

like crazy the ludicrous display of men in socks and shorts at hours when their favourite Bangla and Hindi serials are on TV. These serials may not mean much to the men but they act as sleeping pills for them. So, you can't really take away from them the much-needed panacea for insomnia. They argue: We spend the whole day cooking and cleaning for you useless men and only get the opportunity to watch TV in the evenings and late nights. But now this stupid thing called World Cup is here for the whole month to spoil our only leisure time! No way! They shout in unison. They also put up the argument with great conviction: If we fail to watch the episodes for one whole month we shall not be able to know what happened to the story! That will be next to disaster! And then what about all the cooking programmes! If we don't watch them we shall not be able to cook anything new for you guys! What strong logic!

And newly-wed brides will have lots of complaining to do to their doting mothers. 'That brute of a man watched football with friends half the night and slept like a pig through the rest half, with friends!'

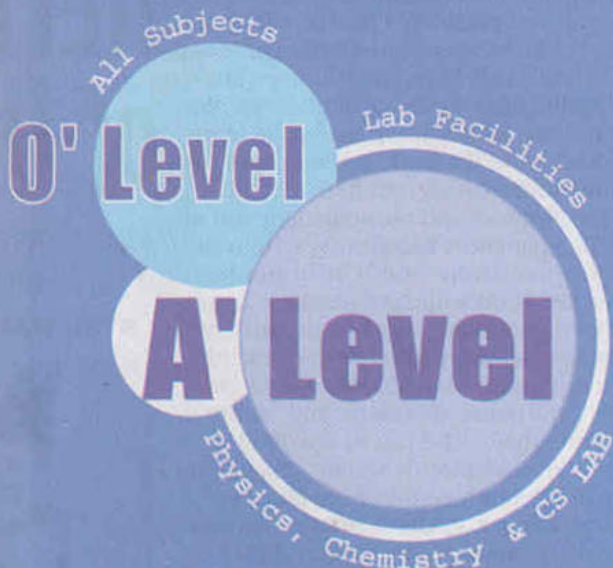
Then you have the problem with the number of TV sets in the house. During World Cup competitions it's men who take control of the only set in the house. Well, what if some sisters also want to watch some of the games of their dream teams? But *bhaiyas* won't allow them entry, as their friends will come over to watch and have some *hulla-gulla*. Even some genuine pleading and crying won't make them budge an inch. So, the next course of action is going up to mother and give your best shot at acting. If you can melt her heart you might get a smaller TV set for your room. Now you may as well invite your friends to come over and spend the night with you. But sisters, you'll have to keep your voice at low pitch because if mother hears that you guys are only saying ooh and aah in appreciation of those good-looking men running in the field, she might not allow you to watch the game.

Our very own home minister should be the happiest person on earth for one whole month. Why? The late night games will keep most men up and screaming at home. Therefore, there will be lesser number of snatching targets on the roads and streets. Shopping malls will also close down early to the dismay of the car-jackers and hijackers. Bad month for business for our nocturnal brothers. Maybe they will ultimately decide to stay home and watch the games with a sardonic face!

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