Our paints, food and lodging were seen to. A Spanish company donated us three tons of colours. The purpose behind the painting was communication between different ethnic cultures. The artists came from 13 different countries, some coming from Latin America, and others from different parts of Europe, as well as Japan. It was 1200 metres long and each artist dealt with 60 metres. Every artist painted according to his tastes and choice, including ones with socialistic leanings. Folk elements from Latin America entered. Some artists even included poetry and philosophical sayings into the work such as that of Gabriel Garcia Marquez. The families of the artists helped in this.

In Denmark too I involved young people from their schools. Once, in Copenhagen the area was in the backyard of a school and the asphalt was 700 sq metres. I have not seen a larger art installation in the

from of a mural. It lasted in its original form for at least two months and slowly the colours disappeared with dust rains, snow and the salt that is used to remove the snow, and traffic on the art work.

In Copenhagen there were two projects, one connected with a yearly cultural week and the city authorities arranged for the paints etc. A company called Sadolin contributed the paints. Since we were not allowed to paint directly on the asphalt by the city corporation we took 72 pieces of plywood, 10 ft by 5 ft, jointed them together and painted on top. They have plans and hopes to have the asphalt painted in a similar year every year.

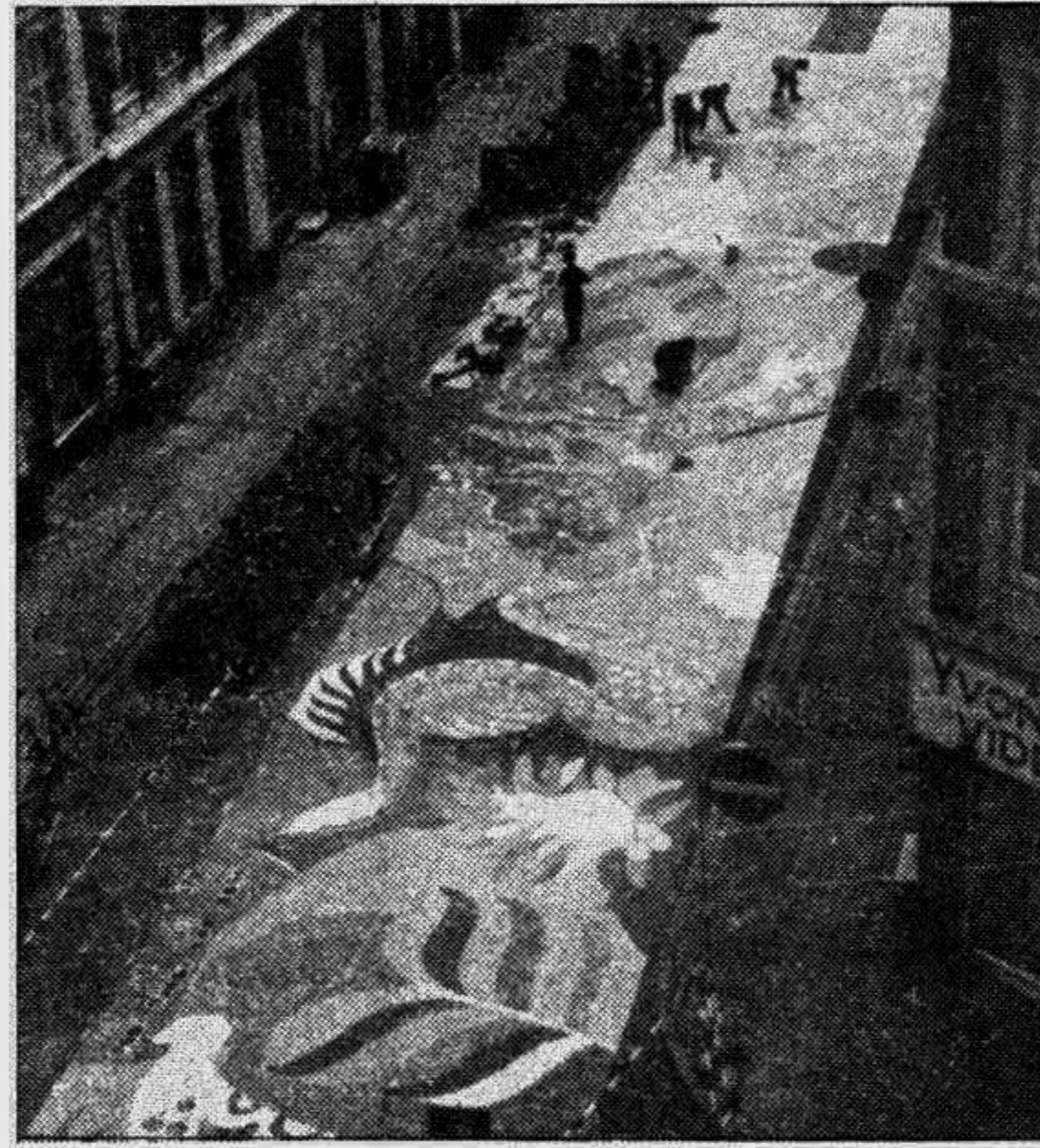
**DS:** Are you just in quest of a record creation?

**Kajol:** I wanted a world record when I began in Sweden in Landskawa when I covered 550 metres of space. This spurred me on to my other works.

**DS:** What are the motifs that you have used in your street paintings in particular?

**Kajol:** I have used variations and abstract forms of the original "alpana" motifs taken from Bangladesh. Keeping the carnival in mind, I brought in Latin American colour combinations and the inclusions of masks. I naturally brought in nature as you find in the Amazon forests, the exotic birds, specially parrots, peacocks and doves along with fascinating, intertwining and varicoloured dragons, snakes, alligators and fish. I have used clouds, sunbursts, and western pop art images intermingled with folk-art motifs. These, obviously, are in massive proportions. I have used bright greens, vermillion, yellows and blues to startle and please the viewers.

Ruhul Amin Kajol has had more than 35 solo exhibits in Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Czech Republic and Spain and has participated in 30 group exhibitions in France, Canada, Finland, Germany, Poland, Denmark and Bangladesh. He hopes to do traffic art in Germany, Poland and England.



## Irresistible Magnetism for the National Shishu Park



Kids sojourn at a dreamy world as the merry-go-round keeps rotating.

**T**HE Bengali Muslims' celebratory preparations for Eid-ul Azha crop up in many ways. Besides the purchase of cattle, clothes, cards and other things necessary for exchanging Eid greetings, they trip to different

places to pass time joyfully. The way people of all ages being rigged out in newly bought Eid garments thronged before the National Children Park on 1st and 2nd April brings an index to the fact that they didn't slightly shake themselves out of the joyful, festive mood although four days elapsed since the celebration of Eid-ul Azha.

Exchanging Eid greetings and views with children, cul-

tural correspondent of The Daily Star grew aware of the fact "Joy as well happiness gushing out from the festival still now linger in their mind. And they have come to the Shishu Park to spend time merrily"

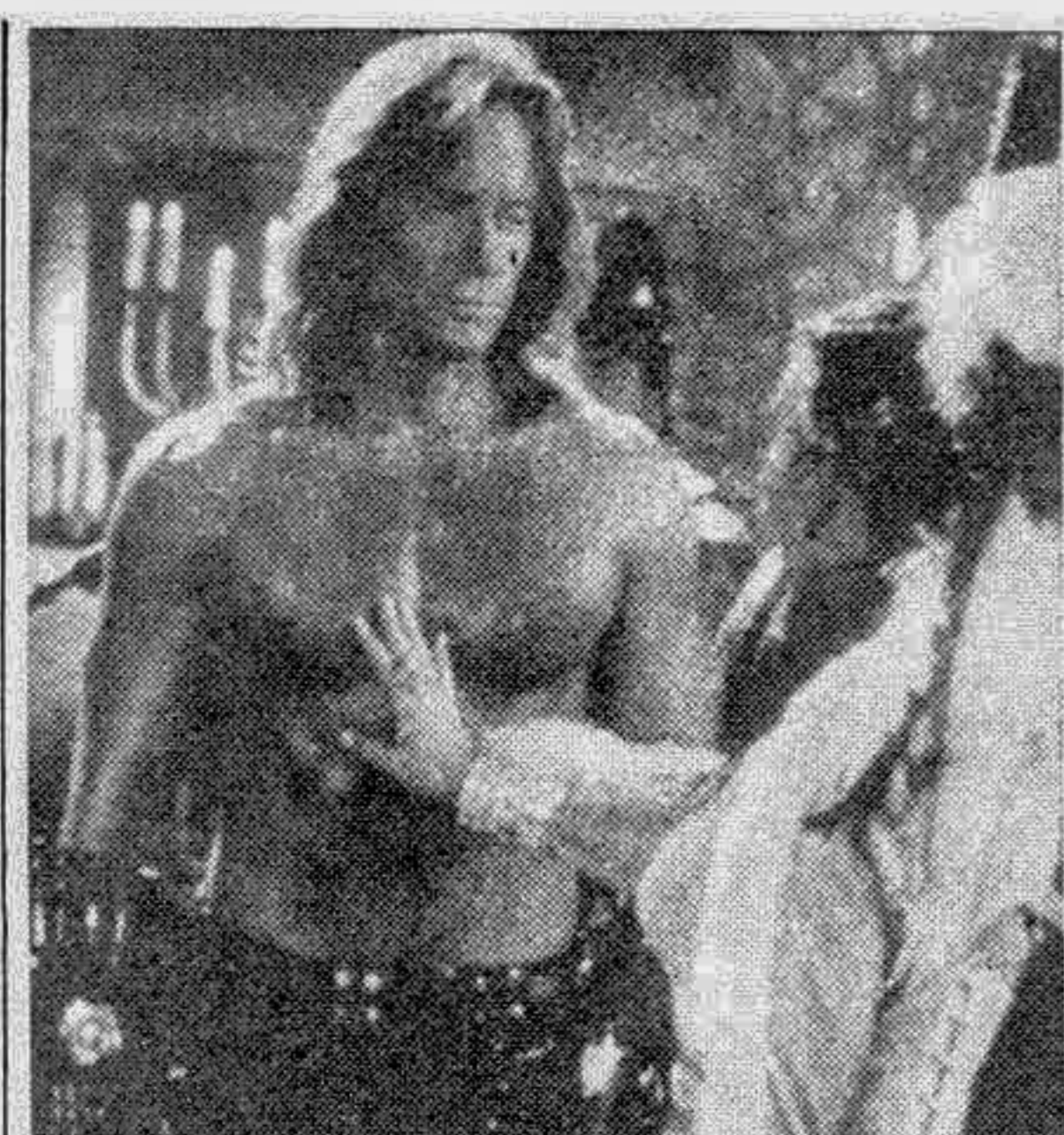
When Asked, "with whom and why have you come to the Shishu Park?", a child unhesitatingly went on saying, "I have come here with my mother. I have a liking for it. And I press my mother to take me to the park when the Eid comes."

Really children feel an irresistible magnetism for the park and it gains up the upper hand as they think of taking seats on the merry-go-round or making a drive in the small train.

Adults are not electrified by the park in the likeness of children or boys. A lady said "I have taken my child here. I don't feel as my son feels. But the fact that my child is pleased after coming here provides pleasure to me. And I really enjoy it."

The city dwellers in the midst of thousand barriers and oppressive realities of life don't have ample scope to taste the constituent elements of joy or happiness. Many times they assume poses as if they had been machines in human shape. But in fact man can never be a machine. Man is a creature with feelings, passions, emotions, sensibility and so forth. And its living proof is confirmed by such gatherings.

## TV Guide



### Hercules: The Legendary Journeys

on Star World at 12 midnight  
In *The Enforcer*, After a failed attempt to kill Hercules, the evil goddess Hera creates and unleashes The Enforcer, an inhuman assassin in the form of a beautiful, to accomplish her goal.

### Saturday 3rd April

(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 #5/6 Macgillycuddy's Reeks 7:00 BBC News Headlines 7:30 Asia Today 8:00 BBC News 8:30 World Focus: USA Direct/Asia Today 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Hard Talk 10:00 BBC News 10:30 World Focus: USA Direct / Reporters 11:00 World News 11:30 World Focus: Panorama 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: Wilderness Walk #5/6 Macgillycuddy's Reeks 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Hard Talk 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Correspondent 3:00 World News Headlines 3:05 World Weekend: Peoples Century #14/26 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: Holiday 5:00 BBC News 5:30 This Week 6:00 World Headlines 6:05 World Weekend: Horizon 7:00 BBC World News 7:05 World Weekend: The Lost Machine 8:00 BBC World News Headlines 8:30 World Living: How To Make A Movie 9:05 World Weekend: Peoples Century #14/26 10:00 World News 10:30 Style! 11:00 BBC World News

### CHANNEL [V]

8:30am Rewind VJ Sophiya 9:30 Turn On T [V] 11:30 VHS 12:30 Rewind Special 1:30 Hot Seat 2:00 Mainstage 3:00 Turn On T [V] 4:00 The Drum 5:00 Billboard US Countdown 6:00 Speak Easy Maitik Singh 6:30 Turn On T [V] 7:30 Top Of The Pops 8:00 The Juice 8:30 Over the Edge 9:00 The Ticket 9:15 A-Z Profiles 9:30 Sopkies Choice 10:00 House of Noise 10:30 Banned At Bedtime 11:30 Turn On T [V]

### STAR PLUS

6:30am Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Travel Asia 10:00 Eak the Cat 10:30 Story Teller 11:00 Fodi Baba 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 3:30 Tea Time Cinema "Honeymoon" (Rishi Kapoor, Ashwini Bhave, Varsha Usgaonkar) 6:30 Colgate Total World Cup Magic Moments 7:30 Awaaz 8:00 So Lets Yahoo 8:30 Apradhi 9:00 Serial: Ek Mulaqat 9:30 Star News 10:00 Star Super Hit "Kala Pathar" (Amitabh Bachchan, Shatrughan Sinha, Neetu Singh) 1:00 Newhart 1:30 Movie - "Goodbye Charlie" 3:30 Serial: Snowy River 4:30 Class Act 5:30 Lovejoy

### STAR WORLD

6:00 Spiderman 6:30 G I Joe 7:00 Crystel Maze 8:00 Mr Belvedere 8:30 Nanny And The Professor 9:00 The Good Life 9:30 Murder Most Horried 10:00 How Bizarre 10:30 Travel Asia 11:00 Big Easy 12:00 Mystery Movies - Halifax F P 2:00 Space And Beyond 3:00 The Adventures of Sindbad 4:00 Hercules 5:00 WWF Shotgun Challenge 6:00 Xena 7:00 Baywatch 8:00 Lovejoy 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 Series: Soldier Soldier 4:00 Nanny And The Professor 4:30 World News 5:00 The Animals of Farthing Woods 5:30 Eek! The Cat

### STAR MOVIES

7:00 Comedy: Skin Deep 9:30 Comedy: Big Bully 11:30 Comedy: Captain Ron 15 12:30 Romance: In Love and War 2:30 Star Kids Club: The Kid 4:30 This: River Phoenix 5:30 Wild West: Two Fisted Tales 7:30 Great Movies: Lock up 18 4:00 ET CP: Sylvester Stallone 5:30 Western: Two Fisted Tales

### PTV-2

8:00 Tlawat 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 Hanu 12:55 Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15 Grind 2:05 Drama Serial 2:55 Husool-e-Insaf & Sports Coaching 3:20 TV Encyclopaedia 3:40 Sports Time 4:05 Serial 5:05 Medicine 5:25 Computers 6:10 Sunhari Yeadoon 7:00 English News 7:20 PTV Music Library 7:30 Vira Pakistan 7:55 Ghazal Us Naye Saaree 8:25 Dentonic-World of Sports 8:45 Drama 9:00 Break for Headlines News 10:00 Khabrainama & 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 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 Kaaman 3:30 News Line 4:00 Aashiana 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 11:00 Zee Business News-Hindi 11:30 Zee News Round Up 12:00 The Women 12:30 Disha Samwad 1:00 Agenda 2000 1:30 BGC 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 Non-Stop Hit Film

Music 1:00 MTV House-Full 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 Housefull 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 - 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 Pre-



### Baywatch (Series 8)

on Star World at 7 pm  
It's back to the sunny beaches of California for a season of the world's most popular series, Baywatch. David Hasselhoff stars as Lt Mitch Buchannon, the heart and soul of Baywatch. It's the beginning of summer and Baywatch is looking for a few new Rookie Lifeguards and a new Captain to oversee all the Beaches. Among the dozens of men and women competing to enter Rookie School are Mitch's son Hobie (longtime series regular Jeremy Jackson), Lani McKenzie, a dancer from Hawaii (Carmen Electra of MTV fame), April Giminski, a competitive swimmer from Wisconsin (Kelly Packard of California Dreams); Skylar Bergman, a local girl who wants to become a paramedic (newcomer Marleece Andrada); and Manny Gutierrez, Hobie's friend from Junior Guards (Jose Solano, in his second year as a Baywatch regular). Also starring David Chokachi, Donna D'Errico, Mike Newman, Traci Bingham,

### DD CHANNEL-1

5:55 Vande Mataram 6:00 Serial: Aradhana 6:30 UGC Programmes 7:30

Samachar 7:45 Suba Sabera 8:15 Khoj Khabar 8:45 The News 9:00 Suba Sabera 9:30 Khoj Khabar 10:00 UGC Prog 10:30 Serial: Naye Subha 11:00 Serial: Lakin Woh Sachch Tha 12:00 Shaktiman (Animated Series) 1:00 Regional 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 Belatti Babu 9:00 Samachar & The News 9:50 Sanskriti Bharati 10:02 Jay Hanuman 11:02 Mile Sur Mera Tumhara 12:02 Spl

### 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 Jatra Pala 8:30 Durbin 9:00 Serial: Katha 9:25 Serial: Sukh Dukha/Surjansh 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:10 Drama: Siddhanta 10:30 News & Bengali Sambad & Closed

### SONY TV

7:30 Indian Holiday 8:00 Rishiprashad 8:30 Movers And Shakers 9:00 Chartbusters 9:30 Cine Clips 10:00 Toofan Mail with Guest 10:30 Just Mahabbat 11:00 Heena (Simone Singh, Rahul Bhatt, Rakhi Bhatnagar) 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: Jai Vikranta 7:30 Kehne Mein Kyra Harz Hai 8:00 Bajaj Ki Lehren 8:30 Cine Prime-Hindi Film: 12:00 CID 1:00 Alpviram (Serial) 1:30 Mahayaga (Serial) 2:00 Aadaad Arz Hai 2:30 The Poppadam 3:00 Pop Pouri 3:30 Cine Nite-Film

### 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 Hip Hip Hurry 9:00 Mr



### Scenes From A Mall

on Star Movies at 10pm  
Bettee Midler and Woody Allen star as a happily married couple whose 16-year marriage explodes while shopping for party supplies at their local shopping centre.

Gayab 9:30 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 10:00 Com-mando 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Eno Cholo Cinema 11:30 TVS Saregama 12:30 Nestle- Jhatpat Kazana 1:00 Knock Knock Chahiye 1:30 Mujhe Chand Chahiye 2:00 Hum Paanch 2:30 Bournvita Quiz Contest 3:00 Khabsoorat 3:30 Cinema Hits-Hindi Film 6:30 Ek Nazar (Trailer) 7:00 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 8:00 Must Must Hai Zindagi 8:25 Colget-Top Ten 9:30 Gudgudde 10:00 Saturday Suspence 11:00 TBishwas 11:30 Close Up Antaksharee 12:30 Serial: X-Zone 1:30 Chhoti Muh Aur Bari Baat 2:00 Zee News 2:30 Zee Arabia: Serial: India's Most Wanted 3:00 Hindi Feature Film

### DD INT'L

9:30 Opening & News in English 9:45 Business Plus 10:00 Magazine 10:30 Parakh (Serial)

### DD METRO

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 Telefilms 12:30 Filmi Dunia Ki Kahani 1:00 HT News 1:30 Serial Rishite 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 (Magazine) 9:00 Naughty Boy (Comedy Serial) 10:00 Jai Hanuman 10:30 TBA



### CARTOON NETWORK

5:30am World Famous Toons 6:30 Jaton's 7:00 Flintstones 7:30 The Pop-eye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy D 8:30 Scooby & All Star Laff-Lympics 9:00 Yougill's Treasure Hunt 10:00 Young Robin Hood 10:30 The Detective Squad 11:30 Dynomutt 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 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 & Daffy Show 7:30 Johnny Bravo 8:00 Two Stupid Dogs 8:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You 9:00 The Popeye Show



Xena on Star World at 11 pm