

US GDP to recover from pandemic mid-2021

AFP, Washington

The world's largest economy will recover from the coronavirus pandemic by the middle of 2021, the US Congressional Budget Office (CBO) said Monday, sooner than it had forecast last year.

However employment will take longer to recover, after business shutdowns to stop Covid-19 from spreading caused mass layoffs in the United States beginning last March.

"CBO currently projects a stronger economy than it did in July 2020, in large part because the downturn was not as severe as expected and because the first stage of the recovery took place sooner and was stronger than expected," the nonpartisan office serving Congress said.

"In CBO's projections, the unemployment rate gradually declines through 2026, and the number of people employed returns to its pre-pandemic level in 2024," while the labor force recovers by 2022.

As it grappled with the world's largest outbreak of Covid-19, the United States last year endured its worst economic contraction since 1946, while the unemployment rate has shot up from historic lows prior to the pandemic.

Congress has passed nearly \$4 trillion in stimulus measures aimed at helping individuals and small businesses during the pandemic, and analysts say spending has helped the economy avoid an even worse downturn.



Telecom Minister Mustafa Jabbar attends the finale of digital marketing competition MarXcellence, sponsored by Samsung, through a digital platform recently. Team GS and the Boys of North South University become champion.



M Affan Yusuf, managing director of City Brokerage; Imtiaz Ahmed, chairman of Magnus Corporation, and Primal Silva, a business development manager of DirectFN, attend a deal signing ceremony recently. Using an "Order Management System" software of DirectFN, City Brokerage will be able to conduct trade for clients on both Dhaka and Chattogram stock exchanges.

India's Oct-Jan sugar output jumps 25pc to 17.7m tonnes

REUTERS, Mumbai

Indian sugar mills produced 17.7 million tonnes of sugar in the first four months of the 2020/21 marketing year which started on Oct. 1, up a quarter from a year earlier as production jumped in western state of Maharashtra, a leading trade body said.

The country is the world's second biggest sugar producer and the higher output could weigh on global prices.

Maharashtra, the country's second biggest sugar producing state, churned out 6.38 million tonnes of sugar in the four months, compared to 3.46 million tonnes a year ago, the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) said in a statement on Tuesday.

India doubled import tax on denatured ethyl alcohol to 5 per cent in the annual budget on Monday. The decision would make imports expensive and boost demand for local alcohol, the trade body said.

The country's sugar mills produce alcohol from cane juice and molasses, a by-product of sugar-making.

Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board
Unit Office
Khagrachari

Memo No. 29.31.0000.012.07.002.21-3467, Date: 02-02-2021

Amendment of e-Tender Notice (Limited Tendering Method)

This is to notify all concerned that the following tenders have amendment through e-GP Portal:

Tender ID & Package No.	Description	Publication date & closing date
538371 & CHTDB-KHAG/2020-2021/221001100-94	Construction of Shree Shree Shyama Kali Mondir at Bhaibonchara union within Khagrachari Sadar upazila under CHTDB Khagrachari.	19-Jan-2021 09:00 & 18-Feb-2021 14:30
538416 & CHTDB-KHAG/2020-2021/221001100-116	Construction of connecting road from Ballyachari Kitorchara to Shashato Banglow within Matiranga upazila under CHTDB Khagrachari.	19-Jan-2021 09:00 & 18-Feb-2021 14:30
538605 & CHTDB-KHAG/2020-2021/221001100-85	Completion of incomplete road with protective work from Chowdhurypara Passenger Shed to Jewel Ahmad house within Guimara upazila under CHTDB Khagrachari.	19-Jan-2021 09:00 & 18-Feb-2021 14:30
538634 & CHTDB-KHAG/2020-2021/221001100-87	Construction of Boundary wall at Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board Rest House under CHTDB Khagrachari.	19-Jan-2021 09:00 & 18-Feb-2021 15:00
538648 & CHTDB-KHAG/2020-2021/221001100-88	Construction of Shosan Shed and Stair of Kaladeva Tripura Shosan within Ramgarh upazila under CHTDB Khagrachari.	19-Jan-2021 09:00 & 18-Feb-2021 15:00

The interested firms/persons may visit the website: www.eprocure.gov.bd to get the details of the tender.

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Project Director and Chief Mechanical Engineer (Project)
Bangladesh Railway, Rail Bhaban, 16, Abdul Gani Road
Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

Invitation for Re-Tenders (IFT) (International)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Railways.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Railway.
3	Purchaser name	Project Director, Renovation of 21 Nos. Meter Gauge Diesel Electric Locomotives for Bangladesh Railway, & Chief Mechanical Engineer (Project), Bangladesh Railway, Room No. 626, Rail Bhaban, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
4	Purchaser code	Not used at present.
5	Purchaser district	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Renovation of 21 Nos. Meter Gauge Diesel Electric Locomotives for Bangladesh Railway.
7	Invitation Ref No.	MECH/LM/21 MG LOCO/Renovation/Re-Tender
8	Date	01 February, 2021.

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method, International Competitive Bidding (OTM, ICB): One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method.
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB).
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	224292900
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Renovation of 21 Nos. Meter Gauge Diesel Electric Locomotives for Bangladesh Railway.
14	Tender Package No.	GD-1
15	Tender package name	Renovation of 21 Nos. Meter Gauge Diesel Electric Locomotives with necessary components and spares for Bangladesh Railway.
16	Tender publication date	04 February 2021
17	Tender last selling date	15 March 2021
18	Tender closing date and time	16 March 2021 11.00am
19	Tender opening date and time	16 March 2021 11.30am
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address Project Director, Renovation of 21 Nos. Meter Gauge Diesel Electric Locomotives for Bangladesh Railway & Chief Mechanical Engineer (Project), Bangladesh Railway, Room No. 626, Rail Bhaban, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
	- Selling tender document (principal)	Project Director, Renovation of 21 Nos. Meter Gauge Diesel Electric Locomotives for Bangladesh Railway & Chief Mechanical Engineer (Project), Bangladesh Railway, Room No. 626, Rail Bhaban, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
	- Selling tender document (others)	Not applicable.

No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents

- Receiving tender document	Project Director, Renovation of 21 Nos. Meter Gauge Diesel Electric Locomotives for Bangladesh Railway & Chief Mechanical Engineer (Project), Bangladesh Railway, Room No. 411, Rail Bhaban, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh.	
- Opening tender document	Project Director, Renovation of 21 Nos. Meter Gauge Diesel Electric Locomotives for Bangladesh Railway & Chief Mechanical Engineer (Project), Bangladesh Railway, Room No. 411, Rail Bhaban, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh.	
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not applicable.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Eligibility of tenderer	As stated in the tender document.			
23	Brief description of goods or works	Renovation of 21 Nos. Meter Gauge Diesel Electric Locomotives, Procurement and shipment goods, dismantling of locomotives, replacement of spares/components, reconditioning of spares and components, assembling of spares and components in locomotives, testing, commissioning and trial running of locomotives.			
24	Brief description of related services	Not applicable.			
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	Taka 10,000.00 (ten thousand) Pay Order in favour FA & CAO, Project, Bangladesh Railway, Dhaka.			
26	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (USD)	Completion time in weeks/months
	GD-1	Renovation of 21 Nos. Meter Gauge Diesel Electric Locomotives with necessary components and spares for Bangladesh Railway.	Central Locomotive Workshop, Parbatipur, Dinajpur, Bangladesh.	USD 750,000.00 (seven hundred fifty thousand)	30 months from effective date of contract agreement.

PURCHASER DETAILS

27	Name of official inviting tender	Partha Sarkar.
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director, Renovation of 21 Nos. Meter Gauge Diesel Electric Locomotives for Bangladesh Railway & Chief Mechanical Engineer (Project), Bangladesh Railway, Room No. 626, Rail Bhaban, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
29	Address of official inviting tender	Room No. 626, Rail Bhaban, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Mobile No. +8801711692965 E-mail: parthaitna@gmail.com ddppncloco@railway.gov.bd
31	The purchaser reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

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