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A representative of Adnan Niaz, a businessman of Faridpur, poses with a cash voucher worth 500 per cent of a Walton-branded fridge he had purchased under the local brand's nationwide ongoing "Digital Campaign Season-8" at Walton Plaza in Goalchamot in the district recently.

Workaholic Shenzhen city

makes leave time mandatory

in first for China

Green Delta gets AAA credit rating for 7th consecutive year

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Green Delta Insurance Company has secured a "AAA" credit rating for the 7th consecutive year from the Credit Rating Agency of Bangladesh.

It is the only and the first insurance company in Bangladesh to have accomplished this feat, according to a statement.

The credit rating aims to measure the financial strength of an organisation based on assessment of a few crucial factors including corporate governance, management practices, claim payment ability, compliance etc.

The "AAA" rating is the highest an organisation can attain for its financial strength. The Green's feat therefore reflects strong corporate governance practices for maintaining such financial strength, the statement added.

"It's indeed a notable addition to our crown of glorious achievements. We would like to thank all our valued clients for choosing us and trusting us with their business," said CEO Farzanah Chowdhury.

No outsiders in board meetings, reminds BB FROM PAGE B1

with a view to promoting micro, small and medium enterprises across the country.

Despite that, a chairman of a private bank frequently took part in the board meetings of another lender in 2016, according to a central bank investigation.

The person took a significant amount of loans and grabbed shares of the lender unanimously, jeopardising the financial health of the new bank.

The central bank removed the chairman to bring discipline to the banking sector.

But all efforts of the central bank have almost become futile as outsiders have once again started to join the meetings.

The outsiders usually take part in the board meeting to materialise their ill intent and influence the

The cabinet committee on purchase

also approved the purchase of

75,000 tonnes of urea fertiliser

government arrangement from

Saudi Arabia at a cost of Tk 168.20

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crore (\$264 per tonne).

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through

bank official said.

Adnan Imtiaz Halim, CEO of Sheba Platform, and Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director, Mutual Trust Bank, pose while signing an agreement

at the latter's corporate head office in Dhaka recently. The entities will jointly provide an advanced and hassle-free digital banking experience

In most of the cases, the nonmembers manage their loans from the banks without having adequate collateral and securities and in favour of companies that do not exist. They usually attend the meetings by using political influences.

The financial health of the banking sector has been declining for the years due to the absence of corporate governance.

Last year, the central bank allowed defaulters to regularise delinquent loans in a relaxed manner. This has curbed the upward trend of classified loans for the time being, but the amount will fuel again when the moratorium facility declared by the central bank

Non-performing loans went up to Tk 96,116.65 crore in the first half of this year. It was Tk 94,313 crore in December last year. The central bank should

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exercise its power to restore good governance in the banking sector, or else lenders will face dire consequence in the days ahead.

The ongoing business slowdown caused by the coronavirus pandemic will widen the woe of banks further.

"Banks should prevent outsiders from attending the board meeting at any cost in order to protect their business," said Md Arfan Ali, managing director of Bank Asia.

He also echoed the central bank notice, saying that clients' interests would be at stake if outsiders are allowed to attend the meetings.

cost of Tk 66.86 crore (\$314.85

per tonne) from Swiss Singapore

1.80 lakh tonnes of potassium

chloride fertiliser at a cost of Tk

341.37 crore (\$314.85 per tonne)

from Russia through a local agent

under a government-to-government

It also approved purchase of

Overseas Enterprise Pte.

arrangement.

The southern Chinese technology hub of Shenzhen, notorious for its long work hours, will become China's first city to require that workers take paid leave, a move to help reduce burnout that may be replicated in other parts of the country.

REUTERS, Shenzhen, China

From next year, employers must "strictly implement" paid leave, so that those "with a heavy mental and physical workload can avoid excessive burnout," according to regulations approved in October and recently explained by the city's work committee, the government-backed Shenzhen News reported on Tuesday.

Paid leave varies but usually employees get five days off after one year of working. While the leave is written into China's labour laws, enforcement is often lax and ignored by employers.

Hours are gruelling in the Chinese tech sector, where "996" culture, which refers to working from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., six days a week, is often celebrated.

Alibaba Group Holding's 9988.HK boss Jack Ma faced a backlash last year after writing a blog post praising 996 culture as a "huge blessing". He later made a public U-turn.

In Shenzhen, home to tech giants including Huawei Technologies Co, Tencent Holdings, SZ DJI Technology Co Ltd, 996 culture is prevalent.

The Shenzhen government said in June that upcoming health regulation reforms would set an example for the rest of China.

The document did not specify how many days of paid leave would be enforced under the rule which applies to "staff", with the status of contractors less clear. In addition to paid leave, employees get time off during the Lunar New Year and National holiday weeks in October.

Several Shenzhen tech workers welcomed the rules, but remained doubtful they could be enforced.

"In many cases, I'm working overtime because there are too many things to do,' said Wen, who is currently employed by a handset maker and used to work at Tencent. "It can be said to some extent I 'voluntarily' work overtime."

Last month, President Xi Jinping visited to mark the 40th anniversary of the city's Special Economic Zone and Shenzhen was granted greater autonomy to pilot market reforms

Document verification system rolled out

government-to-

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার সিভিল সার্জনের কার্যালয় বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয় ক্লিনিক, ঢাকা E-mail: sc@cs.dghs.gov.bd

board to manage loans, a central ends in December.

Govt to set up 6 rice mills with drying, storage units

The committee also approved

purchase of 25,000 tonnes of

rice at a cost of around Tk 66.83

crore (\$300.71 per tonne) from

Singapore through a local agent,

purchase of another 25,000 tonnes

of fertiliser from Singapore at a

The committee also approved

will import the fertiliser.

Poton Traders.

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ICAB President Muhammad Farooq chartered accountants not only play a leading role in business, corporate TIN-holders. There is also but also contribute to compliance a huge gap in the number of tax with appropriate standards while performing audits.

Chattered accountants ensure a company's compliance with relevant laws and regulations in a country so that the government can earn extended revenue from the corporate sector.

Also, companies registered with the RJSC are bound to be audited by chartered accountant firms. However, there is a mismatch between the data of the NBR and the ICAB with the data of the RJSC, Farooq added.

There is an inconsistency between the number of tax returns submitted to the RJSC and the number of returns submitted to the NBR and the companies audited by CA firms.

"To curb these malpractices, the implementation of the DVS can be a fruitful way forward," he said.

According to the ICAB, the DVS will help restore order in the entire financial sector. As a result, corporate tax collection is expected to increase heavily.

Banks, other financial institutions and regulatory bodies, including the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange

Commission, will be able to use this database.

Md. Alamgir Hossain, member (tax policy) of the NBR; Md. Habibur additional Rahman, secretary (budget-1) of the finance ministry; ICAB members council and past presidents Md. Humayun Kabir, Kamrul Abedin, Adeeb Hossain Khan; and Sabbir Ahmed, member of ICAB Taskforce on DVS and vice president, also spoke at the event.

Mohammed Forkan Uddin, convenor of the ICAB DVS taskforce and vice president, and Gopal Chandra Ghosh, council member, jointly made a presentation on the DVS.

বাৎ্সরিক দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি (২০২০-২০২১)		
۵.	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।
૨.	সংগ্রাহক সত্তা	বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয় ক্লিনিক, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।
৩.	সংগ্রাহক সত্তার নাম	সিভিল সার্জন, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয় ক্লিনিক, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।
8.	কাজের নাম	কোড নং-৩২৫২১০৫, খাত- এম,এস,আর, (ঔষধ) সামগ্রী ক্রয়।
¢.	দরপত্র আহ্বানের সূত্র ও তারিখ	স্মারক নং- সিএস/সেক্রেঃ-ঢাকা/২০২০-২০২১/২১৩০, তারিখ ১০/১১/২০২০খ্রিঃ
৬.	সংগ্ৰহ পদ্ধতি	দরপত্র এবং দাপ্তরিক প্রাক্কলিত ব্যয় উন্মুক্ত পদ্ধতি (ওটিএম)।
۹.	বাজেট ও টাকার উৎস	রাজম্ব খাত।
ש.	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও স্থান	সিভিল সার্জনের কার্যালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয় ক্লিনিক, ঢাকা। ১১/১১/২০২০ইং হইতে ৩০/১১/২০২০ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত।
৯.	দরপত্র সিডিউল দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	০২/১২/২০২০ইং দুপুর ২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
٥٥.	দরপত্র সিডিউল খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	০২/১২/২০২০ইং দুপুর ৩.০০ ঘটিকায় দরপত্র খোলা হইবে। সংশ্লি দরপত্রদাতা অথবা তাহার বৈধ প্রতিনিধি ঐ সময় উপস্থিত থাকিতে পারিবেন।
۶۶.	দরপত্র আহবানকারীর নাম, পদবী, ঠিকানা ও ফোন	ডাঃ মোহাম্মদ ইলিয়াছ চৌধুরী, সিভিল সার্জন, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয় ক্লিনিক ঢাকা। ফোনঃ ৯৫১১০৫৮।
ડર.	দরপত্র সিডিউল খোলার স্থান	সিভিল সার্জনের কার্যালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ক্লিনিক, ঢাকা (সিভিল সার্জনে কক্ষ)।
১৩.	দরপত্র দাখিলকারীর (সিডিউল ক্রয়কারীর) যোগ্যতা	সরকার অনুমোদিত প্রকৃত ঔষধ প্রস্তুতকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিম্নোক্ত শর্তপূর সাপেক্ষেঃ
		১। দরপত্রদাতাকে অবশ্যই বৈধ ঔষধ প্রস্তুতকারক প্রতিষ্ঠান হইতে হইবে এব প্রতিষ্ঠানের বৈধ লাইসেন্স থাকতে হইবে।
		২। দরপত্রদাতাকে অবশ্যই গত (২০১৮-২০১৯ এবং ২০১৯-২০২০ইং) অ বৎসরের সরকারি প্রতিষ্ঠানে ঔষধ সরবরাহের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকিতে হইবে।
		 ৮রপত্র দাখিলকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের গড় বাৎসরিক বিক্রয়ের পরিমাণ কমপশে ১০০ (একশত কোটি) টাকা হইতে হইবে এবং এই মর্মে মূসক কর্তৃপক্ষে নিকট হইতে প্রত্যয়নপত্র থাকিতে হইবে।
		8) দরপত্র দাখিলকৃত প্রতিষ্ঠান কর্তৃক তাদের উৎপাদিত ঔষধপত্র কমপশে ০৫ (পাঁচ)টি বহিঃবিশ্বে সরবরাহ করিয়াছেন এই মর্মে প্রত্যায়নপত্র থাকিজ হইবে।
28	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য অফেরতযোগ্য	(১) ঔষধপত্র-৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ টাকা) দরপত্র বাবদ উল্লেখিত টাকা ট্রেজারী চালানের মাধ্যমে সরকারি কোষাগারে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক/সোনালী ব্যাংক, কোড নং-১-২৭১১-০০০০-২৩৬৬- জমাদানপূর্বক মূলকপি এবং সিভিল সার্জন বরাবর তাহাদের নিজম্ব প্যাডে এক আবেদনপত্রসহ সিভিল সার্জনের কার্যালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয় ক্লিনিক, ঢাকা ক্যাশ শাখায় জমা দিয়ে সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করিতে হইবে।
ንራ	দরপত্রের সঙ্গে আর্নেস্টমানি/পে-অর্ডার জমা দিতে হইবে (যাহা ফেরতযোগ্য)	দরপত্রের সাথে যেকোনো তফসিল ব্যাংক হইতে সিভিল সার্জন, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয় ক্লিনিক, ঢাকা'র অনুকূলে ১,৭৫,০০০/- (এক লক্ষ পঁচান্তর হাজার টাকার।
ক) নি	া শ র্তাবলীঃ মম্বাক্ষরকারী/দরপত্র মূল্যায়ন কমিটি কোন কারণ য র সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলিয়া বিবেচিত হইবে।	া পদান। দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে
থ) আ গ) দর	লোচ্য দরপত্র The Public Procurement Rule: পেত্র কমিটি সর্বনিম্ন দরদাতার দরপত্র গ্রহণে বাধ্য ন	
ঘ) দর	াপত্রের সকল শর্তাবলী দরপত্র দাখিলকারীর যোগ্যতা	া (সিডিউল ক্রয়কারীর যোগ্যতা) সিডিউলে বিস্তারিত বর্ণিত আছে।
		ডাঃ মোহাম্মদ ইলিয়াছ চৌধুরী সিভিল সার্জন_
		বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয় ক্লিনিক , ঢাকা

Revenue collection rises in Jul-Oct

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He, replying to question on High Court's recent directive to the NBR on the collection of revenue, said collections from social media such as Facebook and YouTube are not zero.

"We get revenue when the money is transferred through the banking channel. If the money is transferred through other channels, we can't track the payments," he said.

Meetings took place among telecommunication and information in recent time to address the issue

of revenue collection from the social considering whether there are enough media giants and e-commerce firms.

The NBR framed rules so that the tech companies appoint agents or set up a local office. It also requested the telecommunication ministry to impose rules on the digital companies to open local offices or appoint agents so that the NBR can track their incomes and expenditure.

On the failure of the automation schemes such as online submission the ministries of commerce. ICT, of tax return, Muneem said the that the administration can take over higher focus was given on procuring the ownership of automation projects hardware and software without after completion.

human resources to run the systems after the transfer of the ownership.

"As a result, our dependence on foreign companies has increased for automation," he said.

"We are lagging in training our human resources and recruitment. We are trying to pay attention to this area," he said.

The NBR is working to develop its IT set-up and to train its manpower so



BENGAL COMMERCIAL BANK

Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi and lawmaker Morshed Alam pose during the unveiling of a logo of the newly approved Bengal Commercial Bank at the Radisson hotel in Dhaka on Wednesday. Sheikh Fazle Fahim, president of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry; Md Jasim Uddin, chairman of the bank, and Tarik Morshed, CEO, were present.

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