



Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon attends the "PATA Night 2017", organised by Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Bangladesh Chapter, at Dhaka Regency on Saturday.

Red tape and taxes put brakes on 'Make In India' push

AFP, New Delhi

When Saurabh Ahuja tried to import a \$600 3D printer for manufacturing drones in his Delhi workshop, he ended up spending another \$900 in taxes and bribes and waited three months for it to clear customs.

"We lack in technology and industry to make the smallest things, so we have to import," Ahuja said as he listed the frustrations entrepreneurs still encounter since the government launched its "Make In India" project.

"If my business grows, the country grows with me. But the government won't let me grow."

Since coming to power in 2014, Narendra Modi has been looking to overhaul India's image as an awkward country in which to do business and instead emulate China by becoming a global manufacturing hub.

In September that year, the right-wing premier unveiled "Make in India" as a flagship initiative which would have an "unprecedented overhaul of out-dated processes and policies" at its core.

The government has tried to woo investors by promising to simplify the

tax regime and liberalise rules on foreign direct investment (FDI).

But in the World Bank's most recent chart ranking countries for their ease of doing business, India came 130th out of 190.

While much of the focus has been on the travails of foreign firms, local entrepreneurs who should be the poster boys of Indian manufacturing are also struggling.

The printer that Ahuja did eventually manage to import from China to build everything from drones to robots had nearly 300 parts.

He first had to submit a sheaf of documents, including details of the exporter and the product catalogue to officials at Delhi airport.

He was then told each part would have to be tested before being let through. Three months and 150,000 rupees (\$2,250) in warehouse charges later, he got his consignment only after he coughed up a bribe, he said.

Officials at the airport did not respond to an emailed query for comment. Ahuja, 29, launched his company Nuts and Boltz six years ago from a basement in northwest Delhi to provide other budding entrepre-

neurs a place to experiment with product ideas.

For an hourly rental fee, clients have access to equipment such as 3D printers and circuit boards. But while the prototypes can be crafted in India, nearly all the manufacturing ends up being outsourced overseas.

"Maker spaces are great because you can quickly launch a prototype and get credibility," said Navi Radjou, co-author of the book "Frugal Innovation".

"But then you open a Pandora's Box because if a customer asks for 2,000 units of your product, you're screwed since you can't make it at that scale and that leads to a lot of frustration."

While India's big business houses are among Modi's loudest cheerleaders, economist Sunil Sinha said making things at home remains a fraught process for smaller firms.

"It's one thing to say we want to focus on manufacturing and that's why we have liberalised FDI and that's why we're trying to improve the ease of doing business," Sinha, principal economist at Fitch India, told AFP.

"But the crucial component is what's happening at the state level, at the local level."

Businesses brace for Monday as ransomware threat lingers

REUTERS, Singapore/Toronto

Technical staff scrambled on Sunday to patch computers and restore infected ones, amid fears that the ransomware worm that stopped car factories, hospitals, shops and schools could wreak fresh havoc on Monday when employees log back on.

Cybersecurity experts said the spread of the virus dubbed WannaCry-"ransomware" which locked up more than 100,000 computers - had slowed, but the respite might only be brief.

New versions of the worm are expected, they said, and the extent of the damage from Friday's attack remains unclear.

Marin Ivezic, cybersecurity partner at PwC, said that some clients had been "working around the clock since the story broke" to restore systems and install software updates, or patches, or restore systems from backups.

Microsoft released patches last month and on Friday to fix a vulnerability that allowed the worm to spread across networks, a rare and powerful feature that caused infections to surge on Friday.

Code for exploiting that bug, which is known as "Eternal Blue," was released on the internet in March by a hacking group known as the Shadow Brokers. The group claimed it was stolen from a repository of National Security Agency hacking tools. The agency has not responded to requests for comment.

Hong Kong-based Ivezic said that the ransomware was forcing some more "mature" clients affected by the worm to abandon their usual cautious testing of patches "to do unscheduled downtime and urgent patching, which is causing some inconvenience." He declined to identify which clients had been affected.

The head of the European Union police agency said on Sunday the cyber assault hit 200,000 victims in at least 150 countries and that number will grow when people return to work on Monday.

"The global reach is unprecedented ... and those victims, many of those will be businesses, including large corporations," Europol Director Rob Wainwright told Britain's ITV.

"At the moment, we are in the face

of an escalating threat. The numbers are going up, I am worried about how the numbers will continue to grow when people go to work and turn (on) their machines on Monday morning."

Monday was expected to be a busy day, especially in Asia which may not have seen the worst of the impact yet, as companies and organisations turned on their computers.

"Expect to hear a lot more about this tomorrow morning when users are back in their offices and might fall for phishing emails" or other as yet unconfirmed ways the worm may propagate, said Christian Karam, a Singapore-based security researcher.

Targets both large and small have been hit. Renault said on Saturday it had halted manufacturing at plants in Sandouville, France, and Romania to prevent the spread of ransomware in its systems.

Among the other victims is a Nissan manufacturing plant in Sunderland, northeast England.

Hundreds of hospitals and clinics in the British National Health Service were infected on Friday, forcing them to send patients to other facilities.

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Invitation for Tender (IFT)

1. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Education (MOE).
2. Agency	: Education Engineering Department (EED).
3. Procuring entity name	: Executive Engineer, Education Engineering Department, Bogra Zone, Bogra.
4. Procuring entity code	: 2571.
5. Procuring entity district	: Bogra/Sirajganj district.
6. Invitation for	: Works.
7. Invitation Ref. No.	: Memo No. 37.07.0050.002.02.1141.17.
8. Date	: 09/05/2017.

KEY INFORMATION

9. Procuring method	: Limited Tendering Method (LTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10. Budget and source of funds	: Revenue Budget (GoB).
11. Development partners (if applicable)	: Not applicable.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12. Project code	: 4931.
13. Name of project	: Revenue Budget (Code No. 4931).
14. Tender No.	: 24/XEN/EED/Bog/Revenue/2016-2017 Date: 14/05/2017.
15. Tender package name	: Construction, Vertical extension, Repair and Renovation works of selected Government Institutions.
16. Tender publication date	: N/A.
17. Tender last selling date	: 29/05/2017 (during office hours).
18. Tender closing date and time	: Up to 1:00pm on 30/05/2017 (tender may also be submitted before the closing date).
19. Tender opening date and time	: At 3:00pm on 30/05/2017.
20. Name and address of the office(s)	: Office of the Executive Engineer, Education Engineering Department, Bogra Zone, Bogra.
-- Selling tender document (principal)	: i) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bogra/Sirajganj.
-- Selling tender document (others)	: ii) Office of the Superintendent of Police, Bogra/Sirajganj.
	: iii) Office of the Assistant Engineer, Education Engineering Department, Sirajganj District.
-- Receiving tender document	: i) Office of the Executive Engineer, Education Engineering Department, Bogra Zone, Bogra.
	: ii) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bogra/Sirajganj.
	: iii) Office of the Superintendent of Police, Bogra/Sirajganj.
	: iv) Office of the Assistant Engineer, Education Engineering Department, Sirajganj District.
--Opening tender document (place)	: Office of the Executive Engineer, Education Engineering Department, VTTI Campus, Latifpur Colony, Bogra.
21. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	: Not applicable.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22. Eligibility of tenderer	: a) Enlisted A1 & A2 category contractors of Education Engineering Department who have paid renewal fee for the financial year 2016-2017. b) Valid trade licence (up-to-date). c) VAT registration certificate. d) Up-to-date income tax clearance certificate. f) Satisfying the other criterion laid down in the tender schedule.
23. Brief description of works	: Civil, sanitary and electrification works.
24. Brief description of related services	: Not applicable.
25. Price of tender document (Tk)	: As stated SI No. 27 (non-refundable).
26. Tender security	: Requisite tender security must be in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of the Executive Engineer, Education Engineering Department, Bogra Zone, Bogra. As stated SI No. 27.

Lot No	Identification of lots	Location	Estimated cost (Taka)	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tender security amount (Taka)	Time for completion of work (in days)
1.	Repair and renovation works of District Education Office Bhaban, Bogra.	Sadar Bogra	2,00,000/-	500/-	5,000/-	60 (sixty)
2.	Electrical repair works at Begum Rokeya Bhaban, (Block-1 & 7) Govt Mujibor Rahman Mohila College.	Sadar Bogra	1,00,000/-	500/-	2,500/-	60 (sixty)
3.	Repair and renovation works of Academic Building, Block-5 & 6 at Bogra Zila School.	Sadar Bogra	16,16,656/-	1,000/-	37,000/-	180 (one hundred eighty)
4.	Repair and renovation works of Block-C & E at Bogra Govt Girls High School.	Sadar Bogra	15,00,000/-	1,000/-	35,000/-	180 (one hundred eighty)
5.	Construction for internal road at Govt. Shah Sultan College.	Sadar Bogra	17,32,310/-	1,000/-	40,000/-	180 (one hundred eighty)
6.	Repair and renovation works of Administrative Building of Govt. Shah Sultan College.	Sadar Bogra	7,67,690/-	500/-	18,000/-	120 (one hundred twenty)
7.	Repairing works of Block-3 Academic Building Floor, Door-window & Painting works at Govt. Mustafabia Alia Madrasa.	Sadar, Bogra	1,00,000/-	500/-	2,500/-	60 (sixty)
8.	Repairing works of Plaster, Weather coat, Painting etc. of (Block-7) Classroom Building at Govt. Mustafabia Alia Madrasa.	Sadar, Bogra	4,00,000/-	500/-	9,000/-	90 (ninety)
9.	Construction for incomplete works of Assistant Engineers Office at Education Engineering Department, Sirajganj.	Sadar, Sirajganj	20,00,000/-	1,000/-	45,000/-	180 (one hundred eighty)

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

28. Name of official inviting tender	: Md. Altaf Hossain.
29. Designation of official inviting tender	: Executive Engineer, Education Engineering Department, Bogra Zone, Bogra.
30. Address of official inviting tender	: Executive Engineer, Education Engineering Department, Bogra Zone, VTTI Campus, Latifpur Colony, Bogra.
31. Contact details of official inviting tender	: Office of the Executive Engineer, Education Engineering Department, Bogra Zone, Bogra. Phone & Fax No. 051-65939, E-Mail: ee_bog@eedmoe.gov.bd
32. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.	
33. Special instruction:	: a) Rate quoted by the tenderer if found more than 5% (five percent) less or above than the estimated cost the tender will be summarily rejected without assigning any reason. In the case of tie, the successful contractor may be selected through lottery.

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Bogra Zone, Bogra

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03.317.014.00.00.002.2013 -232 Date: 09/05/2017

Invitation for Enlistment (Works)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1. Ministry/division	Prime Minister's Office.
2. Agency	Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA).
3. Procuring entity	Chief Engineer.
4. Procuring entity district	All Zones of BEPZA.
5. Invitation for	Enlistment/Renewal of Enlistment.
6. Invitation Ref No.	03.317.014.00.00.002.2013-232
7. Date	09 May 2017.

KEY INFORMATION

8. Procurement method	Limited Tendering Method.
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

	Date	Time
9. Application closing date and time	06 June 2017 at 03:00pm.	
10. Name & address of the office(s)	Address.	
- Application form availability	Accounts Section, Level-6, BEPZA, BEPZA Complex, House No. 19/D, Road No. 06, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205.	
- Receiving application form	Office of the Chief Engineer, Level-7, BEPZA, BEPZA Complex, House No. 19/D, Road No. 06, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205.	

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

11. Eligibility of applicant	a. Must have valid trade license. b. Must have TIN and VAT registration certificate. c. Must have up-to-date bank solvency certificate. d. Specify others, as per application.
12. Price of application form (Tk)	1000.00
13. Enlistment/renewal fee (Tk.)	5000.00/2000.00

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

14. Name of official inviting application	Md Ashrafal Kabir.
15. Designation of official inviting application	Chief Engineer.
16. Address of official inviting application	BEPZA, BEPZA Complex, House No. 19/D, Road No. 06, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205.
17. Contact details of official inviting application	Phone 02-9613468 Fax 02-9673020 E-mail: pd.cbp.bepza@gmail.com
18. The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all applications.	

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Chile to join AIIB

AFP, Santiago

Chile is joining the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), the Foreign Ministry announced Saturday as President Michelle Bachelet paid a visit to China.

Bachelet, on a visit to the multilateral lender's headquarters, said Santiago's membership was a done deal. "We are very happy to have been accepted as members and as a government have to do our part to get full membership approved," Bachelet said, according to a ministry statement.

Founded in 2015, and seen as a counterweight to other development banks such as the World Bank, the new lender finances infrastructure projects in Asia.

Renault stops production at some sites after cyber attack

REUTERS, Paris

French carmaker Renault stopped production at several sites on Saturday to prevent the spread of a global cyber attack that hit its computer systems, a spokesman said.

"Proactive measures have been put in place, including the temporarily suspension of industrial activity at some sites," the spokesman said.

The Paris prosecutor has opened an investigation following the cyber attack, a judicial source told Reuters on Saturday.

The probe covers "Renault and other possible victims," the source said.