

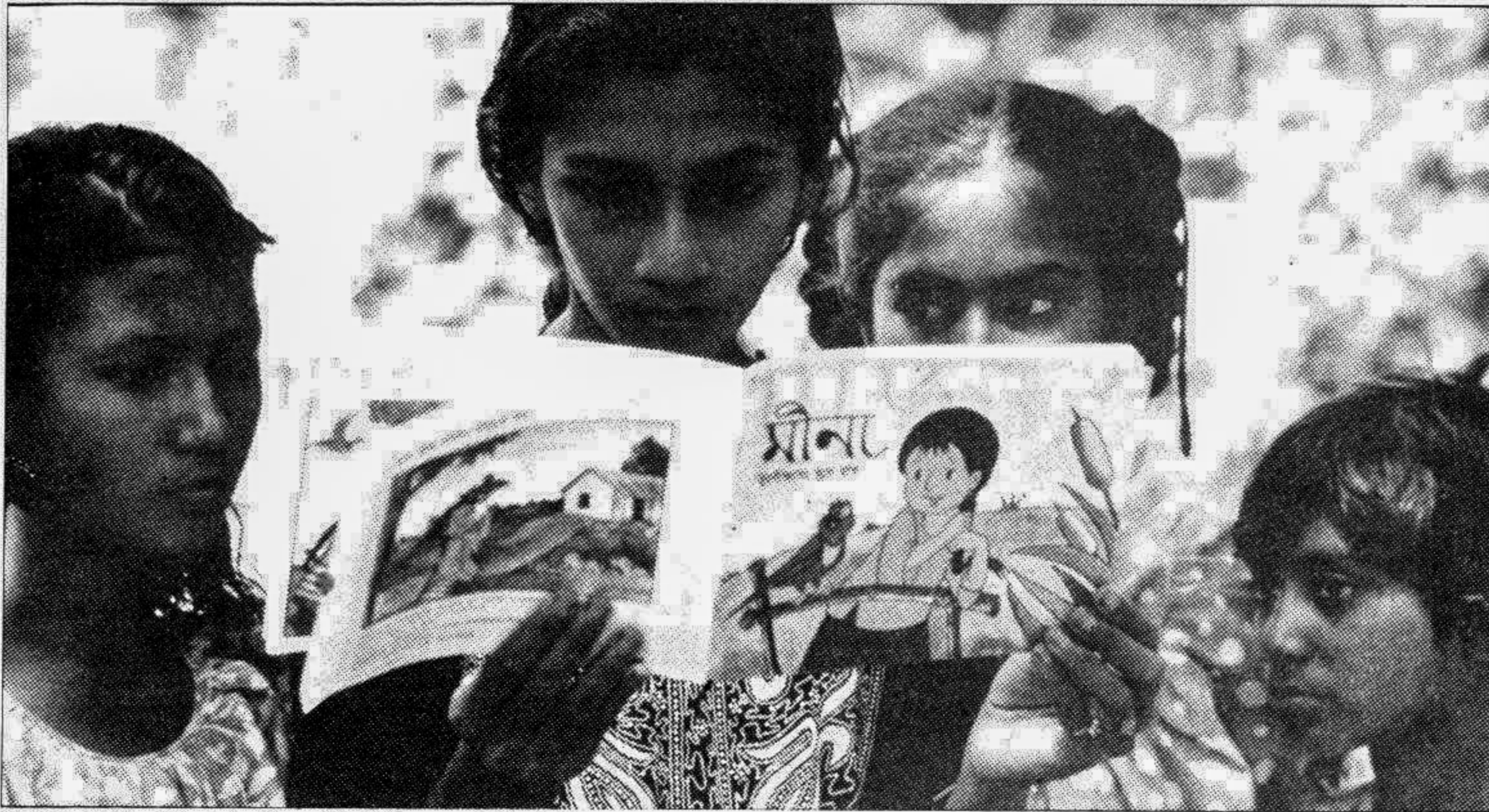
anniversary

An Idol to be Proud Of

The icon of equal rights Meena celebrates her birthday

By Muneera Parbeeb

HERE was a festivity in the air as the innocent little kids sat watching the cultural extravaganza on the make-shift stage. Amra-Meena-Raju-Mithu...



Rumpa and her friends looking at the Meena comic book 'Count Your Chickens.' Meena a cartoon character created in South Asia with support from UNICEF is a dynamic role model for girls who is changing attitudes of adults towards the girl child.

The venue was the premises of the Kamalapur Railway Station and the celebration was Meena's birthday. UNICEF had arranged the event in association with TCSD to mark Meena Day.

Children in Bangladesh like in other parts of the subcontinent are very familiar with Meena. Meena with her long, black braid, bright eyes and pet parrot Mithu, enjoys a devoted following among the children. She is undoubtedly one of the most favourite cartoon characters in the country.

like their own, characters they could identify with.

Azam, a young boy of about 10, watching the show, said he liked the fact that Meena went to school, he said that he wanted to go to school like her.

It was a touching scene in a way, at the railway station, slum kids performing for other slum kids. Many of these children were familiar with Meena. Some had watched her on TV in houses where their mothers worked; some had watched her from open screenings held by UNICEF and other organisations. Most looked upon Meena and her family as characters

know anything else about her. She liked her parrot most.

The Kamalapur Railway station was not the only place that was celebrating Meena Day. Events were also ongoing at the Shishu Academy where Shishu Adhikar Forum had joined hands with UNICEF. An open picture drawing event was held here for the under-privileged children. They were all very excited, many had not even seen crayons before in their lives but drew with all their hearts in it. Some sketched Meena, others

flowers and houses. At the auditorium in the next building, the prizewinners of the previous day's art competition held by 100 UDCs in the city were being given out. This was followed by screenings of Meena videos.

Another major event in the city was the cultural programme performed by under-privileged children at the Nagar Nattya Mancha at Gullistan. Here too the children performed songs and drama sequences around the Meena theme.

The UNICEF for emphasis on the girl child launched the

Meena project. The Meena initiative makes use of the of the Convention on Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) as tools with which to advocate for the girl child in the South Asia region.

The programmes sponsored by UNICEF in collaboration with the government and NGOs will go on for the whole week leading up to the Child Rights Week that commences at the end of the month.

music

An Evening of Classical Vocal Recital

Kalpna Bhattacharya performs at the Indian Cultural Center

By Nafid Imran Ahmed

HER appearance might be not that impressive but this mid aged woman stunned the audience with her exceptional tonal quality and control of voice.

The High Commission of India organized an enchanting evening of solo classical vocal recital by Kalpna Bhattacharya, which was held at the Indian Cultural Center on September 23.

In 1975 Kalpna Bhattacharya was awarded the Surmani title by the Sur Singer Sangsad of Mumbai. Also in Mumbai at the Haridas Swami Music Conference she was highly acknowledged.

Kalpna Bhattacharya is a close disciple of the renowned Late Ustad Ata Hussain Khan of the Agra-Atrauli Gharana. He taught her for some time. After his death both the Ustads, Late Khadim Hussain Khan and Late Lafat Hussain Khan taught her. Taught by some of the best

Gurus Kalpna Bhattacharya's rendering of the Raagas, both Alaap and the Bandishes are very meticulous to the style of her Gharana.

Kalpna started the evening with a Raaga 'Nay Nay Nay' 'Murale Kab Dare Abrore', everyone present at the auditorium, stoned at their seats listened to her sing. Four musicians surrounding her playing Tabla, Harmonium and Tanpura added an expansive depth to her song.

'Kaise Kaise Dekho Saajan, Ja - Ga - Te - Re' - with some flanging vocal effect she started her second song. A pin dropped silence in the auditorium dominated while everyone was spellbound with her performance.

Kalpna performed both types of Raagas, Alaap and Bandishes in which she is an expert alike her Gharana. Lesson makes one perfect - Kalpna proves this verse for music. Taught by the quality teachers and own efforts has made her what she is today. The evening was an overall success. Everyone present there enjoyed every moment of the show.

where a lacerating Raaga's melody expresses the affection for passion, ones love for another.

Kalpna uses a various numbers of natural vocal affects, she flanges, pitches, delays and vibrates her voice in so many different ways. The rendering of the Raagas gives her recitals a contrasted gain, which is very similar to her Gharana. Most of the time she sings keeping her eyes closed, specially when she is rolling through the chords. It seems like she can actually visualize the notes. Perfection is another superior quality of Kalpna, she makes no mistakes nor her scale goes up or down, a perfect classical performer.

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to preview

Bhangilo Khela on BTV tonight

THE drama of the week to go on air tonight is titled Bhangilo Khela. It has been written by Latifa Nazir and has been produced by AKM Nur Hossain.

Synopsis: An old man invites all members of his family in his village house. His last wish is to see them all together in front of him. But reality takes a cruel hand as the old man discovers that social dis-

parity has arisen amongst them all because of their financial positions in the world. Somehow they are not at ease with each other. Younger members of the family however give colour to the get-together. Two of them even fall in love with each other. This only helps to make the situation more tense. Nothing helps the disposition than the sudden death of the father which pulls the members

close to each other again.

It stars Mohammad Khalezuzzaman, Dr Ehsanul Gani, Moslemuddin Khan, Nargis, Jesmin Parvez.

Khola Janala on ATN Bangla tonight

The guest on Khola Janala ATN Bangla tonight is singer Nilufar Yasmin. Writer Rabeya Khatun is another guest on the show directed by Mohammad Hossain Jame.

TV Guide

Saturday 25th September (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: Fasten Your Seatbelt 7:00 BBC News Headlines 7:30 Asia Today 8:00 BBC News 8:30 World Focus: USA Direct/Asia Today 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Hardtalk 10:00 BBC News 10:30 World Focus: Antonio Carluccio's Italian Feast 11:00 World News 11:30 Europe Direct 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: Face to Face India Talk (Presenter: Dr Prnoy Roy) 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Correspondent 3:00 World News Headlines 3:05 World Weekend: 20:20 Profiles of Century 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: Holiday Guide 5:00 BBC News 5:30 This Week 6:00 World Headlines 6:10 World Weekend: The Road to War - In 2nd World War 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 Wild World: The Living Planet (Presenter Sir David Attenborough) 8:00 BBC World News Headlines 8:05 World Weekend: Chris Patten's East & West 9:05 World Weekend: 20:20 Profiles of Century 10:00 World News 10:30 Mastermind India (Quiz Presenter-Siddhartha Basu) 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 World Living: This Week 12:00 World News 12:30 World Focus: Correspondent 1:00 World News Headlines 1:10 World Weekend: The Road to War - In 2nd World War 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Top Gear-The Air Show 3:00 BBC World News 3:05 World Weekend: Chris Patten's East & West 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Hardtalk

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Travel Asia 10:00 Eek! The Cat 10:30 Story Teller 11:00 Putli Baba Ki 11:30 The Great Escape 12:00 Living on the Edge 12:30 TVC 1:00 Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Tanha 2:30 Bakemans Ooh La La 3:30 Tea Time Cinema: Khoj (Rishi Kapoor, Kimi Katkar) 6:30 Kinetic Mega Show 7:00 Hit Ya Fit 7:30 Sapthaki Baat 8:30 Living on the Edge 9:00 Kshitiyeh Nayi 9:30 Star News 10:00 Star Bestsellers 11:00 Churma Na Kehti Thi 1:30 Heart of the Matter 1:00 Brittas Empire 1:30 Movie: Thieves of Fortune 3:30 Space Island One 4:30 Class Act 5:30 Jewel in the Crown

STAR WORLD

6:00 Batman 6:30 Animal House 7:00 Crystal Maze 8:00 Mr Belvedere 8:30 Only Fools & Horses 9:00 The Good Life 9:30 Chef! 10:00 TV Com 10:30 Travel Asia 11:00 Ally McBeal 12:00 Murder One 1:00 Big Easy 2:00 The New Professionals 3:00 The Adventures of Sinbad 4:00 Hercules 5:00 WWF Shotgun Challenge 6:00



Water Rats on Star World at 8pm

Xena 7:00 Baywatch 8:00 Water Rats 10:00 Baywatch 11:00 Xena 12:00 Hercules 1:00 Tropical Heat 2:00 Baywatch Nights 3:00 The Key Of David 3:30 Small Wonder 4:00 Aerobics Oz Style 4:30 World News 5:00 Lassie 5:30 Eek! The Cat

STAR MOVIES

8:30 Thriller: Prescription For Murder (15) 10:30 Comedy: Pass The Ammo 12:15 Drama: Marrying Man (15) 2:30 Star Kids Club: Ernest Goes To Camp (15) 4:30 Esp: Tim Allen 5:30 Comedy: Captain Ron

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 Janam 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 Encyclopedia 3:40 Sports Time 4:05 Serial 5:05 Medicine 5:25 Computers 6:10 Sunhri Yeadoon 7:00 English News 7:20 PTV Music Library 7:30 Virsa Pakistan 7:55 Ghazal Us Naye Saaree 8:25 Dentionic-World of Sports News 9:45 Drama 10:00 Khabrainama & Commercial News 10:45 Drama: Laaj 11:45 Do Sitare 1:15 Urdu Feature Film/Khas Khabrain/Close Down

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ZEE NEWS INDIA TV

7:00 Jagran 7:30 Am to 10:30 Every Half Hour-Zee News: Hindi 11:00 Factfiles 11:30 News in Hindi 12:30 News in Hindi 12:57 News Headlines 1:00 News in English 1:30 Am to 6:30 Every Half Hour-Zee News: Hindi

MTV INDIA

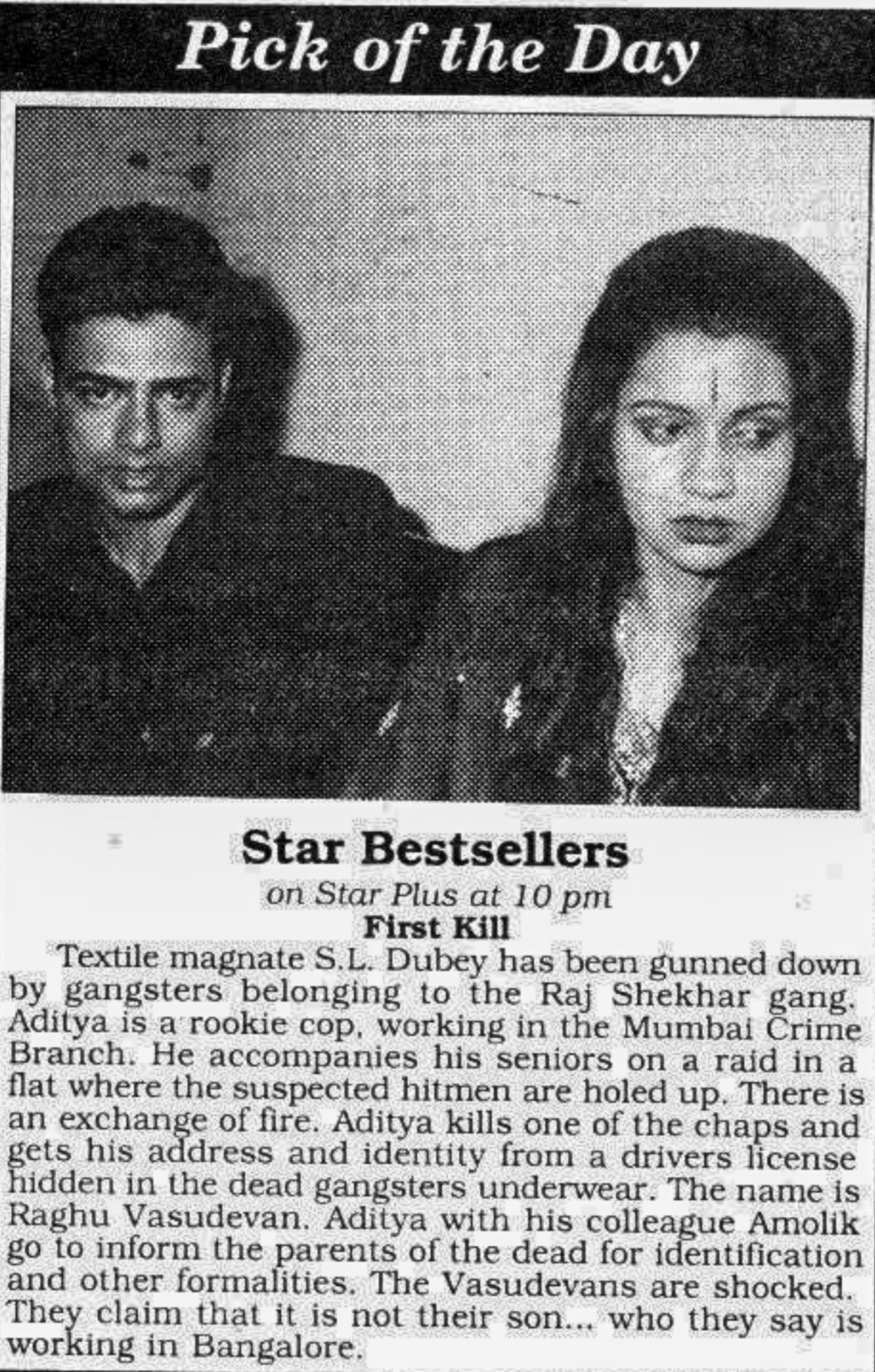
7:00 MTV Asia Hit List VJ Mike/Sarah 9:00 MTV Fresh VJ Sarah 9:30 MTV-U 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:45 MTV Houseful

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 Choice 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 12:55 Pop Re Pop 1:00 Jharokha 1:30 Best Of The Best 2:15 World Premiere 2:30 Mix Masala 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 House Of Choice 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Brake Fail 6:45 World Premiere 7:00 Hit Parade 7:30 Teen Interact 8:00 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 8:15 Medimix Madhur Moments 8:30 Hum Ta Ra Rum 9:00 Music Zone 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 Old Tavern Sizzlers 10:30 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 Bajaj Music Box 2:30 World Premiere 2:45 Pop Re Pop 3:00 Geeton Ki Bahar

DD CHANNEL-1

5:55 Vande Mataram 6:00 Serial: Aradhana 6:30 UGC Programmes 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Suba Sabera 8:15 Khoj Khabar 8:45 The News 9:00 Suba Sabera 9:30 Series: Khoj Khabar 10:00 UGC Programmes 10:30 Serial: Naye Subha 11:00 Serial: Lakin Woh Sachh Tha 12:00 Shaktiman (Animated Series) 1:00 Regional Film Show 3:30 Sports World 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 Beaiatti 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



Pick of the Day

Textile magnate S.L. Dubey has been gunned down by gangsters belonging to the Raj Shekhar gang. Aditya is a rookie cop, working in the Mumbai Crime Branch. He accompanies his seniors on a raid in a flat where the suspected hitmen are holed up. There is an exchange of fire. Aditya kills one of the chaps and gets his address and identity from a drivers license hidden in the dead gangsters underwear. The name is Raghu Vasudevan. Aditya with his colleague Amolik go to inform the parents of the dead for identification and other formalities. The Vasudevans are shocked. They claim that it is not their son... who they say is working in Bangalore.

DD-7

10:30 Movie Club Film (Last Monday's Repeat) 1:30 Movie Club Film (Last Tuesday's Repeat) 4:35 Movie Club Film (Last Wednesday's Repeat) 7:00 Saptahiki 7:30 Bangla Sambad 8:00 Sikarukti 8:30 Jalsagar



Xena on Star world at 6 pm

9:00 Special Prog 9:25 Serial: Bangla Aamar Bangla 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:10 Drama: Siddhanta 10:30 News & Bengali Sambad & Closed

SONY TV

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Rushiprasad 8:30 Chart-

ZEE TV

6:00 Yeaddon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:30 Zee News & Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Guldasta 8:30 Ghar Jama 9:00 Kala Sona 9:30 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Eno Chalo Cinema 11:30 TVS Saregama 12:30 Nestle-Jhatpat Kazana 1:00 Jeena Isika Naam Hai 1:30 Hip Hip Hurray 2:00 Hum Paanch 2:30 Daayre 3:00 Khussoor 3:30 Cinema Hits-Hindi Film: Meri Awaz Suno (Jeetendra, Parveen Babi, Hema Malini) 6:30 Ek Nazar (Trailer) 7:00 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 8:00 Mr Gayab (Jag Sengupta) 8:25 Colgate Top Ten (Weekly Top Ten Chart VJ Satish Shah) 9:00 Basera (Papita Sengupta, Kanchan, Rohit Kumar, Rohit Segal) 9:30 Gudgudde 10:00 Saturday Suspence 11:00 Naglan (Seema Kapoor, Ronit Roy, Ajinko Deo, Sonam, Prithvi) 11:30 Ashiqui 12:00 Close-Up Antakshari (Anchor- Anu Kapoor & Pallavi Joshi) 12:30 Serial: X-Zone 1:30 Professor Parelal (Ashok Shroff, Rakhi Tandon) 2:00 Zee News 2:30 Zee Arabia: India's Most Wanted 3:00 Hindi Feature Film: Main Nashe Mein Hoon (Raj Kapoor, Mala Sinha) (B/W)

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 Suryamukhi 9:30 Top Job 10:00 A Few Rupees More 10:30 Telefilm 12:00 Telebrands 12:30 Filmi Dunia Ki Kahani 1:00 HT Ones 1:30 Serial Rishte 2:00 Serial: Aur Pal Do Pal 2:30 Bandhan 3:00 Samachar/News 3:05 Tele Shopping 3:30 Hindi Feature Film 6:00 Defenders of the Earth 6:30 Denis the Menis 7:00 Rich For Rainbow 7:30 Feeling Fine (Health Today) 8:00 Dusra Pehlu/Parda Hatoo Parda Girao 8:30 India this Week (Magazine) 9:00 Naughty Boy (Comedy Serial) 10:00 Jai Hanuman 11:00 Mili Sur Mera Tumhara 12:00 Special

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 Changed) 1:00 Hindi Film Show 10:00 Hindi Film Show (Rpt)

CARTOON NETWORK

5:30 World Famous Toons 6:30 Jatzons 7:00 Flintstones 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy D 8:30 Scooby All Star Laff-lympics 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 Adams Family 2:00 Dumb & Dumber 2:30 The Real Adventure of Johnny 3:00 Goober & The Ghost Chasers 3:30 Casper and the Angles 4:00 Goldie Gold and Action Jack 4:30 The Detective Squad 5:30 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

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

12:30 Ultimate Guide 1:30 Fastest Car on Earth 2:30 Lost Civilisations 3:30 The New Explorers 4:30 Next Step 5:00 Ultra-science 5:30 Beyond 2000 6:00 Splat 6:30 Ushuaia 7:30 Outer Bounds 8:00 High Adventure 8:30 Travelers 9:30 Superlatives 10:00 Inntimate Escapes 10:30 Lost Civilisations 11:30 The New Explorers 12:30 Oceans of Mystery 1:30 Eyewitness 2:00 Two Worlds 2:30 Ultimate Guide 3:30 Untamed Africa 4:30 Beyond 2000 5:00 Discovery News 5:30 Assignment Discovery 6:30 Born Among Wild Animals 7:00 Jaws & Claws 7:30 Extreme Machines 8:30 Challenge 9:30 Ultrascience 10:00 Next Step 10:30 Wings 11:30 Danger Zone 12:00 ESPU

ZEE CINEMA

8:15 108 Tirtha Yatra ('Sujit Kumar, Kanan Kaushal) 11:15 Movie Fare 11:30 Garam Masala ('Mehmood, Aruna Imani) 2:30 Madhyantar 02:45 Ghari Deterjent Cine Magic 3:15 Joru Ka Gulam ('Rajesh Khanna, Nanda) 6:15 Top Notch 6:30 Film Time 6:45 Its My Choice 07:15 Anjam ('Rajan Sippy, Hema Malini) 10:30 Yaadon Ki Baraat ('Dharmendra, Zeenat Aman) 1:45 Top Of The Tops 2:15 Love Story

AXN ACTION TV

8:00 Extremists 8:30 Planet Ex 9:00 Free Ride 9:30 Bugs-1 10:30 Water Rats 11:30 Total Recall 12:30 Farscape 1:30 Acapulco Heat 2:30 Movie: The Expendables 4:30 Knights & Warriors 5:30 Planet Ex 6:00 Play Life 6:30 Farscape 7:30 Highlander Raven 8:30 Play Life 9:00 Plante Ex 9:30 Saturday Movie Premier: Last Don-I (Premiere Run) 11:30 Movie: Fright Night II 1:30 Profiler-II 2:30 Fix the Srs I 3:30 Free Ride 4:00 Play Life 4:30 Knights & Warriors 5:30 Bugs-I 6:30 Police Rescue 7:30 Getting of Wisdom 7:30 Extremists

Home TV

8:00 Kaboom Kazoom 8:30 Hgh Five 9:00 Pahlil Nazar 9:15 Cartoons 10:00 Action Drama Hit-Hit Hurray 12:00 Hollywood Hangame 12:30 Satya 1:00 Tele Shopping Network 1:30 Telebrands 2:00 Zuban Sambhal Ke 2:30 Ga Mere Man Ga 3:30 Duniya Gol Hai 4:00 Safari 4:30 Matinee Show 5:00 Tele Shopping Network 5:30 Chalte Chalte 5:45 Cartoon 6:30 Action Drama 7:15 Chalte Chalte 8:30 Born Lucky 9:00 Popularly Yours 9:30 First Cut 10:00 Gaane Kya Tune Kahi 10:30 Duniya Gol Hai 11:30 Aamma & Family 12:00 Zuban Sambhal Ke 12:30 Panther 1:00 Bollywood Reporter 2:30 Kabhi Idher

STAR SPORTS

7:30 1999 World's



Kinetic Mega Show on Star Plus at 6:30pm