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0.68%	0.63%	\$1,823.46	\$62.43	51,544.30	29,520.07	2,925.48	3,655.09	83.95	100.71	115.32	12.88
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37 apparel makers investing \$650m in Bangabandhu Shilpa Nagar

Progress of work slow due to the pandemic

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Some 37 local textile and garment manufacturers have started investing in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar (BSMSN) to establish high-end apparel factories. Together they plan to invest \$650 million.

However, the investors expect to begin constructing their factories from next year, opting for a go-slow policy amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic as fresh lockdowns at major export destinations caused a significant fall in demand.

So some of the manufacturers decided to not go for construction in the current year.

A few have already availed industrial plots at the park, which was built on reclaimed land in the Bay of Bengal, signing a 50-year lease. The factories would produce

fabrics, formal shirts, t-shirts, trousers, yarn, sweaters, polo shirts, manmade fibres, blazers and sportswear.

Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (Beza) has been developing the allocated plots by providing them with access to gas, power, water, sewage lines and other utilities.

Beza has also been enhancing connectivity building roads both in and around the zone.

"I bought an industrial plot at the BSMSN and plan to initially invest \$100 million, mainly to produce high-end textile and garment items," said AK Aazd, managing director of Ha-Meem Group, a leading exporter.

"However, I will not make this investment in the current year amidst the Covid-19 fallouts. Instead, I will start working on the new project from 2022.

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TOP TEN INVESTMENT PROPOSALS BY GARMENT ENTREPRENEURS			
INVESTMENT (In million \$)		JOBS	
EPYLLION STYLE		APPAREL GALLERY	
104	4,686	74	9,400
SQ CELSIUS		UNIGEAR	
49	5,819	40	4,083
COLUMBIA APPARELS		PACIFIC COTTON	
39	2,052	35	1,416
COLUMBIA GARMENTS		BABYLON GARMENTS	
26	1,858	25	2,134
CLIFTON COTTON MILLS		GRAPHICS TEXTILES	
23	905	21	2,200

Inequality threat to economic progress

Warn economists at PPRC discussion

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Bangladesh's economy has progressed a lot in the past five decades in a multitude of ways but the rise in inequality has become a great challenge to kick it into high gear, said economists on Saturday.

There are distinct uncertainties over whether the economy will be able to sustain the past growth momentum of seven to eight per cent in the years to come, they told a discussion.

The Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC) organised the discussion on "Turning Points in the Economy", which is the fourth episode of a series of policy dialogues titled "Ajker (today's) Agenda".

"Economic transitions in fact barely take place at any point. One exception to the rule was, I would say that 15th of August 1975 was a turning point. Because ever since then the economy was set on a different path altogether," said Rehman Sobhan.

Before that, state control over the economy was the dominant factor, said the former Planning Commission member.

"I would see that as a very distinct break and from post 15th August period, there was a gradual continuing in the shaping of the economy and at its direction virtually down to the present without any significant reverses in the trajectory," he said.

Afterwards financial institutions started pumping in money in a reasonably discriminated manner, reaching a first generation entrepreneurial class, he said.

This process continued virtually

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- Inequality becomes a bigger challenge for economy
- Economy returns to 2016's level due to pandemic
- Participation of women in labour market has stagnated
- Internal migration has played a better role in decreasing poverty

throughout the 80s, he said, adding that the regime change in 1981 from one general to another did not really bring about any change, said Sobhan.

A consequential outcome of pushing resources towards that first generation was a rise of privileged classes, which created quite a massive debt default in the financial sector, he said.

It was also from 1982 onwards that readymade garment started to emerge, which was not really contingent on state support, said Sobhan, also a former professor of economics at the University of Dhaka.

"In the 21st century, an independent entrepreneurial class emerged, which has grown up without dependence on the state," he said, adding that this group reinvest their profits.

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Tk 946cr project to beef up rural internet network

REJAUUL KARIM BYRON and MAHMUDIUL HASAN

The government is going to expand the Internet Protocol (IP) network of the Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Limited (BTCL) with an aim to expand broadband network to upazila and union levels.

The development comes as a part of the government's efforts to meet the country's growing data demand.

The Tk 945.90 crore project will also enhance the capacity of the state-owned company, enabling it to install and modernise the IP equipment in each district, upazila and union parishad as well as increase the capacity of its international internet gateways (IIGs) and national internet exchanges (NIXs).

The IP is a set of rules by which data is sent from one computer to another through the internet. Data can travel across networks and arrive at the correct destination through an IP network.

"It's as part of our readiness for introducing 5G internet connection in the country," Rafiqul Matin, managing director of the BTCL, told The Daily Star.

Besides, the project is also aligned with the government's vision to provide high-speed internet in rural areas that matches with the city's ones, he added.

Matin went on to say that the project aims to increase the BTCL's broadband capacity to 100 gigabytes per second (gbps)

in upazila levels, 300 gbps in district levels, 400 gbps in divisional levels and over 1,000 gbps in the capital.

Currently, BTCL can provide 10 gbps data in district levels.

However, it increased its highest capacity from 137 gbps in 2019 to 400 gbps now.

It will also set up a standard platform for bd. and Bangla Domain, web hosting, collocation, cache server, virtual machine, storage, cloud computing and so on alongside the purchase of other ancillary electrical equipment.

The project proposal will be placed before the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnc) for approval tomorrow.

"It's a timely endeavour that will widen the access to the internet," Mustafa Jabbar, post, telecom and information technology minister, told The Daily Star yesterday.

"The pandemic helps us understand the necessity of data and so, it's a crucial project," he added.

As the pandemic led to the introduction of online classes and work from home, many students from rural and poor families faced hardship with distance learning as many of them do not have access to the internet.

Experts fear the digital divide leaves many behind and so, such projects could help many remote people to adapt to changing trends.

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BB offers Tk 1,000cr to save ailing cinemas

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Bangladesh Bank yesterday declared a Tk 1,000 crore fund aimed at salvaging the country's ailing movie theatres.

Existing owners of cinemas and new entrepreneurs will be able to avail soft loans from the fund, according to a central bank notice.

The initiative comes from the banking regulator as the number of operational cinemas slumped below 100 due to a drastic fall in the number of audiences.

In its notice, Bangladesh Bank said there were around 1,400 movie theatres in the country during the 90s. The number has been on the decline over the years due to different hurdles.

"There is a strong requirement to give a boost to the film industry so that people can enjoy quality entertainment," it said.

The owners of existing halls will get finance from the fund to renovate and modernise their complexes. The central bank formed the fund in the form of a refinance scheme.

Under the central bank programme, banks will take out funds at 1.5 per cent interest while the end-users of metropolitan areas will get it at 5 per cent interest.

However, clients outside metropolitan areas can avail the fund at 4.5 per cent interest.

Borrowers will get a repayment tenure of eight years, including a one-year grace period.

The central bank formed the scheme by way of using its own funds and will initially disburse Tk 500 crore.

The rest will be given out subject to the proper utilisation of the disbursed fund in the



PALASH KHAN

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first phase.

An owner of a cinema will take out a maximum finance of Tk 5 crore from the refinance scheme.

The fund cannot be used in the form of working capital to operate the halls.

Banks will take collateral and set a debt-equity ratio based on the bank-customer relationship, according to the central bank notice.

"This will be good as entrepreneurs will be able to modernise their halls to attract

audiences," said Mian Alauddin, vice president of the Bangladesh Film Exhibitors Association.

Currently, there are 300 movie theatres in the country. Of them, 60-70 are currently operational.

The pandemic was a further blow to the halls as they lost audiences further because of the prolonged restriction on public movement that lasted between March 15 to October 15, he added.

BATBC leads drop in stock index

The tobacco company's share price falls 6pc for confusion over dividend-adjusted price

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Stocks of British American Tobacco Bangladesh (BATBC) led the market fall yesterday despite its earlier announcement of 600 per cent cash and 200 per cent stock dividends.

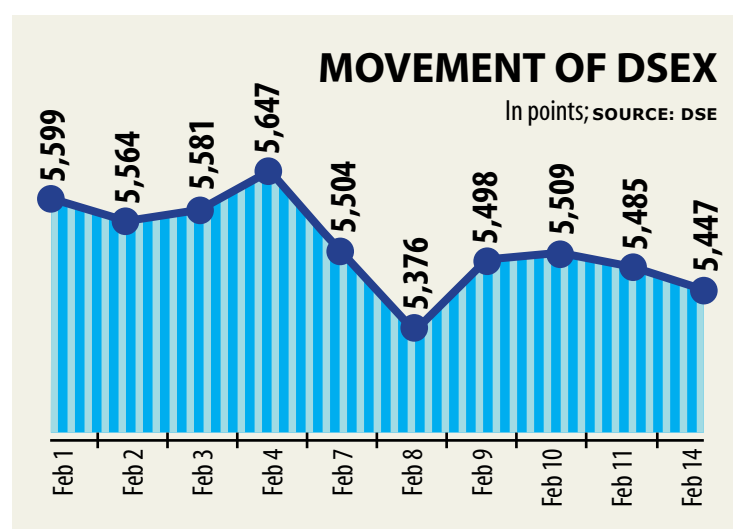
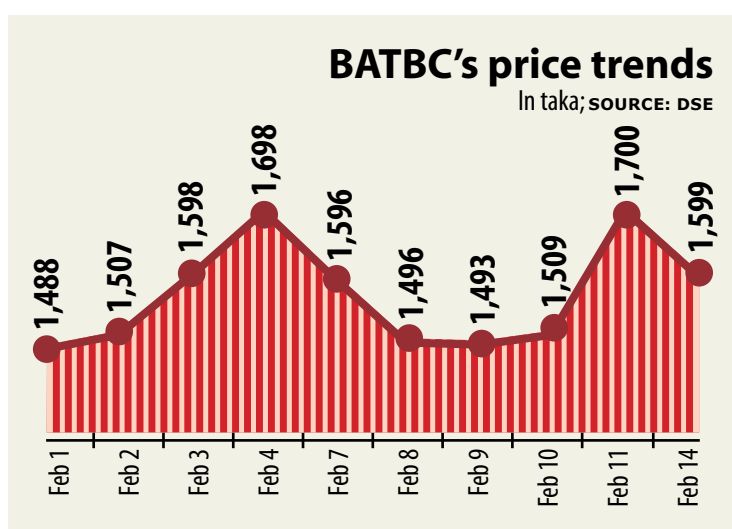
DSEX, the benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), dropped 37 points, or 0.68 per cent, to 5,557 yesterday.

Investors are now in the dark about BATBC's dividend adjusted price because its value would be lower than the floor price.

Last year, the stock market regulator set a floor price for all stocks so that they cannot drop further amid the Covid-19 pandemic induced economic slowdown.

When a company provides stock dividends, then its price is adjusted proportionately, an asset manager said.

"Let's say the closing price



of a BATBC share is Tk 100 on its record date, the day when the dividend ownership is determined, then the company issues two more shares for a stock owner as it announced a 200 per

cent stock dividend," he added. As a result, the stock price of a BATBC share would be Tk 33, according to the asset manager.

As the company's stock price is still over Tk 1,600 and it

announced 200 per cent stock dividends with the floor price set at Tk 907.60 on March 19 last year, the adjusted price must go lower than the floor price, he said, adding the confusion

about BATBC's adjusted price influenced the change in its value.

Its impact was clear on the index also, he added.

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Swadhinata Parishad announces panel for BGMEA election

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Md Zahangir Alam, convener of Swadhinata Parishad, yesterday announced the names of directors of his panel that will take part in the upcoming biennial election of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA).

The election is scheduled to be held on April 4 this year to elect the leaders of the trade body for the tenure of 2021-22. Alam said he has already announced the full panel of 26 directors for Dhaka region and soon he will announce the names of nine directors for the Chattogram region.

The leaders of the panel were introduced at a press conference at Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka.

At the introduction meeting, Alam also announced his six-point manifesto. He will particularly work to maintain the safety standards of small and medium enterprises of the garment sector if he is elected as the president of the BGMEA, Alam said in his manifesto.

He said he will also open a separate wing for ready-made garment abroad for increased export of apparel items.

Two other panels, including Sammito Parishad led Faruque Hassan, a former vice-president of BGMEA, and ABM Shamsuddin, who is also a former BGMEA vice-president, are also competing in the election from the Forum panel.





Shibli Rubayat-Ul-Islam, chairman of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, opens a "Digital Booth" of UCB Stock Brokerage in Dubai recently. The booth will serve investors, non-resident Bangladeshis, who wish to enter the Bangladesh capital market.



Abdul Aziz, managing director (current charge) of First Security Islami Bank, opens three agent banking outlets at Miar Hat Bazar in Barishal, Banker Hat Bazar in Bhola and Jamsha Bazar in Manikganj yesterday.

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e-Tender Notice
e-Tender is invited in e-GP System (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Nawabganj for procurement of following works.

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Bitcoin nears \$50,000, wider adoption fuels record rally

Bitcoin hit a new record high and approached \$50,000 on Sunday, building on its record rally as Wall Street and Main Street increasingly adopt the world's biggest cryptocurrency.

Bitcoin recently stood at \$48,800 on Sunday morning, up 3.2 per cent. It had traded as high as \$49,714 earlier in the day. The cryptocurrency is up around 70 per cent year to date.

After long being shunned by traditional financial firms, bitcoin and other virtual currencies appear to be increasingly entering the mainstream as an asset and routine payment vehicle.

BNY Mellon said last week it formed a new unit to help clients hold, transfer and issue digital assets, just days after Elon Musk's Tesla revealed it had bought \$1.5 billion worth of the cryptocurrency and would soon accept it as a form of payment for its cars.

On Friday, Canada's Ontario Securities Commission approved the launch of Purpose Bitcoin ETF, Toronto-based asset management company Purpose Investments Inc said in a statement. The OSC confirmed it had cleared the launch of the world's first bitcoin exchange-traded fund, in a separate statement to Reuters.

Mayor Francis Suarez of Miami also said on Friday the Florida city is seeking to embrace bitcoin in its operations, a move that could bring dividends in terms of attracting technology companies.

In January, BlackRock Inc, the world's largest asset manager, added bitcoin as an eligible investment to two funds.

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For : Item No. 8, Defibrillator- Country of Origin- Taiwan/Korea/Turkey.
Read : Item No. 8, Defibrillator- Country of Origin-Taiwan/Korea/Turkey/Hungary
For : Item No. 9, CCU Bed-CE & FDA Certified
Read : Item No. 9, CCU Bed-CE/FAD Certified
For : Item No. 14, 12 Channel CEG Machine- Country of Origin- Japan
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For : Item No. 30, Fully Automated Apherisis System - Country of Origin & Warranty & FDA
Read : Item No. 30, Fully Automated Apherisis System - Country of Origin A- Category Warranty 2 years CE/FDA
For : Item No. 31, C- Compatible of table for Urology -Country of Origin- Nil
Read : Item No. 31, C- Arm Compatible of table for Urology- Country of Origin-India/Korea/Taiwan
For : Item No. 41, 42, 43, Photo Therapy Machine/Baby war mer/Baby incubator Country of Origin & warranty- Nil
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For : Item No. 52, High Resolution Musuloskeletal Ultrasound Machine, Country of origin & Specification- Nil
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For : Item No. 56, Ophthalmic Operating Microscope with Assistant Microscope, CCD Camera & Recording System, (Lumera-1) Country of origin-Nil
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For : Item No. 57, Upgrade Ophthalmic Operating Microscope with integrated Assistant Microscope, HD CCD Camera & Recording System, (Lumera-700)- Nil
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Rolls-Royce to name former Deloitte partner Kakoullis as CFO

REUTERS
Rolls-Royce Holdings will name former Deloitte partner Panos Kakoullis as its next chief financial officer, with the appointment to be announced as early as Monday, Sky News reported here on Sunday.

The expected arrival of Kakoullis comes at a challenging time for the company, having been hit hard by the COVID-19 crisis as its airline customers have grounded planes.

In January the aero engines maker lowered forecasts for how much its engines will fly this year as tighter coronavirus travel restrictions inflict fresh pain on airlines, saying this would mean a cash outflow of 2 billion pounds (\$2.7 billion).

Rolls-Royce told Reuters it was not commenting on the report at this time.

The company has been searching for a new CFO since Stephen Daintith resigned last August, though he has remained at Rolls-Royce for the transition period before taking the CFO role at British online supermarket and technology group Ocado.

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৩.	পদ সংখ্যা	মোট-১২টি ক) সোনালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড -০৬টি খ) জনতা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড -০৬টি
৪.	বেতন স্কেল	জাতীয় বেতন স্কেল ২০১৫ এর টাকা ২২০০০-২৩১০০-২৪২০০... -৪৮১২০-৫০৫৩০-৫২০৬০ স্কেল এবং তৎসম নিম্নমানুযায়ী প্রদেয় অন্যান্য সুবিধা।
৫.	শিক্ষাপত যোগ্যতা	ক) স্বীকৃত কোন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হতে কম্পিউটার সায়েন্স/ কম্পিউটার সায়েন্স এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/ ইনফরমেশন এন্ড কমিউনিকেশন টেকনোলজি/ ইনফরমেশন এন্ড কমিউনিকেশন ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/ সফটওয়্যার ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/ ইনফরমেশন টেকনোলজি/ কম্পিউটার সায়েন্স এন্ড সফটওয়্যার ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/ কম্পিউটার সায়েন্স এন্ড টেলিকমিউনিকেশন ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং বিষয়ে চার বছর মেয়াদী স্নাতক/ স্নাতক(সমমান) ডিগ্রী অথবা স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রী থাকতে হবে। খ) মাধ্যমিক স্কুল সার্টিফিকেট/সমমান এবং তদুপরি পরীক্ষাসমূহে ন্যূনতম ০২(দুই) টিতে প্রথম বিভাগ/ শ্রেণী থাকতে হবে। গ্রেডে পদ্ধতির ফলাফলের ক্ষেত্রে সরকারী নীতিমালা প্রযোজ্য হবে। গ) কোন পর্যায়েই ৩য় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। ঘ) স্বীকৃত বা নিবন্ধিত কোনো প্রফেশনাল কম্পিউটার সোসাইটির সদস্য/সহযোগী সদস্য হতে হবে। ঙ) প্রকৃতি পদ্ধতিতে প্রকাশিত ফলাফলের ক্ষেত্রে শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের ০২/০৬/২০০৯ ও ০২/০৩/২০১০ তারিখের প্রজ্ঞাপন নং শিম/শাঃ১১/৫-১(অংশ)/৫৮২ এবং শিম/শাঃ১১/১৯-১/৩০০৭/১৭৪ অনুযায়ী বর্তমান প্রচলিত জিপিএ বা ফেরমত, সিপিপিএ এর বিপরীতে পূর্বের ১ম ও ২য় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী নিম্নরূপ নির্ধারিত হবে: (১) এস.এস.সি বা সমমান এবং এইচ.এস.সি বা সমমান পরীক্ষার ফলাফলের ক্ষেত্রে- জিপিএ ৩.০০ বা তদুপরি প্রথম বিভাগ জিপিএ ২.০০ থেকে ৩.০০ এর কম দ্বিতীয় বিভাগ (২) অনুমোদিত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সিপিপিএ এর ক্ষেত্রে- অর্জিত সিপিপিএ সমতুল্য শ্রেণি/বিভাগ ৪.০০ পর্যন্ত স্কেলে ৫.০০ পর্যন্ত স্কেলে ৩.০০ বা তদুপরি ৩.৭৫ বা তদুপরি প্রথম বিভাগ/শ্রেণি ২.২৫ বা তদুপরি কিছু ৩.০০ এর কম ২.৮১৩ বা তদুপরি কিছু ৩.৭৫ এর কম দ্বিতীয় বিভাগ/শ্রেণি

৬. বয়স (এসএসসি বা সমমানের সনদ অনুযায়ী ০১/০৩/২০২০ তারিখে):
ক) মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সন্তান এবং প্রতিবন্ধী প্রার্থী ব্যতীত সকল প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে সর্বোচ্চ ৩০ বছর।
খ) মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সন্তান এবং প্রতিবন্ধী প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে সর্বোচ্চ ৩২ বছর।

৭. আবেদনপত্র দাখিল এবং কি প্রদানের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় : ২৫/০২/২০২১ তারিখ, রাত ১১.৫৯ টা।

৮. **Verify Payment (Prepaid পদ্ধতি) এবং Tracking Page** সফরের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় : ২৮/০২/২০২১ তারিখ, রাত ১১.৫৯ টা।

৯. আবেদন কি : অফেরতোযোগ্য টা, ২০০/- (টাকা দুইশত মাত্র)। ডাচ বাংলা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড এর Payment Gateway 'রকেট' এর মাধ্যমে আবেদনকারীকে নিজের অথবা একেট একাউন্ট ব্যবহার করে কি প্রদান করতে হবে।

১০. আবেদন পদ্ধতি:
ক. **Online Registration:** কেবল বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত ওয়েবসাইট (<https://recruitment.bb.org.bd>) এর নির্ধারিত হক পুরস্কে মাধ্যমে Online এ নিবন্ধন করতঃ আবেদন করতে হবে। আবেদন দাখিলের বিস্তারিত নিয়ম ও শর্তাবলী ওয়েবসাইটে পাওয়া যাবে।

খ. **CV ID No. :** বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের সিস্টেমে ইতিপূর্বে নিবন্ধনকৃত প্রার্থীদের বিদ্যমান CV ID No. এবং Password ব্যবহার করে আবেদন দাখিল করতে হবে। নতুন প্রার্থীগণ Online এ নিবন্ধন সম্পন্ন করলে একটি CV ID No. এবং Password প্রাপ্ত হবেন যা ভবিষ্যতে ব্যবহারের জন্য অবশ্যই সংরক্ষণ করতে হবে।

গ. **প্রার্থীর বিবরণ:** প্রার্থীর নাম, পিতা ও মাতার নাম এসএসসি অথবা সমমানের সনদ অনুযায়ী Online আবেদনে লিখতে হবে।

ঘ. **প্রার্থীর বর্তমান ঠিকানা:** প্রার্থীর বর্তমান বসবাসের স্থান এবং নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত চিঠিপত্র পেতে ইচ্ছুক ঠিকানাকে বর্তমান ঠিকানা হিসেবে উল্লেখ করতে হবে।

ঙ. **প্রার্থীর স্থায়ী ঠিকানা:** প্রার্থীর ইউনিয়ন পরিষদের চেয়ারম্যান/ পৌরসভার মেয়র/ ওয়ার্ড কাউন্সিলর কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত জাতীয়তা সনদে উল্লিখিত স্থায়ী ঠিকানা মোতাবেক প্রার্থীর স্থায়ী ঠিকানা হিসেবে উল্লেখ করতে হবে। তবে অবিবাহিত মহিলা প্রার্থীগণ আবেদন দাখিলের পরে বিবাহবন্ধনে আবদ্ধ হলে যথাযথ প্রমাণ সাপেক্ষে স্বামীর স্থায়ী ঠিকানার অন্তর্ভুক্ত নিজে স্থায়ী ঠিকানা পরিবর্তন করতে পারবেন।

চ. **ছবি (Photo):** ইতোপূর্বে নিবন্ধনকৃত প্রার্থীগণ বিনামূল্যে ছবি ব্যবহার করতে পারবেন। তবে নতুন প্রার্থীকে অবশ্যই নির্ধারিত স্থানে 600x600 pixel ও file size 100 KB এর বেশী নয় এরূপ মাপের অনবিক্ত তিন মাস পূর্বে তোলা রঙিন ছবি (সাদা ব্যাকগ্রাউন্ড সফলিত) scan করে আপলোড করতে হবে। ছবি তোলায় সময় মুখ ও কানের উপর আবরণ রাখা যাবে না। সাদাকালো ছবি এবং Informal ছবি আপলোড করলে সরাসরি প্রার্থী বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

ছ. **স্বাক্ষর (Signature):** নির্ধারিত স্থানে 300x80 pixel ও file size 60 KB এর বেশী নয় এরূপ মাপের প্রার্থীর নিজের স্বাক্ষর scan করে আপলোড করতে হবে। স্বাক্ষর অবশ্যই সাদা কাগজের উপর কালো কালিতে হতে হবে।

জ. **অর্জিত জিজীর ফলাফলের তারিখ:** পরীক্ষা নিয়ন্ত্রক কর্তৃক প্রকাশিত সংশ্লিষ্ট জিজীর ফলাফল প্রকাশের তারিখ অবশ্যই উল্লেখ করতে হবে।

ঝ. **বিশেষ ডিগ্রী/প্রার্থী:** প্রার্থী 'O' Level ও 'A' Level পাশ হলে দেশীয় সংশ্লিষ্ট শিক্ষা বোর্ড হতে ইস্যুকৃত সমমান সার্টিফিকেট এবং বিশেষ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হতে ডিগ্রী প্রাপ্ত হলে দেশীয় সংশ্লিষ্ট বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়/বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় মঞ্জুরী কমিশন/শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক ইস্যুকৃত সমমান সার্টিফিকেট অনুযায়ী ডিগ্রী ও ফলাফলের শ্রেণি/ বিভাগ/জিপিএ/সিপিপিএ উল্লেখ করতে হবে। তথ্য মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় চেকিং বোর্ডে অবশ্যই উপস্থাপন করতে হবে। অন্যান্য মৌখিক পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ করা হবে না।

ঞ. **প্রতিষ্ঠান পছন্দের ক্রম:** Online আবেদনে প্রার্থীগণকে নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে উল্লিখিত প্রত্যেক প্রতিষ্ঠানের বিবেচনায় নিয়ে প্রতিষ্ঠান পছন্দের ক্রম নির্ধারণ করতে হবে। চূড়ান্তভাবে মনোনীত প্রার্থীগণকে তাদের অর্জিত মেধাক্রম এবং Online আবেদনে উল্লিখিত পছন্দক্রম অনুসারে শূন্য পদ বা কা সাপেক্ষে সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রতিষ্ঠানে পদায়ন করা হবে। আবেদন দাখিলের পর আবেদনকৃত প্রতিষ্ঠান পছন্দের ক্রম কোনো অবস্থাতেই পরিবর্তনযোগ্য নয়।

ট. **Application Fee Payment পদ্ধতি:** আবেদন কি Payment পদ্ধতি সম্পর্কে বিস্তারিত জানতে <https://recruitment.bb.org.bd/onlineapp/rocketprepay.pdf> ওয়েবসাইটে ভিজিট করতে হবে। ডাচ বাংলা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড এর Payment Gateway 'রকেট' এর Prepaid অথবা Instant Payment পদ্ধতি ব্যবহার করে কি প্রদান করা যাবে।

(১) **Prepaid পদ্ধতি:** রকেট অ্যাপস বা ম্যানুয়াল উভয় ক্ষেত্রেই কি প্রদানের জন্য Biller ID হিসেবে Bankers Selection Committee Secretariat অথবা 499 সিলেট করতে হবে। পরবর্তীতে পর্যায়ক্রমে সংশ্লিষ্ট Job ID No. নিজ CV ID No. এবং ১ম অংশ [হাইস্কোর (-) অংশের অংশ], কি এর পরামানসহ প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্য ব্যবহার করে কি প্রদান করতে হবে। কি প্রদান করলে প্রার্থী মোবাইলের মেসেজ অপশনে একটি Transaction ID (TxnID) নম্বর পাবেন। প্রাপ্ত TxnID নম্বর টি ব্যবহার করে প্রার্থীকে অবশ্যই পৃথকভাবে Payment Verify সম্পন্ন করতে হবে; অন্যথায় আবেদন অসম্পূর্ণ রয়ে যাবে।

(২) **Instant Payment পদ্ধতি:** আবেদনের সময় বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের ওয়েবসাইটে Payment অপশন হতে Instant Payment নির্বাচন করলে প্রার্থী সরাসরি রকেট এর ১টি লিংক পাবেন। উক্ত লিংকের মাধ্যমে রকেট একাউন্ট হতে কি প্রদানের পরপরই মোবাইলের মেসেজ অপশনে ১টি One Time Password (OTP) পাবেন। প্রাপ্ত OTP টি নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে লিংকের নির্দিষ্ট ফিল্ডে বসিয়ে প্রার্থীকে Payment Verify সম্পন্ন করতে হবে।

ঠ. **Verify Payment:** Prepaid পদ্ধতিতে প্রার্থীগণকে কি প্রদানের পর প্রাপ্ত TxnID বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের recruitment সাইটের নির্দিষ্ট ফিল্ডে বসিয়ে Payment Verify সম্পন্ন করতে হবে। Instant Payment পদ্ধতিতে প্রার্থীগণকে পৃথকভাবে Payment Verify করার প্রয়োজন নেই।

ড. **Tracking Page** সফর : Payment Verify সম্পন্ন হওয়ার পর প্রার্থীকে Tracking ID No. সফলিত ১টি Tracking Page প্রদান করা হবে। Tracking Page টি ভবিষ্যতে ব্যবহারের জন্য সংরক্ষণ করতে হবে। Tracking Page সফর করলেই প্রার্থীর আবেদন সম্পন্ন হয়েছে বলে বিবেচিত হবে। নির্ধারিত সময়ের পরে কোনো অবস্থাতেই Tracking Page এর Duplicate Copy সরবরাহ করা হবে না।

ঢ. **Online** আবেদনের সময় কোনো কাগজপত্র প্রেরণ করতে হবে না। লিখিত পরীক্ষার উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীগণকে অনলাইন আবেদনে প্রদত্ত প্রতিটি তথ্যের স্বপক্ষে যথাযথ সনদ/প্রমাণপত্র মৌখিক পরীক্ষার দিন দাখিল করতে হবে। Online আবেদনে প্রার্থী কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত তথ্যের সঠিকতা যাচাই করতে কোনো substantive ক্রটি ধরা পড়লে মৌখিক পরীক্ষার অংশগ্রহণের সুযোগ দেয়া হবে না। তাছাড়া, মৌখিক পরীক্ষা শেষে প্যানেল প্রকৃতিকালে কোনো প্রকার ক্রটি পরিলক্ষিত হলেও প্রার্থীকে প্যানেলভুক্ত করা হবে না।

ঢ. **চাকুরীর** প্রার্থীগণকে তাদের নিয়োগকারী কর্তৃপক্ষের পূর্বনামোদনক্রমে আবেদন করতে হবে এবং মৌখিক পরীক্ষার দিন উক্ত অনুমোদনের কপি প্রদর্শন করতে হবে।

ঢ. **নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে** কোটা সংক্রান্ত সরকারী সর্বশেষ নীতিমালা ও অন্যান্য বিধি-বিধান যথাযথভাবে অনুসরণ করা হবে।

ঢ. **সংশ্লিষ্ট ব্যাংকসমূহ** প্রার্থীদের নিয়োগ প্রদান করা বা না করার ক্ষেত্রে চূড়ান্ত সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণের অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে।

বিশেষ দ্রষ্টব্য: শেষ তারিখ ও সময়ের জন্য অপেক্ষা না করে হাতে খেঁচ সময় নিয়ে আবেদনপত্র দাখিল, নির্ধারিত কি প্রদান ও Payment Verify সম্পন্ন করতঃ **Tracking Page** টি হার্ডকপি আকারে সংরক্ষণ করার জন্য পরামর্শ দেয়া যাচ্ছে। ভুল Job ID বা ভুল CV ID ব্যবহার করলে কি প্রদান করা হবে না এবং এর ফলে প্রদত্ত আবেদন কি ফেরত পাওয়া যাবে না।

ব্যাকরিং/ (আরফ হোসেন খান) মহাব্যবস্থাপক ও সনদ সচিব ব্যাংকার্স সিলেকশন কমিটি

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ব্যাংকিং ও আর্থিক সেবা পেতে হয়রানির শিকার হলে কিংবা কোনো অভিযোগ থাকলে ১৬২৩৬ নম্বরে ফোন করুন।

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Avik Anwar, the first Bangladeshi to win in an international motorsports event, and Tanveer Mostafa, group director at the Meghna Group of Industries (MGI), attend a deal signing ceremony to become Anwar's lead sponsor.



Subrata Ranjan Das, executive director of ACI Motors, the sole distributor of Yamaha motorcycles in Bangladesh, attends a public display of a 1,000cc Yamaha R1M motorcycle.

Inequality threat to economic progress

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Danger lies in the fact that businesses are heavily dependent on bank financing, which in turn was not being generated from owners' capital but from millions of small scale depositors, he said.

So this transform of resources from small depositors to big capitalists, particularly the fact that this was not being repaid, led to a massive redistribution of income, he said.

There are uncertainties over whether the country will manage to maintain the seven to eight per cent growth momentum it had enjoyed in recent years, said Binayak Sen, a research director of the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies.

"We have tackled the Covid-19 crisis riding on the remittance growth, exports of RMG products and the situation of the local context as a whole," he said.

"But there is no scope to be complacent. If we looked into the economic data between 2010 and 2020, a number of macroeconomic indicators had shown declines," he said.

The rate of poverty has been on the rise and there are still many uncertainties stemming from the economic hardship brought on by the pandemic, Sen said.

The country's economy has backtracked to that of 2016 given the macroeconomic data, meaning it has lost gains of the past four to five years, he said.

Inequality has been on the rise on a large scale, which has put pressure on the state, he said.

The finance minister has even expressed dissatisfaction over the rate of revenue collection

as it will not be able to help the country meet demands of the modern day, Sen said.

"We have to spend more for public education. For instance, we should also spend more to provide internet in rural areas," he said.

The journey of five decades has been very multidimensional with a great deal of success, said Hossain Zillur Rahman, executive chairman of the PPRC.

There has been a continuity these past five decades and Bangladesh has never faced negative growth except for in 1971, he said.

The rise in inequality has an overarching expression of a new type of phenomenon, he said.

"The issue of inequality is not just a social issue. It is also linked to our ability to move to a higher quality growth agenda as inequality is coming out of a certain type of policies," he said.

Different innovations and techniques have been adopted, such as microcredit, rural networks, RMG sector and so on, said Rahman.

"Quality growth cannot be addressed without revisiting this rapture with the goal of equality. Our people are the biggest capital. Without leveraging it, higher growth is tough," he said.

There is a state-sponsored class, a sort of cronyism, existing since the beginning. But an autonomous group has also emerged, competitive but not seeking favours, he said.

Some view that Bangladesh's aspiration and innovation will continue to coexist with crony capitalists. "We talk of the demographic dividend. But we have at maximum a decade to realise the dividend," he said.

"One-third of our youths is neither in employment and education nor in training. So quality is critical. Quality cannot be delivered by the individual businessman or the individual NGO on a large scale. This has to come from the state," Rahman said.

An almost forgotten success story is that of the attainment of the fertility rate, said Naila Kabeer, a professor of the London School of Economics and Political Science.

The demographic record of seven came down to two or three children and this fall helped bring about a decline in the maternity mortality rate, she said.

"We also saw a rise in child survival for which quality investment for the quality child also improved," she said.

Other milestones of the country include successes of women, microfinance and the garment sector. Microfinance is driven by NGOs and garment by entrepreneurs. Unfortunately, NGOs are both carriers and barriers to new ideas, Kabeer said.

The development of the non-farm sector was a push factor because of landlessness of a section of people, she said.

Female labour participation is going up in Bangladesh and down in India. But the income of females in home-based enterprises, mainly cattle rearing, has not been officially recognised, she added.

The economy has diversified, albeit in an unplanned manner, such as through migration and growth of non-farm sectors, Kabeer said.

MA Sattar Mandal, a former vice-chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural

University, said the economy had undergone a structural change with a major role played by agriculture and the rural economy.

This transformation came about for the crop sector and more commercial, high value produce such as livestock, fish and vegetable, he said. These sectors hugely contributed to poverty reduction and helped improve nutrition standards alongside food security, he said.

By the end of 1980s, large scale privatisation of agriculture enabled a kind of growth, initially in the cereal and food crop sectors, and it had a ripple effect on other sectors, he said.

Privatisation helped the adoption of irrigation technologies and farm mechanisation and opened the markets, which also helped grow the number of entrepreneurs and markets, Mandal said.

Rural transportation was also enhanced. For instance, the agricultural machinery hub in Bogra has been generating a lot of business in local markets, even meeting demand in northeast India, he said.

There had been a stagnation in female participation in the labour market spanning from 2010 to 2017, said Sayema Haque Bidisha, a professor of economics at the University of Dhaka.

"We have to explore new milestones for the female workers as their engagement in the RMG sector has also declined," she said.

Internal migration has been playing a better role in reducing poverty compared to international migration as per a recent study, she said.

Tk 946cr project to beef up rural internet network

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Once approved, the wholly government-funded project also aims to cater to the industries that need high-speed data, such as artificial intelligence, internet of things and smart device manufacturing.

The project has been included in the relevant ministry's high priority list as an unapproved project without an allocation in the annual development programme (ADP) of FY 2020-21.

The number of broadband internet connections has skyrocketed since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic thanks to the inclusion of rural areas amid the ongoing health crisis.

The number of internet connections through broadband jumped 50 per cent year-on-year in November to reach 8.6 million, according to data from the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC).

The number of connections witnessed a leap in March, when Bangladesh reported its first coronavirus infection, adding over 23 lakh new subscribers in one month.

"The main reason for the increase in the number of subscribers is the availability of broadband connections in rural areas," said MA Hakim, president of the Internet Service Providers Association of Bangladesh.

This is due to changes in people's lifestyles during the pandemic, he added.

37 apparel makers investing \$650m in Bangabandhu Shilpa Nagar

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Some 500 people could get jobs at my new project," he told The Daily Star over the phone.

The employment figure is low, considering high-end garments require less of a human touch compared to its conventional counterparts.

"I hope that by the end of the year, the development of industrial plots would be completed, like connections of electricity, gas and other utilities," he added.

Md M Mohiuddin Chowdhury, chairman of the industrial zone's standing committee of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), said so far some 48 local garment manufacturers have applied for plots at a section inside the BSMSN designated for the sector.

Out of 48 applicants, 37 have so far received confirmation of getting an allotment, he said.

Besides, some development activities like installation of power, gas connections, preparation of the plots and construction of internal roads and boundary walls need to be completed.

"I hope by this year, all of those activities would be completed for the handover of the plots to the investors as the development activities of Beza are going on," he said.

Beza may hand over the plots at this year's end, said Chowdhury, who is also an investor at the BSMSN and chief executive officer and director

of Clifton Group, another leading garment supplier.

Once the investors receive the plots, they will start construction of their mills and factories. "So expect that in the next two and a half years, the actual production will start," he said.

"Most of the mills and factories have been planning to construct factories of global standard to produce high-end apparel items as conventional garment business has become very competitive," said Chowdhury.

Around \$1,400 million worth of garment items could be exported from the proposed factories, which would employ about one lakh workers.

So far, 37 of 48 investors have either made full or partial payments for their industrial plots, he added.

Syed Nazrul Islam, director of Well Fashion, said he received his one-acre industrial plot on Wednesday as he was done making the payment.

"I am waiting for another plot on two acres of land to be handed over soon to build modern factory buildings," Islam added.

Initially, he will invest Tk 100 crore to build a woven composite garment factory for manufacturing high-end products but it will take another year to begin construction due to the Covid-19's fallout.

"I have a plan to construct a global standard garment factory to produce high-valued garment items," Islam said.

Md Junaid Abu Salay Musa, director of Epyllion Group, another

leading garment exporter, said he has a plan to set up a factory at the BSMSN to produce high-end woven and knitwear items for upscale customers in the western world.

Echoing the views of his fellow investors, Musa said it would take more than one year to go for construction as Beza was still developing the zone.

However, Beza Executive Chairman Paban Chowdhury said development activities on Beza's part have already been completed and now other government agencies were completing their parts to prepare the plots.

The government has been developing the country's largest industrial park, the BSMSN, on 30,000 acres of land, of which more than 80 per cent was reclaimed from the Bay of Bengal at Chattogram.

Some 37 garment entrepreneurs have received their industrial plots so far as they have already paid 50 per cent or 100 per cent of the price, Chowdhury said.

Many of them can start constructing their industrial units as Beza has already developed the plots providing connections to power and gas.

"Beza has already confirmed investment of \$20 billion in the BSMSN," Chowdhury said, adding that some 500 acres of land has been allocated for the garment section.

"I hope Beza can complete all the development activities by the end of the current year for investors. The BSMSN also offers options for all other industries," he said.

its size and growth.

The bonus shares have not been declared from the capital reserve, revaluation reserve, any unrealized gain, out of profit earned prior to incorporation, by reducing paid-up capital, anything else would have put the post-dividend retained earnings in the negative or a debit balance, it said.

At the DSE, 57 companies' stocks rose, 193 stocks fell, and 101 remained unchanged, Delta Spinners topped the gainers' list, rising 9.85 per cent followed by Keya Cosmetics, Taufika Foods and Agro Industries, Beximco and Beximco Pharmaceuticals.

Beximco topped the turnover list, trading worth Tk 217 crore followed by BATBC, Beximco Pharmaceuticals, Robi Axiata and LankaBangla Finance.

Prime Insurance shed the most, falling 9.65 per cent followed by Federal Insurance, Peoples Insurance, City General Insurance, and United Insurance.

BATBC leads drop in stock index

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BATBC alone snared 16 points from the DSEX yesterday, according to data from Amarstock.com, a stock market analysis website.

"We don't know whether the stock market regulator would allow the company to fall under its floor price in order to adjust the stock dividend or remain at floor price," said Munna Raihan, a stock investor.

"This is a burning question now and due to the puzzling situation, its stock price is moving zigzag," he added.

BATBC's dividend announcement was published on the DSE website last Thursday, when its stock price rose 12 per cent to Tk 1,700. Yesterday the multinational cigarette maker's stock fell 5.96 per cent to Tk 1,599.

The regulator can set a new floor price for BATBC as the adjustment is necessary to obtain a market driven price, said a merchant banker preferring anonymity.

"I actually don't support setting a floor price for any stock even though it impacts the market positively," he said, adding BATBC's old floor price is no longer suitable as it announced a huge stock dividend.

"If the regulator allows it to continue at the previous floor price, then the price must be overvalued," the merchant banker said.

BSEC Spokesperson Rezaul Karim said the regulator will take a decision regarding the matter soon.

Last year, the company logged profits of about Tk 1,088.6 crore, up 36.9 per cent year-on-year.

BATBC declared the bonus shares by considering the utilization of its accumulated profit, which stood at Tk 3,213 crore for the year that ended on December 31 of 2020, the company said in a disclosure on the DSE website.

It issued stock dividends to achieve the optimum capital base considering

Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)	
Selection of a firm/company for Design, Planning, Facilitation and Establishment of Digital Studio in the Building of the Department of Youth Development.	
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh	
01 Ministry/Division	Ministry of Youth and Sports.
02 Agency	Department of Youth Development.
03 Procuring entity name	Department of Youth Development.
04 Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
05 Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
06 Expressions of Interest for Selection of	Design, Planning, Facilitation and Establishment of Digital Studio in the Building of the Department of Youth Development.
07 Eol Ref. No.	34.01.0000.006.41.02.21
08 Date	14/02/2021.
KEY INFORMATION	
09 Procurement sub method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
FUNDING INFORMATION	
10 Budget and source of funds	GoB.
11 Development partners (if applicable)	N/A.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
12 Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A.
13 Project/programme name (if applicable)	N/A.
14 Eol closing date and time	Expression of Interest (Eol) shall be submitted on or before 11:45am (BST) on 28/02/2021 in sealed envelope delivered to the Director General of the Department of Youth Development and be clearly marked "Expression of Interest for Selection of a Firm/Company for Design, Planning, Facilitation and Establishment of Digital Studio in the Building of the Department of Youth Development".
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT	
15 Brief description of the assignment	The Islamic Co-operation Youth Forum, an OIC-affiliated Turkey-based forum, has declared DHAKA as the OIC Youth Capital for 2020. To organize and celebrate various national & international youth-based events and telecast those events throughout the world the Department of Youth Development is intending to set up/establish a highly equipped Digital Studio. Primarily the studio will be used for telecasting various youth-based events of DHAKA OIC Youth Capital-2020 and later on it will be used for the development and broadcasting of various Youth Development Training Programs under the Department of Youth Development.
16 Experiences, resources & delivery capacity requires	The intended Digital Studio will be used for broadcasting various national and international events worldwide which will carry out the standard and capacity of Bangladesh in the global arena. Therefore, the studio must have to be well equipped and have all kinds of facilities to broadcast all events uninterrupted. Applicants must also have adequate technical ability, implementation capabilities, resources, and processes. As such following are defined as minimum eligibility criteria (documents must be submitted in the following order). 1. Must have a valid trade licence. 2. Must be registered with RJSC (applicable for Joint-Stock Company & Firm). 3. Must have a minimum of 5 years of overall experience in related services and supply of relevant commodities. 4. At least 3 (three) national/international similar project completion experience. 5. Must have adequate technical resources and facilities available to plan, design, install and facilities the Digital Studio. 6. In order to prove the experience, the firm must provide a list of experts and technical manpower and a brief overview of their planning and design of the studio. 7. The firm/company must be experienced in studio and camera set up, controlling, online broadcasting specialists, executives, and associated experience in managing studio based national/international events. 8. The minimum amount of liquid asset of the firm shall be Tk 1 (one) crore (Certificate or proof of available liquid asset or fund availability must be issued three months from the date of Eol submission by the concerned authority). 9. Cash flow statement of last 5 years. 10. Project completion certificates of 05 (five) similar national/international projects. 11. List of fulltime employees along with updated resume including their Name, Designation, Mobile No., Email, Joining date, Experience, Role, Academic Background and Expertise.
17 Submission of EOI	1. Application for Expression of Interest (Eol). 2. Up-to-date and valid trade licence, TIN and VAT registration certificate. 3. Updated income tax clearance certificate. 4. Constitutional documents of the company/firm. 5. Company brochure/profile covering company expertise, strength and relevant experience. 6. Original copies of liquid asset information issued by concern authority. 7. Copy of valid RJSC incorporation certificate (applicable for Joint Stock Company & Firm). 8. Audited financial reports of the company/firm of last 05 (five) years. 9. Cash flow statement of last 5 years. 10. Project completion certificates of 05 (five) similar national/international projects. 11. List of fulltime employees along with updated resume including their Name, Designation, Mobile No., Email, Joining date, Experience, Role, Academic Background and Expertise.
18 Association with foreign firms is	Encouraged.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
19 Name of official inviting EOI	Md. Jahangir Alam.
20 Designation of official inviting EOI	Director (Admin & Finance), Department of Youth Development.
21 Address of official inviting EOI	Office of the Director General, Department of Youth Development, Jubo Bhaban, 108, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
22 Contact details of official inviting EOI	Phone: +88 02 9550863 (Off) Fax: +88 02-9587300 Email: diradmin@dvd.gov.bd; ict@dvd.gov.bd
23 Special guideline	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all Eols.
Md. Jahangir Alam Director (Admin & Finance) Department of Youth Development	
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Cabbages grown in Jashore make way abroad

Dutch NGO facilitating exports to Malaysia, Singapore



AZIBOR RAHMAN

Labourers sort and pack cabbages to make them ready for export, at a collection centre of Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security and Linkages (SaFaL) in Jashore.

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jashore

Thousands of cabbage farmers in Jashore are getting good prices for their produce thanks to a project called Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security and Linkages (SaFaL).

Solidaridad South and South-East Asia in partnership with the embassy of the Netherlands is implementing the SaFaL programme in the southwest of Bangladesh.

The Dutch NGO, which mainly operates in Narsingdi, has been facilitating cabbage exports to Malaysia and Singapore for the past three years, said Md Raihanul Islam Chowdhury, programme officer for supply chain of Solidaridad Network Asia.

Jagorani Chakra Foundation, a nongovernmental organisation (NGO), is the Jashore partner of the programme, he said.

Under the project, the two NGOs will work to export cabbage between December and February each year.

The farmers can now sell cabbages at

the project's collection centres at rates Tk 2 higher than the market price, which used to drop during every harvesting season, Chowdhury said.

The project has been set up alongside the Buribhairab river, located one kilometre away from Satmile bazar and 12 kilometres away from the Jashore municipality.

Ten collection centres have been set up in different areas of the district so that growers can sell their produce without any labour cost.

Eighty labourers work at the collection centres at Tk 500-600 a day and around 20 per cent of them are women, he added.

"Around 9,500 farmers have taken this opportunity since we began the project back in 2018," he added.

As of January 17 this year, the joint venture has exported a total of 123 tonnes of cabbages to Malaysia and Singapore.

They now expect to ship about 500 tonnes by the end of the year.

In 2020, around 76 tonnes of cabbage

was exported while it was just 22 tonnes in the year before.

"This is because China occupied the international market that year," Chowdhury said.

In 2018, SaFaL exported 403 tonnes of cabbage and 14 tonnes of other vegetables to Malaysia and Singapore.

On average, 21 tonnes of cabbages are shipped a day. The joint venture also exports other vegetables between February and September.

Rezaul Islam, a farmer based in Haybatpur village, said he cultivated cabbage on 8 bighas of land this year.

Islam sold around Tk 2 lakh worth of the produce so far and expects to sell another Tk 3 lakh worth by the end of February.

"I feel proud that my product is making its way abroad," he added.

Nihari Khatun, a farmer of Sahbajpur village, said she cultivated cabbage on 3 bighas of land this year and has faced no issues in selling her products.

She does not pay any sales tax or carrying cost as she sells it directly to the local collection centre.

In the past, Khatun often incurred huge losses due to dull market prices.

As a result, unsold produce was fed to the cattle.

"But this project changed the situation as they pay us Tk 2 more than the market price," she said.

Labourers Mohammad Ali and Monoara Khatun said the project offers them stable employment for three months at a stretch.

"We are trying to save the farmers through this initiative. We will be happy if they benefit from it," said Md Tohidul Islam, project director of Jagorani Chakra Foundation.

The quality of the cabbage is good, said Md Kazal Bokhtiar, a representative of one of the exporting companies.

"If the quality remains the same, we will be able to export more products from this project."

GLOBAL BUSINESS

Tesla to set up electric car plant in southern India

REUTERS, Bengaluru

Billionaire Elon Musk's Tesla Inc will set up an electric-car manufacturing unit in the southern Indian state of Karnataka, according to a government document seen by Reuters on Saturday.

"The US firm Tesla will be opening an electric car manufacturing unit in Karnataka," the state government said in a brief statement.

The statement was part of a broader document outlining the highlights of India's budget to its people in the local language of Kannada.

Last month, the electric carmaker incorporated Tesla Motors India and Energy Private Limited with its registered office in the city of Bengaluru in Karnataka, a hub for global technology companies.

State Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa had then said in a tweet, which was subsequently deleted, that Tesla would start its operations in India with an R&D unit in Bengaluru.

It was not immediately clear if the Saturday statement was referring to the same unit.

Tesla and the office of Karnataka state chief minister did not immediately respond to Reuters' request for comments.

Musk has tweeted several times about the company's impending foray into India. In December, the Tesla CEO confirmed in an exchange on Twitter that Tesla will launch in the country in 2021.

India has been keen to reduce its oil dependence and cut down on pollution, but its efforts to promote electric vehicles have been stymied by a lack of investment in manufacturing and infrastructure such as charging stations.

To boost investment, India plans to offer \$4.6 billion in incentives to companies setting up advanced battery manufacturing facilities, Reuters reported last year.



SpaceX owner and Tesla CEO Elon Musk speaks during a conversation with legendary game designer Todd Howard (not pictured) at the E3 gaming convention in Los Angeles, California.

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GLOBAL BUSINESS

City of London pays early price of hard Brexit

AFP, London

Europe's financial capital is feeling the cold of Brexit but UK officials insist the City of London is suffering a temporary blip and is well-positioned to profit from new trading horizons.

For the first time last month, as Britain's withdrawal from the EU took full effect, London's financial district lost its European share trading crown to Amsterdam.

Researchers at IHS Markit attributed the decline to a "relatively hard Brexit", and the UK government's

strength to strength" in emerging financial technology (fintech) and tech investment, as well as green finance, she added.

In January, according to the Financial Times, an average of 9.2 billion euros (\$11.2 billion/8.1 billion) of shares were traded each day on Euronext Amsterdam together with two other Dutch share markets.

That was more than four times their December figure, and overtook London's daily average of 8.6 billion euros, the newspaper said. A spokesman for the Dutch Financial

Rosenblatt Securities, said London's relative decline was "symbolic in the post-Brexit era." "But beyond that the impact is pretty minimal," he said on Twitter.

Puaar said fund managers will "probably not" care in apportioning assets but the greater danger is for a fragmentation of markets in Europe, which would make trading more inefficient and drive up costs. Bank of England governor Andrew Bailey also addressed fragmentation in a speech last week, urging the EU to hurry up on the equivalence negotiations for the sake of pandemic recovery on both sides of the Channel.

Rebutting some of the demands made by Brussels in return for the City to regain access to EU states, Bailey said Britain had no intention of creating "a low-regulation, high-risk, anything-goes financial centre and system". But the EU wants cast-iron legal assurances that Britain will not diverge in its financial regulation at the expense of European firms, and stresses that the hardline model for Brexit now in operation was a choice made by London.

"It cannot be business as usual," the EU's chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier said on Thursday, a day after Bailey's speech. "When you look at the consequences in the financial services, you can clearly see that there is no added value to Brexit and many, many consequences, unfortunately," he said.

However, the UK central banker played down fears of an exodus of jobs from London. Last month, Bailey said up to 7,000 jobs had so far been relocated to rival centres on the continent including Amsterdam, Paris and Frankfurt -- well down on doomsday predictions of as many as 50,000 losses. Mark Simpson, an expert on financial services at the law firm Baker & McKenzie, agreed that by the metric of job losses, London did not need to panic yet. "But the ongoing equivalence debate illustrates a point that many have been saying for some time -- that the EU is determined to reduce its reliance on London, even if that means driving business further afield" to New York for instance, he told AFP. "It seems increasingly apparent that the UK will need to accept that its market position for many areas of European business is going to be weaker in future," Simpson said.



A person walks past a closed shopfront on Oxford Street in London on February 12.

PHOTO: REUTERS

failure so far to persuade Brussels to grant full trading rights to City-based firms under a regime known as "equivalence".

London's daily trading volumes in other areas such as derivatives and foreign exchange still vastly outweigh its European neighbours, and Catherine McGuinness, policy chair at the City of London Corporation, played down the development. "We've always known that some EU-facing business would have to leave the City of London following Brexit, whatever the shape of the deal," she told AFP. "However, significantly fewer jobs have shifted from the City because of Brexit than was expected, and we remain very confident about the fundamental strengths of the City for the future," McGuinness said. London "continues to go from

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