

audio cassette

Melancholy Moods

Iffat Ara Dewan's collection of sad songs

NAYAN Meley Dekhi is a collection of slow numbers of Tagore by Iffat Ara Dewan. Iffat Ara is no new face in the arena of Rabindra Sangeet, and her new album just released from 'Bengal Foundation' adds another feather to her cap.

By Muneera Parbeen

The cassette starts with *Aji Pronami Tomay* a song presented in the soft and subtle tone that is Iffat Ara's mark. Another song on this side *Moray bar bar fraley* is sung so beautifully that it strikes out everytime the words are repeated. The best piece on this side of the track however is *Era porkay upon koray, aponkey por*. This slow number brings in a melancholy feeling. The flute in the background touches the very strings of one's soul and takes you into the oblivion of sacrifice that describes the "self-less" in the song.

The last two numbers on side A. *Asha jawar pothor dhary* and *Bodhu tomay korbo raja* are equally enjoyable.

The 2nd side of the cassette begins with the title song *Nayan meley dekhi*. The second song on this side *kacche jobe chhiley* is probably the best composition on the album.

The song which describes things as they were when the sweetheart was nearby but is now lost. The slow and sensuous rhythm makes the feeling of regret come alive with Iffat Ara's rendition of the words which tug at the deeper feelings in your heart.

The words of the song are of course the sole credit of Tagore, but the credit of making the



song come to life is definitely the singer's. She makes each word touch you as she goes over them.

The other numbers on these side *Chiniley na anary*, *Badhu roho roho shathey*, *Rhidojey chhiley jegey* are also enjoyable. But the last salute goes to *khehar shathi (biday dao)*.

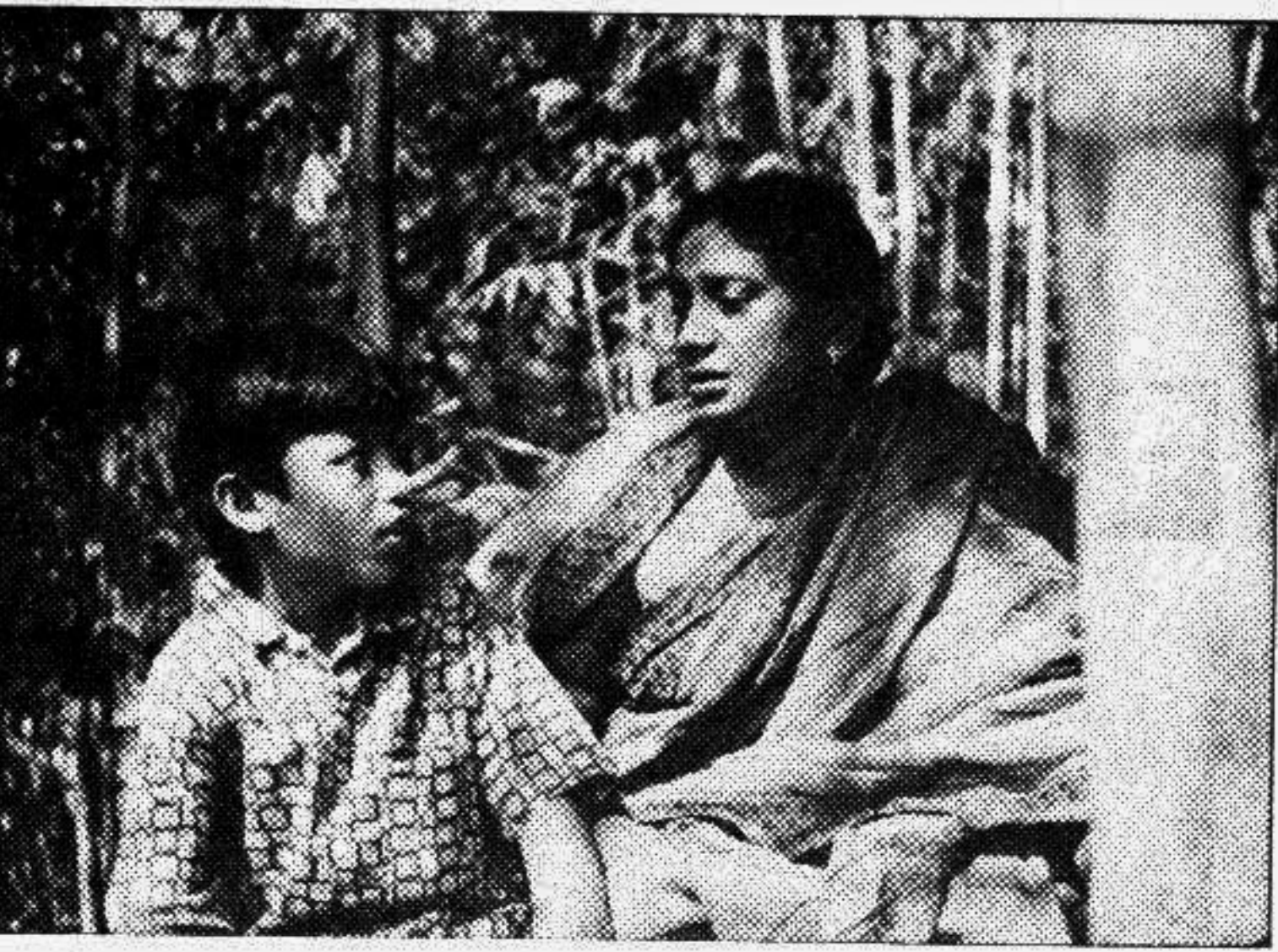
It maybe that it is the words of the song which makes it so attractive, but the beautiful composition with the background music, especially the accompaniment of tabla is the real reason why the song strikes out as extraordinary

here. *Nayan meley dekhi* has been directed by Durbadal Chattapadhyay and he has done a fine job. Iffat Ara Dewan, with her full, sensuous voice takes you through a journey into oblivion that not only screams out all that you have in your heart to say (but are unable to express) but it also soothes you down, once you have been through it.

The songs in the cassette opens your eyes to pain. So if heart-break, regret and loneliness is what is gnawing at your heart, this cassette is a must for you.

to Bijoy Nishan

Today's package drama *Bijoy Nishan* on BTV revolves around a brave minor boy Nishan who participates actively in our war of Independence.



NISHAN is a small boy in a village called *Koikhali*. His main passion in life is to fish and be near his sister *Akoti*. But *Akoti* dies right after her wedding with the Pakistan army fires on the boat carrying her. Thus begins a new phase in Nishan's life. He tries to help all the young freedom fighters in his village. He does everything possible in his capacity and his small age helps him whether others can't go. One day he is sent out to destroy a searchlight in the camp where the brutal Pak army is staying.

The brave Nishan blows up the searchlight. He is no longer left within anyone's reach but lives on in the *Bijoy Nishan* (victory flag) that flies over our heads. Starring Mukut (as Nishan), Pijush Bandhapadhyay,

Afroza Banu, Joyonto Chattapadhyay, Mozammel Huq, Jhuna Chy, Rakibul Hasan etc.

The telefilm *Bijoy Nishan* is directed by eminent filmmaker Saidul Anam Tutul. The story is by Masum Reza.

Bijoy Nishan will be aired today on BTV at 3:25 pm

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Corrigendum

The photo caption accompanying the story *Women Behind the Lens* which says, 'Dilip Kumar sharing a joke with a co-artist in FEMCOM's upcoming film on HIV/AIDS' should be Dilip Kumar with the director of the film Nargis Akter. The photograph was taken at a personal meeting with the great Kumar. We regret the mistake.

theatre

Chand Boniker Pala

The great Bengali thespian, theatre director and playwright Sambhu Mitra's magnum opus *Chand Baniker Pala* staged.

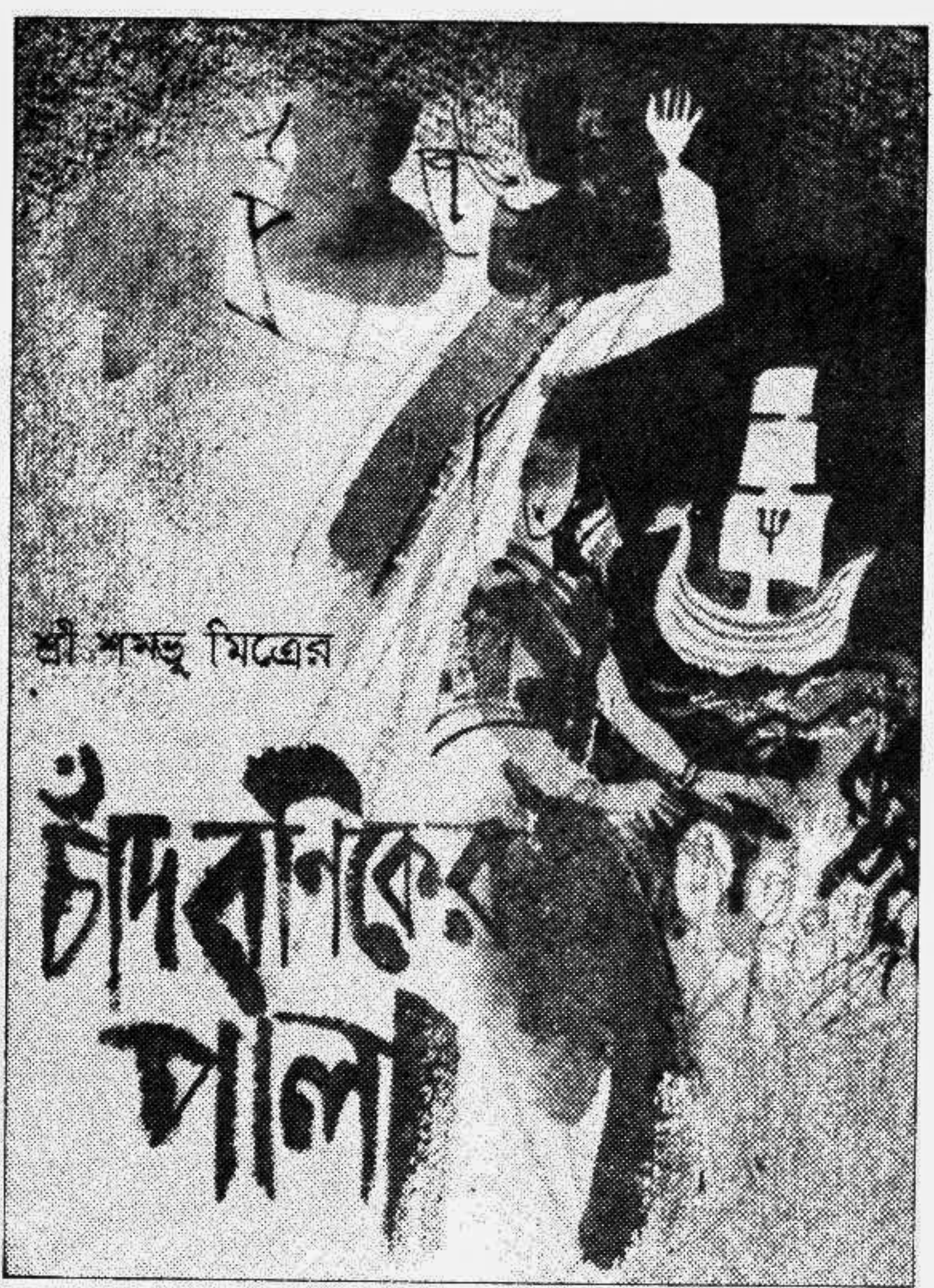
THE great play writer Shree Shambhu Mitra wrote an enormous number of plays starting from 1965. One of his all time renowned play is "Chand Boniker Pala". On 15th April, 1999 the plays first premiere show at Guide house was presented by Nagaria Natyangan.

Nafid Imran Ahmed

The play represents a story of the historical Chand Showdagor's *Behula* Lakshindar. The evil that destroys the good also destroys peoples life: this is the main theme of the play.

The play depicts the life of ordinary Bengali people and how evil supersedes everything, including the honesty and goodwill of people. The play puts special emphasis on the life of Chand, who always believed in the truth and honesty. For Chand, it was the only way to live.

In one of the scenes Chand is seen talking to his Guru. His Guru, tells him that being corrupt was the best policy for mankind. He tells him that honesty has no way and that evil powers are stronger than any virtuous deeds. Chand was shocked to hear his Guru say such things. His Guru was the one who taught him to be an honest man, to be the follower of the truth. The Guru then, leaves, leaving Chand horrified at the drastic change in his masters beliefs.



After this follows the worst time of his life. All of his six sons death leaves him shattered and heart broken. He feels as though he has lost everything. Deeply hurt and mentally weak, he leaves in search of truth and knowledge.

guide

Saturday 17th 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-Knoydart 7:00 BBC

4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: Holiday 5:00 BBC News 5:30 This Week 6:05 World Headlines 6:05 World Weekend: Horizon- Bones of Contention 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 Wild World: Land of the Tiger #2/12- The Times Domain-2 8:00 BBC World News Headlines 8:05 World Weekend: Crossing The Lines - A World Without Rules 9:05 World

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 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 Sophie's Choice 10:00 House of Noise 10:30 Banned At Bedtime 11:30 Turn On T [V]

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Travel Asia 10:00 Eak the Cat 10:30 Story Teller 11:00 Potli Baba Ki 11:30 The Great Escape 12:00 Eureka 12:30 Living on the Edge 1:00 Pal Chinn 1:30 Saboot 2:30 Bakemans - Ooh La La 3:30 Tea Time Cinema: Hirasat (Mithun Chakraborty, Anita Raj, Hema Malini, Shatrughan Sinha) 6:30 Colgate Total World Cup Magic Moments 7:15 Dress Circle 7:30 The Week That Year 8:00 So Lets Yahoo 8:30 Apradhi 9:00 Serial: Ek Mulaqat 9:30 Star News 10:00 Star Super Hit: Dil Jale (Ajay Devgan, Madhu, Sonali Bendre) 1:00 Newhart 1:30 Movie: April Love 3:30 Snowy River McGregor Saga 4:30 Class Act 5:30 Lovejoy

STAR WORLD

6:00 Spiderman 6:30 G I Joe 7:00 Crystal Maze 8:00 Mr. Belvedere 8:30 Only Fools & Horses 9:00 The Good Life 9:30 Murder Most Horrid 10:00 Chef 10:30 Travel Asia 11:00 Ally McBeal 12:00 Mystery Movies - Prime Suspect "Inner Circles" 2:00 Space Above 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 Aerobics Oz Style 4:30 World News 5:00 The Annals of Farthing Woods 5:30 Eek! The Cat

STAR MOVIES

8:45 Horror: Vampire Circus 10:30 Action: To Live and Die in LA 12:30 Drama: The Doctor 12:30 Star Kids Club: The Stone Boy 8:00 Wild West: North to Alaska G 7:00 Great Movies: Wilde 15 9:30 Movie Television 10:00 Mega Movie of the Month: Blood and Wine

12:00 Action: To Live and Die in LA 2:30 Action: Black Thunder 4:45 Drama: Wilde 15

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 Coaching 3:20 TV Encyclopaedia 3:40 Sports Time 4:05 Serial: 5:05 Medicine 5:25 Computers 6:10 Sunheri Yeaddon 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 Khabrainama & Commercial News 10:45 Drama: Laaj 11:45 Do Sitars: 1:15 Urdu Feature Film: Khas Khabrain - Close Down.

ZEE INDIA TV

7:00 Jagran 7:30 Am to 11:30 PM Every Half Hour - Zee News: Hindi 12:00 India's Most Wanted 12:30 Disha Samwad 1:30 Mystery Unfolds 1:30 Question Hour 2:00 Zee World 2:30 Insight 3:00 The Diplomacy Show 3:30 Beech Shaah 4:00 Teer Kaman 4:30 Jaanch Ya Aanch 5:00 The Tech. Show

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 MTV Non-Stop Hits 4:00 MTV Unplugged 5:00 Essential 5:30 MTV Recycled 5:30 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...

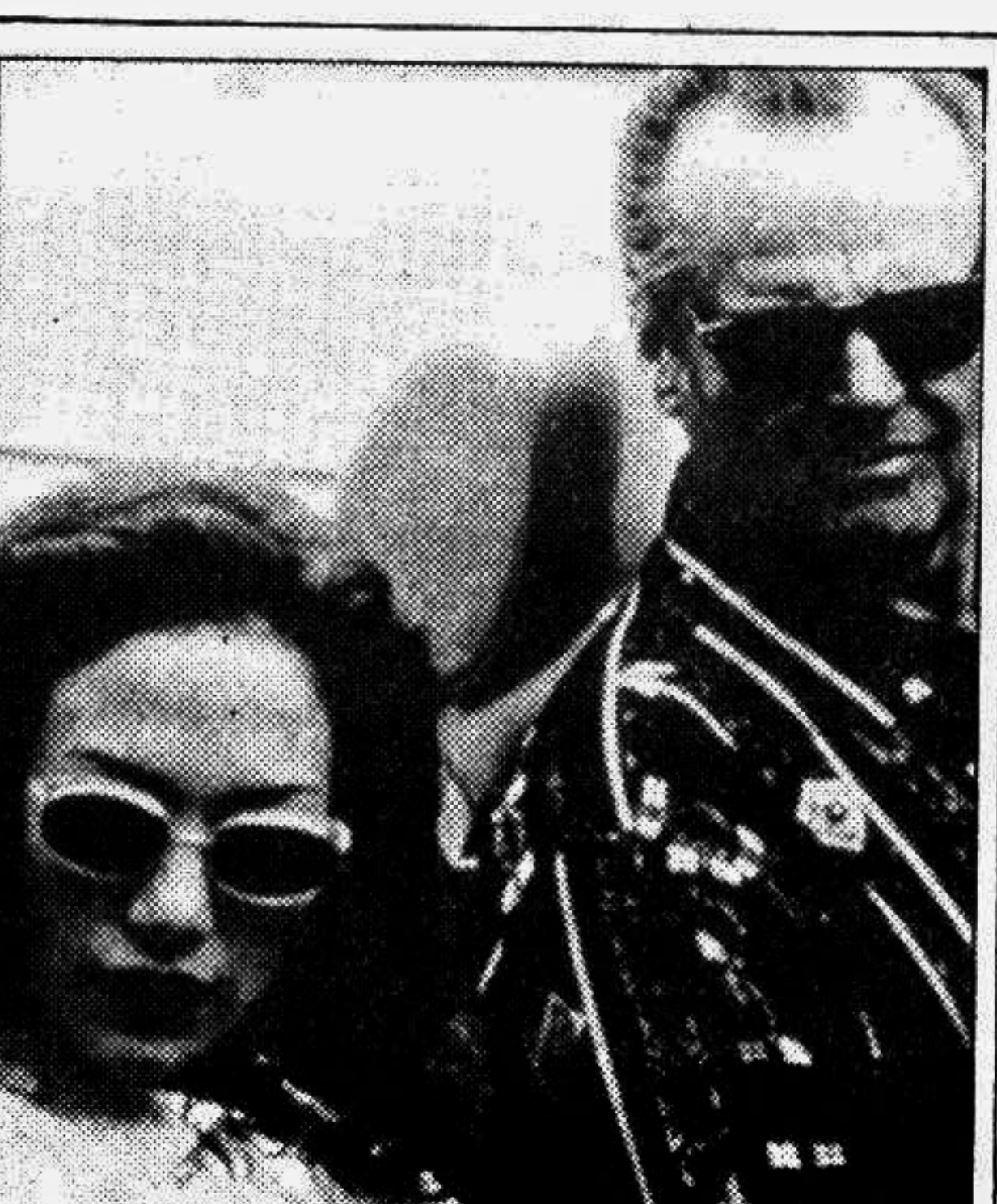
MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 B&W Gems 8:30 All Time Hits 9:00 Hit Parade 9:30 World Premiere 9:45 Brake Fall 10:30 Hit Mix Zag Best Of The Day 11:30 Bajaj Music Box 12:00 World Premiere 12:15 Medimix Madhur Moments 12:30 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood



Xena on Star World at 11 pm

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Blood and Wine

on Star Movies at 10 pm Multi Oscar-winning actor Jack Nicholson brings his unique talents to this role as a con-man who schemes to steal a diamond necklace with a gorgeous unwitting accomplice. His co-stars include Jennifer Lopez, Michael Caine and Judy Davis.

Serial: Naye Subha 11:00 Serial: Lakin Woh Sachch Tha 12:00 Shaktiman (Animated Series) 1:00 Regional Film Show: 3:30 SportsWorld 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 Current Affairs 9:50 Sanskriti Bharati 10:02 Serial- Jai Hanuman 11:02 Mile Sur Mera Tumhara 12:02 Spl.

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10:30 Movie Club Film (Last Monday's Repet) 1:30 Movie Club Film (Last Tuesday's Repet) 4:35 Movie Club Film (Last Wednesday's Repet) 7:00 Saptahiki 7:30 Bangla Sambad 8:00 Jatra Pala 8:30 Durbin 9:00 Serial: Katha 9:25 Serial: Sukh Duksha/ Sarjasaan 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:10 Drama: Siddhanta 10:30 Suba Bengali Sambad & Closed

SONY TV

7:30 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh 8:00 Rishiprasad 8:30 Movers & Shekher 9:00 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 9:30 Cine Clips 10:00 Toofan Mail with Guest 10:30 Just Mohabbat #93 11:00 Heena #17 (*Simone Singh, Rahul Bhatt, Rakhi Bhatjan) 11:30 Choti Si Asha #5 12:00 Movers & Shekher 12:30 Dekh Bhai Dekh 1:00 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 1:30 Cine Clips 2:00 Hum Sab Ek Hai #42 (Serial) 2:30 The Good Home Show 3:00 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 3:30 Cine Clips 4:00 Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature Film: Azad 7:30 Kehne Mein Kya Harz Hai 8:00 Bajaj Ki Lehren 8:30 Cine Prime Hindi Film: Premier- Mohabbat (*Madhuri Dixit, Akshay Khanna, Sanjay Kapoor) 12:00 CID - Death By Drowning Pt-1 1:00 Alpviram #38 (Serial) *Pallavi Joshi, Amir Bashir) 1:30 Khwahish #1 (Serial) Mini Mathur) 2:00 Aadaab Arz Hai 3:00 The Poppadum Show 3:30 Cine Nite-Film: Tera Naam Mera Naam

ZEE TV

6:00 Yeaddon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:30 Zee News & Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Eno Chalo Cinema 8:30 Hip Hop Hurry 9:00 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 10:00 Mr. Gayab (Jay Sengupta) 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Eno Chalo Cinema 11:30 TVS Saregama 12:30 Nestle- Jhatpat Kazana 1:00 Knock Knock Kaun Hai 1:30 Mujhee Chand Chahiye (Serial) *Tejswani) 2:00 Hum Paanch 2:30 Bournvita Quiz Contest 3:00 Khussoorat 3:30 Cinema Hits-Hindi Film: Chit

Chor (*Amol Palekar, Zarina Wahab) 6:30 Ek Nazar (Trailer) 7:00 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 8:00 Mast Mast Hai Zindagi 8:25 Colget- Top Ten (Weekly Top Ten Chart VJ Reema, Ashok, Devan) 9:30 Gudgudde #37 10:00 Saturday Suspence- Ankh Micholi (*Divya Subraminiam, Amit, Monal Joshi) 11:00 Tere Mere Sapne 11:30 Cell-3 (Detective Serial) / Close-up Antakshari (Anchore- Anu Kapoor & Pallavi Joshi) 12:30 Serial: X -Zone #Ep- Taalash Pt-1 1:30 Chota Muh Aur Bari Baat 2:00 Zee News 2:30 ZEE Arabia : India's Most Wanted 3:00 Hindi Feature Film(B/W): Majhali Didi (*Dharmendra, Meena Kumari)

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 Survanukhi 9:30 Top Job 10:00 A Few Rupees More 10:30 Telefilm 12:00 Telebrands 12:30 Filmi Duniya Ki Kahani 1:00 HT ones 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 (Helth Today) 8:00 Dusra Pehlu/ Parida Hatao Parida Giroo 8:30 India this Week (Magazine) 9:00 Naughty Boy (Comedy Serial) 10:00 Jai Hanuman 10:30 TBA

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 Change) 1:00 Hindi Film Show 10:00 Hindi Film Show (Rpt.)

CARTOON NETWORK

5:30 World Famous Toons 6:30 Jatsons 7:00 Flintstones 7:30 The popeye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy D. 8:30 ScoobyS All Star Laff: alympics 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 Jonny 3:00 Goober & The Ghost Chasers 3:30 Casper and the Angles 4:00 Goldie Gold and Action Jack 4:30 The Detective Squad 5:00 Dexter's Laboratory 6:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 6:30 Bugs & Daffy Show 7:30 Johnny Bravo 8:00 Two Stupid Dog 8:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You 9:00 The Popeye Show



The Legendary Journeys

on Star World at 12 midnight In *Headless Hearts*, Hercules falls in love with the beautiful and courageous Rheanna when he and Iolaus help in her cause against the brutal tyrant King Melkos.

ZEE CINEMA

8:15 Halahu (Ajit, Meena Kumari) 11:15 Movie Fare 11:30 Suraj (Rajendra Kumar, Vyjantimala) 2:30 Madhyantar 2:45 Ghar Detergent Cine Magi 3:15 Gentleman Sangharsh 5:15 (Govinda, Anuradha Patel) 6:15 Ek Mood Anek 6:30 Tune Time 6:45 Alma Lio Its My Choice 7:15 Aap Ke Deewan (Rishi Kapoor, Tina Munim) 10:30 Zulm Aur Intezaam (Prem Nazir, Ratih) 1:45 Top Of The Tops 2:15 Jeewan Ek Sangharsh 5:15 Policewala



Baywatch (Series 8)

on Star World at 7 pm In *Out Of The Blue*, Seismic activity causes problems for the lifeguards. Jordan discovers that her birth mother is white and finally comes to terms with the anger she has felt for years. Caroline and JD's relationship heats up, but when Caroline's big break comes - in New York. Manny helps April with her fashion designs and they begin to see each other in a new light.