



Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser Brigadier General (Retd) M A Malek, left, offers prayers after inaugurating the Bangladesh Protibondhi Punarbasan Institute at Mirpur Section 2 in the city yesterday. Bangladesh Protibondhi Foundation General Secretary Prof Sultana Sarwat Ara Zaman, second from left, was present on the occasion.

## PROTIBONDHI PUNARBASAN INSTT INAUGURATED Call to ensure normal life of children with disability

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The mentally and physically challenged children can live like normal ones and contribute to the society if they are raised properly with equal opportunities, said the speakers.

They were speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the Bangladesh Protibondhi Punarbasan Institute at Mirpur Section 2 in the city.

Brigadier General (ret'd) M A Malek, special assistant to the chief adviser, inaugurated the Institute as the chief guest while Dewan Zakir Hossain, secretary to Social Welfare ministry, Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, director of the Directorate of Social Welfare, and National Professor M R Khan were present on the occasion as special guests.

Malek said around 15 percent children of the country are either physically or mentally challenged and they need special attention.

The government is keen to take different special programmes for the challenged children, he added.

Malek said private-public partnership could be the best way to work in this field.

Prof Sultana Sarwat Ara Zaman, general secretary of the Bangladesh Protibondhi Foundation, chaired the inaugural session.

She said the Foundation was formed in 1984 and the government allocated 50 decimal of lands in two phases in 1987 to construct the building.

Later the government sanctioned around Tk 3 crore for its construction, she added.

Prof Sultana said the building will be used to provide education, treatment and trainings to physically and mentally challenged children.

She urged the government to increase facilities for teachers and other staffs who are working for the

welfare of the challenged children. Parents, teachers and many physically and mentally challenged children attended the programme.

The authorities also arranged a fair of different handicraft items made by the challenged children.

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The Honourable Chief Adviser of the Caretaker Government Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed will grace the occasion as Chief Guest.

Participants are requested to arrive by 6:30 pm sharp! Please do not bring mobile phones, handbags, cameras etc.

No one will be allowed to enter without the invitation card for security reasons.

Please honour us with your presence.

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## Final voter list of Dhaka city by Sept 4

UNB, Dhaka

The Election Commission (EC) will publish the final voter list of Dhaka City Corporations (DCC) area by September 4.

EC Secretary M Humayun Kabir said this to journalists at his office yesterday.

Referring to reports that about 80 people have been registered as voter from a single address in the Mohammadpur area in the city, he admitted that such incidents could have taken place initially in the existing voter lists.

But, he pointed out that such over duplications, if any, would be detected and corrected when the initial voter lists will be incorporated in the computer server.

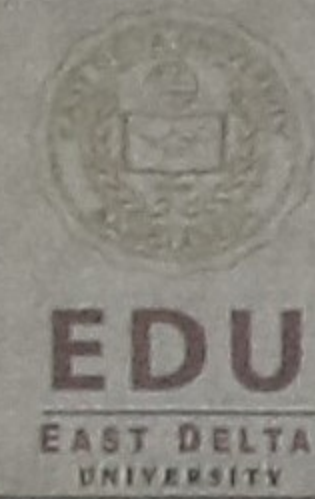
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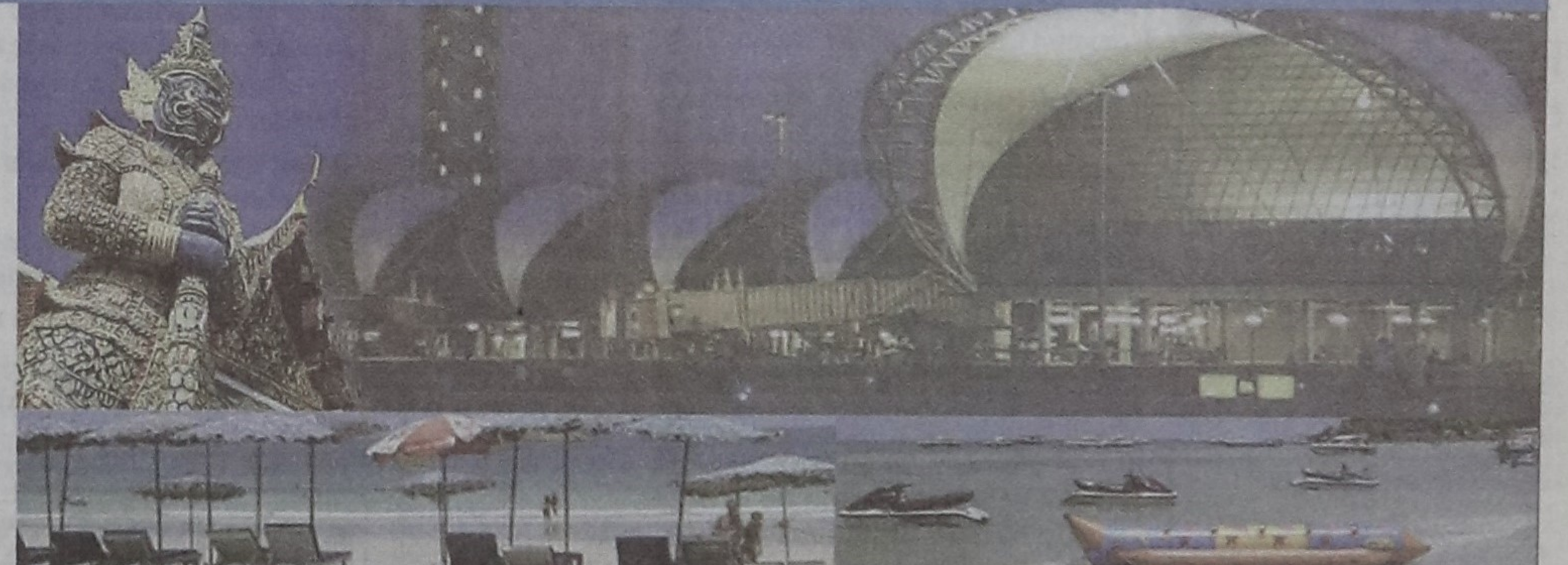
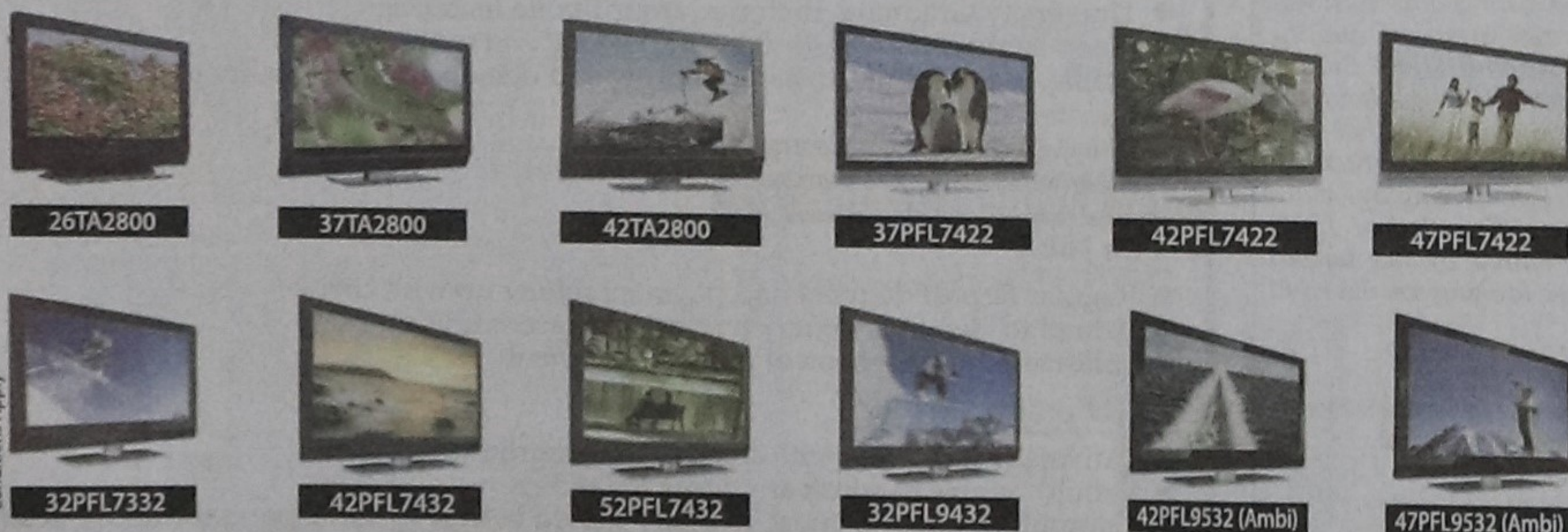
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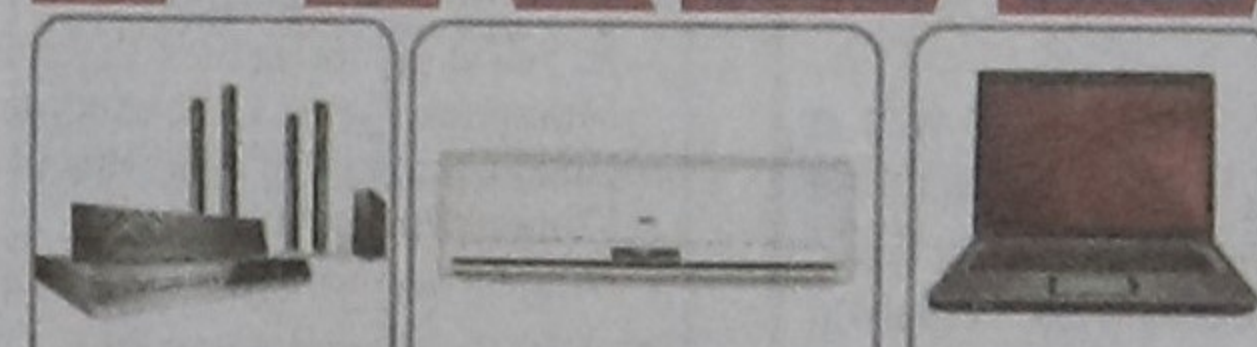
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