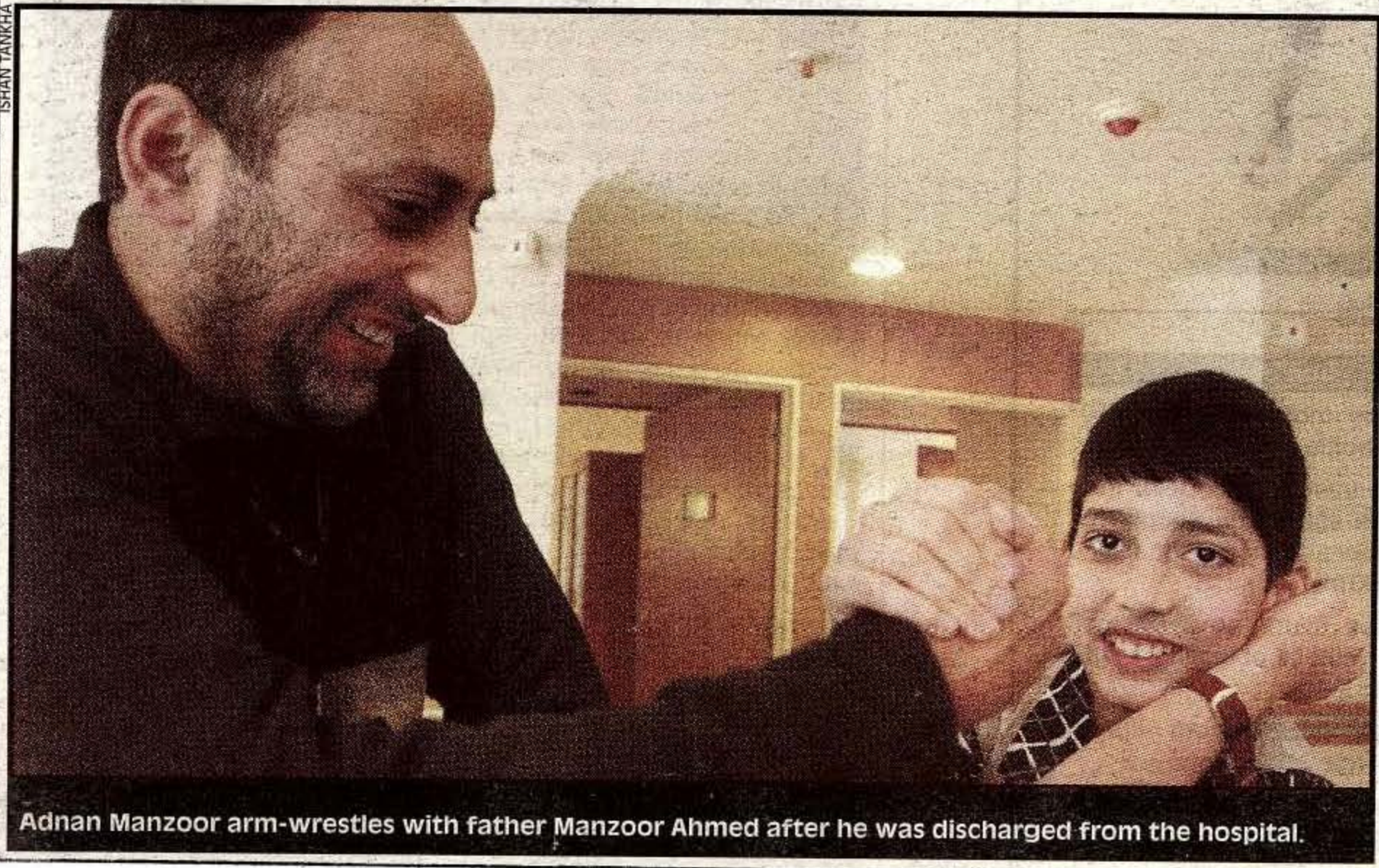


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# Smile. Straight from the heart.

TODAY WEEKEND (AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER)



Adnan Manzoor arm-wrestles with father Manzoor Ahmed after he was discharged from the hospital.

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HOPE IS not a four-lettered word. For Adnan Manzoor, who comes from the trouble-torn Kashmir Valley, it's spelt as 'medical science'. Or, 'Dr Anil Bhan', who saved the nine-year-old's life, thanks to a four-hour-long complex heart operation at Max Hospital in South Delhi's Saket last Monday.

The Ross Procedure, as the operation is termed in medical lexicon, performed on him by Dr Bhan has made sure Adnan is no different from any other boy in his school back in Srinagar. Dr Bhan, one of only two doctors in entire north India who can perform what the medical world says is an intricate operation, took up the challenge and carried out one of the few such successful Ross Procedure operations in the country till date.

Adnan's cardiac disorder was ominous,

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