

television

Life is Like That

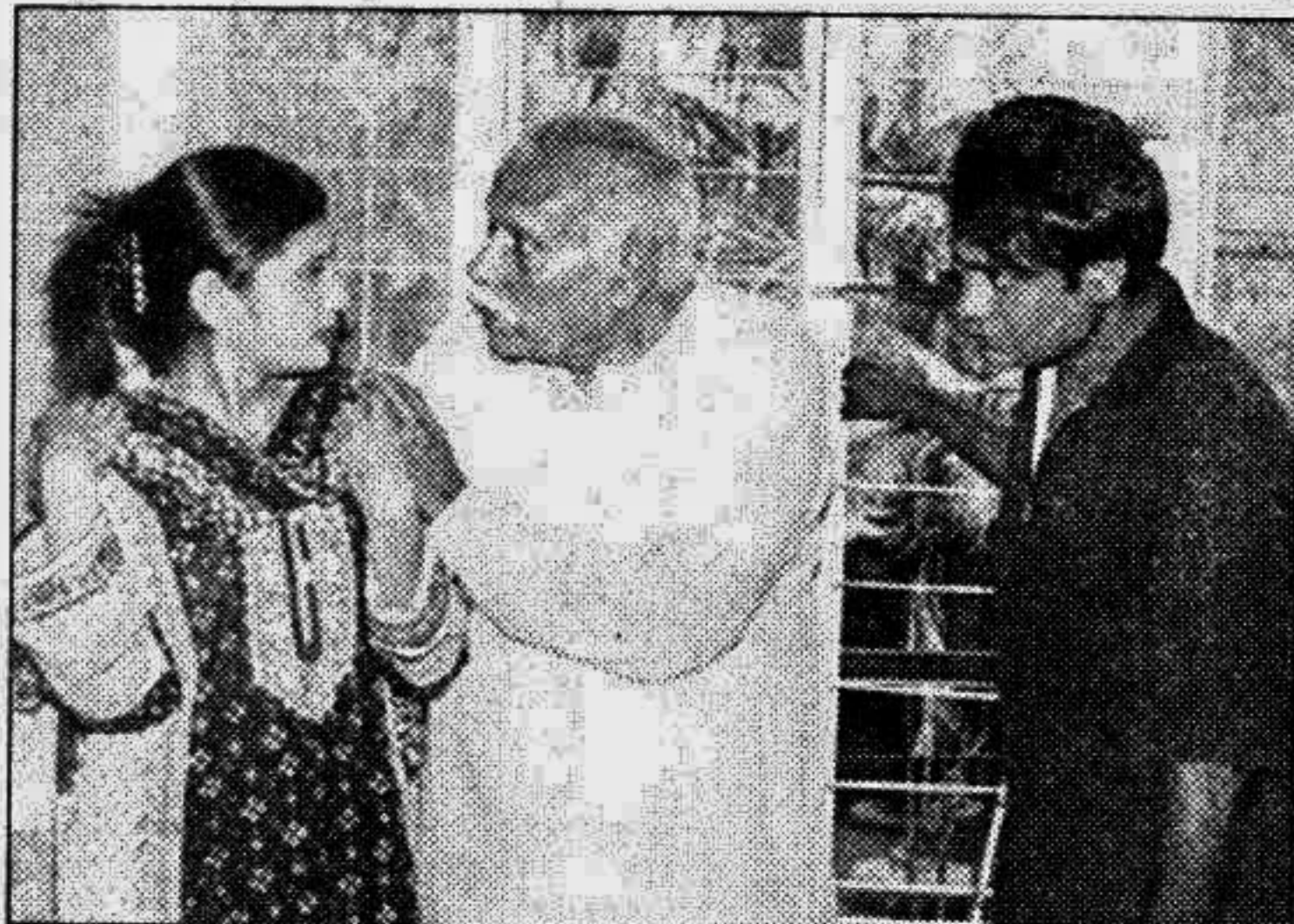
Preview of telefilm *Protidin*, a production of Anyadin, held

By Shahana Parbeen

A fairy tale or fantasy story commands everyone's attention. This is perhaps because the events outlined in such stories are impossible in reality. All these charms and excitements do not happen in an ordinary life. What actually happens in an ordinary life is ordinary events. Waking up, washing up, having breakfast, going to work etc. etc. is what practical life is all about. Presenting such an ordinary life on screen in a manner so as to command the viewers' attention can be really tough. But Rezanur Rahman has taken up this challenging task.

Rezanur has written and directed a telefilm which deals with the ordinary and usual happenings in the life of an ordinary family. The story revolves around the life of an ordinary family consisting of a father, three sons, a daughter and two household helping hands. The father (Sirajul Islam) is a retired widower. He spends his lonely days reading the newspaper, talking to Fazlu (one of the servants) or wandering about the house. The usual happenings which any inhabitant of the country is well accustomed to — like hartals, blockades, political unrests — disturbs him and worries him. His eldest son Arzu (Mohammad Bari) is a govern-

ment service holder and the leader of a political party. Apu (Selim Mahubub), the second son, is a businessman and used to be a student leader during his university days. The youngest son Tapu (Ritu Enam) works as a reporter for a newspaper. Although the family members have various differences between them, they all share a common interest — that's the wellbeing for the only daughter Tinni (Nira). She is the apple of everyone's eyes.



Nira, Sirajul Islam and Selim Mahubub in a scene from *Protidin*.

Sometimes Tapu wonders about their family — to him, this family itself represents the whole of Bangladesh. Although living in the same house, they have different political ideolo-

gies, they have different philosophies and stances on hartals. They have different explanations and beliefs regarding the liberation war, nationality (Bengali or Bangladeshi?) and other basic issues. Nevertheless on the subject of Tinni, they all stand united. As the first episode unfolds, the viewers are gradually introduced to this very ordinary family with brief insights to each individual's personalities. [Thank God there are no 'eccentric' family

item anymore!]

The ending of the first episode itself takes the film close to the viewers' heart. It's a scene a lot of people are familiar with — it's a pain and fear and tragedy that a lot of families have experienced. The father, making his usual rounds at night to make sure all his children are safely tucked in their nests discovers Tapu's empty bed — Tapu didn't return home at night. What could be wrong? Was there an accident? Has he been involved in any fights with hooligans? Was he into drugs? The fear is very plain on Sirajul Islam's face.

The telefilm written and directed by Rezanur Rahman has been produced by Nadi Telefilms. Their current plan is to produce four episodes at a time (for a month) and continue up to 13 episodes. If the serial proves popular with the viewers, it may be extended run up to 26 episodes. Rezanur Rahman was very open in his opening address, inviting critics to genuinely evaluate his work. Among those present during the press show at Hotel La Vincel, included directors from ATN including Mahbubul Alam and some of the film's cast namely Selim Mahubub, Mohammad Bari etc.

'Protidin' (Everyday) will be aired on ATN on a weekly basis from September 3 at 10 pm.

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A Befitting Finale

Selim Al Deen's birthday celebration comes to an end with the staging of *Banpangshul*

By Nafid Imran Ahmed

THE most happening event in our theatre world, celebration of gifted playwright Selim Al Deen's 50th birthday anniversary ended on Saturday through the staging of one of his best dramas *Banpangshul* for the second time.

For days the Mahila Samity auditorium reverberated with the sound and joy of the rich tributes paid to one of the most talented playwrights of our time. Celebrities swarmed to the place to play their little parts to the event a success to honour such a great artist.

The last day of the four day long celebration programme was also successful alike the previous three days. The Mahila Shamity playhouse was house-full as usual. Many came to see the play but stood outside in the rain having got no tickets to enter. Dhaka Theater's twenty-sixth production *Banpangshul* once again proved its excellence.

Written by the great dramatist Selim Al Deen, *Banpangshul* is directed by playwright's close friend Nasir Uddin Yusuf. They are probably the best pair in today's theater.

The main attraction about the staging of *Banpangshul* is its unusual stage design. The direc-



tor himself along with Kamal Pasha Chowdhury designed the stage. The audience was placed at both sides of the stage. The advantage of this unique stage planning is that the audience, so close to the stage can actually experience the play and get the feeling of being almost at the same place as where the scene is taking place. Use of trees all around and inside the stage gave the whole auditorium a lively look.

Banpangshul is a story about the tribal of Shakhipur, a place at Mymensingh district. Known as *Mandal* the history and lifestyle of these ancient and almost lost people are unknown to many of us. The lifestyle, religion, culture, joys and sorrows of the *Mandal* people are the base of the play. The real aspects of their lives come alive in the drama which depicts how they are tortured and ruled by the other settlers of the region.

There remains nothing new to tell about the play as it is already fresh in everybody's minds with its repeated staging over so many years. The critically acclaimed play in itself signifies the standard and creativity of the great playwright Selim Al Deen. Its staging was a befitting finale to the four days of celebrations to mark the golden jubilee of the playwright's birth.

TV Guide

Monday 23rd August

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

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC World News
Headlines 6:05 World Living: USA Direct 6:30 World Living: Top Gear 7:00 BBC News Inc. World Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today/24 Hours 9:00 BBC News Inc. World Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today/24 Hours 10:00 BBC World News 11:30 World Focus: Correspondent 12:00 BBC World

World News 10:30 World Living: Mastermind India 11:00 The World Today 12:30 Hard Talk 1:00 BBC News 1:30 World Focus: Earth Report Brave New World 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Living: Holiday Guide 3:15 Europe Direct 4:00 BBC World News Inc. World Business Report/24 Hours

CHANNEL [V]

7:30 Tea With [V] 8:00 Virtual [V] 8:30 Tea With [V] 9:00 [V] Style Police 9:30 Tea With [V] 10:00 [V] Line Lagao 10:30 [V] Hit Machine 1:00 FDFS Plus



French Lieutenant's Woman on Star Movies at 5 pm

News 12:30 India Business Reports 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 World Focus: The Big Trip 2:00 World News 2:30 World Focus: Correspondent 3:00 World News 3:30 Hard Talk 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: Top Gear - The Air Show 5:00 BBC The World Today 6:30 World Focus: Correspondent 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC The World Today 8:30 World Living: Heavenly Bodies 9:00 World News 9:30 Hard Talk 10:00

1:30 Sunday Spl 2:30 [V] Sabra 3:00 [V] Hit Machine 3:30 [V] This Week 4:00 [V] Hit Machine 4:30 Tea With [V] 5:00 Virtual [V] 5:30 Tea With [V] 6:00 Launch Pad 6:30 Tea With [V] 7:00 [V] Line Lagao 7:30 [V] Hit Machine 8:30 Channel [V] Oye 9:00 [V] This Week 9:30 [V] FDFS 10:00 [V] Hit Machine 10:30 Late Night [V] 11:00 [V] Cool Mail 11:30 [V] Let's Night 1:30 [V] Late Night 2:00 [V] Dares You 2:30 Late Night [V] 3:30 [V] Hit Machine



Dharma and Greg on Star World at 11:30 pm

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 TVC 10:00 Good Morning India 12:00 We The People 12:30 TVC 1:00 Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Virasat 2:00 Ek Mulaqat 2:30 Swabhimani 3:00 Kucha Pappad Puk Pappad 3:30 Star Bestsellers 4:30 Lassie 5:00 Shotgun Challenge 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Zaban Sambhalke 7:00 Hit Ya Fit 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 Srmatii Sharma Na Kehi Thi 8:30 Tu Tu Main Main 9:00 Saans 9:30 Star News 10:00 Main-2 10:30 Saajid No. 2 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 11:30 A Mouthful of Sky 12:00 Star News 12:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 1:00 Empire 1:30 Murder One 2:30 Yeh To Hai Hi Hollywood 9:00 Pura Chand 10:00 Khabarnama & Commercial News & Pak Business Update 11:15 Classics Drama Serial: Crime Files 12:00 Special: TBA 1:00 Khas Khabrain/Close Down

STAR WORLD

6:00 Aerobics Oz Style 6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 Brittas Empire 7:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure 8:00 2 Point 4 Children 8:30 Newhart 9:00 Heartbeat 10:00 Peak Practice 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Dr Quinn Medicine Women 1:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 1:30 Tropical Heat 2:30 Fashion TV 3:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure 3:30 2 Point 4 Children 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 World News 5:00 AsiaNews Update 5:05 World Business Report 5:30 Home Improvement 6:00 Mr Bean 6:15 AsiaNews Update 7:00 Drama And Greg 7:30 Caroline In The City 8:00 Chicago Hope 9:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 9:30 Home Improvement 10:00 Mr Bean 11:30 Drama And Greg 11:00 It's Man's World 11:30 Caroline In The City 12:00 Chicago Hope 1:00 Home Improvement 1:30 Mr Bean 2:00 It's Man's World 3:00 Caroline In The City 3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries 4:00 Life in the Word With Joyce Meyer 4:30 World News 5:00 2 Point 4 Children 5:30 Media TV

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00 MTV Hanging Out VJ Rahul/Sonia 9:00 Classics MTV VJ Sarah/Rahul 10:00 Non-Stop Hits 10:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Nadya 11:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Shehnaaz/Amrita/Nikhil 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV Houseful V Nafisa 1:30 MTV & Kenwood India Hit Lists VJ Rahul 2:30 MTV Select VJ Nikhil 3:30 Love Line VJ Malaika 4:00 Essential 4:30 Pepsi Dance Connection Special- TV MTV 5:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Nadya/Rahul 6:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Shehnaaz/Amrita/Nikhil 7:30 MTV Ek Do Teen VJ Rajeshwari 8:30 Non-Stop Hits 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 Houseful VJ Nafisa 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:30 Chill Out Non-Stop Hits Continue

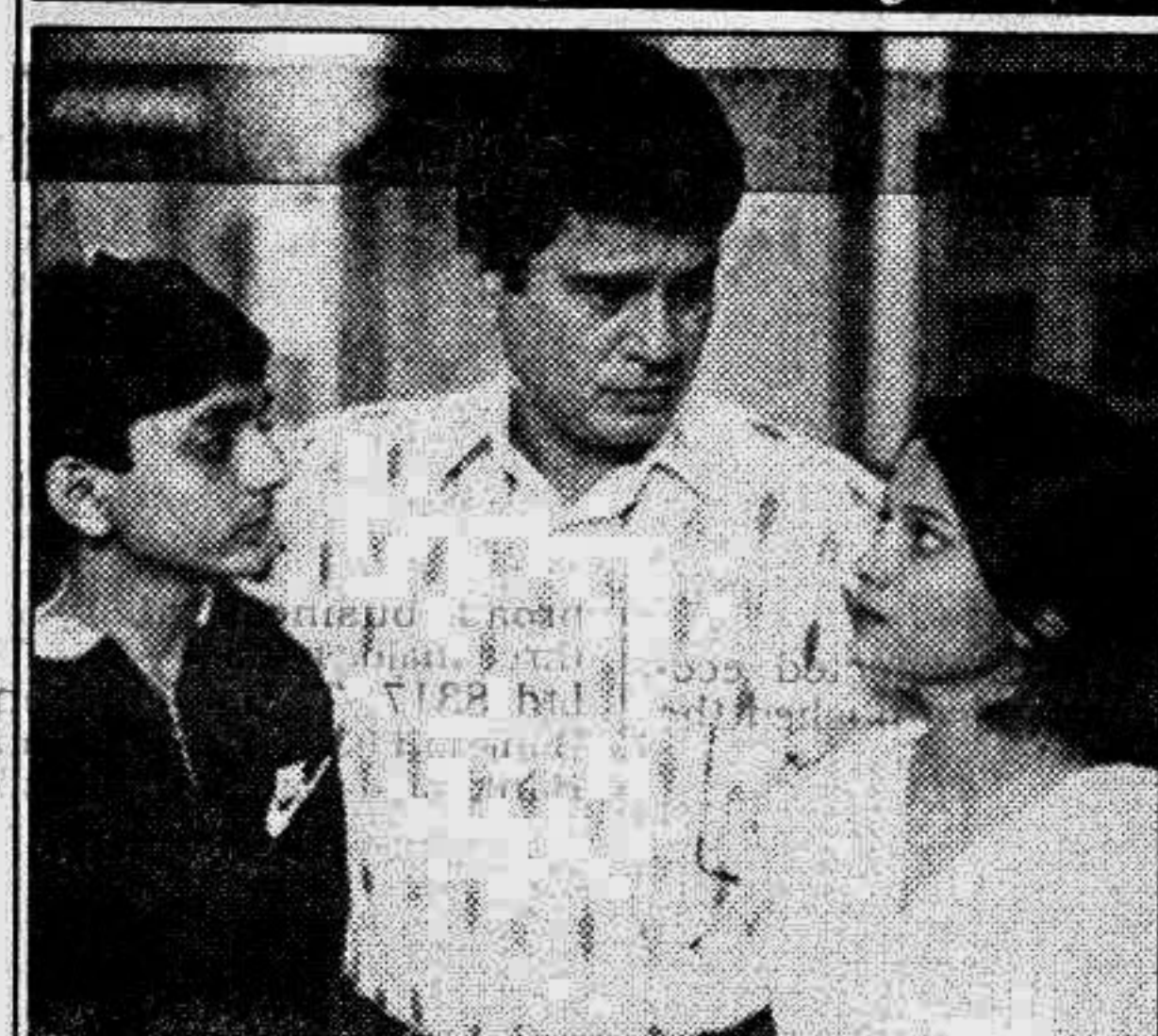
STAR MOVIES

8:00 Drama: French Lieutenant's Woman 10:15 Family: Address Unknown 12:15 Comedy: Full Monty 2:15 Musical: New York, New York 5:00 Drama: French Lieutenant's Woman 7:30 Thriller: White Sands 9:30 This Week That Year 10:00 Star Movies Special Event: Simply Red And Superstars 12:30 UK Top Ten 1:00 Comedy: Heartbreak Hotel 3:15 El Cap Harrison Ford 4:00 Thriller: White Sands 6:00 El Cap: Drew Barrymore 6:45 Musical: New York, New York

PTV-2

8:00 Nawat Aur Tarjuma/Hamd/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabrain

Pick of the Day



SAANS on Star Plus at 9 pm

Ajit and Priya discuss about his job in Panchgani. Ajit decides to take up the job, but tells Priya that he would be missing them all. Priya tells her family about Ajit Sir's decision to leave for Panchgani. Meanwhile, Gautam's parents and Jatin decide to come down to Bombay to be present for Shakuntala's pregnancy function. Later Manisha again has an argument with Gautam for neglecting her. Neelam's call at that moment adds to Manisha's anger. Meanwhile Priya invites Ajit Sir over to dinner. Shakuntala and Suri are in a dilemma as to how they could invite both Priya and Manisha to their function. Later Ajit Sir comes over for dinner at Priya's place. As Ajit Sir leaves the place Priya watches sadly.



Kucha Pappad Puk Pappad on Star Plus at 3 pm

Hit Mix 6:00 Brake Fail 6:45 World Premiere 7:00 Hit Parade 7:30 All Time Hits 8:00 Bakemans Star Ek Mood Anek 8:15 Moments Madhur Moments 8:30 Mix Masala 9:00 Old Tavern Sizzlers 10:00 Jharokha 11:00 Brake Fail 11:45 Shabab 12:15 Pop Re Pop 12:30 Old Tavern Sizzlers 1:00 Sa Re Ga Ma 1:30 Jharokha 2:00 Jharokha 2:30 World Premiere 2:45 Pop Re Pop 3:00 Geeton

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10:30 Gane Gane 10:35 Daily Sopa: Shree Ram Krishna 11:00 Daily Sopa: Dropadi (Rupa Ganguli, Suneeta, Kushal, Sankar) 11:15 Classical/Folk Songs 11:30 Parliament Hour/Musical 12:30 Daily Sopa: Singah Bahini/Guptbari 1:00 Daily Sopa: Asha 1:30 Daily Sopa: Rupkatha 2:00 Daily Sopa: Kanakanjali 2:30 Daily Sopa: Shree Ram Krishna 3:00 Daily Sopa: Maha Prabhu 3:30 Daily Sopa: Mohini 3:55 Daily Sopa:

Suhane 3:00 Aap Ki Shanti 3:30 Ujala 4:00 Tea Time Monoranjana 4:30 Programme For Children 5:00 Aap Ka Pariwar 5:30 Sargam 6:00 Nal Rahen 6:30 Samachar Diary 6:45 Fashion Today 7:00 Krishi Darshan 7:30 Samachar 8:00 Fifty Fifty/Taron Ki Fasana 8:30 Bharati (Serial) 9:00 Samachar 9:30 News 10:00 Serial: Chandrakanta 11:02 Sooriya Maharana Pratap 11:32 Itihas 12:02 Serial

SONY TV

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Risiprasad 8:30 Chartist (Trailer Show) 9:00 Movers & Shakers 9:30 Tri-Nation AWA Cup Cricket Fm Sri Lanka - Live (Trailer Show) 10:00 The Popadum Show 10:30 Bajaj Ki Lehren 11:00 Star Year Kalakar (Presenter: Farida Jalal) 12:00 Rang Berangee 12:30 Chartist (Trailer Show) 1:00 Khoya Khoya Chand 1:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 2:00 Boogi Woogi 2:30 Daily Sopa - Aurat 3:00 Daily Sopa - Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka 3:30 Daily Sopa - Jumboo 4:00 Cine Matar - Hindi Feature Film: Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka 7:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 8:00 Chartist (Trailer Show) 8:30 Malgudi Days 9:00 Chamatkar 9:35 Saaya #40 (Achimay Kaur, Manisha Joshi, R Madhavan) 10:05 Missing #10 (Presenter- Jackie Shroff) 10:40 Movers & Shakers 11:15 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka (Daily Sopa) 11:45 Jumboo (Daily Sopa) 12:15 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 12:30 Heena #35 1:00 Family No. 1 #43 1:30 Alpavram #56 2:00 Open House 3:00 Aurat 3:30 Cine Nite Show-Hindi Feature Film: Gumrah

ZEE TV

6:00 Yadoon Ki Pal (B/W Series) 6:30 Zee News & Zee Business 7:00 Bhakti Series 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Gulasta 8:30 Zara Haske - Hai Zindegi 9:00 Zara Haske - Filmi Chakkar 9:30 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 10:30 Ek Nazar & Gulasta 11:00 Thums up Public Demand 11:30 Amanat 12:00 Neeyat Ep-51 12:30 Choti Choti Baatein 1:00 Aur Do Panch 1:30 Naye Nazrane (Film - Trailer) 2:00 Daily Sitcom- Hum Paanch (Rerun) (Serial: Amita, Rakhi Vaid, 2:30 Sopa-Sanskar 3:00 Daily Sopa-Raahat (Rerun) (Serial) 3:30 Cinema Hits Hindi Film: Bees Saal Bad 6:30 Ek Nazar (Hindi Film Trailer) 7:00 Disney Hour Cartoons 8:00 Chota Muih Aur Badi Baat (Sitcom) 8:30 Ghar Jamaal #Ep-61 (Satish Shah, R Madhavan, Shadhin Singh) 9:00 Ashique #Ep-23 (Anita Raj, Farida Jalal) 9:30 Haad Kar Di #Ep-58 (Sitcom) 10:00 Janam #8 (Divya Shetty, Kartika Rane, Sheeba, Sameer, Rohini Hattangady) 10:30 Kala Sona #26 (Songeeta, Achinta Kaur, Nebadita) 11:00 Shapath #136 (Kiron Kumar, Nikita, Homi Wadia, Sudesh Berril) 11:30 Raahat 12:00 Nirma-Hum

DD CHANNEL

5:55 Vande Mataram & Thought of The Day 6:00 Serial: Aradhana 6:30 For The Universities 7:00 IGNOU Programmes 7:30 Samachar 7:40 Subha Sabera 8:30 Business Plus 8:45 The News 8:50 This Morning's Business 9:00 Subha Sabera (Current Affairs) 9:30 Serial: Khatla Meetha 10:00 UGCs 10:30 Tarang 11:30 Young 12:30 Aurat 1:00 Serial: Aparajita 1:30 Ithaas 2:00 Dewar 2:30 News in Hindi 2:40 News in English 2:50 Roop



Tu Tu Main Main on Star Plus at 8:30 pm

Paanch 12:30 Colgate-Top 10 songs of India VJ Satish Shah 1:00 Nagin #9 (Seema Kapoor, Ronit Roy) 1:30 Tejaswini #3 2:00 Zee News 2:30 Zee Arabia: Anhonee (Horror Show) 3:00 Feature Film (B/W)

DD METRO

2:30 Tele Shopping 2:55 Samacher/News 3:05 Dawat 3:30 Woh Ladki 4:00 Ank Ajobee 4:30 Sports 5:00 Animal Planet 6:00 Flash Gordon 6:30 Superman 7:00 Goof Troops 7:30 Green Teen Quiz 7:55 Sun Sun Sun 8:00 Ya Cafe 8:30 The Queen of Hearts (Serial) 9:00 Prayeshchit (Serial) 9:30 Jane Bhi Do Paroo (Serial) 10:00 On The Record (Serial) 10:30 Lebedev Ki Naika 10:50 Sorry Sir (Serial) 11:05 Blue Heeders 11:30 Silent Reel 12:00 Series- Crime Busters

DD INTL

9:30 Opening & News in English 9:45 Business Plus 10:00 Mirch Masala (Film Magazine) 10:30 India This Week (Reporting) 11:00 Light Music 11:15 Cultural Prog 11:45 TBA 12:15 Bharat Samachar (News in Hindi) 12:30 TBA 1:00 Hindi Film 10:00 Hindi Film (Rpt)

AXN ACTION TV

7:30 Highlander I 8:30 Ghostsweeper 9:00 Yamato Takeru (Cartoon) 9:30 Extremists 10:00 Xtreme Sports-2 10:30 Police Rescue 11:30 AXN The Series 12:00 Who Dares



Mr Bean on Star World at 6 pm

Scooby Deo Movies 3:30 Sky Commanders 4:00 Centurions 4:30 Swats Kats 5:00 Ninja Robots 5:30 Flinstones 6:00 Top & Jerry Kods 6:30 Crocadoo 7:00 The Mask 7:30 Dexters Laboratory 7:45 Whats a Cartoon! Show 8:00 The Addams Family 8:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You 9:00 The Popeye Show

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Science Frontiers 2:30 Curse of Tutenkhamen 3:30 Discovery Profile Series 4:30 Next Step 5:00 Ultrascience 5:30 Beyond 2000 6:00 Splat 6:30 Ushuaia 7:30 Outer Boundaries 8:00 High Adventure 8:30 Travelers 9:30 Superchicks 10:00 Intimate Escapes 10:30 Great Mysteries And Myths 11:00 A New World 11:30 Wild Guide 12:00 Lost Animals of the 20th Century 12:30 Edinnox 1:30 Next Step 2:00 Ultrascience 2:30 Beyond 2000 3:00 Splat 3:30 Ushuaia 4:30 Outer Boundaries 5:00 High Adventure 5:30 Travelers 6:00 Mega Movie Magic 7:00 Popular Mechanics for Kids 7:30 Lonely Planet 8:30 Untamed Amazonia 9:30 New Detectives 10:30 In the Grip of Evil 11:30 Discovery Profile Series

ESPN

9:00 Cart Target Grand Prix 11:00 Sportscentre: International Edition 11:30 ECB International Cricket 1999 Cornhill Insurance Test Series New Zealand vs England 12:30 ATP Tour Tennis (Int'l) 1:00 World Volleyball Grand Prix 1999 Italy vs Brazil 3:00 World Volleyball Grand Prix 1999 Cuba vs Korea 5:00 English Premier League Matchday Preview 6:30 English Premier Football League Manchester United vs Arsenal 7:30 Sportscentre: International Edition 8:00 Cricket World Cup-Super Six India vs New Zealand 1:00 English Premier Football League Liverpool vs Leeds United (Live) 3:00 International Ladies Wrestling Women's National Wrestling Alliance

STAR SPORT

7:00 Asian Basketball Show 7:30 IAAF Track & Field Highlight Programming World Athletics Championships 1999 Highlights 8:00 Cricket World Cup Highlights/Special-Super Six India vs Australia 8:30 FIM World Motorcycle Championship 11:00 IAAF Track & Field World Athletics Championships 1999 3:00 ECB International Cricket 1999 Cornhill Insurance Test Series New Zealand vs England 4th Test Day 4 H/L 4:00 ECB International Cricket 1999 Cornhill Insurance Test Series New Zealand vs England 4th Test Day 5 (Live) 6:00 Sports India 6:30 ECB International Cricket 1999 Cornhill Insurance Test Series New Zealand vs England 4th Test Day 5 (Live) 11:00 IAAF Track & Field Highlight Programming World Athletics Championships 1999 (Live) 3:00 PGA Tour Golf Sprint International