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Measured Music of Tabla and Sitar

EBADUL Huq Shaikat and Niti Ranjan Biswas held a talk at the Alliance Francaise explaining the tabla and the sitar. Niti Ranjan said, "We talk about how the tabla came into being and how it progressed and changed. It was at first an accompanying instrument for the khyal but gradually it came to be accepted as a solo instrument. We discuss how it is played on its own and how it accompanies a vocal singer, classical instrumental

by Fayza Haq

performances, kathak dance. All this has different style and technique. When we perform the bilambith lai speeds and proceed to the druth. In the second part the sitar's beginning and progress will be discussed. The sitar was begun by Ustad Amir Khuro. He played in the courts of Alauddin Khilji. He combined traditional Hindi music with Persian ones and created something new. The sitar was known as the tritantrina. At first it was used for alap. Maseed Khan who belonged to Tanshen's family introduced the bilambith compositions. He introduced the notes 'diri da diri da ra da dara'. When the notes are slow the composition is on a larger scale. Sometimes the beats covered maybe eight and sometimes sixteen. In the Razakhani gadh a speedy gadh was formed with eight notes. There are particular taals such as the teentaals has 16 beats and the chartaals has 10 beats and eektaal has 12 beats. Compositions are made on different taals. If a Maseed Khan composition is done on jhaptaal it has 10 beats. In the beginning compositions were on the teentaal but now we often use the seven beats of the rupaktaal and the ten beats of jhap-



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taal. We portray how our music has changed with time, when foreigners came to our country and established their rule. "Some of their good qualities entered our music. Khial came from Iran and Amir Khuro took the idea from overseas. Ghazals and ragasrai songs are

considered as classical based and no more. Dhrupodhama was the oldest form of classical form. We are presenting the changes from oldest times to the modern times. While Ebadul plays on the sitar, I play on the tabla. The tabla bagan with something that looks like the

pakhwaj or dhool used in the Bharat Nattiyam dances. Now there are solos in the tabla.

"We have to perform within a measured limitation. Some people think that the tabla can be played at random but this is not so. We have to follow a cyclic order. Some compositions are big and the mathematics of this is important. Finally we will perform the raag bihar, alap jodh gadh. We present the raag, jodh and bilambidh gadh. The alap is without taal and establishes the raag, abd jodh picks up a particular rhythm. With the bilambidh gadh, the tabla enters. We begin at a low speed and gradually go on to a swift one. Having reached the climax of the raag we have the ending. Most people today do not listen to classical music and that is why we are performing today - to revive the interest of classical music.

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Ebadul Huq Shaikat has also learnt from Sri Madan Gopal Das of Chayanotte. After that he learnt sitar from Ustad Khurshid Khan. At present he has completed his B. Mus (in sitar) from Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta. At present he is taking advanced training with Pandit Ajoy Sinha Roy, a student of Ustad Aladuddin Khan.

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Anannya Special Award Giving Ceremony '99



Prof Kabir Chowdhury is seen with the recipients of Ananya special honorary award.

By Nafid Imran Ahmed

MOST of them are almost eighty years old. The seven legends walked silently on stage at Begum Sultana Kamal auditorium on 25 April, where the fortnightly magazine Anannya for a special award giving ceremony invited them. The seven eminent women were Dr Monjushree Chowdhury, Majeda Khatun, Dr Malha Khatun, Zaman Ara, Taibun Nahar Rashid, Sayeda Lutfunnessa and Sayma Chowdhury.

At the beginning of the ceremony little girls welcomed the famous seven, dancing and presenting them with flowers. After taking their seats they were greeted by the magazine's welcome speech. Nayan Rahman, general editor, Bangladesh Women Writers Association, introduced the seven celebrated guests to everyone. Nurjahan Begum, editor, weekly Begum magazine was present as special guest and Professor Kabir Chowdhury was also present as

chief guest on the occasion. Nayan Rahman congratulated the awardees. She discussed about their life and works and their contributions to Bengali literature. She praised the editor of Anannya magazine and said that she was proud to see her running a magazine. After the speech of the special guest Professor Kabir Chowdhury presented the awards to the seven distinguished ladies of our country. During his speech he said that

he knew almost all of them for a long time and talked about the difficult times they had during the early twentieth century at a time when women education was looked down upon as social stigma. Women had no access to newspapers and magazines in those days. These women came out of iron curtain of that period and blessed Bengali literature with their creativity. Awarding these women must be of great gratification for Anannya.

TV Guide

Tuesday 27th April
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

BBC World

6:00 BBC News Followed by Weather **6:30** World Living One Foot on the Continent: Kirsty wark examines the mysterious medieval town of Venzone in North-Eastern Italy, art critic Andre-Graham Dixon explores Pienza in the Tuscan hills and Dan Cruickshank revels in the magnificent decay of Palermo in Sicily **7:00** BBC News Followed by Weather **7:30** Asia Today **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** Asia Today **9:45** World Business Report **10:00** BBC News Followed by Weather **10:30** USA Direct **11:00** BBC World News Followed by Weather **11:30** World Focus: Earth Report China: Reporters include China's dead river systems; medicine alternatives to tiger bones and a return visit to the Guanzhou family **12:00** BBC World News Followed by Weather **12:30** Style! Rahul Bose and Namrata Barua 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 **1:00** BBC World News Followed by Weather **1:30** World Living The Travel Show: In the first of two programmes from Aus-

tralia Jim White visits Perth on a sporting package holiday; and families from Wiltshire in England and Brisbane in Australia swap houses for an alternative holiday **2:00** BBC World News Followed by Weather **2:30** World Focus: Earth Report **3:00** BBC World News Followed by Weather **3:30** Hard Talk **4:00** BBC World News Followed by Weather **4:30** World Living One Foot on the Continent **5:00** The World Today **6:30** Wild World: Living Dangerously Kites Kings of Hong Kong: With the aid of a camera mounted on special model helicopter, the black kite surveys Hong Kong's explosion of expansion and shows how it is coping with the changes **7:00** The World Today **7:15** World Business Report Followed by Weather **7:30** The World Today **8:30** World Living Holiday Guide to Spain: This week Jill Dando presents a comprehensive guide to Spain. There are reports from Menorca, Mallorca, Costa Brava, Lanzarote and central Spain **9:00** BBC World News Followed by Weather **9:30** Hardtalk **10:00** BBC World News **10:15** World Business Report Followed by Weather **10:30** Wheels: The magazine programme brings you all the latest on cars, bikes and the hottest issues on the Indian roads **11:00** The World Today **12:30** Hardtalk **1:00** BBC World News Followed by Weather **1:30** World Focus: Reporters A Weekly programme of stories filed by BBC reporters from all over the world, ranging from analyses of major global issues to

personal reflections and anecdotes **2:00** BBC World News **2:10** World Business Report Followed by Weather **2:30** World Living: Talking Movies **3:00** BBC World News **3:10** Europe Direct: A daily look at news developments throughout Europe, with interviews, sport, developments in business and technology, and the latest news from the European evening papers **4:00** BBC World News Followed by Weather **4:30** World Business Report **4:45** Asia Today **5:00** BBC World News Followed by Weather **5:30** Hardtalk

CHANNEL [V]

8:30 Rewind VJ Sophia **9:30** Zabarast Hits **12:00** House Arrest **12:30** Toofan TV **1:00** Weekend Bheja Fry **1:15** Zabarast Hits **2:30** First Day First Show **3:00** Turn On T [V] **4:30** [V] Backbench **5:30** Turn On T [V] **7:30** First Day First Show **8:00** House Arrest **8:30** Turn On TV **9:30** The Tick **9:45** Turn On TV **10:00** Cabaret Best of **10:30** The Juice **11:00** The Udam Singh **11:30** Banned at Bedtime **12:00** House of Noise **12:30** Turn On TV

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninnad **7:30** Good Morning India **9:15** The Trial Show **9:30** Good Morning India **11:30** Star Talk **12:00** Ek Do Teen **1:00** Hello **1:30** Good Food Guide **2:00** Hindi Serial: Saans **2:30** Daily Sope: Yeh Hai Raaz **3:00** Daily Sope: Swabhiman **3:30** Daily Sope: Kabhie Kabhie **4:00** Serial: Badalte Rishte **4:30** Tu Tu Main Main **5:00** Animal Adventure **5:30** WWF Superstars **6:30** Small Wonders **7:00** Meri Aawaz Suno **7:15** The Trail Show-Film Trailer **7:30** Star News (Hindi) **8:00** Hello **8:30** Is Duniya Ki Sitarey **9:00** Kora Kagaz **9:30** Star News **10:00** Rendezvous with Simi Garewal **10:30** Ajeeb Dastan **11:00** Aaj Ki Baat **11:30** Daily Sope: A Mouthful of Sky **12:00** India Business Week **12:30** The Bold And The Beautiful **1:00** Newheart **1:30** Class Act **2:30** Vega **3:30** Series: L A Law **4:30** Santa Barbara **5:30** The Oprah Winfrey Show

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Comedy: True Identity **9:30** Drama: Swing Kids **11:30** Western: Two Fisted Tales **1:30** My Name is Nobody **3:30** Drama: Raging Bull **5:30** Drama: Ucas **7:30** Drama: The Stone Boy **9:30** Extreme CU **10:00** Action

Force: Excutive Command **12:15** Thriller: Blood and Wine **2:00** Drama: Raging Bull **4:15** Drama: The Doctor **6:00** El CP: Harrison Ford

STAR WORLD

6:00 Aerobics Oz Style **6:30** Brittas Empire **7:00** Nathalie Dupree Cooks **7:30** The Wonder Years **8:00** Lassie **8:30** Newhart **9:00** Series: Caroline In The City **9:30** Series: Dharma And Greg **10:00** Series: Chicago Hope **11:00** The Oprah Winfrey Show **12:00** Series: Santa Barbara **1:00** The Bold And The Beautiful **1:30** Tropical Heat **2:30** Media TV **3:00** Lassie **3:30** Small Wonder **4:00** Brittas Empire **4:30** World News **5:00** Asia News Update **5:05** World Business Report **5:30** Home Improvement **6:00** L A Heat **7:00** The Pretender **8:00** NYPD Blue **9:00** The Bold And The Beautiful **9:30** Series: Home Improvement **10:00** LA Heat **11:00** The Pretender **12:00** NYPD Blue **1:00** Series: Home Improvement **1:30** Series: Newheart **2:00** Brittas Empire **2:30** The Bold And The Beautiful **3:00** The Wonder Years **3:30** Mr Belvedere **4:00** Life in the Word with Joyce Meyer **4:30** World News **5:00** Home Improvement **5:30** Candid Camera

PTV-2

8:00 Tilwat Aur Tarjuma/Hamd/Naat **8:20** Cartoon **8:30** Khabrain **8:45** Beauty Care **8:50** Fun Kadha **9:10** Dhanak & Health Tips **10:05** Har Taan Hey Deepak **10:30** English Film: Home Improvement **10:55** Milli Naghma **11:00** Khabrain **11:10** Serial **12:00** Sports Hour **12:55** Quran-e-Ha-keem **1:02** Bismillah **1:15** The Science Show **2:00** Yeh Jahan (Music Video) **2:25** Animated Classics **3:15** Geography & Sammar School **4:20** Mitti Sona **5:00** Allah Huma Labbaik **5:25** Serial **6:25** Aloo Courses **7:00** Serial **7:45** English News **7:50** Saach Much **8:15** UN Quiz **8:45** Serial **9:00** Break for Headline News **10:00** Khabarnama & Commercial News & Khushal Pakistan **11:20** Do Sitaree **12:30** Dr Quin: Medicine Women (Jean Saylor) **1:35** Khas Khas Khabrain/Close Down

ZEE INDIA TV

7:00 Jagran **7:30** to **11:30** PM Every Half Hour - Zee News Hindi **12:00** The Ent Show **12:30** Zee World



NYPD Blue (Series 5)

on Star World at 12 midnight
In *Sheddy Dealings*, Simone and Sipowicz search for clues when two young strippers are found strangled. A pair of men with the same lover suspect they put out contracts on each other's lives. A housekeeper is accused of stealing her employer's jewelry.

1:00 India Debates **1:30** BGC **2:00** Zee News- Hindi **2:20** Zee Face To Face **2:30** Positive Health Show **3:00** Zee News- Hindi **3:30** Ek Aur Nazaria **4:00** Teer Kaman **4:30** Jaanch Ya Aanch **5:00** The Tech Show

ATN

6:00 Islamic Programme **7:00** Drama Serial **8:00** Priyo Shilpi Priyo Gan **8:30** Haraye Khunji **9:00** Ladies Prog **9:30** Horoscope Prog **10:00** Bangla Film: Mohanayok



Style on BBC World at 12:30 pm

Shehnaz / Amrita **7:30** MTV- Chitto Chat VJ Amrita / Cyrus **8:30** MTV in Control **9:30** MTV Hit Film Music **10:00** Housefull VJ Nafisa **10:30** Non-Stop Hits **11:30** The Grind (Beach Show) **12:00** Club MTV VJ Malaika **1:00** Chill Out Non-Stop Hits

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 Fail **10:30** Hit Mix **11:00** Colgate Zig 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 Anek **12:45** Pop Re Pop **1:00** Jharokha **1:30** Super Vasmol **3:30** Keshkala Old Is Gold **2:00** Pop Re Pop **2:15** World Premiere **2:30** Music Zone **3:00** All Time Hits **3:30** Medimix Madhur Moments **3:45** Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek **4:00** World Premiere **4:15** Pop Re Pop **4:30** Bajaj Music Box **5:00** Pop Busters **5:30** Hit Mix **6:00** Brake Fail **6:45** World Premiere **7:00** Hit Parade **7:30** All Time Hits **8:00** Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek **8:15** Medimix Madhur Moments **8:30** Gaaye Ja **9:00** Super Vasmol **3:30** Keshkala Old Is Gold **9:30** Bajaj Music Box **10:00** Old Tavern Sizzlers **10:30** Jharokha **11:00** Brake Fail **11:45** Shabab **12:30** Old Tavern Sizzlers, **1:00** Sa Re Ga Ma **1:30** Jharokha **2:00** Bajaj Music Box **2:30** World Premiere **2:45** Pop Re Pop **3:00** Geeton Ki Bahar

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10:00 Janmadin (Birth-day Greetings) **10:30** Gane Gane **10:35** Daily Sope: Shree Ram Krishna **11:00** Daily Sope: Dropadi **11:15** Classical/ Folk Songs **11:30** Parliament Hour/Musical **12:30** Daily Sope: Kunja Villa **1:00** Daily Sope: Aakas Choa **1:30** Daily Sope: Rupkatha **2:00** Daily Sope: Kanakanjali **2:30** Daily Sope: Shree Ram Krishna **3:00** Daily Sope: Maha Probu **3:30** Daily Sope: Mohini **4:00** Daily Sope: Bhangagarar Khela **4:20** Nepali Prog **5:05** Modern Songs/ Employment News/ Lalitkala **5:30** News **5:40** Employment News **5:50** Sushastha **6:10** Faska Gero **6:40** Khas Khabar **6:50** Daily Sope: Janmabhumi **7:30** Bangla Sambad **7:55** Dinindan **8:00** Manasi **8:30** Amader Katha **9:00** Daily Sope: Janmabhumi **9:30** Daily Sope: Dropadi **10:00** Khas

Khabar **10:10** Bengali Movie

DD CHANNEL-1

5:55 Vande Mataram & Thought of The Day **6:30** Serial: Aradhana **6:30** For The Universities UGC Prog **7:30** Samachar **7:45** Suba Sabera **8:45** The News **8:50** This Morning's Business **9:00** Suba Sabera **9:30** Serial: Palasha **10:00** UGC Prog **10:30** Serial: Tarang **11:30** Serial: Aurat **1:00** Serial: Aparajita **1:30** Serial: Ithaas **1:30** Serial: Waqt Ki Raftar **2:30** News in Hindi **2:40** News in English **2:50** Serial: Roop Suhane **3:00** Serial: Aap Ki Shanti **3:30** Serial: Ujala **4:00** Tea Time Monoranjan **4:30** Aawaj: Serial **5:30** Sreejaan **6:00** Asha Ki Kiran **6:15** Bal Jaagat **6:30** Dilli Aajtak **7:00** Krishi Darshan **7:30** Samachar **8:00** Serial: Chand Sitaree **8:30** Serial: Goonj Anugoonj **9:00** Samachar **9:30** News **10:00** Serial: Om Namah Shivaya **11:00** Serial: Shaktiman **12:02** Gangu Bhai Ki Chaal (Serial) **12:32** Sangeet Samarrah

SONY TV

7:30 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh **8:00** Risprasad **8:30** Movers & Shakers **9:00** Chartbusters **9:30** Cine Clips **10:00** Malgudi Days **10:30** Chamatkarak **11:00** Saaya **11:30** Thoda Hai Thoda Jarurat Hai **12:00** Movers And Shakers **12:30** Pehchaan **1:00** Chartbusters **1:30** Cine Clips **2:00** Boogi Woogi **2:30** Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh **3:00** Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka **3:30** Junoon **4:00** Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature Film: Chitrolekha **7:00** The Monster Quiz **7:30** Cine Clips **8:00** Chartbusters **8:30** Family No 1 **9:00** Khwahish **9:30** Alpviram **10:00** Harmony **10:40** Movers & Shakers **11:15** Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka **11:45** Junoon **12:15** Cine Clips **12:30** Hum Sub Ek Hain **1:00** Kahne Mein Kya Harj Hai **1:30** Just Mohabbat **2:00** Bajaj Ki Lehren **2:30** Rangeela Re **3:00** Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh **3:30** Cine Nite Show-Hindi Film: Ek Saath

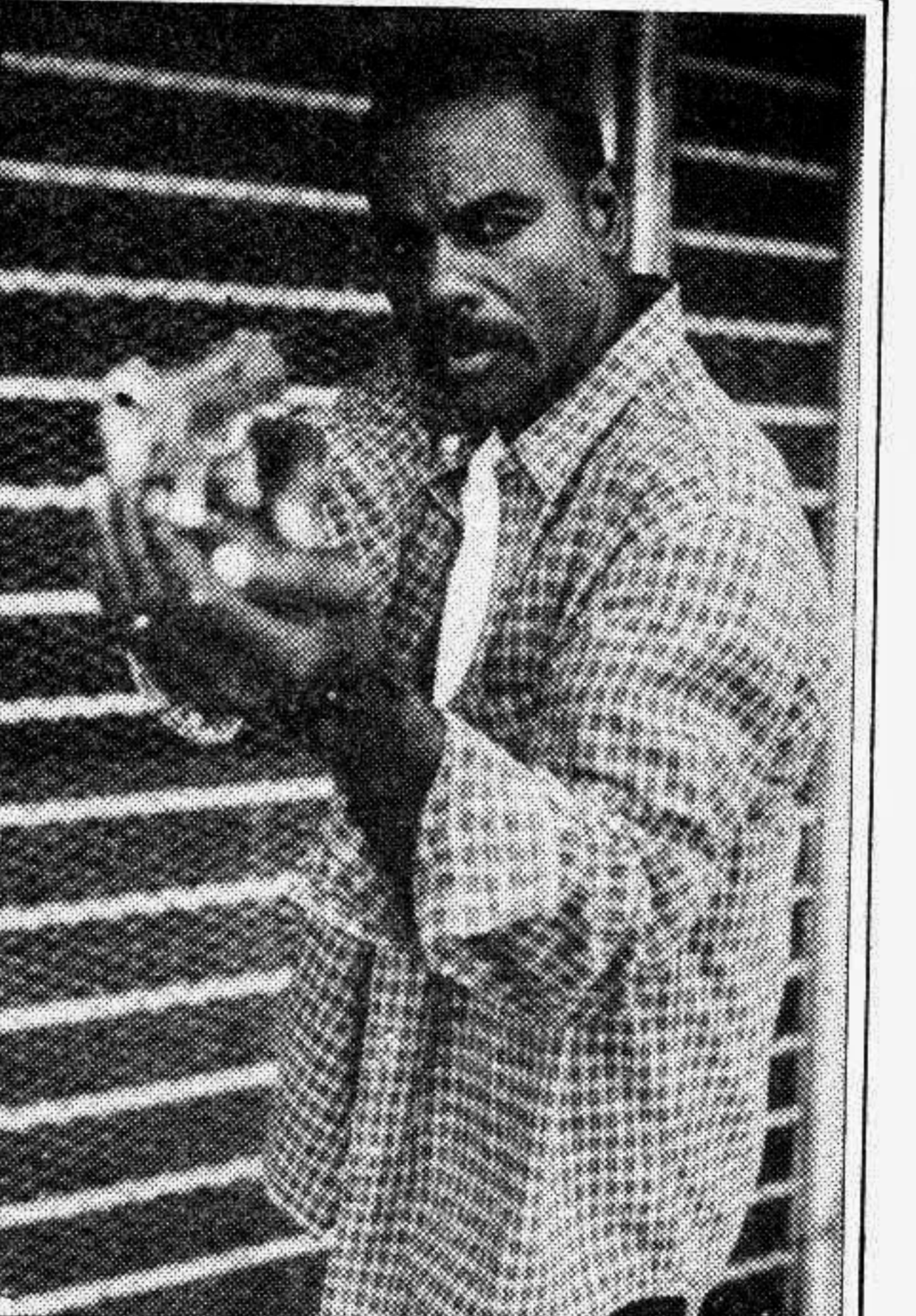
ZEE TV

6:00 Yeadon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) **6:30** Zee News & Business (Rpt) **7:00** Bhakti Songs **7:30** Jagran **8:00** BGC **8:30** Zanjeerein **9:30** Disney Hour Cartoons **10:00** Zara Haske- Filmi Chakkor **10:30** Ek Nazar **11:00** Aur Ek Minute **11:30** Ashiqui **12:00** Kala

Sina **12:30** Khubsoorat **1:00** Ghar Jama! **1:30** Naye Nazrane **2:00** Daily Sope: Hum Paanch **2:30** Daily Sope: Love Stories **3:00** Daily Sope: Raahat **3:30** Cinema Hits-HF Film: Nasib Apna Apna **6:30** Ek Nazar **7:00** Disney Hour Cartoons **8:00** Bakeman's Mama Mia

ZEE CINEMA

8:15 Sultan-e-Hind (Satish Kaul, Sonal) **11:15** Movie Fare **11:30** Yeh Rishta No Toote (Rajendar Kumar, Mala Sinha) **2:30** Madhyantar **2:45** Limca Ikke Pe Ikka **3:15** Pather Ke Sanam (Manoj Kumar, Waheeda Rehman, Mumtaz) **6:15** Ek Mood Anek **6:30** Gunjan **6:45** Ghari Detergent Cine Magic (Amol Palekar, Ranjeeta) **7:15** Rakta Bandhan (Mithun Chakravorty, Rati Agnihotri) **10:30** Anodolan (Sanjay Dutt, Govinda, Manita Kulkarni) **1:45** Alma Lio Its My Choice **2:15** Integam

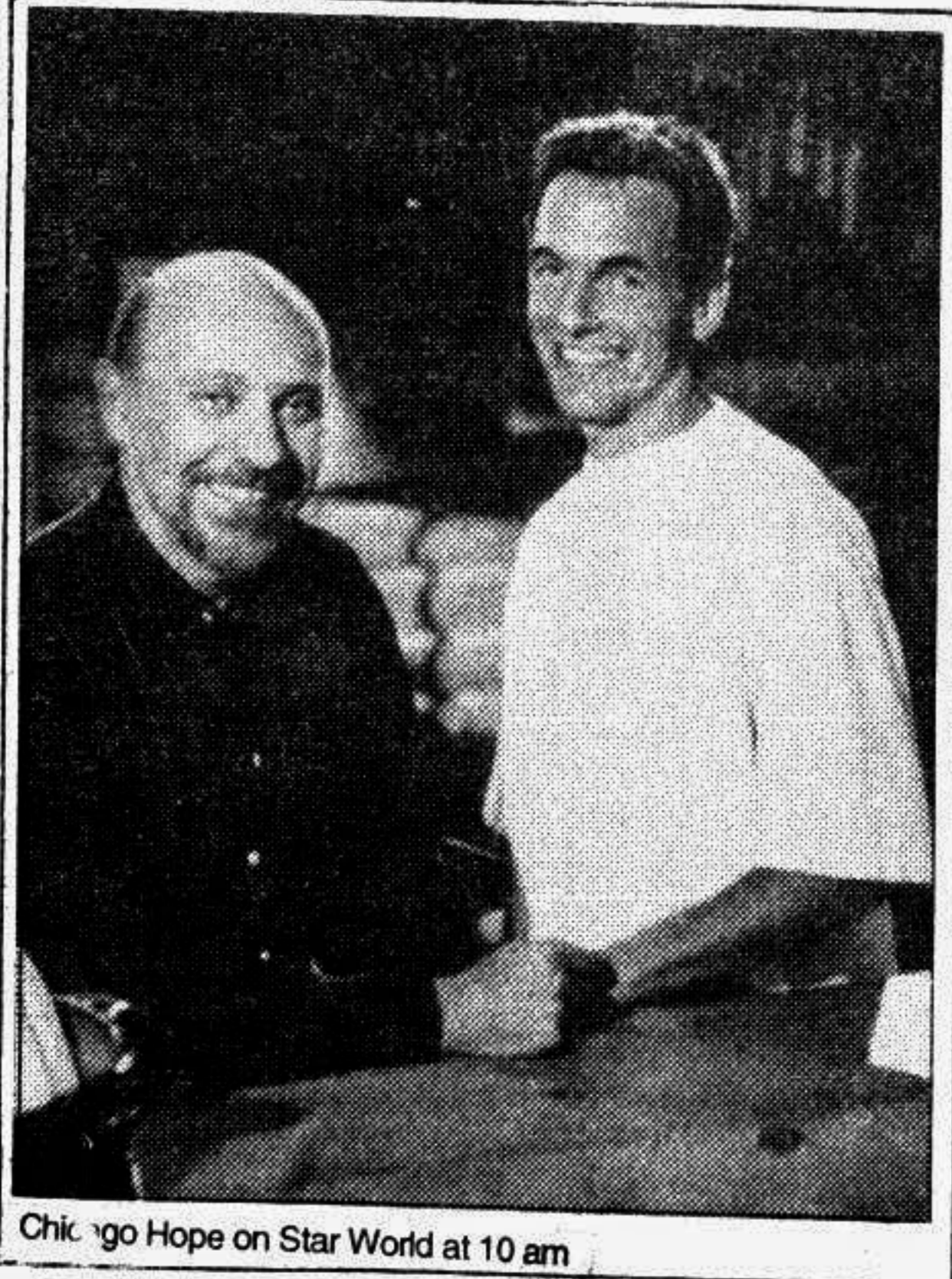


LA Heat on Star World at 10 pm

Dhalti Sham Ke Suraj **4:00** Ank Ajoobe **4:30** Sports World **5:30** Aladin **6:00** Rimba's Island **6:30** Flinstones: CNN **7:00** Bill Nye **7:30** Tele Soccer **7:50** Entertainment Now/Cinema Cinema **8:00** Bacho Ki Adalat **8:30** Matter of Death **9:00** Serial: Tere Ghar Ki Samne **9:30** Raja Ranjho **10:00** Sree Ramkrishna **10:30** Aaj Taak **11:00** In Conversation/Gajal Ki

Executive Command

on Star Movies at 10 pm
Five international terrorists. One Gulf War hero and 40 million innocent lives at stake - all this and more in this no-holds-barred action film starring Michael Dudikoff



Chic vgo Hope on Star World at 10 am