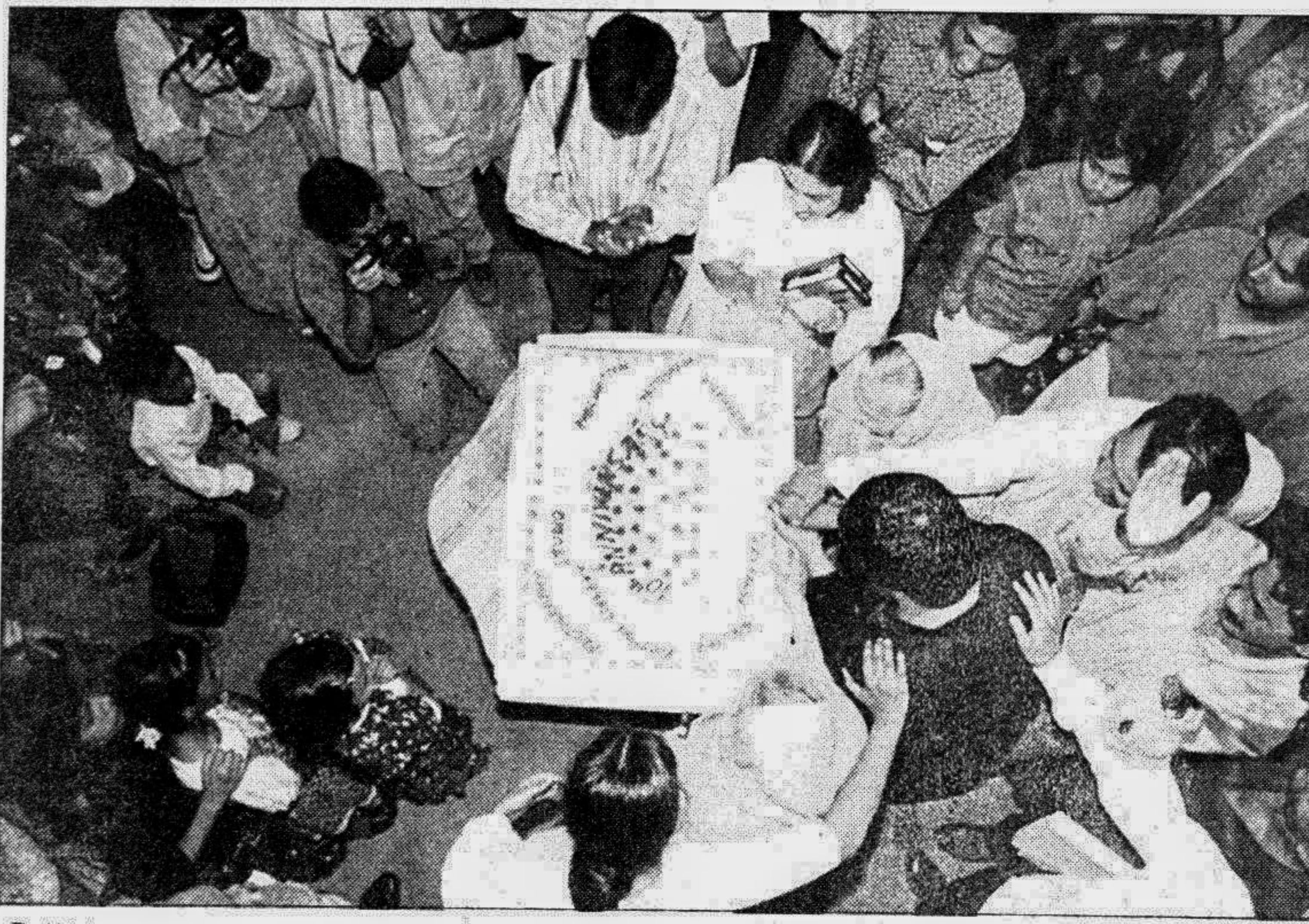


Culture

Drik Picture Gallery turns 10



The birthday cake is about to be cut.

By Nadine Murshid

On the occasion of Drik Gallery's 10th Birthday, the gallery authorities arranged a day-long program on August 4, 1999 starting at 10 am. As people swarmed the gallery premises, Nilima Abraham inaugurated two photo exhibitions. The exhibition consisted of photographs taken by the Late Bal Krishnan, who was a photographer of The Times of India. Krishnan was one of the first few Indians who crossed the border along with the rest of the Indian Army and came to Bangladesh during the

Liberation War in 1971. Being a photographer, he took many photographs during the war and these photographs are the very ones which are on display in Drik Gallery. His (Krishnan) wife was the one who collected the original negatives and prints from various sources and gave them to Drik, who now has made good use of them. The photographs are rare and includes photographs of Sheikh Mujib with his daughter Sheikh Hasina, Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani, Abu Saeed Chowdhury and candid photographs of university students busy 'addafying' on campus, photo-

tographs of the Indian soldiers, the surrendering of the Pakistan Army and the muktijuddhas in war and peace.

After the crowd thinned out, lunch was served, after which, Drik launched 'Meghbarita', the first web magazine in Bangla with the help of its four computers. They also provided information on their Internet services and their institute of photography and Pathshala, the educational wing of Drik which provides computer education to people of all ages.

Later in the day, KWC presented a video called 'Firoza's Story' and then BANGLA, Kam-

galini Sufia and Abdul Alim and his group wooed the audience with their music and songs.

It looks like Drik has done a lot in its 10 years - it has promoted photography, provided internet services, has opened an educational wing to provide computer education and above all, provided photographers and photography enthusiasts with an opportunity to express themselves. May Drik continue to do what it has been doing for the last 10 years and help in the process of change and at the same time, allow tradition to stand next to modernism.

An exception at this year's conference was the direct voting by the council members to elect the new body of the group. Noted

—Photo credit: Abir Abdullah, Drik

In Quest of True History of Liberation War

A programme organised by the Children Development Organisation

By Mishi M Chowdhury

HIGHLIGHTING the facts of the liberation war history, 'Children Development Organisation' (CDO) arranged a discussion and prize giving ceremony followed by a cultural programme at the Shishu Academy Auditorium on Saturday, September 04, 1999.

State Minister for Information, Prof. Abu Sayed was present at the occasion as the chief guest. Among others Haji Md. Selim MP, Dewan Habibullah, DIG (administration) of Police, social workers A. K. Akther-uz-Zaman, advisor to CDO and Barrister Jasim Uddin Mollah, freedom fighter S. M. Tofazzel Hossain, S. Alamgir, executive director, ACI Ltd. and A. Sarkar, founder chairman, Youth and Social Development

Organisation (YSDO) were also present at the function. The function was presided over by A. K. M. Shahabuddin.

The function commenced with a colourful musical drama performed by the members of CDO. Speaking on the occasion S. Alamgir said that among many present at the function, were born after the liberation war and many do not know the actual history of our liberation.

A country cannot prosper without knowing the actual facts. So it is a must for us to know the history of the liberation war. He also added that the present generation should know how the people had sacrificed their lives for the country and got inspired by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Rahman.

Barrister S. M. Tofazzel Hossain said that the actual history of our liberation has been tempered a lot. It is our duty to

know the real facts. Dewan Habibullah ended his very short speech saying that there was no situation or prospect present at the auditorium to discuss the matter. As a matter of fact, the auditorium was crowded with people and the audiences were very noisy. Many had to sit on the floors to watch the programme.

Prof. Abu Sayed opened his speech with a one-minute silence paying homage to the lives lost in the liberation war and to the dedication of the people of this country for the independence.

Prof. Abu Sayed in his speech said that the people of this generation should unite in bringing out the actual history of the liberation war for their progeny. He said that the hooligans who claim themselves as the protector of independence are betraying with the society.

They are also tampering with the history of liberation. Such a discussion is very encouraging in bringing out the actual facts.

Prof. Abu Sayed distributed the crests to the special guests for the contribution in their respective fields. The cultural programme began with a folk group dance performance 'Takdum Takdum Bage'. Performer Akhi danced a solo folk number with the song 'Aye Je Duniya'. 'Paglar Moni Ghore Thake Na', was a composition of traditional and modern dance styles. The duet dance performance on 'Bou Shajgo Go' and 'Tung Tang' by Tupu - Shohag and Akhi Tusher was admirable.

The last Bengali dance performance ended with Sony, Salma and Lucki, harmonizing their steps with the song 'Eshara', which was followed by some Hindi and English dance performances.

theatre

15th National Conference Held

Sara Zaker elected chairwoman of the Group Theatre Federation

By Muneera Parbeen

BAILEY Road, the theatre beat over the weekend with the happy noises as the Group Theatre Federation held its 15th national conference. The theme of the conference this year was *Making Friendship at Theatre Arena*.

On the first day of the conference a colourful rally was brought out by the senior and junior artists who paraded the different streets of the city. This was followed by the actual conference that lasted till the afternoon of the second day. A reception was accorded to important personalities in the afternoon and drama was also staged.

An exception at this year's conference was the direct voting by the council members to elect the new body of the group. Noted



Liakat Ali Lucky



Sara Zaker

actress and cultural activist Sara Zaker was elected the Chairwoman of the federation while Liakat Ali Lucky was

elected unopposed the General Secretary. A total of 35 members were elected to the central committee of the federation.

Others who were elected to the federation body include Pijush Bandopadhyay, M Hamid, Keramat Mawla, Towfiq Hasan Moina, Mohsin Ali, Saiful Islam Mahmud, Aminur Rahman Farid, Shikawat Ranga, Arzu Ali, Syed Dulal, Maruf Kabir, Jhuna Chowdhury, Md Aktheruzzaman, Gazi Nurul Huda Babu, Nader Chowdhury, Md Rezaul Karim Reza and Shamsul Alam Bakul.

A total of about 130 different theatre groups from all over the country attended the national conference of the federation which is an umbrella organisation comprising 175 theatre bodies.

The Group Theatre Foundation is an important body in the field of theatre in the country. It is one of the leading cultural bodies that try to uphold the standard of theatre performances in the city.

TV Guide

Monday 6 September
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

BTV

3:00 Opening announcement, Al Quran, Programme Summary 3:10 Recitation from the Bible 4:00 Khabar 4:05 Cartoon, Bionic Six 4:30 Prog. Sports Programme 5:20 Shishu Samabesh 5:45 Selected Programme 6:15 Programme on Nutrition 6:30 Khabar 6:40 Programme from Chittagong Centre 7:05 Dolan Champ 7:20 Abhyattra 8:00 News in Bangla 8:40 Drama: Mukti 10:00 News at Ten 11:30 Sangeetanjali, Khabar / The News

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC World News Headlines 6:05 World Living: USA Direct 6:30 World living: **Top Gear** The Air Show 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 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 India Reports 01:00 World News 1:30 World Focus 2:00 The Big Trip #13/16 Spain & Africa 2:00 World News 2:30 World Focus: **Co-correspondent** 3:00 World News 3:30 BBC World News 4:30 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: **Top Gear** The Air Show 5:00 BBC The World Today 6:30 World Focus: **Co-correspondent** 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC The World Today 8:30 World Living: **Heavenly Bodies** #5/6 Secrets of Time and Space 9:00 World News 9:30 Hard Talk 10:00 World News 10:30 World Living: **Mastermind India** (Quiz Presenter: Siddhartha Basu) 11:00 The World Today 12:30 Hard Talk 1:00 BBC News 1:30 World Focus: **Earth Report** 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

STAR WORLD

6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 Brittas Empire 7:30 Animal Adventure 8:00 2 Point 4 Children 8:30 Newhart 9:00 Series: Heartbeat 10:00 Series: Class act #3/7 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Series: Dr. Queen Medicine Women 1:00 The Bold And The Beautiful #2009 1:00 Brittas Empire 1:30 Murder One #22/23 2:30 Dangerfield 3:30 Series: Snowy River... 4:30 Media TV 5:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 5:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Compiled: SATVIEW Cable Networks, Tel: 404129)

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Comedy: Project -X (PG) 9:30 Drama: Corpse Had A Familiar Face (PG)

11:30 Drama: Imaginary Crimes (PG) 1:30 Thriller: Diabolique 3:30 Et Cpt: Sharon Stone 4:30 Us Top 5:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 5:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Compiled: SATVIEW Cable Networks, Tel: 404129)

PTV

8:00 Tilawat Aur Tarjuman/Hand/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Abb Pata Challa 9:05 Khat Farmash 9:20 Sargam Sargam 9:45 Ilaaj-Bil-Ghiza Pakistan 10:05 Shab Daigh 10:35 English Film: Goof Troop 10:55 Milli Nagma 11:10 Khabrain 11:20 Drama Serial 12:55 Quraan E-Haikem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15 Drama Serial- 2:00 Ten 5:00 Romance: In Love And War 10:75 1:15 Comedy: Project-X (Jackie Chan) (PG) 9:30 This Week That Year 10:00 Monday Comedy: Pass The Ammo 12:00 Comedy: Working Girl 15:25 EICP: Greg Kinnear 3:30 Drama: Drunks 15:30 Thriller: White Sands (15)

STAR CHANNEL [V]

7:30 Tea With [V] (Back to Back vids) 8:00 Virtual [V] (Back to Back vids) 9:00 IVY Style Police 9:30 Tea With [V]

10:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00

11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:30 Chill Out Non-Stop Hits Continue.

ZEE NEWS TV

7:00 Jagran 7:30 to 11:30

PM Every Half Hour - Zee News Hindi 12:00 The Ent. Show 12:30 News in Hindi 12:57 News Headlines 1:00 India's Most Wanted 1:30 Vision Beyond 5:00 2:30 Zee Business Show 2:30 Mystery Unpicks 3:00 Question Hour 3:30 Zee World 4:00 Teer Karna 4:30 The Dimplomatic Show

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00

11:30 Nishaad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Business & Entertainment news) 9:15 The Trial

STAR PLUS

6:30 Nishaad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Business & Entertainment news) 9:15 The Trial

Diabolique on Star Movies at 1:30 pm

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00

11:30 Nishaad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Business & Entertainment news) 9:15 The Trial

Diabolique on Star Movies at 1:30 pm

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00

11:30 Nishaad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Business & Entertainment news) 9:15 The Trial

Diabolique on Star Movies at 1:30 pm

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00

11:30 Nishaad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Business & Entertainment news) 9:15 The Trial

Diabolique on Star Movies at 1:30 pm

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00

11:30 Nishaad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Business & Entertainment news) 9:15 The Trial

Diabolique on Star Movies at 1:30 pm

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00

11:30 Nishaad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Business & Entertainment news) 9:15 The Trial

Diabolique on Star Movies at 1:30 pm

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00

11:30 Nishaad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Business & Entertainment news) 9:15 The Trial

Diabolique on Star Movies at 1:30 pm

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00

11:30 Nishaad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Business & Entertainment news) 9:15 The Trial

Diabolique on Star Movies at 1:30 pm

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00

11:30 Nishaad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Business & Entertainment news) 9:15 The Trial

Diabolique on Star Movies at 1:30 pm

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00

11:30 Nishaad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Business & Entertainment news) 9:15 The Trial

Diabolique on Star Movies at 1:30 pm

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00

11:30 Nishaad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Business & Entertainment news) 9:15 The Trial

Diabolique on Star Movies at 1:30 pm

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00

11:30 Nishaad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Business & Entertainment news) 9:15 The Trial