



Agreement Signing Ceremony

NCC Bank's Managing Director Golam Hafiz Ahmed, Head of Cards Khaled Afzal Rahim and General Manager of Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden Christoph Voegeli attend a deal-signing ceremony. The bank's premium cardholders will get "Buy one get one free" offer at Brasserie Restaurant and Spice & Rice Restaurant of the hotel.

NCC BANK

After banknote ban, India sees 7pc growth in first half of 2017-18

REUTERS, New Delhi

India expects growth of around 7 percent in the first half of the next fiscal year, two officials said, painting a rosier picture for the economy than many economists after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's shock move to abolish large banknotes.

Nearly 90 percent of transactions used to be in cash in India, which was gripped by a severe shortage of currency after Modi's Nov. 8 decision to take 500-rupee and 1,000-rupee notes, worth about \$7.5 and \$15, out of circulation overnight.

Several private economists have said the move could drag down growth in the next fiscal year to 6.5 percent to 7 percent, as small businesses fired workers, consumer demand fell and farmers' winter sowing efforts were hit.

Demonetization, as it is termed, has become a major election issue in states going to the polls this year, such as Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state with 200 million people, where the performance of Modi's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party could shape his political future.

The notes, accounting for 86

percent of the cash in circulation, were withdrawn in an effort to crush India's huge shadow economy, boost tax revenues and promote the use of bank accounts and digital transactions, but perceptions that the ambitious operation was botched have hurt Modi's standing.

The government officials, involved in budget discussions for the 2017/18 fiscal year, acknowledged that growth in Asia's third-largest economy would still be less than the 7.75 percent initially projected for the current fiscal year. It could even fall as low as 4 percent in this year's January-March quarter, they said.

The budget, expected to be presented on Feb. 1, leaves Modi little room to hand out large, populist sops, despite demands by politicians, businessmen and other lobby groups for relief to the industry and taxpayers. "There is no scope for big-ticket spending, like debt waivers for farmers, or transferring money into poor people's accounts," said one of the officials, who requested anonymity as they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Still, the officials said the finance ministry's internal projections leave

sufficient room to allocate funds for investments and infrastructure spending, without derailing India's fiscal deficit target.

India plans to cut its fiscal deficit to 3 percent of GDP in the fiscal year to March 2018, versus this year's target of 3.5 percent.

Modi can fund increases of 10 percent to 15 percent in some ministries' budgets and focus on job creation in areas such as farming, construction and small businesses, the officials said.

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley could announce tax incentives for individuals and firms to boost consumer demand, amid lingering uncertainty over the implementation of a nationwide goods and services tax, said one of the officials.

A senior farm ministry official said budget spending on the sector for the next fiscal year could rise to about 500 billion rupees (\$7.37 billion), up 40 percent on the current year.

Major subsidies, including those on food, fertilisers and petroleum products, estimated at about 2.32 trillion rupees (\$34.22 billion) for this fiscal year, are expected to go up only marginally, the officials said.



REUTERS/FILE

A vendor counts old 500 Indian rupee banknotes at a wholesale vegetable market in Jammu.

Bitcoin nears all-time high

AFP, Hong Kong

Bitcoin neared its all-time high Thursday, with the surging digital currency tipped to become a new safe haven asset as the world grapples with growing economic uncertainty.

The unit broke the \$1,100 barrier on the Bitcoin Price Index, an average of major exchanges, to continue a dizzying rise that made it the best performing currency of 2016.

It has fluctuated wildly since it was created in 2009 and lost three quarters of its value when it plummeted from its previous BPI high of \$1,165.89 in 2013.

And news of a major bitcoin theft by hackers in August sent its price plunging by more than 20 percent.

But analysts say its volatility will ease as volumes grow and point to a strengthening US dollar and tightening currency and capital controls, as well as the rise of the digital economy, as major factors behind its appreciation.

In particular, the chaotic withdrawal of high value bills in India and restrictions on buying foreign currency in China as the yuan slides against the dollar have stoked demand, analysts say.

Exacerbating the rocketing demand is a tightening supply of fresh bitcoins.

The currency was always meant to be finite, and more than three quarters of the planned 21 million bitcoins have already been 'mined'.

Encrypted digital coins are created by supercomputers and then traded online or exchanged for goods and services.

Vinny Lingham, a bitcoin expert and CEO of US digital identity protection startup Civic, told AFP the dwindling supply of new bitcoins, and regular currencies sliding against the US dollar as the Federal Reserve ratchets up interest rates, were pushing up the unit's value.

"There are fewer bitcoins coming out and people are seeing bitcoin as a good hedge against currency devaluation in their countries, and instead of buying the US dollar, people are buying bitcoins," he said.

Lingham highlighted the impact of wider geopolitical uncertainty, such as US President-elect Donald Trump's potential threat to emerging markets. He has predicted bitcoin will be worth about \$3,000 by the end of 2017.

"Bitcoin is reacting as a safe haven," he said.

"Millennials do not believe in gold as their parents did. Bitcoin is becoming the go-to asset if you live in a foreign market and are concerned

about your government."

The price of bitcoins in many emerging market currencies has risen even more steeply than in dollars, Lingham said.

In China, the yuan is at its lowest level in eight years against the dollar and Beijing's tightening controls on individuals' foreign currency purchases to curb massive capital flight is cited as driving bitcoin demand.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's shock decision to withdraw high denomination 500 (\$7.50) and 1,000 rupee notes from circulation is also thought to have boosted the currency.

"It's not only China, it's a global phenomenon," Bobby Lee, founder and CEO of Chinese bitcoin exchange BTC China, told AFP.

"There are a lot of demonetising examples. In India they (are) cancelling some rupee notes, in Argentina they cancelled some notes as well ... it makes bitcoin more attractive, it is a real new asset class."

Lee said there would be more regulation of digital assets worldwide in future.

"There is already a limit on foreign exchange conversion... but so far, capital outflows restrictions don't hit the bitcoin," he said.

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Invitation for Tenders (IFT)

01	Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Education (MOE).
02	Agency	: Education Engineering Department (EED).
03	Procuring Entity Name	: Executive Engineer, Education Engineering Department, Gopalganj Zone, Gopalganj.
04	Procuring Entity Code	: 2571
05	Procuring Entity District	: Gopalganj/Narail Districts.
06	Invitation for	: Repair & Renovation Works.
07	Invitation for Ref. No. & Date	: EED/DD/2084 Date : 14/12/2016
08	Tender Notice No. & Date	: 1182-13/EED/GZ/Repair/Non-Govt Rev/2016-17 Date : 29/12/2016.
KEY INFORMATION		
09	Procuring Method	: Limited Tendering Method (LTM).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	: Non-Govt. Revenue
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
11	Code No.	: 5974
12	Name of Head	: Non-Govt. Revenue
13	Tender Package No.	: 01 to 20.
14	Tender Last Selling Date	: 23/01/2017 (During office hours).
15	Tender Closing Date and Time	: Up to 1.00 pm on 24/01/2017.
16	Tender Opening Date and Time	: At 2.30 pm on 24/01/2017.
17 Name & Address of the office(s) :-		
-Selling tender document (principal)		
: Office of the Executive Engineer, Education Engineering Department, Gopalganj Zone, Gopalganj.		
-Selling tender document (others)		
: i) Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Gopalganj. ii) Office of the Superintendent of Police (SP), Gopalganj. iii) Office of the Assistant Engineer, Education Engineering Department, Narail.		
-Receiving tender document		
: i) Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Gopalganj. ii) Office of the Superintendent of Police (SP), Gopalganj.		
-Opening tender document (place)		
: Office of the Executive Engineer, Education Engineering Department, Gopalganj Zone, Gopalganj.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
18	Eligibility of Tenderer	: Attested photocopy of the following documents must be submitted: a) 2016-17 Renewal fee up-to-date A/1 & A/2, Contractors of Education Engineering Department. b) Up-to-date Income Tax Clearance Certificate. c) Up-to-date trade license (2015-16). d) VAT Registration Certificate. e) National ID card. f) Satisfying the other criteria laid down in the Tender Schedule.
19	Price of tender document	: Per set Tk. 500/= (Taka five hundred) non-refundable.
20	Pack-age No.	Identification of package
01	(1) Repair & Renovation works at A.B.M Junior High School, Sadar, Narail, (2) Repair & Renovation works at Gobra Mitra College, Sadar, Narail.	Estimated cost 9,99,645/= Tender security (B.D.P.O) amount (Tk) 25,000/= Completion time in days 60 days
02	(1) Repair & Renovation works at Juraila Alim Madarasha, Sadar, Narail, (2) Construction of one class room building at Treemohoni High School, Sadar, Narail.	8,00,000/= 20,000/= 60 days
03	(1) Repair & Renovation works at Narail V.C High School, Sadar, Narail, (2) Repair & Renovation works at Brammaondanga Sammilita Karigori Dakhol Madrasa, Lohagara, Narail, (3) Repair & Renovation works at Mollickpur Union High School, Lohagara, Narail.	15,00,000/= 35,000/= 60 days
04	(1) Repair & Renovation works at Muksudpur Pilot Boys High School, Muksudpur, Gopalganj, (2) Repair & Renovation works at Karuk Khan High School, Muksudpur, Gopalganj.	9,99,000/= 25,000/= 60 days
05	(1) Repair & Renovation works of Existing Academic Building (Toilet Block) at Khan Sheahab Sheikh Mosarrar Hossain School & College, Tunipara, Gopalganj, (2) Repair & Renovation works of Existing Single storied Academic Building at Gimadanga Gajalia Mohila Fazil Madrasa, Tunipara, Gopalganj.	9,99,487/= 25,000/= 60 days
06	(1) Repair & Renovation works of Existing Academic Building & Walkway, Boundary at Basuria Senarchar High School, Tunipara, Gopalganj, (2) Repair for Existing two storied Academic Building at Guadhana Shilpa Bindhu Bashini High School, Tunipara, Gopalganj.	10,00,000/= 25,000/= 60 days
07	(1) Repair for Existing Academic Building at Nilfa Boyara High School, Tunipara, Gopalganj, (2) Repair & Reconstruction of Toilet Block in Existing Academic Building at Kushi Islamia High School, Tunipara, Gopalganj.	9,99,000/= 25,000/= 60 days
08	(1) Repair & Renovation works of Existing two storied Academic Building at Dumuria High School, Tunipara, Gopalganj, (2) Remaining works of Existing Single storied class room at Begam Fatima Girls High School, Tunipara, Gopalganj, (3) Repair of Existing Academic Building & Site Development/Improvement by carted earth in playground at Gopalpur Panchapalli High School, Tunipara, Gopalganj.	14,97,800/= 55,000/= 60 days
09	(1) Repair for Existing Academic Building at Gopalpur Karimunnessa High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj, (2) Repair for Existing Academic Building at Sonar Bangla High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj.	10,00,000/= 25,000/= 60 days
10	(1) Repair & Renovation works of Existing Academic Building at Talimpur Talihati High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj, (2) Repair for Existing Boundary Wall, Academic Building at Narical Bari High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj.	10,00,000/= 25,000/= 60 days
11	(1) Repair & Renovation works of Existing Incomplete office room Building at Naier Bari High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj, (2) Repair for Existing Academic Building at Saralamoyee High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj.	10,00,000/= 25,000/= 60 days
12	(1) Repair of Existing Academic Building at Uttar Kotalipara Rammohan High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj, (2) Repair for Existing Academic Building at Heron Panchapalli High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj.	10,00,000/= 25,000/= 60 days
13	(1) Repair of Existing two storied Academic Building at Nachar Uddin Talukdar High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj, (2) Repair for Existing Single storied Academic Building at Daglas Memorial High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj.	9,99,500/= 25,000/= 60 days
14	(1) Construction of Outer wall & floor of existing Khacha Ghar (class room) at Umacharan Sharbojonin High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj, (2) Construction of Outer wall & floor of existing Khacha Ghar at Radaganj Sarbojonin Dakhol Madrasa, Kotalipara, Gopalganj.	10,00,000/= 25,000/= 60 days
15	(1) Repair of Existing Academic Building at Ramsil High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj, (2) Repair of Existing Academic Building at Binoy Krishna High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj.	9,99,400/= 25,000/= 60 days
16	(1) Repair of Existing Academic Building at Kandi High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj, (2) Repair for Existing Academic Building at Kandi Adarsha High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj.	9,99,000/= 25,000/= 60 days
17	(1) Repair for Existing Single storied Academic Building at Kotalipara Public High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj, (2) Repair & Renovation works of Existing Academic Building at Kamalkuri Bidhanikatan, Kotalipara, Gopalganj, (3) Construction of Outer wall & floor of existing Khacha Ghar at Palsair Tripolli High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj.	15,00,000/= 35,000/= 60 days
18	(1) Repair for Existing Academic Building at Talpukuria Panchapalli High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj, (2) Repair of Existing Academic Building at Vanna Bari High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj.	9,99,999/= 25,000/= 60 days
19	(1) Repair for Existing single storied Academic Building at Dayal Halder Adarsha High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj, (2) Construction of Outer wall & floor of existing Khacha Ghar at Suagram High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj.	9,99,597/= 25,000/= 60 days
20	(1) Construction of Outer wall & floor of existing Khacha Ghar at S.K.M.H High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj, (2) Repair & Renovation works of Existing incomplete office room Building at Bisnowpur Janakalayan High School, Kotalipara, Gopalganj.	9,96,151/= 25,000/= 60 days
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
21	Name of official Inviting Tender	Md. Tareque Anwar Zahedee
22	Designation of official Inviting Tender	Executive Engineer
23	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Education Engineering Department, Gopalganj Zone, Gopalganj.
24	Contact details of official Inviting Tender	Education Engineering Department, Gopalganj Zone, Gopalganj. Phone No. 02-6685108
25	* Tender document may be purchased by any eligible tenderer from the offices mentioned above in SI.No.18 on payment of non-refundable amount as mentioned above in SI.No.19 for each set. * For any false information, statement or any other false document submitted by tenderer, procuring entity may take necessary action as per PPR-2008. * Tenders shall be valid for a period of 90 days from tender opening and all tenders must be accompanied by Tender Security of amount as mentioned above in SI. No. 20 in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of "Executive Engineer, Education Engineering Department, Gopalganj Zone, Gopalganj from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh. * Tenderers may deliver their tenders personally or by any means including courier services, Registered Mail with Acknowledgement due etc and tenders must reach the offices mentioned above in SI.No.17 on or before the deadline for submission of tenders. But tenders received after the deadline will not be accepted. * The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.	
NB	1. If the lowest evaluated price exceeds more than 5% (five percent) less/above than the official estimated amount, then the tender will be rejected without assigning any reason whatsoever. 2. In case of the same evaluated price, decision will be taken through open lottery. 3. The revised PPA - 2006, PPR-2008 published in Bangladesh Gazette on 12 November 2009 will be followed. 4. The contractor will quote the rate for all summary sheet both in figures and in words.	

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Initial Samsung production target is 10m Galaxy S8 phones

REUTERS

Samsung Electronics Co Ltd has set an initial production target of 10 million Galaxy S8 smartphones, South Korea's Electronic Times reported on Thursday, citing unnamed sources.

Samsung is counting on the S8 to rejuvenate sales after it scrapped the Galaxy Note 7 smartphones last year in one of the biggest product safety failures in tech history.

The firm has yet to disclose what caused some Note 7 phones to catch fire on their own. The newspaper said the world's top smartphone maker would start production in March and planned to start selling them in April. Galaxy S7 phones went on sale in March last year.

A Samsung spokesman said the company did not comment on speculation.