# Call for sub-contracting among big, small industries

UNB, Dhaka

Finance Adviser Dr ABM Mirza Azizul Islam yesterday called for sub-contracting among the big and small industries to make micro entrepreneurship a key driver of the mainstream economy.

The adviser came up with the and Sidr (attack)." idea while addressing the inaugural ceremony of a five-day Micro Credit Fair of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) at the Bangladesh-China Friendship ensuring the country's food security. Conference Centre in the city.

the component suppliers of the big industries through subwill make the small enterprises country.

more sustainable and turn it into an inevitable part of the mainstream economy," Dr Mirza said.

He said micro-credit has been playing a successful role in poverty alleviation. "It has especially performed the most effective role after the last year's devastating floods

The finance adviser urged the micro enterprises to work strongly to convince the people to change their food habit, as it will be a good step for

Dr Mirza laid emphasis on "Small industries can work as proper marketing of the microcredit products and said the government will continue to finance contracting. Such joint ventures micro entrepreneurship in the

Two weavers weave at a stall of the Microcredit Fair organised by Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation at Bangladesh-

China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

He said PKSF has shown multidimensional use of micro-credit that has opened the eyes of the country's poor and distressed people.

Chaired by PKSF President Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud, the inaugural session was also addressed by its Director General Dr Kazi Mesbahuddin Ahmed.

Prof Mahmud said the microcredit fair will create a market for the micro enterprises that will pull thousands of people from poverty. Some 86 enterprises have put their products on display in 136

stalls of the fair. Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed is scheduled to address the concluding session of the fair on April 29.

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(retd) Faruk Khan, acting office

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former adviser ASM Shahjahan

and Barrister Sara Hossain will

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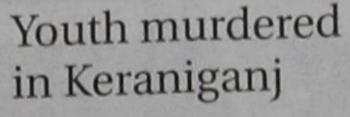
The recorded programme will

feature in today's Sanglap panel.

i at 8:00pm on Monday.

Sanglap today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



UNB, Keraniganj

The slaughtered body of a young man was recovered from Islamabad Balurmath area here vesterday morning.

The victim was identified as Liakat, 22, son of local Ansar-VDP commander Abdul Majid of Dakkhin Keraniganj.

Family sources said Liakat was called out of his residence at about 7:00pm on Thursday by his friends but he did not return home since

Local people found his slaughtered body at about 8:00am yesterday and informed the police.

Later, police recovered the body and sent it to hospital morgue for

Majid said his son Liakat had a quarrel with his friends over a mobile phone a week ago and that might be the reason behind the

#### World Veterinary Day today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Veterinary Faculty of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) has chalked out an elaborate programme to observe 'World Veterinary Day' today in a befitting manner as elsewhere in the world.

A rally and a seminar titled 'Diversity of Veterinary Profession' will be organised jointly by Faculty of Veterinary Science and Veterinary Students' Association at Microbiology and Hygiene Gallery.

BAU Vice Chancellor Prof Musharraf Hossain Mian will be present as the chief guest at the inaugural function of the seminar with Veterinary Science Faculty Dean Prof Md Akhtar Hossain in the chair.

Prof A S Mahfuzul Bari will present a keynote paper at the seminar. Prof Md Motahar Hussain Mondal, Prof Md Abdul Awal and Prof Md Zahirul Islam Khan will spoke on the occasion.

#### Viqarunnisa Noon School guardian forum formed

DU CORRESPONDENT

Ataur Rahman and Engn Dolan Md A Taleb were elected president and general secretary of the 251member executive committee of Bangladesh Sanglap will be held at the guardian forum of Viqarunnisa the Bangladesh-China Friendship Noon School and College recently Conference Centre in the city says a press release.

Other office bearers are: Mesbahel Mokarrar Rabeen Himu - senior vice president; Emdadu Hage Feroz, Gias Uddin, Hasibul Kabir Manju, Sajidul Islam Chowdhury and Kabir Uddin Ahmed Bulbul -- vice president; Jaglul Karim Subedar Marshal and Abu Jafar -- joint secretary; Saidur Rahman Sayeed, Abdur Rahim Rana, Md Musa Khan -- organising secretary, and Md Uzzal Ahmed treasurer.

in Cox's Bazar.

JABBARER BOLI KHELA

**CU CORRESPONDENT** 

champions.

Didarul Alam Didar had to share

the title of this year's 'Jabbarer

Boli Khela', a traditional wres-

tling competition, with Marma

Singh Tripura at the historical

Laldighi Maidan in the port city

sive attitude proved decisive.

yesterday, as the latter's defen-

bout failed to produce any

result, prompting the organisers

times to overpower Marma on

the sandy wrestling ground, but

took part in the first round while

four featured in the challenge

bouts of the competition organ-

ised by Abdul Jabbar Smrity

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moved to the final round defeat-

ing Manjur Alam and

Mohammad Hanif in the chal-

Didar, a meson from Omkhali

under Ramu upazila in Cox's

Bazar, clinched the champion's

Mela Committee 1415.

lenge bout respectively.

A total of 80 bolies (wrestlers)

to no avail as Marma held firm.

to give another 15 minutes.

This is the fourth time Didar

joint champions

Hailing from Khagrachhari, Marma, a sub-inspector (SI) of Tejgaon Police Station in the city, have also won the title for five times, including the four he shares with Didar.

Didar, Marma Singh Tripura

Didarul Alam Didar and Marma Singh Tripura in action in the challenge bout of Jabbarer Boli Khela at Laldighi Maidan in the port city yesterday.

However, Didar told newsmen that Marma was totally defensive. "That's why I got little chance to beat him as he did not and Marma have become joint attack me even for a single time," said a disappointed The 28-minute-long final Didar.

"I take physical exercise regularly and play different games like football and cricket Didar attempted at least four to keep my body fit," he said.

Grameenphone, sponsoring the competition for the second time, awarded the champions Tk 5000 each a istronizad in revery year. The state of the present is not a will be the state of the state of

The 40 winners of the first round got Tk 500 each. Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) Commissioner

Mohammad Akbar Ali was the chief guest at yesterday's com-Didar and Marma then petition with Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) local Ward Commissioner Jawhar Lal Hazari in the chair. CCC Acting Mayor M Manjur

Overall, this is the fifth time Alam inaugurated the event while Grameenphone Chittagong Region Head of Direct Sales Shahin Chowdhury title. His other title came at the and Marketing-in-Charge Sharier Mohammad expense of Siddiq Boli of Ukhiya Shahabuddin were also pres-

> On the occasion of the Jabbarer Boli Khela, a three-day 'Baishakhi Mela' also began on Thursday in and around the Laldighi Maidan area where

vendors from different parts of the country took part with a great variety of household items, handicrafts, toys, showpieces and a wide collection of traditional sweetmeats and seasonal fruits.

Abdul Jabbar Sawdagar, prominent local merchant of the city's Badarpati area, introduced this competition as a traditional event back in 1909 with an aim to organise and inspire the youths for anti-British movement.

Since then, the wrestling competition, the main component of the occasion, is being held on the 12th Baishakh, the first month of the Bangla year,

### Awareness can reduce heart diseases

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UNB, Dhaka

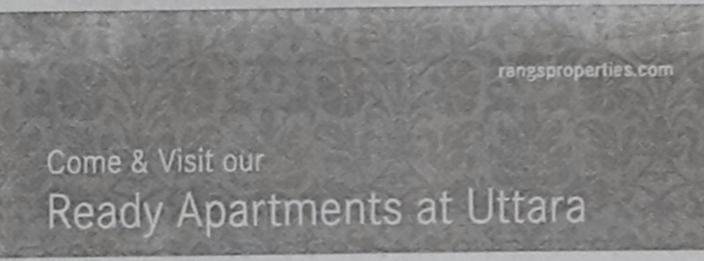
Speakers at a national cardiac conference and scientific seminar-2008 yesterday called for raising awareness for reducing heart diseases. If anyone is affected by the dis-

eases, there is well medical treatment available in the country, said expert physicians addressing the occasion at Radisson Hotel. They advised people to shun smoking, making habit of taking

moderate food and controlling diabetes to avoid the risk of the Former adviser Kafil Uddin

Mahmud attended the conference as the chief guest. Bangladesh Heart Research Association organised the conference, which was presided over by its

president and former secretary Ershadul Haque. Over 500 people, including 300 physicians, across the country were



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Dr Hamida Hossain speaks at a seminar titled 'Health safety of garments workers and responsibility' at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. On her left are Kalpana Akhter, Babul Akhter and Abul Hossain.

120TH CTG PORT DAY OBSERVED

## Pledge to maintain current pace of productivity

BSS, Chittagong

Chittagong Port, country's principal seaport, observed the 120th 'Port Day' yesterday with a brief programme pledging to maintain the current pace of productivity and development resulted from a massive reforms initiated by the present caretaker government.

The Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) observes the 'Port Day' on April 25 each year as the port get mahfil at mosques, temples and institutionalised for the first time monastery under the jurisdiction through enactment of Port of CPA yesterday. Commissioner's Act in 1887 which was introduced on 25th April 1888.

The three-day programme porttoday. undertaken by the CPA on this back to the 4th century BC. occasion inaugurated on Thursday morning through hoisting of Chittagong was known in the 9th

national and port flag atop at the Port Bhaban and three-minute long blowing of whistles at all stationary ships at port harbour.

CPA Chairman Commodore Muhammad Faruq inaugurated formally the programme.

Other programmes include blood donation by the CPA employees at port hospital on Thursday, serving improved diet to the patients at hospital and doa

CPA chairman will also brief the newsmen on the overall state of the The history of the port dates

century onwards to the 15th century as 'Shetganj' -- an Arabic word meaning 'Delta of the Ganges.'

During the 9th century, the Muslim traders known as Banik from Arabian Peninsula and Yemen started using the Chittagong Port as their base port, then popularly known as 'Port Grande.'

The Chinese, Turkish and traders from Middle East and Europe used to trade with this part of the world through this port.

CPA and Custom House sources said that Chittagong Port contribute to earn yearly approximate 70 percent of the total national revenue equivalent to around Tk 11,500 crore through export-import trade and it handled 80 percent out of the country's total export-import trade.

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