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● **TV FIRST:** Asian television channel Zee TV can now be watched from thousands of hospital beds across the country, including the Luton and Dunstable Hospital.

Patientline, which provides bedside TV and telephone units in more than 150 hospitals across the UK, has added Zee Cinema to the line-up at 45 hospitals nationwide.

This means patients can now access a wider range of television channels from their bedside. Zee TV and Zee Cinema offer patients drama,

comedies, news bulletins, documentaries and Bollywood movies.

● **GRAND GESTURE:** A dinner with bhanga music and dancers raised more than £1,000 for the South Asian earthquake appeal. Luton mayor Haji Abidi and MP Margaret Moran were among the 200 guests adding their support to the event at the Vauxhall Recreation Centre in aid of victims of the October disaster. Among the artists performing at the charity event was M2K featuring Don

Dee and the night also included a raffle and sale of wristbands.

● **MELA EVENT:** Asian voluntary organisation Khidmat has organised a mela at Warwick Road church hall, Luton, to celebrate the work of carers in the community. Invitations for Saturday's event have been sent to 200 Asian carers who look after and care for old and disabled people free of charge in their own homes.

● **YOUNG ACHIEVER:** A volun-

teer who developed a free summer school for 200 Luton youngsters has been commended for his achievements at a national firm.

Mehbub Koyes, 22, of Beech Road, Luton, was a runner-up in the Whitbread Young Achiever Awards. Mehbub, who is studying youth and community development at Luton Uni, was shortlisted for his work in raising £100,000 towards a free summer school in Bury Park for 15-25 year olds to take part in drama and sporting activities.

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QUAKE APPEAL BHANGRA: Left to right, dancer Pooja, Luton mayor Haji Abidi, and drummer Ministry of Dhol

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