

# Culture

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## The Bangladeshi Fashion Drum Begins to Beat

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By Shahana Parbeen

THE 9th floor of Rahman Chamber at Motijheel reverberated with the sound of drums and music on Tuesday afternoon. Bibi Productions was celebrating the completion of its fourth year. The exploding drums and the bawl songs set every body swinging to the mood. The members of Bibi Productions along with the *Bayati Shapan* and his group, were almost in a frenzy. Every new song seemed to inject new vigour into them as they danced without inhibitions in the narrow space between the stage and the audience. Their joy was boundless, and befittingly so.

In addition to the completion of 4 successful years in business Bibi Russel had something more to celebrate. She has been awarded Honorary Fellowship from the London Institute on May 13 last for her significant role in promotion of our local weavers. Her tireless perseverance has finally gained her international recognition in yet another field of her work.

What is more, she has been appointed a cultural advisor by UNESCO for supporting traditional African weavers.

Amidst the songs and laughter, Bibi shared her thoughts with the visitors present. She said that she feels that the award belongs not only to her but also to her 20 workers as well as all the weavers whose craft she has been so tirelessly promoting. She wants to dedicate her life for their cause, to save this dying culture of our country, she said. And she feels that each and every Bangladeshi needs to come forward and help the weavers. Considering the products on display, Madame Russel has got some pretty innovative creations made from natural products and most everyone is sure to like to use them.

Items were displayed on the 1st floor of Rahman chamber. There were Jamdani sarees with intricate work on the *Paar* (border). The price range of these sarees was from Tk. 1600 to 6500. Men's Punjabis in checks were on sale for Tk 340 and around. Other items in-

cluded bedsheets, ladies' shawls in cotton and Rajshahi silk, shoulder bags (Tk 175), caps (Tk 30), and bangles made of straw, jute and cane.

A particularly eye catching item on display and sale were the casual shoes made of cloth. With prices ranging from Tk 100 to 180 these ought to be a hit with the fashionable young ladies because of their innovative styles, colourful materials used and comfortable heels.

Since most of the items to be displayed were as yet stuck at the Zia Airport due to some 'technical problems' on their way back from an exhibition in London, the people here will not be able to see all them all. Copies of a few have been put on display and these include a very eye catching blue dress made of Jamdani material. Also on display are a bride's outfit and a groom's outfit made from red Jamdani material.

The displays here range in colour varying from electric blue to earth brown, yellow, green, white, black, magenta - you name it, they have it. Despite the varying range of

colours, the items are not exotically bright or flamboyant. There is a certain soberness in the colours and ought to make good practical wear.

Judging from the items on display, our weavers still have some way to go to make more standard products (although everything on display were attractive). However if more such practical and wearable items are made, they are bound to gain more popularity on a broader spectrum.

As Bibi Russel danced with her workers to the frenzied beat of drums and music, of *Tak Dum Tak Dum Baje Bangladesher Dhol*, it was plain for everyone to see the joy that was hers in having gained such a prestigious fellowship in recognition of her hard work. Congratulations to Madame Russel for winning such recognition. By the looks of it, she seems to be just the right person who may just be able to take our work to the front rows of the international fashion arena. And the Bangladeshi fashion drum will then find a befitting place to beat it heart out.

TV preview

## Chokha Chokhi: The Premiere

By Nadine Murshid

Venue: Muktiyudha Jadughar  
Time: 4.00pm

CHOKHA Chokhi is a social drama, which depicts the life of the family of 'Afsar Saheeb'. How Afsar Saheeb who is an able and sturdy human being who can accept almost anything, plays the role of a mentor, a confidante for his granddaughter, forms the backdrop of the drama.

It's quite a simple (as opposed to complex, and not as in ordinary) story and the treatment is pretty good although it comes from a person who is perhaps better known as an actor than a director. One could say, that, it's a simple yet interesting story of anybody's life and how it can change in just a matter of a few days.

The drama begins with 'Afsar Saheeb' (played by Sirajul Islam) forbidding the local fishermen to catch small fishes. He stands there, monitoring the

fishermen, when his grandson, who lives in the city, appears and informs

him of his father's whim to get his sister married off to a wealthy and

educated young man, Afsar Saheeb is displeased and won-

Written and Directed by Abul Hayat



ders why his son (played by Abul Hayat), would get his daughter married off before she has completed her studies.

He, who seems to be more modern than his son who lives in the city, feels angry and questions his son's actions. He leaves for the city, upset, not only because of the questionable decision of his son, but also because his wife (played by Rowshan Jamil), without whom he had never gone anywhere, refuses to go to the city with him.

So, he sets off with his grandson to the city to find his daughter-in-law (played by Dilara Zaman) in tears because

her husband is being so irrational and stubborn, and his grand-daughter (played by Bipasha Hayat) lying in bed, because she has been restricted from going out of the house. She tells her grandfather about the love of her life, and he reassures

her, that he will do something about the whole thing. Determined to put a stop to the wedding, he sets off to see the parents of his grand-daughter's lover. He tells them about his grand-daughter, her love for their son and vice versa, and explains that they should give him their word, so that he can put a stop to the proposed wedding. They categorically refuse him on his face, much to his chagrin and he leaves their home, dejected and dumbfounded.

When he goes back to his son's place they receive the terrible news of his

wife's death -- she had died of a heart attack. He rushes to the village to see his wife for one last time. His family worries about him, wondering whether he'll be able to bear the catastrophe. Grief stricken and weoful no one can believe that

she is no more and the only one who seems calm is Afsar Saheeb himself. He is the one who tries to pacify everyone with his wise words. At the end, he expresses his bitterness and pain saying "Rag hochhey burir upor, kothar borkhelap korlo. Amar aqey choley gelo, kal shokaler fajerer namajer oju'r pari"

amankey debey kay?

Altogether the tele drama was pretty good, though Abul Hayat himself said 'If our budget was a lakh or two more, we could have done a better job.'

The actors and actresses have done justice to their roles especially Sirajul Islam. Rowshan Jamil and Abul Hayat were brilliant and Bipasha Hayat was also quite good. Dilara Zaman, Wahida Mallik, Abul Kashem, Eliza Chishti, Pantha Reza, Al Masum, Minu, Litu Anam and Abdur Rahman too did a good job.

Congratulations to Abul Hayat for the commendable job. Impress Telefilm Ltd. which has been promoting and supporting talented directors and writers since its formation some time ago too deserves due credit for their contribution. Hopefully they will continue to churn out the good work to entertain the audience with the same zeal and enthusiasm as they are doing today.

## TV Guide

Thursday 15th July

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

### BBC

8:00 BBC World News 6:30 World Living: Travel Show-Holiday Guide 7:00 BBC News inc. World Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today/24 Hours 9:00 BBC News inc. World Business Report/Asia Today/24 Hours 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 USA Direct 11:30 Europe Direct 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: Face To Face India Talk (Anchor-Karan Thapar) 1:00 World News 1:30 Talking Movies 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Irish Journeys #2/3 The Long March 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Hard Talk 4:00 BBC The World Today 4:30 World Living: Travel Show-Holiday Guide 5:00 BBC The World Today 6:30 World Focus: Irish Journeys #2/3 The Long March 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC The World Today 8:30 World Living: Top Gear - The Air Show 9:00 World News 9:30 Hard Talk 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Money Wise Presented By Sucharita Ghose (On Indian Business Market) 11:00 The World Today 12:00 World News 12:30 Hard Talk 1:30 World Focus: The Sky At Night 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Living: The Big Trip #4/16- Caribbean 3:15 Europe Direct 4:00 BBC News inc. World Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today/24 Hours

### CHANNEL [V]

7:00 Turn On [V] (Back to Back Vids) 8:00 Turn On [V] (Back to Back Vids) 8:30 Rewind [V] Sophia 9:30 Zabadast Hits 12:00 House Arrest 12:30 Indian Top 10 1:00 Week-ender Bheja Fry 1:15 Coke-VI Live Pune 2:15 Zabadast Hits 2:30 First Day First Show 3:00 Turn On [V] 4:30 [V] Back-bench 5:30 Turn On [V] Teen Strip 7:30 First Day First Show 8:00 House Arrest 8:30 Rewind [V] Sophia 9:30 Turn On [V] 10:30 Sophia's Choice 11:00 Turn On [V] 11:30 Band at Bedtime 12:00 Over the Edge [V] Sophia 12:30 Turn On [V] 3:30 Turn On [V] 6:00 Turn On [V]

### STAR PLUS

6:30 Nainaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:15 The Trial Show 9:30 Shotgun Shoot 10:00 Good Morning India-Rpt 12:00 Picture This 12:30 Zabaan Sambhalke 1:00 Film Based Frog-Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Virasat 2:00 Hindi Serial: Aur Phir Din 2:30 Daily Shoppe: Swabhimani 3:00 Say Cheese 3:30 Kabhi Kabhi 4:00 Kahini Me Twist 4:00 Story Teller 5:00 Doogie Howser MD 5:30 The Wonder Years 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Zabaan Sambhalke 7:00 Film Based Frog-Hit Ya Fit 7:25 The Trailer Show 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 Zindagi Com 8:30 Duniya Ki Sitare 9:00 Ajeeb Dastan 9:30 Star-



Home Improvement on Star World at 5:30 pm

News (English) 10:00 Kinetic Mega Show 10:30 Shock TV 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 11:30 A Mouthful of Sky 12:00 Star News 12:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 1:00 Brittas Empire 1:30 Dangerfield 2:30 Tropical Heat 3:30 Series: LA Law 4:30 Murder One 5:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show

### STAR WORLD

6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 Hawaii Cooks 7:30 Animal Adventure 8:00 2 Point 4 Children 8:30 Newhart 9:00 Buffy The Vampire 10:00 Alley McBeal 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 The Practice 1:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 1:30 Tropical Heat 2:30 Media TV 3:00 Animal Adventure 3:30 2 Point 4 Children 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 Sky World News 5:00 Asia News Update 5:05 Fox World Business Report 5:30 Home Improvement 6:00 Series: Riality TV World's Most Chandi 10:05 Serial 10:30 Walker Texas Ranger 8:00 Thieftakers 9:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 10:00 Series: Riality TV World's Most-Why Plane Goes Down 11:00 Walker Texas Ranger 12:00 Thieftakers 1:00 The Bold And



Moneywise on BBC World at 10:30 pm

Perspective & Health Forum 3:40 Talimi Malumat 4:35 Aurat Aur Kanon 5:25 Serial 5:55 Serial: Chayaa 6:25 Iou Course 7:05 Mukabli Hai Aaina 7:20 Ainnaik Wala Zin 7:45 English News 8:05 Jawan Sangeet 8:45 Serial 9:00 Break for Headline News 10:00 Khabarnama & Commercial News 10:35 Mast Mast Sanyo (Musical Show) 11:15 Sunhere Yaron 12:15 Serial: Khas Khas Khabrain- Close Down

### ZEE INDIA TV

7:00 Jagran 7:30 to 11:30 PM Every Half Hour-Zee news Hindi 12:30 News in Hindi 12:57 News Headlines 1:00 App Ki Adalat 1:30 India Debates 2:00 Namaste India 2:30 Zee Sports Show 3:00 Session With Seshan 3:30 Centre Stage 4:00 Teer Kaman 4:30 Agenda 2000

### MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00 MTV Hanging Out VJ Rahul/Sonia 9:00 Classic MTV VJ Sarah/Rahul 10:00 Non-Stop Hits 10:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Nadya 11:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Shehnaz/Amrita/ Nikhil 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV House Full V Nalisha 1:30 MTV Ek Do Teen VJ Rageshwari 2:30 MTV Select VJ Nikhil 3:30 Love Line VJ Malaika 4:00 Non-Stop Hits 4:30 Pepsi Dance Connection Special- TV MTV 5:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Nadya/ Rahul 6:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Shehnaz/Amrita/ Nikhil 7:30 Made in India VJ Cyrus 8:00 MTV Hipshakers 8:30 Non-Stop Hits 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 House Full VJ Nalisha 10:30 Destination Dance 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 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 11:00 Colgate Zig Zag Set 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 Pop Busters 2:00 Pop Re Pop 2:15 World Premiere 2:30 Music Mag 3:00 All Time Hits 3:30 Medimix Madhur Moments 3:45 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 4:00 Double Mint Double Mazaa 4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00 Teen Interact 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Brake Fall 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 9:30 Artist Of The Night 9:00 Orpat Telephone Pop O Mania 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 Old Tavern Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha 11:00 Brake Fall 11:45 Shabab 12:15 Pop Of Pop 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

### DD 7

10:30 Janmadin (Birth-day Greetings) 10:35

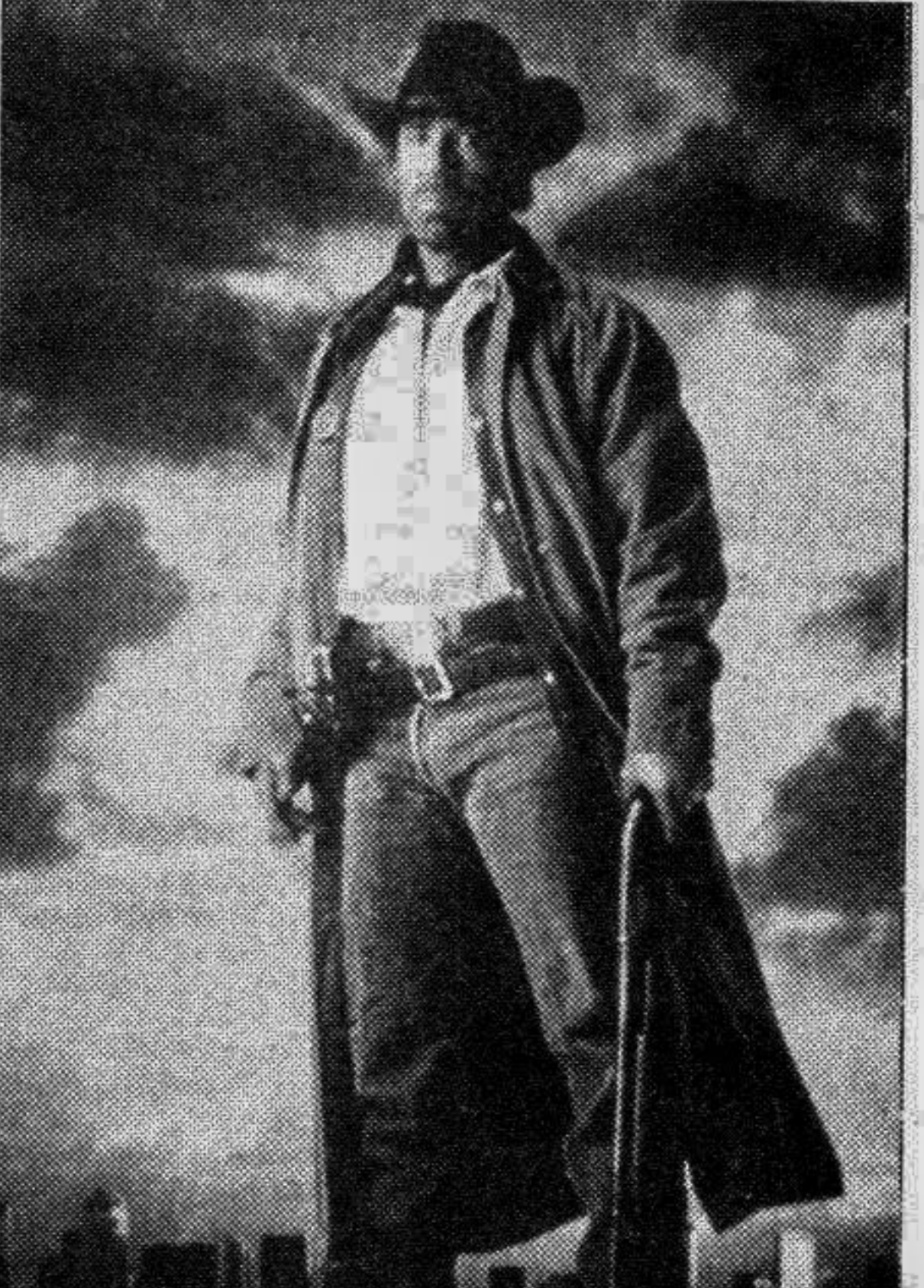


Kinetic Mega Show on Star Plus at 10 pm



Hollywood Squares on Star World at 6:30 am

Shree Ram Krishna 11:00 Dropadi 11:15 Classical/ Folk Songs 11:30 Parliament Hour/Musical 12:30 Daily Sope: Kunja Villa 1:00 Daily Sope: Aakash Chhoa 1:30 Daily Sope: Rupkatha 2:00 Kanakanjali 2:30 Shree Ram Krishna 3:00 Maha Prabhu 3:30 Mohini 4:00 Bahadragar Khela 4:20 Rabindra Sangeet 5:05



Walker Texas Ranger on Star World at 11 pm

Kushal, Sankar 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:10 Bengali Movie

### DD CHANNEL-1

5:55 Vande Mataram & Thought of The Day 6:00 Aradhana 6:30 UGC Programmes 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Suba Sabera 8:45 The News 9:00 Current Affairs-Suba Sabera 9:30 Tapasya: Serial 10:00 UGC Programmes 10:30 Tarang 11:30 Young 12:30 Aurat 1:00 Aparajita 1:30 Ithaas 1:30 Waqt Ki Raftar 2:30 News in Hindi 2:40 News in English 2:50 Roop Suhane 3:00 Aap Ki Shanti 3:30 Sunhere Pal 4:00 Tea Time Monoranjan 4:30 Sunhere Sapan 5:00 Choti Se Aasha 5:30 Music 6:00 Buzurgon Ke Liye 6:15 CIET Programme 6:30 Dilli Aajtak 6:45 Falak 7:00 Krishni Darshan 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Paricramma 8:00 Fera Feri 8:25 Geet Bahar 9:00 Samachar 9:30 The News 10:00 Idhar Udhar 10:30 Serial: Nehle Pe Dehla 11:32 Iyadgaar 12:02 Spl. Prog

### SONY TV

7:30 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh 8:00 Risprasad 8:30 Movers & Shakers With Gust 9:00 Chartbusters 9:30 Cine Clips 10:00 Family No. 1 10:30 Just Mohabbat 11:00 Kehta Hai Joker- The Showman Raj Kapoor 12:00 Movers & Shakers With Gust 12:30 Indian Holiday Anchor- Anu Malhotra 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: Woh Saad Din (Anil Kapoor, Padmini Kolapure) 7:00 Poppadum Show 7:30 Cine Clips 8:00 Chartbusters 8:30 Coolgate- Boogi Woogi 9:05 Dil Vil Pyar Vaar 9:35 Sparsh #3 10:05 Aahat Ep-Room No. 402 Pt-1 10:40 Movers & Shakers 11:10 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka 11:45 Junoon 12:15 Cine Clips 12:30 Cine Prime Film: Main Sunder Hoon 3:00 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh 3:30 Cine Nite Show-Hindi Feature Film: Naseehat

### ZEE TV

6:00 Yeelon Ki Pal (B/W Songs Show) 6:30 Zee News & Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Guldasta 8:30 Disney Hour Cartoons 9:30 Zara Has Ke- Hai Zindegi 10:00 Zara Has Ke- Filmi Chakkar 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Yehi Hai Zindegi 11:30 Raahin 12:00 Naya Zamana 12:30 Suniye Zee... 1:00 Hudd Kar Di 1:30 Naye Nazrane 2:00 Hum Paanch 2:30 Chingaree 3:00 Raahat 3:30 Cinema Hits- HF Film: Gateway of India (Madhubala, Bhart Bhushan) 8:30 Ek Nazar 7:00 Disney Hour Cartoons 8:00 Bajaj Super 7:00 Muqabla (Coun Down Show) 8:30 Choti Muqabla 9:00 Amanat 9:30 X-Zone Ep-51 10:30 Jaan 11:00 Jeena Isika Naam Hai 11:30 Raahat 11:55 Jhalak-Trailor 12:00 Action Explosion Movie: Dushman Devta

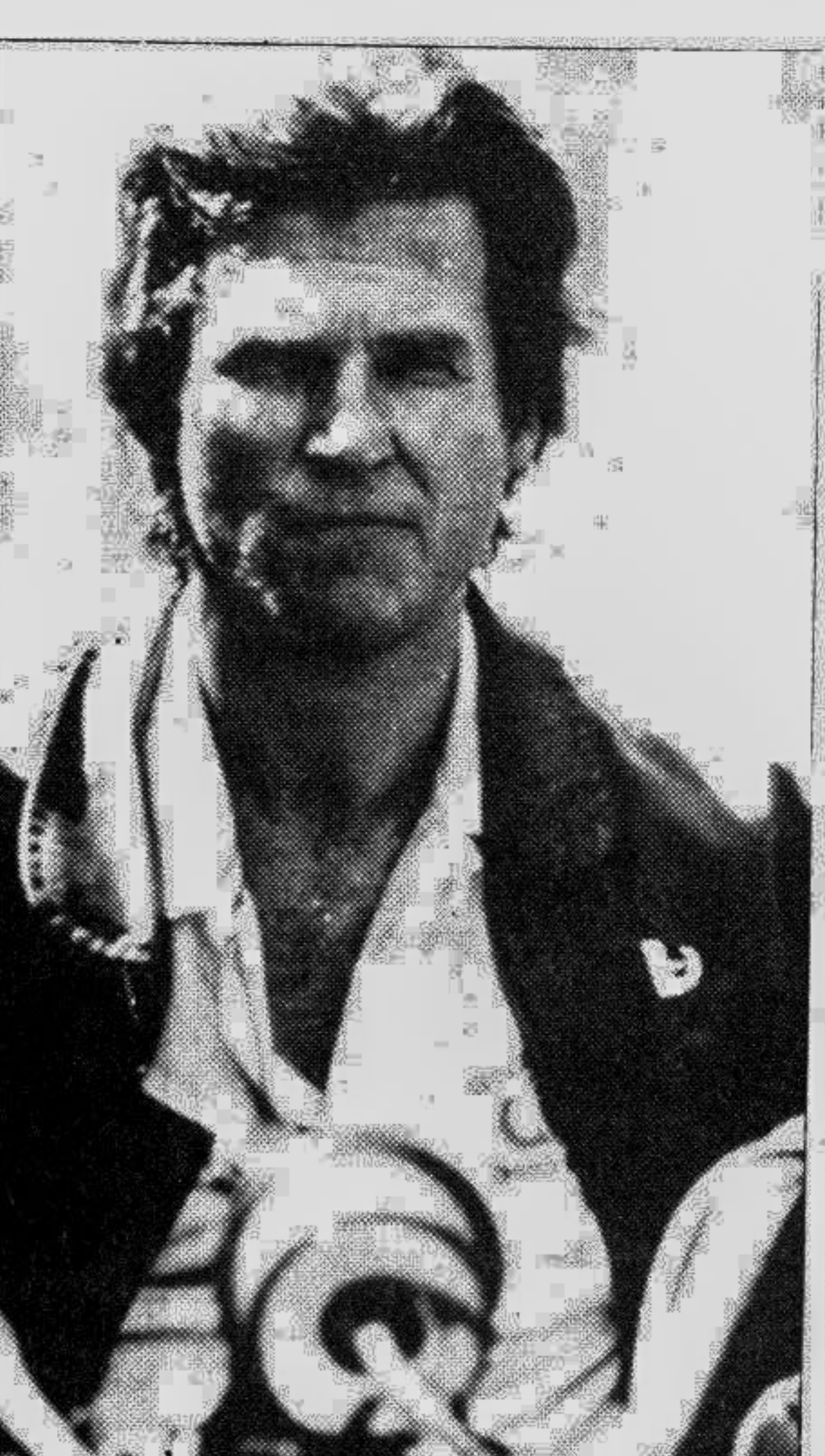


Thieftakers on Star World at 8 pm

2:30 News 3:00 Hindi Feature Film (B/W): Durga

### DD METRO

7:00 Yoga 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 7:45 Business Aaj Tak 8:00 Good Morning Today 9:00 The First Edition 9:30 Serial 9:30 Current Affairs Prog 10:00 Pankhudiyan 10:30 Saat Raang Sharal Ki Sang 11:30 STV 12:30 UTS Shopping 1:00 Ken Kashan 2:30 UTS Shopping 2:55 Samachar/ News 3:10 Sports Time 3:30 Dhalti Sham Ke Suraj 4:00 Ank Ajoobe 4:30 World Sports 5:30 Super Human Syber Squad (Serial) 6:00 Phantom 6:30 Boy Meets World



Blown Away on Star Movies at 3:30 pm

Adalat (Serial) 11:45 Molah Nasriddin (Serial) 12:15 Bharat Samachar (News in Hindi) 12:30 TBA 1:00 Hindi Film 10:00 Hindi Film (Rpt) (Underrun Closed)

### CARTOON NETWORK

5:30 World Famous Toons 6:30 The Real Adventure of Johnny 7:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy Doo 8:30 Perils Of Penelope 9:00 Josie & Pussycat 9:30 Drink The Little 10:00 Flinstone Kids 10:30 Riche Rich 11:00 Top Cat 11:30 Scooby Doo 12:30 The Cartoon Grand Pix 1:30 Fantastic Max 2:00 Crocadoo 2:30 The New Scooby Doo 3:30 Galtar and the 4:00 Centurions 4:30 Swats Kats 5:00 Ninja Robots 5:30 Flinstones 6:00 Top & Jerry Kids 6:30 Crocadoo 7:00 The Mask 7:30 Desters Laboratory 7:45 What's a Cartoon! 8:00 The Addams Family 8:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You 9:00 The Popeye Show

### DISCOVERY CHANNEL

12:30 Hunters Eye of the Serpent 1:30 Medical Detectives Knot for Everyone 2:00 Trauma: Life in the ER A Scream, A Shout 2:30 Treasures of the World Treasures of Africa 3:30 Discovery Profile Series Southern Italy 4:30 Next Step Episode 102 5:00 Ultra-Science War 2020 5:30 Beyond 2000 Episode 249: Sub Simulator: Body Bits 6:00 Splatt! Episode 11 6:30 Ushuala Episode 11 7:30 Go For It! Soaring 8:30 Travelers International! BBQ Festival: Kentucky 9:30 Superclips Budapest 10:00 Intimate Escape Quinta des las Flores 10:30 Great Mysteries and Myths The Mysterious Death of Donald Campbell 11:00 A New World Seeds of Survival (Ethiopia) 11:30 Wild Guide Episode 9 12:00 Lost Animals of the 20th Century Episode 10 12:30 Equinox Gloria's Toxic Debut 1:30 Next Step Episode 115 Jurassic Park 2:00 Ultrascience Ultra Cop 2:30 Beyond 2000 Episode 232: Sci-Fi TV Series: Digital Art: IVF 3:00 Splatt! Episode 22 3:30 Ushuala Episode 22 4:30 Go for It! Rollerblading in CA 5:30 Travelers Fiestas Patronales de Lolza: Puerto Rico 6:30 Mega Movie Magic Episode 4 7:00 Popular Mechanics for Kids 7:30 Cuba and Haiti 8:30 Crocodile Hunter Island of Time 9:30 Beyond 2000 Episode 11 10:00 Discovery News Episode 7/09/99 10:30 Portraits TBA 11:30 Discovery Profile Series North Thailand

### ZEE CINEMA

8:15 Kabuli Khan 11:15 Movie Fare 11:30 Kaun? Kaise? 2:30 Madhyantar 2:45 Rerun 3:15 Challa Babu 6:15 Top Notch 6:30 Cine Sangeet 6:45 Chalo Cinema 7:15 Housefull Hits Tamanna 10:30 Aag Hi Aag 1:45 Limca Ikke Pe Ikka 2:15 Maang Bhara