

## PKSF MICRO CREDIT FAIR BEGINS

## 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 idea while addressing the inaugural ceremony of a five-day Micro Credit Fair of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city.

"Small industries can work as the component suppliers of the big industries through sub-contracting. Such joint ventures will make the small enterprises

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 and Sadr (attack)."

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 ensuring the country's food security.

Dr Mirza laid emphasis on proper marketing of the micro-credit products and said the government will continue to finance micro entrepreneurship in the country.

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 micro-credit 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.

## Youth murdered in Keraniganj

UNB, Keraniganj

The slaughtered body of a young man was recovered from Islamabad Balurmath area here yesterday 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 then.

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 autopsy.

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 murder.

## World Veterinary Day today

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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 Zahurul Islam Khan will speak on the occasion.

## Viqarunnisa Noon School guardian forum formed

DU CORRESPONDENT

Ataur Rahman and Engr Dolan Md A Taleb were elected president and general secretary of the 251-member executive committee of the guardian forum of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College recently, says a press release.

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



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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.

## JABBARER BOLI KHELA

## Didar, Marma Singh Tripura joint champions

CU CORRESPONDENT

Didarul Alam Didar had to share the title of this year's 'Jabbarer Boli Khela', a traditional wrestling competition, with Marma Singh Tripura at the historical Laldighi Maidan in the port city yesterday, as the latter's defensive attitude proved decisive.

This is the fourth time Didar and Marma have become joint champions.

The 28-minute-long final bout failed to produce any result, prompting the organisers to give another 15 minutes.

Didar attempted at least four times to overpower Marma on the sandy wrestling ground, but to no avail as Marma held firm.

A total of 80 bolies (wrestlers) took part in the first round while four featured in the challenge bouts of the competition organised by Abdul Jabbar Smriti Kusti Protijogita O Baishakhi Mela Committee 1415.

Didar and Marma then moved to the final round defeating Manjur Alam and Mohammad Hanif in the challenge bout respectively.

Overall, this is the fifth time Didar, a meson from Omkhali under Ramu upazila in Cox's Bazar, clinched the champion's title. His other title came at the expense of Siddiq Boli of Ukhiya

in Cox's Bazar.

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.

However, Didar told newsmen that Marma was totally defensive. "That's why I got little chance to beat him as he did not attack me even for a single time," said a disappointed Didar.

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

Grameenphone, sponsoring the competition for the second time, awarded the champions Tk 5000 each.

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 competition with Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) local Ward Commissioner Jawhar Lal Hazari in the chair.

CCC Acting Mayor M Manjur Alam inaugurated the event while Grameenphone Chittagong Region Head of Direct Sales Shahin Chowdhury and Marketing-in-Charge Sharier Mohammad Shahabuddin were also present.

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

## Awareness can reduce heart diseases

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 diseases, 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 diseases.

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 present.



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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.



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## BBC Bangladesh Sanglap today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 35th edition of the BBC Bangladesh Sanglap will be held at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city today.

Commerce and Industry Affairs Secretary of Awami League Col (ret) Faruk Khan, acting office secretary of BNP Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, former adviser ASM Shahjahan and Barrister Sara Hossain will feature in today's Sanglap panel.

The recorded programme will be aired on BBC Bangla Service at 8:00pm tomorrow and on Channel 1 at 8:00pm on Monday.



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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 got institutionalised for the first time through enactment of Port Commissioner's Act in 1887 which was introduced on 25th April 1888.

The three-day programme undertaken by the CPA on this occasion inaugurated on Thursday morning through hoisting of

national and port flag atop at the Port Bhaban and three-minute long blowing of whistles at all stationery 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 mahfil at mosques, temples and monastery under the jurisdiction of CPA yesterday.

CPA chairman will also brief the newsmen on the overall state of the port today.


The history of the port dates back to the 4th century BC. Chittagong was known in the 9th

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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