

CULTURAL FEAST

Celebration of Victory Day

Title: Bijoy Utsab 2004
Organiser: Liberation War Museum
Venue: Liberation War Museum, 5, Shagun Bagicha
Time: December 10-16, at 6:00pm everyday
Schedule
 December 14
 Reactions of the writers Shahin Akhtar, Shahnaz Munni and Aditi Falguni of the book *Uttarprajanya* and musical programme by Chhayanaut.
 December 15
Deshar Gaan (patriotic songs) by Jaiyo Rabindrasangeet Shammilon Parishad and Shargaan by Indrabari Boat-race Group of Jamalpur.
 December 16
 Special programme for children, will start at 9:00am. This includes recitation, songs, general and devotional dance by *Udichi* and special solo musical programme by Swastika Mukhapadhaya.

National Zainul Festival 2004

Occasion: 90th Birth Anniversary of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin
Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Bangladesh National Museum and Bengal Foundation
Time: December 10-30
Schedule
 December 12-January 07
Title: Special Exhibition of Zainul Abedin
Time: From 11am to 7pm in weekdays and 3:00pm to 8:00pm on Fridays
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Bangladesh National Museum.

December 13-24
Title: Photography Exhibition on Zainul Abedin
Time: From 11am to 7pm in weekdays and 3:00pm to 8:00pm on Fridays
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University

Film Screening

Organiser: Dhaka Film Society (DFS)
Venue: Russian Centre of Science & Culture, House # 510, Road # 7, Dhanmondi R/A
Time: December 14
Schedule
 3:00pm *Al Dawn It's Quiet Here* (Stanislov Rostovsky, Russia 1972)
 6:30pm Concert for Bangladesh

Children's Competition

Title: Children's recitation and patriotic Nazrul song competition
Organiser: Nazrul Institute
Occasion: Victory Day
Venue: Kabirhaban, Nazrul Institute, Dhanmondi
Time: December 14-15

Theatre Festival

Title: Loknatyatsab
Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Bangladesh Ministry of Cultural Affairs
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Time: 6pm
Schedule
 December 14
Chhantal Mukh Baduzzaman by New Bholanath Opera, Comilla

Zainul: The pioneer of Bangladesh's modern art movement

Celebration of Shilpacharya's 90th anniversary begins



One of Zainul's priceless creations

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

THE month-long celebration of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin's 90th birth anniversary began on December 12 through three exhibitions of the artist's paintings at the galleries of the National Museum, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts. Foreign Minister M. Moshed Khan inaugurated the Zainul Festival at a ceremony held at the National Museum auditorium. State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman, directors of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and the National Museum

Ahmad Nazir and Mahmudul Haque, Bengal Foundation Chairperson Abul Khair and wife of the artist Jahannara Abedin were present at the ceremony. A total of 574 selected artworks of the Shilpacharya are being displayed at the three venues in this month-long arrangement, which also includes several other exhibitions and cultural functions. Jahannara Abedin and Abul Khair have provided 102 and 180 of these artworks each while the National Museum has supplied 277 paintings of the Shilpacharya. 15 others have been taken from individual collections. The inauguration ceremony

started with the rendition of two Tagore songs—*Aj shobar rongey rong meshatey hobey* and *Ore chitralekha*—performed by the artistes of Anandakhoni. Born on December 29, 1914, Zainul Abedin drew a series of sketches on the famine of 1943. The haunting images of cruelty and depravity of that artificial famine brought Zainul widespread recognition. After 1947, Zainul came to Dhaka and played a pioneering role in the modern art movement in Bangladesh. He was one of the major role-players in establishing the Institute of Fine Arts in Dhaka. He also founded the Folk Art and Crafts Foundation in Sonargaon. Speakers at the opening ceremony emphasised on the importance of Zainul Abedin's contribution to Bangladesh's reputation in the world of art. Mahmudul Haque asked the authority to hold exhibitions of Bangladesh artists at the offices of Bangladesh High Commission abroad. Abul Khair said that a documentary film is being made by the Bengal Foundation on the life and work of Zainul Abedin. Jahannara Abedin urged the collectors of Zainul's paintings to preserve the invaluable artworks scientifically. The exhibitions will run till January 07.

CHOBI MELA III

Seeking joy of their own

Of new South African culture

FAYZA HAQ

Neo Ntsoma from South Africa represents South African youth in her work in Chobi Mela III at the Alliance Francaise. These young people represent the future. They are the source of renewed energy. For 10 years the country has been undergoing a process of change, development and reconciliation. The youth, developing their own identity, consider themselves as proudly South African, and a part of the Kwaito culture. The young ones are in search of peace, love and

being satisfied in what they are. Their culture is more than skin deep. It is the soul, spirit and mental orientation of their existence.

The word 'Kwaito' is derived from the Afrikaans word 'kwaai' which translates to 'angry' in English in colloquial slang. Sometimes negative words acquire a positive 'cool' status. The South African township slang has somehow come into everyday use. Kwaito is about understanding the township. The township is being celebrated by the youth of South Africa in terms of music. This is interesting when one considers

that the township was once created to have a ready supply of cheap labour. The youth of South Africa refused to be condemned by the political situations of the past. Music is an expression of the new generation.

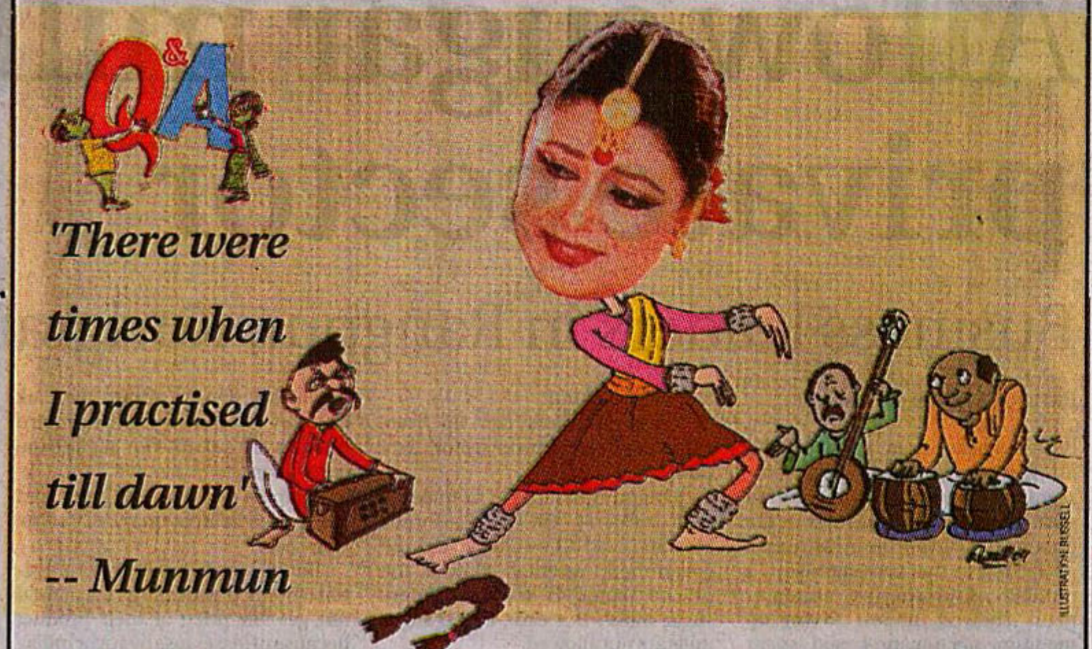
In one picture by Neo Ntsoma is a young woman in leather pants, a coloured top and a cap. Her hand is full of bangles and from her ears hang long, jangling earrings. At the back is a man holding on to a bottle. A red glare of light is being flashed at the back. The rest of the picture is black, blue and gray. Another picture brings in a dancing girl. Her hair appears blonde in the light, although she is of black origin. She has rhinestones on her clothes, as she dances with her hands flung in different directions. Her eyes are bright and her face is lit up. Another photo brings five men sitting with caps, berets and slacks with folded bottoms. They wear sleeveless jackets and black and white two-tone shoes. They swing their hands as they sit and sing along. The picture is in red, blue and purple.

The next picture is a man in a beret and behind him can be seen a billboard with a young woman with windswept hair. This is in red and black. Again, we see a young woman with fitting clothes and a long string of glittering beads. At her back are people dancing. In another lens focus is a young woman singing in a studio while a man gives her direction and other help with the recording. The young people, with curly hair and distinctive features appear full of life. The room is lit up by a bulb that makes it appear red and black. In the last picture is a woman taping a voice in a studio. The background appears smoky.

All the pictures are a celebration of the new generation of South African youth.



Kwaito Culture by Neo Ntsoma



'There were times when I practised till dawn'
 -- Munmun

Popular danseuse Munmun Ahmed got together with The Daily Star recently. The conversation veered to her views on dance, life and other matters.

What is your real self?
 Like most people I am very ordinary and consider myself one of the masses. People may think that I am a little arrogant but in reality I am very down to earth. And, yes, I am very professional in my work place.

What is your motto of life?
 I want to stay alive in a healthy state of mind. It is the most important thing to wish for.

Do you have any regrets about being a dancer?
 I never ever felt that way. I can feel that I am at this position today because I learned how to dance and practiced to become an eminent artiste. I live my life with honour because of this dance.

Hidden talents?
 I can recite from the Puthi, which is widely known as Puthipath. I received the first prize in the competition titled *Jela Shanshkratik Rajani* in 1980. Besides, I can render spiritual songs a little.

Any weird experience?
 I was preparing to perform in a show in Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel several years back. Although I had short hair that time the performance demanded long hair. One relative of mine, who was pretty amateurish in the art of make-up, fixed my hair for me. I wore a wig knotted with my original hair. But when I started to perform on stage my wig fell down as I whirled around. It was quite embar-

rassing and an unforgettable experience.

Favourite hobby?
 I really enjoy moving around places. Besides, I like to read all kind of books like fictions, literature and special articles on dance and music. I love the short stories of Rabindranath Tagore.

Any dream that came true?
 I had a chance to perform with the sons of my guru Pandit Birju Maharaj, Ram Mohan Maharaj and Krishna Mohan Maharaj, who are also great dance artistes. It was just like a dream-come-true to me. I also had an opportunity to share the same stage with legendary dancer Shashwati Sen that was also a great memory for me.

Secret of your success
 It is obviously practice, perseverance and dedication. I passed many days when I didn't even have sleep and practiced till dawn.

What do you think came first: The chicken or the egg?
 I think both can be true. Sometimes I feel if there were no egg there would have been no chicken and vice versa. So I think it is wise not to argue about it.

What if you are asked to act in the lead role of any mainstream Bangla film?
 Maybe I can give it a try, if I am asked to. Actually I was asked to act in movies many times but I never felt like doing it. I also got an offer to act in Hindi movies once. But I always preferred to concentrate on my dancing career.

Mime show makes for an enjoyable evening

RAFIQUE SARKER, Rangpur

The Modern Art and Photographic Society for the Deaf, a Calcutta-based organisation, held two shows of mime in Rangpur town hall recently.

As part of the programmes taken up by the Rangpur Disabled Foundation to observe the World Disabled Day, the organisation was invited to present a mime show in the local town hall. In deference to the repeated request of the audience, another show was held on the following day.

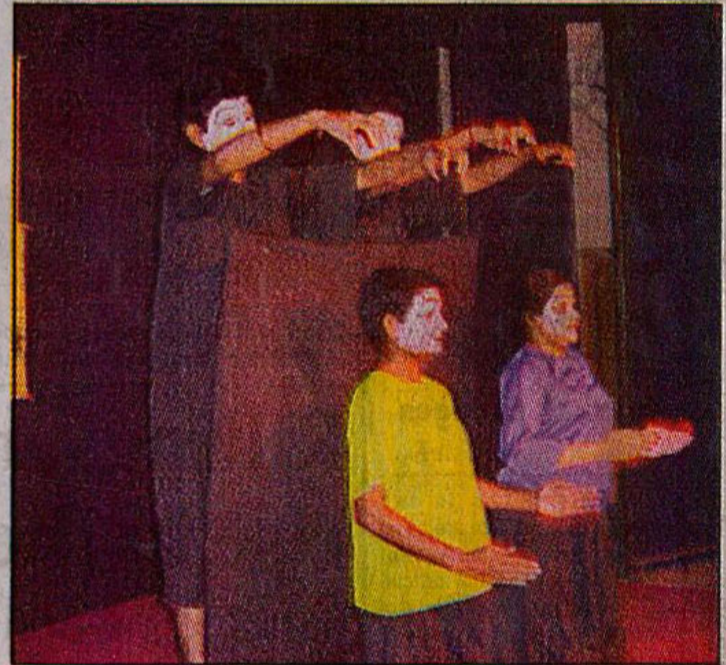
Modern Art and Photographic Society of the hearing disabled of West Bengal.

The performers' comical efforts had the audience in splits of laughter.

It was as if the world outside the town hall had been forgotten.

Mime is an acknowledged art in Bangladesh as well as India. It is an art form where performers express their ideas and emotions without speech.

However, the Indian artistes performed a bit differently. Unlike Bangladesh the performers played the role of different characters in



The performers of Modern Art and Photographic Society for the Deaf were seen in different situations which they created on the stage. There was no prompting from the wings. A series of incidents that might usually take place in our surroundings was represented through the act. The cultural affinity between the two countries made it a memorable evening for the audience.

TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

BTV
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm.
 News (Bangla) at 6:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.
 News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.
 Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm.

CHANNEL-i
 News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 7:15 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.
 Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

ATN BANGLA
 News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.
 Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

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 News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
 News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.
 Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm.
 Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm.
 Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

BBC WORLD
 Every hour on the hour

CHANNEL-i
 09:30 *Shongbad Potrey* Bangladesh and Public reaction
 09:45 *Trillo Matr*
 10:45 *Grameen Phone* Cricket Online
 11:30 *Aamar Chhobi*
 12:00 *Chhiti Pelam*
 12:30 *Aaj Dupurey*
 01:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
 01:25 *Public Reaction*
 01:30 *Bangla feature film: Agni Shantani* (Sohel Rana, Rubel)
 03:45 *Banglar Gaan*
 04:15 *Amra Buddhhibider* Shantan
 04:40 *Sixth award-giving* ceremony or outstanding achievers in the O-and A-level examinations for 2003-04
 05:30 *i sports*
 06:00 *Music Plus*
 06:30 *i speed*
 07:50 *Close up Juke box*
 08:25 *Uttal March* (Special Drama on Liberation War)
 09:35 *Drama Serial: Chalcotte Chalcotte* Drama Serial: *Banchite Je ki Shukh*

ATN BANGLA
 10:30 *Talk Show: Annodishti*
 11:15 *Drama Serial: Mohona*
 11:50 *Business This Week*
 12:30 *Bangla Feature Film: Apoharon*
 03:45 *Uro Cola Saat Rang* *Shomosharmayik*
 04:20 *Aynar Sharmay*
 06:20 *Drama Serial: Chhotto* *Et Jibon*
 08:30 *Drama Serial: Gulshabhar*

09:30 *Drama Serial: Bajimat* *Ek Dui Teen* *Prakkhapot*

HBO
 9:30 *Batman Returns*
 12:00 *Stepmom*
 2:30 *True Colors*
 4:45 *Tales from the Crypt*
 16: *The New Arrival*
 5:30 *Summer Catch*
 7:30 *John Carpenter Presents Vampires: Los Muertos*
 9:30 *Demolition Man*
 11:45 *Delta Force 2: The Colombian Connection*
 Vertical Limit
 2:00 *Saving Jessica Lynch*
 8:45 *Predator 2*
 10:30 *Festival in Cannes*
 12:15 *Dust Devil*
 2:00 *Dawg*
 3:45 *Unfaithful*
 5:05 *Les Miserables*
 7:00 *Arachnophobia*
 9:15 *Predator 2*
 11:15

STAR GOLD
 9:00 *Parvarish*
 12:30 *Lekker Forbidden Lines*
 4:30 *Maya*
 5:00 *Elsan E Jung*
 8:30 *E.T-The Extra Terres* *Trial*
 11:00 *A. R. Rehman Live in Dubai*

STAR PLUS
 1:00 *Kasauti Zindagi Kay*
 1:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*
 2:00 *Bhabhi*
 2:30 *Kesar*
 3:00 *Saarthi*
 3:30 *Kyunki Saas Bhi* *Kabhi Bhu Thi*

PICK OF THE DAY

Saluting the Nation Builders of Tomon'ow
 Sixth Award Giving Ceremony for outstanding achievement in the O and A Level Examinations 2003-04
 On Channel i at 4:40pm
 The Daily Star honoured the future nation builders on December 10. Amid fanfare and jubilation, 629 outstanding achievers from 40 schools—536 for academic excellence in O level and 93 in A level examinations for 2003-04 were awarded at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre. The programme calls on the young scholars to pursue their studies upto the highest level wherever possible, but with the ultimate goal to serve their country as its future leaders.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
 4:30 *Ng Special*
 5:30 *Africa From The Ground Up*
 6:00 *Planet Wild*
 6:30 *\$100 Taxi Ride*
 7:00 *Game For It*
 7:30 *Zambezi Troop*
 8:30 *Heaven And Empire-The White Elephant*
 9:30 *Young Global Hot Shots*
 10:00 *Young Global Hot Shots*
 10:30 *Riddles Of The Dead S2*
 11:30 *Rolex Awards*
 12:00 *Rile Stuff*

ANIMAL PLANET
 10:00 *Amazing Animal Videos*
 10:30 *Wild Island Big Wet*
 11:00 *Monkey Business*
 11:30 *Action! Animals*
 12:30 *Siberian Husky*

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
 10:30 *America's Most Haunted* *Places New Orleans*
 11:30 *FBI Files the Family Secrets*
 12:30 *Lions And Hyenas: A Balance of Power*
 1:30 *House to Home*
 2:00 *Baby Whisperer India* *Nelms*
 2:30 *Boeing 747-400*
 3:30 *America's Most Haunted* *Places New York*
 4:30 *FBI Files, The Master Plan*
 5:30 *Great Hotels*
 6:00 *Popular Mechanic For Kids* *Ice*
 6:30 *Ushuaia Nature Lost* *Worlds*
 7:30 *Untamed Earth*
 8:30 *Mutants Part 2 (W)*
 9:30 *Zero Hour: Disaster At The Death Coast*
 10:30 *Betrayal Gerald Bull A Deal With The Devil*
 11:30 *Great Crimes And Trials of the 20th Century*

STAR WORLD
 9:30 *Oprah Winfrey Show*

4:00 *Kahin To Hoga*
 4:30 *K.Street Pali Hill*
 5:00 *Maan*
 5:30 *Shaadi Number One*
 6:30 *Fox Kids*
 7:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*
 8:00 *Hello Dollie*
 8:30 *Deikho Majgar Pyaar Se*
 9:00 *Kasauti Zindagi Kay*
 9:30 *Kehta Hai Dil*
 10:30 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki*
 11:00 *Kyunki Saas Bhi* *Kabhi Bhu Thi*
 11:30 *Kahin To Hoga*
 12:00 *K.Street Pali Hill*

10:30 *Thal 70s Show*
 11:00 *Grounded For Life*
 11:30 *Breaking The Magicians Code 2*
 12:30 *Everybody Loves Raymond*
 1:00 *Becker*
 1:30 *Star Asia Travel*
 2:30 *Oprah Winfrey*
 3:30 *Bold And Beautiful*
 4:30 *Hollywood Squares*
 5:00 *Whose Line Is It Anyway*
 5:30 *Miami Vice*
 6:30 *The Simpsons*
 7:00 *Home Improvement*
 7:30 *Friends*
 8:00 *Just Shoot Me*
 8:30 *Kelly Ruesben & Fantasia*

9:30 *Justin Timberlake: Down Home In Memphis*
 10:30 *Law & Order: SvU*
 11:28 *Star Asia Travel*
 11:30 *National Geographic*
 12:00 *Star World*

1:00 *Saluki*
 1:30 *Pat Nation Emergency Vets*
 2:30 *K9 Boot Camp*
 4:30 *Miami Animal Police* *Serial Killer Python*
 5:30 *The Planet's Funniest Animals*
 6:00 *Amazing Animal Videos*
 6:30 *More Than A Zoo*
 7:00 *Monkey Business*
 7:30 *Deep Into The Wild* *Bears*
 8:00 *Nightmares of Nature*
 8:30 *NYPD Animal Squad*
 10:30 *21st Century Ark* *Birds of Prey*
 11:30 *Shark! Beyond The Jaws*

ESPN
 8:00 *Samsung Cricket Show (R)*
 8:30 *Sunny By Night* *Bangladesh Vs India 1st Test Day 5*
 Highlights (R)
 10:30 *English Premier Football League 2004/05*
Norwich City Vs Bolton Wanderers (T)
 12:30 *Nba Action (T)*
 3:30 *English Premier Football League 2004/05*
Everton Vs Liverpool (R)
 5:30 *English Premier Football League 2004/05*
Highlights 2004/05 (R)
 6:30 *Football Focus (L)*
 7:30 *Samsung Cricket Show (R)*
 8:00 *Motorsport Asia (R)*
 9:00 *Pro Billiards 2004*
Women's Trick Shot *Magic Uncasville Ct Usa Jeanette Semf* *Irals (T)*
 11:00 *Sportscenter Asia (S)*
 11:30 *Sportscenter India (R)*
 12:00 *Football Focus (R)*

STAR SPORTS
 8:30 *English Premier League*
 Highlights 2004/05 (T)
 9:30 *Hitz (R)*
 10:00 *The Golf Club 2004 (R)*
 10:30 *Pga Tour Golf Target* *World Challenge*
 Presented By Williams *Thousand Oaks Ca Usa* *Second Round (T)*
 12:30 *English Premier Football League 2004/05* *Arsenal Vs Chelsea (T)*
 2:30 *World Yachting Series 2004* *Rolex Sydney To Hobart (T)*
 3:00 *Pro Billiards 2004*
Women's Trick Shot *Magic Uncasville Ct Usa* *Ewa Laurance Vs Ming*

4:00 *Ng Semifinal #2 (T)*
 Watersports Program *Hot Water (T)*
 5:00 *Extreme Programming* *Wild Spirits 2004/05 (T)*
 5:30 *Adventure Xterra World* *Championships 2004* *Highlights (T)*
 6:30 *Max Power 2004 (T)*
 7:30 *National Molocross* *Championship 2004*
Baroda Mp India Event *Highlights (T)*
 8:00 *Sportsline (L)*
 8:30 *English Premier Football* *League 2004/05*
Fulham Vs Manchester *United (R)*
 10:30 *Sportsline (R)*
 11:00 *Uefa Champions* *League Extra Group* *Phase (T)*

TEN SPORTS
 7:30 *Legend: Marvan* *Atzapattu*
 8:00 *Gamer TV*
 10:00 *WWE: Raw*
 10:30 *ICC Cricket World* *Cup 2003/04* *Highlights*
 11:00 *ATP Tennis*
 11:30 *Italian Serie A -* *Highlights*
 2:30 *Crickit Classics: Ind v* *Pak, 15/4/1996*
 3:30 *History of Football*
 4:00 *Top Ten* *Batsmen*
 4:30 *Sportswatch*
 5:00 *Gamer TV*
 5:30 *Gillette World Sport*
 7:30 *WWE: Smackdown*
 8:00 *Gamer TV*
 8:30 *ATP Tennis*
 9:30 *Italian Serie A -* *Highlights*
 10:00 *Sportswatch*
 11:00 *German League* *Highlights*