

exhibition

Glory of The Threads

A month long exhibition of Jamdani sarees by The Bangladesh Sanjukta Tanti Samity (BSTS)

By Muneeba Parveen

HANDLOOM products are a heritage of our country. In ancient days when there were no mills and factories to cater clothes for the common people, there was a dependency on the traditional weavers for materials that expanded to become one of the world renowned products from this part of the subcontinent. Dhakai Muslin could not be reproduced anywhere else in the world and Jamdani material is another enviable product that has earned a niche for itself in the world arena of clothes.

Colonial tyrants ensured that Dhakai Muslin was lost forever. And with the technology that developed to carry human civilisations forward, the loss was that we lost these traditional items that once not only earned a name for the region but also were, and still are, unique pieces of handicraft.

At present the handloom articles that are found in the country include different materials as the khadi, Jamdani saree, and the benarasis (silk) and cotton handloom sarees. All of these are equally popular in the country.

The Bangladesh Sanjukta Tanti Samity (BSTS) have arranged a month long exhibition of the most famous of their products, Jamdani sarees, at the National Bank Training Institute premises at Shyamoli in the city. The fair features all types of Jamdani sarees ranging in quality and variety and of course the prices and has proved very popular among the city dwellers. However some stall owners have alleged that more people have dropped by to have a peek rather than buy something.

The sarees on display included pieces in base colours on which the Jamdani design has been woven in the same shades. These sarees vary in their quality and colours and those featuring Jamdani work in zari on them cost more. Eye catching pieces included a few in light pink, magenta, blood red, fuchsia, mint, pastel shades of green, blue and yellow and relatively darker colours of black, Indigo and purple.

The sarees featuring Jamdani work in different shades of colour are relatively more expensive. A stall owner said that the ones in soft base colours with multicoloured work on them are more popular in this range. As usual Black and Red are also very popular among the customers. There was one saree, deep red in colour that featured heavy Jamdani work on it and zari that was a definite show-stealer and fit for a bride.

The prizes of the sarees depend on the quality of the Jamdani work. Larger patterns are easier to weave and hence the sarees cheaper, while the smaller motifs are considered more difficult to weave, needing the work of more skilled craftsmen and hence more highly priced.

The BSTS leaders are however worried about the sorry state of the weaving industry and have urged the intervention of the government to resolve the various problems that threaten the industry. The leaders held press conference in the city as part of their exhibition to air their grievances and concerns about the industry in general which is their only means of livelihood.

According to Samsul Alam Pramanik, general secretary of the BSTS, there are some 4.2 million weavers in the country who earn a livelihood from this dying art. Imposition of 37.5 per cent tax on the import of yarns used as the basic raw materials have now led to escalation of the products that are slowly losing out to other varieties of sarees in the market.

A large number of weavers have already quit their occupation because of the diminishing

returns that this profession bring them. The leaders alleged that various policies adopted by the government has set back the industry and threatens the entire Jamdani production in the country.

Lack of government patronisation is hindering this industry that is one of our most traditional forms of craft and a part of our cultural legacy. Considering the fact that it is one its kind in the world of weaving, and the fact that a girl's wardrobe in the country is still not complete until there is a Jamdani saree in it. To prove the popularity of the saree in the country, one hopes that positive steps are taken up to save this dying art.

For those who are interested to peep in for a closer look at some of the finest sarees in the country, the exhibition has been extended by 5 days and will continue till the June 30 of this month.



Viewers admiring the colourful Jamdani saris on display at the Jamdani exhibition

event



Singer Shuvro Dev and Doli Sayantoni performing live at the cultural evening organised by National Sports Council to celebrate the Test status bestowed on the Bangladesh Cricket team.

movie

The Bond is back with The World is Not Enough on Dhaka Screen

By Cultural Correspondent

IT'S summer. And the holiday season is on for school and college goers. No doubt this is the best time of the year to enjoy sometime watching movies or taking time out for the dinner or lunch with your mom or dad. Country's premier theatre is releasing the latest James Bond Movie keeping in mind the released and joyous mood of the holiday session. *The World is Not Enough* hits the newly installed screen with crystal clear image from this Friday.

Greed, revenge, world dominance, high-tech terrorism — it's all in a day's work for James Bond, who races to defuse an international power struggle with the world's oil supply hanging in the balance in *The World is Not Enough*, the 19th installment in the longest-running and most successful film franchise in cinema history.

From the banks of the Nervion River in Bilbao, Spain, to a spectacular high-speed boat chase up London's River Thames and through the highlands of Scotland, James Bond barely survives a potential nuclear explosion in a visit oil pipeline in Turkey — all in the name of protecting beautiful oil heiress Elektra King from notorious international terrorist Renard.

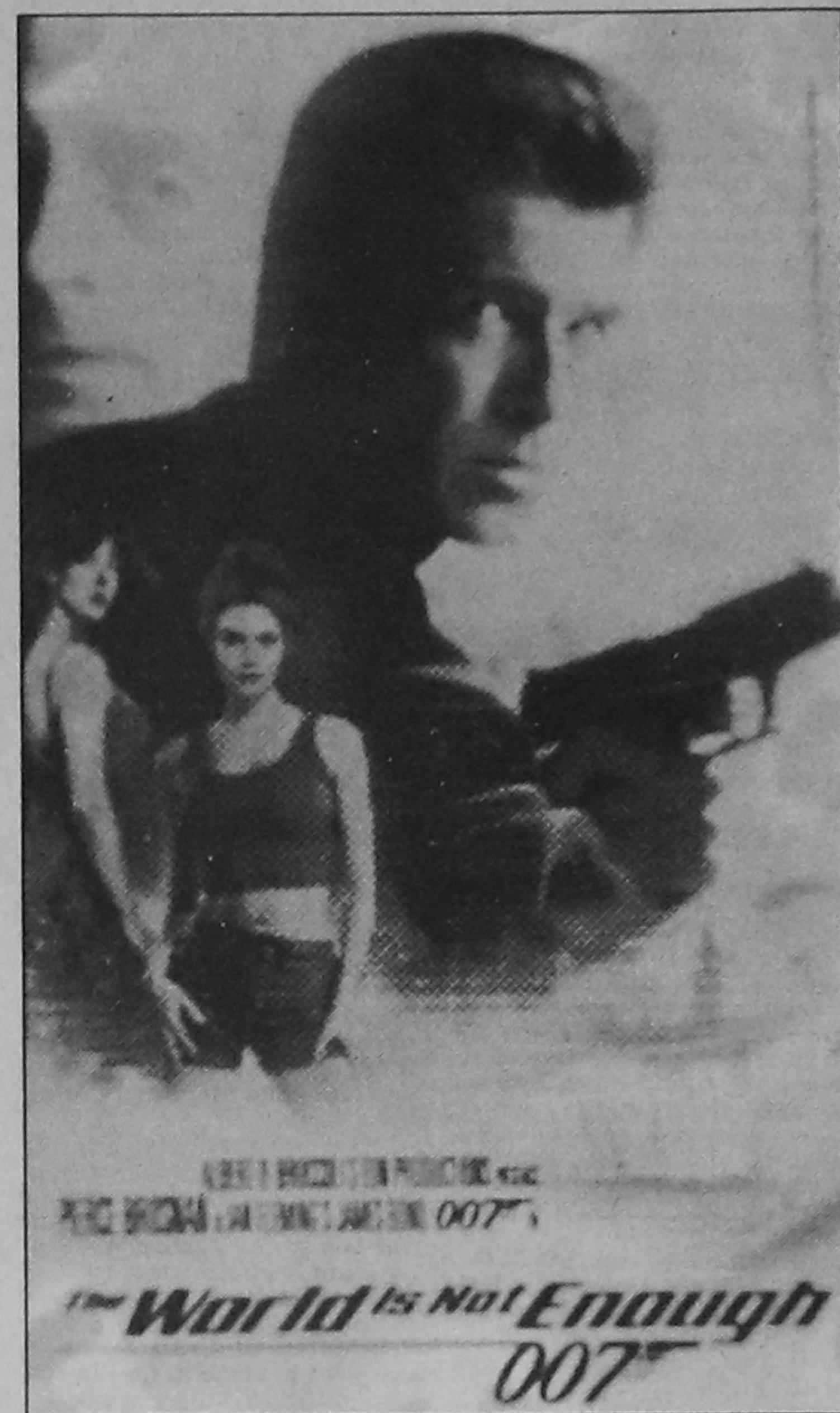
With nuclear weapons expert Dr Christmas Jones at his side, Bond travels to Azerbaijan, the Caspian Sea and Istanbul. There, a former enemy becomes a formidable ally before the final dramatic showdown in the claustrophobic confines of a nuclear submarine beneath the surface of the Bosphorus Sea.

The World is Not Enough is an exhilarating adventure that takes all of the compelling elements expected of the Bond series.

The World is Not Enough also stars Desmond Llewelyn, who returns as weapons and gadget wizard Q, as well as Dame Judi Dench as M and Samantha Bond as Monypenny. Robbie Coltrane reprises the character of double agent Valentin Zukovsky. The film also features John Cleese as Q's assistant, Serena Scott Thomas as Dr Holly Warmflash, who ministers to Bond, Maria Grazia Cucinotta as Cigar Girl and music artist Goldie as Bull, Zukovsky's chauffeur.

Directed by Michael Apted, *The World is Not Enough* was written by Neal Purvis and Robert Wade and Bruce Feirstein for release by MGM. The film was produced by Michael G Wilson and Barbara Broccoli, who expertly carry on the family tradition founded by the late Albert R. "Cubby" Broccoli, who began the enormously successful James Bond series in 1962 with "Dr No."

"The James Bond films are action-adventures that are dependent on the villain, the caper and the situations, which inevitably take you to exotic different locations around the world," says producer Michael G Wilson. "The World is Not Enough is an exhilarating roller coaster ride in which those elements are blended



wonderfully.

"For *The World is Not Enough* we wanted a director with the ability to tell the narrative of the piece and also be able to work with the actors as they develop their relationships with each other," Wilson continues. "It's a very dramatic story. Michael Apted is such a director."

As always, strikingly exotic and visually stunning locations are a key element in this project.

"*The World is Not Enough* takes you around the world, from the snow of the French Alps to the front of the new Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain," enthuses Michael G Wilson. "We travel to the oil fields of Baku and the Bosphorus Sea in Istanbul, as well as the River Thames in London."

One of the film's key set pieces — in which Bond and Elektra are attacked by heavily armed men on flying para-hawks — was shot on the snowy slopes near Chamonix in the French Alps. The action-packed pre-title sequence (a tradition of the Bond series) starts in Bilbao, Spain, overlooking the Frank Gehry-designed Guggenheim Museum, and finishes at the Millennium Dome in London. Other locations in Spain included the Bardenas Reales (the exterior of the nuclear test facility) and Los Callejones, Las Majadas (the construction site and pipeline exterior) near Cuenca.

Spectacular stunts are another hallmark of the James Bond films, and *The World is*

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gramme (Presenter- Maya Even) 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Hard Talk: (Presenter- Tim Sebastian) 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 Rough Guide To The World

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RECOMMENDATIONS



Our World - Women in Bangladesh

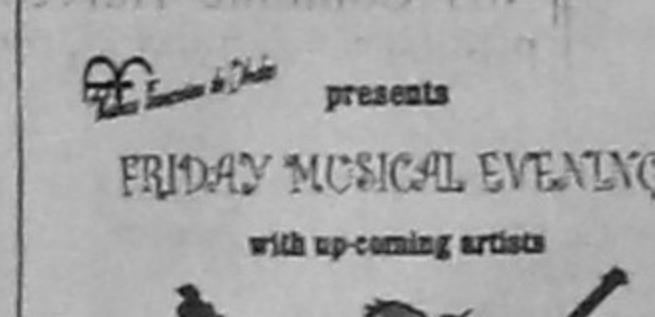
The launching ceremony of *Our World - Women in Bangladesh* by Mahmud will be held at the Bengal Shilpalaya, House 275/F, Road 27 (old), Dhammardi, Dhaka, on June 30 at 5.30pm.

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Decorative Fantasy

The solo art exhibition titled *Decorative Fantasy* by Hiranyak Chanda started at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka on June 13. The exhibition will remain open everyday till June 29.



Friday Musical Evening

As a part of this month's Friday Musical Evening, Nazrul songs by Mofizul Islam and Tagore songs by Pius will be held at the auditorium of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka on June 30 at 7.00pm.

For further information on the programme contact the reception of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka from 9.00am - 12.00pm & from 5.00pm - 8.00pm.

Remembering Sufia Kamal

Jatiya Rabindrasangeet Samilan Parishad will hold a programme to remember the champion of women's cause poet Sufia Kamal on June 30 at Shawkat Osman Auditorium of National Public Library at 4:30 in the evening. Prof. Zillur Rahman Siddique will chair the event where key-note paper will be read by Mafidul Haq, Syed Shamsul Haq, Aly Zaker and Sultana Kamal will take part in the discussion. The programme will be rounded off with songs presented by the Samilan Parishad's members and soloists performed by leading singers of the country.

Shudha Sangeet's musical evening

The regular monthly musical programme of the Shudha Sangeet Prasar Gosthi will be held on June 29 at Biswa Sahitya's Isfendier Zahed Hasan Auditorium at 7 in the evening. Noted classical singer Hafizul Rasheed will perform at the evening followed by a jugal bandi by Kamal Zahir Shamim in sarod and Mitul Anwar Choudhury in sitar.

French Musical Evening

After the soothing evening dedicated to the famous French composer Claude Debussy, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will organise its 2nd French Musical Evening on 1st July 2000 from 19:00 dedicating to Maurice Ravel. All are welcome to attend the evening. Come and discover Maurice Ravel and his famous Bolero.

TV Guide

Thursday 29th June
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

EKUSHEY

2:00 Ekushey News Headlines 2:05 Circus! Circus! 2:20 Drama serial : Photo Choto Dheu 2:50 Pop Show 3:15 Drishi 4:00 European Football Show 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 Drishi Public View 7:00 Classic Cartoons 7:20 Haka Robin 7:45 Ekushey News 8:00 Shuvro Mukti 8:30 Chitrageeti 9:00 M. Bean 9:50 UEFA European Championships - 2000 10:00 BTV News 10:20 UEFA European Championships - 2000 12:00 Shuvro Mukti

ZEE NEWS TV

7:30 Zee News: Hindi 8:00 Morning Zee 9:00 News in English 10:00 Zee News: Hindi 7:00 Business News 7:30 Zee News: Hindi 9:00 News in English 10:00 Zee Prime Time Show 11:00 Zee News: Hindi 11:30 News in English 12:00 Zee News: Hindi 12:30 Am to 06:30 AM Every Half Hour - Zee News: Hindi

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 Ta Ra Rum 9:00 Brake Fail 10:00 Music Mag 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Colgate Ziz Zag Best of The Day 12:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Classic 1:30 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 2:00 NEX Gen 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Sa Re Ga Ma Classic 7:30 Total Recol 8:00 Music Zone 8:30 Artist of The Fortnight 9:00 Music Quic 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Himai Gold T. Jharokha 11:00 Stars Day 12:30 Shabab 12:00 Dray Fail

DD INTL

4:30 MTV Select VJ Nikhil 5:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Shehnaz 6:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 7:30 MTV Made In India VJ Cyras 8:00 MTV Gao Baby Gao 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 MTV House Full VJ Nafisa 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 11:00 MTV Chill Out VJ Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 1:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits

BANGLA NEWS

8:30 Bengali Movie: 2:30 Khas Khabar 3:00 Daily Soap: Maha Prohbu 3:30 Daily Soap: Mohini 3:55 Daily Soap: Bhul Thikany 4:20 Nepali Programme / Rabindra Sangeet 5:05 Shilpa jagat 5:30 News 5:50 Bigan Prasanga 6:10 Gaan Sudhu Gaan 6:40 Khas Khabar 6:50 Daily Soap: Jamnabhami

MUSIC INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00 MTV Classic 9:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits 11:00 MTV Most Wanted VJ Shehnaz 12:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV Housefull VJ Nafisa 1:30 MTV Ek Do Teen VJ Raageshwari 3:30 Love Non-Stop Hits 3:30 Love Line VJ Malaika 4:00 MTV Classical/Folk Songs 11:30 Parliament Hour / Musical Bakra 4:15 Non-Stop Hits

DD 7 (BANGLA)

8:40 Khas Khabar 9:05 Amrito Katha 9:20 Sangbad 9:30 Khela (Aar Khela 10:30 Janmadin (Birthday Greetings) 10:35 Daily Soap: Shree Ram Krishna 11:00 Daily Soap: Hay Mohajeebon 11:15 Khas Khabar 10:20 Mokho Mukhi 10:50 Sambad 10:20 Bengali Movie: (Underrun Closed)

STAR SPORTS

8:00 Watersports World 9:00 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships- Day 3 London UK Second Round 3:00 Sports News 4:00 Pro-Box 2000 (Commonwealth LightweightTitle) Bobbie Vanzie V Charles Ovizio 6:00 Live- Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships- Day 3 London UK 2nd/3rd Round 7:30 ANZ Sportsline 7:35 Live-Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships- Day 4 London UK 2nd/3rd Round 11:30 ANZ Sportsline 11:35 Live-Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships- Day 4 London UK 2nd/3rd Round 2:00 Inside Cricket: 1st Session

ESPN

5:32 Medicinal Alternative 6:00 Musical Programme On Basant Panchmi 6:32 Hit Show 7:00 Geluvina (Serial In Kannada) 7:30 Hindi Film Show (Rpt):

ZEE MOVIES

8:30 OST 9:00 Film: The Moonstone 11:00 Specials 11:30 Film: Reason To Die 1:30 OST 2:00 Film: Babycakes 4:00 Total Recall 4:30 News 10:15 Light Music 10:32 Musical Programme On Basant Panchmi 11:32 Geluvina

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SET MAX

7:30 Film Show: Vikram Betaal 10:30 Live-Cricket Test Series Sri Lanka Vs Pakistan 3rd Test 2nd Day 6:00 Film Show: Saajan Mere Main 12:15 Hindi Film Show: 2:30 Samachar 2:40 The News 3:00 Samachar 3:45 Subah Aaj Tak 4:32 Center Stage 5:00 The First Edition

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