

Rancon offers new Gixxer marking Suzuki centenary

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Rancon Motorbikes is celebrating Suzuki's centenary launching a new Gixxer and Gixxer SF series through

its official Suzuki Facebook page recently. Featuring 155cc engines, each model comes in two versions, one with Fi-ABS and the other

Carburetor-Disc, said a press release.

The Gixxer is of color variations Mira Red, Glass Sparkle Black and Metallic Triton blue. The limited edition 100th Anniversary Gixxer SF is in solitary silver-metallic triton blue.

Available in all authorised showrooms across Bangladesh, the price of the Gixxer starts at Tk 224,950 while Gixxer SF Tk 271,950.

Shoeb Ahmed, divisional director of Rancon Motorbikes, AKM Touhidur Rahman, head of sales, and Mohammad Shams Uddin, head of marketing, were present at the launching.

"Keeping the mindset of the bikers, proud Suzuki Bangladesh has always been coming with the latest technologies and new design," said Ahmed.



Bengal Commercial Bank Chairman Md Jasim Uddin virtually presided over its 6th board meeting yesterday. Vice chairmen Mahbul Alam and Ghulam Mohammed Alomgir and Managing Director and CEO Tarik Morshed joined the meeting.



Zabid Iqbal City Bank gets new DMD

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City Bank recently witnessed the appointment of a new deputy managing director.

The appointee, Zabid Iqbal, has been serving the bank as credit risk officer and chief anti-money laundering compliance officer since January 2019. Prior to joining City Bank, Iqbal was the deputy CEO of Kathmandu-based Nepal Bangladesh Bank, a joint venture between IFIC Bank Bangladesh and Nepalese investors.

Starting his career in 1998 with AB Bank as a probationary officer, he afterwards worked for HSBC Bank in Bangladesh and Hong Kong, the Commercial Bank of Ceylon, American Express Bank and Dhaka Bank.

Iqbal obtained an MBA degree from the Institute of Business Administration, University of Dhaka and completed a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) programme at the CFA Institute of USA.

Govt looks to give light engineering a leg up

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It focuses on strengthening the sector by improving infrastructure, enhancing technology and skills, and diversifying products to face the challenges of the fourth industrial revolution.

The focus will also be given on the development of vendors of potential sectors such as motorcycle, bicycle, automobile, and heavy machinery, the draft policy said.

"It is good news for us. It is a timely initiative," said BEIOA President Abdur Razzak.

"The sector will flourish if the policy is implemented through disciplined compliance. We hope it would be good for the sector."

There is no policy for the light engineering sector in Bangladesh, although it plays a vital role in the economy. Some 50,000 light engineering industries are operating in the country, making \$8.2 billion worth of products every year.

Businesses operating in foundry, manufacturing, repair and maintenance sub-sectors produce 10,000 types of light engineering products, according to a paper of the BEIOA.

"It would be a great help for the sector if a new policy is developed because every policy helps the government understand what needs to be done for the development of any specific sector," said Enayet Hossain Chowdhury, a director of the Bangladesh Electrical Merchandise Manufacturers' Association.

Light engineering is one of the important sub-sectors of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), which create jobs and help the economy post higher growth.

"Local light engineering products have huge demand at home and abroad. It is

possible to export the goods after meeting the domestic demand," Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi said at the meeting of the stakeholders.

"The government has taken special initiatives to make the sector export-oriented, and the policy is being formulated considering the changes that are taking place because of the fourth industrial revolution."

There are ample employment opportunities in the light engineering sector. And the export market will expand with the production of new and diversified products, he said.

Despite being a potential sector, the light engineering industry could not flourish because of some bottlenecks, said Kazi Iqbal, a senior research fellow at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies.

He said the problems the light engineering sector were facing right now had come up in various discussions.

"Light engineering is one of the important SME clusters that deserves more focus from the government. Equal attention should be given to every business in the sector irrespective of their size and earnings."

In his budget speech on June 3, Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal proposed a 10-year tax exemption to establish light engineering factories to promote local manufacturing.

Factories that will begin commercial production between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2030, will enjoy the exemption.

"We are looking at the matter positively. We believe this will open up a new opportunity for investment in this sector," said Razzak.

British grocery sales dip as indoor hospitality reopens

REUTERS, London

British supermarket sales fell 1.6 per cent in the 12 weeks to June 13 year-on-year as the re-opening of indoor hospitality took spend away from the grocers and into the nation's cafés and restaurants, industry data showed on Tuesday.

Market researcher Kantar said, however, that sales in the period were still 3.3 billion pounds (\$4.6 billion) higher than in 2019 before the pandemic hit.

It said Britons enjoyed the long awaited arrival of summer in the latter four weeks of the period, with take-home sales of alcohol increasing by 29 million pounds compared to May, despite pubs and restaurants being open, helped by the May Bank Holiday and the lead up to the European soccer championship which kicked off June 11.

Of Britain's big four grocers, Sainsbury's, with sales up 0.4 per cent over the 12 weeks year-on-year, was the only one to register growth.

StanChart rolls out pandemic response plan for 2021

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"While addressing the immediate needs of the Covid-affected people continues to be our priority, we are also focused on building for the longer term, co-investing in healthcare, education, entrepreneurship, and future skills development."

"Close partnerships among the private sector, developmental organisations and the government have never been more

crucial - to make our economy and people more resilient."

The commitment to support Bangladesh saw the bank secure 25 major international awards in 2020, the press release said.

It was also recognised as the international bank with the highest expenditure under the corporate social responsibility programmes in 2020 by the Bangladesh Bank.



Quazi Osman Ali, managing director and CEO of Social Islami Bank, virtually inaugurated a QR code service at its Dhaka head office recently. Deputy managing directors Abu Naser Chowdhury and Md Shamsul Hoque and Company Secretary Abdul Hannan Khan were present.

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Invitation For Tenders

Workshop Machinery and Tools

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
2. Agency	Essential Drugs Company Limited (EDCL), Dhaka, Bangladesh
3. Procuring Entity Name	Project Director
4. Procuring Entity District	Gopalganj
5. Invitation For	Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Testing of Workshop Machinery and Tools
6. Invitation Ref. No.	EDCL/PD-Gopalganj/ Workshop Machinery and Tools /2021/36
7. Date	20 June, 2021

KEY INFORMATION

8. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

9. Budget & Source of Funds	GOB (Government of Bangladesh)
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

10. Project Code	1270101-224020000
11. Project Name	Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3 rd Plant), Gopalganj
12. Tender Package No.	GD - 14
13. Tender Package Name	Workshop Machinery and Tools
14. Location of the Project	Gopalganj Sadar, Gopalganj.
15. Tender Publication Date	23 June, 2021
16. Tender Last Selling Date	Date : 11 June, 2021, Time : 03:00 PM
17. Tender Submission Date and Time	Date : 12 June, 2021, Time : 01:00 PM
18. Tender Opening Date and Time	Date : 12 June, 2021, Time : 01:30 PM
19. Name & address of the Office (Selling, Receiving and Opening of Tender Document)	Office of the Project Manager, EDCL (3 rd Plant), Gopalganj C/O: Essential Drugs Company Limited (EDCL) 395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh
20. Pre-Tender Meeting (Place/Date/Time)	Conference Room of EDCL Essential Drugs Company Limited 395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh. Date: 30 June, 2021, Time: 11:00 PM

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

21. Eligibility of Tenderer :	The minimum of years of general experience of the Tenderer in the supply of Goods and related services as Supplier shall be 10 (Ten) years
General Experience	The satisfactory completion of Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Machinery & Tools with minimum value of Tk. 55.00 Lac (Fifty Five Lac Taka) only in Government/Semi-Government/ Autonomous under a single contract within the last 05 (Five) years.
Specific Experience	
Liquid Asset	The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e working capital or credit line(s) of the Tenderer shall be Tk.65.00 Lac (Sixty Five Lac Taka) only.
22. Brief Description of Goods	Supply of Lathe Machine, Drill Machine, Vice, Work Shop Tools & Hardware, Calibrated Equipment.
23. Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	Tk. 3000.00 (Three Thousand) Taka only in the form of Pay Order in favor of the "Project Director, Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3 rd Plant), Gopalganj."

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

24. Name of Official Inviting Tender	Prof. (Dr) Ehsanul Kabir
25. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3 rd Plant), Gopalganj
26. Address of Official Inviting Tender	395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh.
27. Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone : 8151080,8113463, 9130036 9130489-9130490 (PABX) Fax.: 8119697 E-mail: 3rdplant@edcl.gov.bd Website: www.edcl.gov.bd
28. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.	

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Project Director
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