

# Eastern Bank, Mastercard launch dual currency prepaid card for medical tourism

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Eastern Bank, in collaboration with Mastercard, launched the country's first dual currency prepaid card for medical tourism to simplify access to healthcare in India for Bangladeshi patients.

The card offers a 10 percent discount on in-patient hospital bills across 120+ hospitals in Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai, Bangalore, Pune, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow and other cities in India, with no cap on the amount.

It will also provide cardholders complimentary dental and vision check-ups, along with a complimentary day trip to the Taj Mahal in Agra or a tour of a city during their visit to India.

Vikas Varma, chief operating officer for South Asia at Mastercard, and Ahmed

Shaheen, additional managing director of the bank, inaugurated the card at the latter's head office in Dhaka yesterday, the bank said in a press release.

To avail these offers, cardholders will need to submit a treatment inquiry on the bank's dedicated web page and select the most appropriate treatment option and cost estimate.

They will also receive comprehensive support services, including assistance with medical visa, hotel accommodation, doctor appointment, and on-site support.

Cardholders will also get other benefits, including 24/7 cash withdrawals worldwide, and discounts at hundreds of the bank's partner merchants and over 7,000 merchant partner outlets in Bangladesh.



Vikas Varma, chief operating officer for South Asia at Mastercard, Syed Mohammad Kamal, country manager for Bangladesh, and Ahmed Shaheen, additional managing director of Eastern Bank, pose for photographs while launching a dual currency prepaid card at the bank's head office in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: TRIUNE GROUP

# Shibli Rubayat reappointed as BSEC chief

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Prof Shibli Rubayat-Ul-Islam has been reappointed as the chairman of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) for another four-year term.

The new tenure will be effective from May 17, according to a notice issued by the Financial Institutions Division yesterday.

The extension comes ahead of the expiry of his current tenure ending on May 16. A professor of banking and insurance at the University of Dhaka, Islam served as the chairman of Sadharan Bima Corporation before he joined the BSEC in 2020 as chairman.



Shah Alam Sarwar, managing director and CEO of IFIC Bank, poses for photographs with participants of a business conference in Sylhet recently.

PHOTO: IFIC BANK

# IFIC Bank organises business conference in Sylhet

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IFIC Bank recently organised a conference, styled "IFIC Largest Banking Network Business Conference", in Sylhet.

Shah Alam Sarwar, managing director and CEO of the bank, attended the conference as chief guest, the bank said in a press release.

In his speech, Sarwar highlighted the remarkable growth of IFIC Bank's deposits over the past 11 years.

"There has been a 400 percent increase in deposits," he said, expressing hope that it would reach 500 percent by next June.

Sarwar also shared the success stories of IFIC sub-branches, which commenced operation in 2019 as "Neighbourhood

Banking".

Now, IFIC Bank is the largest bank in the country in terms of sub-branches, it said. He urged all officers to strive for self-development in tandem with the evolution of technology and the banking sector.

The event brought together all the employees of the bank from the greater Sylhet region.

Sarwar presented awards to employees from respective branches and sub-branches recognising their roles in deposit collection, loan disbursement, and loan recovery.

Among others, Md Rafiqul Islam, deputy managing director and head of branch business of the bank, was also present.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (APR 28, 2024)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 64-Tk 76	-71 ↓	3.7 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 54	1.96 ↑	9.47 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 45	-10.53 ↓	-24.78 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	13.16 ↑
Soybean (litre)	Tk 145-Tk 150	-2.64 ↓	-13.99 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 45-Tk 55	17.65 ↑	49.25 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 60-Tk 70	13.04 ↑	23.81 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 40-Tk 42	1.2 ↑	-6.82 ↓

SOURCE: TCB

# LafargeHolcim wins 'Green Factory Award 2023'

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LafargeHolcim Bangladesh received the "Green Factory Award 2023" yesterday for its continued endeavor to ensuring eco-friendly technology and a safe workplace in its cement plant in Chattak upzaila of Sunamganj.

The Chhatak Plant ranked first in the cement sector, according to a press release.

Speaker of the National Parliament Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury was present as chief guest and handed over an award to Mohammad Iqbal Chowdhury, chief executive officer of the cement manufacturer, at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday.

The Ministry of Labour and Employment organised the award-giving ceremony.

A total of 29 companies from 12 sectors received the 'Green Factory Award 2023'.



PHOTO: LAFARGEHOLCIM BANGLADESH

Mohammad Iqbal Chowdhury, chief executive officer of LafargeHolcim Bangladesh, receives the 'Green Factory Award 2023' from Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, speaker of the national parliament, at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday.

# Efficient use of AC can reduce

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hours, the electricity bill will be Tk 34. For conventional ACs, the bill would be about Tk 46, meaning an inverter AC can save Tk 12 per day."

Echoing Islam's sentiments, Sanjana Mahmud, product manager (home comfort) at Singer Bangladesh Limited, said that "Green Inverter" technology can save up to 60 percent energy in comparison to a non-inverter AC of the same capacity under ideal conditions.

Sanjana suggested setting the temperature between 24-26 degrees Celsius, cleaning air filters regularly, and servicing the AC periodically.

She advised to ensure proper insulation, seal all leaks and holes in the room, close curtains and blinds during the daytime to keep ambient temperatures lower, and to set sleep timers on ACs.

Mazharul Islam, additional general

manager (production) at Electro Mart Bangladesh, said advanced technology as well as inverter technology leads to energy savings.

"After achieving the target temperature, ACs with inverter technology consume electricity in very low amounts, reducing power consumption," he said, adding that inverter technology was the most energy efficient of all modern technologies.

He also suggested keeping ceiling fans running to help recirculate chilled air, which helps cool rooms in a short time and reduce power consumption.

All four experts said ACs offer a multitude of benefits that enhance both comfort and well-being. According to them, ACs do more than just cool down rooms. They also help regulate humidity, which is the amount of moisture in the air.

During heatwaves, air conditioning

is essential for keeping people safe and healthy, they stated.

High temperatures can lead to heat-related illnesses, especially for vulnerable populations like the elderly and young children. So, having air conditioning helps prevent these illnesses by keeping indoor temperatures cool and comfortable, they said.

Furthermore, air conditioning improves quality of life by boosting sleep quality and productivity.

However, they acknowledged that ACs also pose environmental concerns.

As ACs rely heavily on electricity, often generated from fossil fuels, they lead to greenhouse gas emissions, fuelling climate change.

Some ACs also use refrigerants that are harmful to the ozone layer and contribute to global warming if they leak, they said.

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The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents of following packages from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches up to 1.00pm.

SL No.	Package No.	Name of works	Tender ID	Last date & time of selling documents	Last date & time of submission documents
1	ccc/xen-5/2023-24/24	Repair work of Parade Field for National Day observance at 16 No. Ward	974725	19-05-2024 12:00	19-05-2024 14:00
2	ccc/xen-5/2023-24/25	Repair work of median island and footpath (paintwork) at Parade Field at 16 No. Ward	974726	19-05-2024 12:00	19-05-2024 14:00
3	ccc/xen-5/2023-24/26	Zebra Crossing paint work at CDA Avenue road and other important roads at 14 No. Ward	974731	19-05-2024 12:00	19-05-2024 14:00
4	ccc/xen-5/2023-24/27	Repair work of Goli Azar Begum School adjacent Staff Quarter and school boundary wall at 16 No. Ward	974727	19-05-2024 12:00	19-05-2024 14:00
5	ccc/xen-5/2023-24/28	Development of Muradpur & Mohammedpur area Janajah prayer, Eidgah yard and beautification work	974728	19-05-2024 12:00	19-05-2024 14:00
6	ccc/xen-5/2023-24/30	Construction of pedestrian underpass at Bahaddarhat	974729	27-05-2024 12:00	27-05-2024 14:00

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01	977589	Agri/Net/23-24	Procurement of Net	12 May 2024 15.00	12 May 2024 15.30	12 May 2024 16.00
02	977580	Agri/Box/23-24	Procurement of Collecting Box	12 May 2024 15.00	12 May 2024 15.30	12 May 2024 16.15
03	977579	Agri/Feromone/23-24	Procurement of Feromone Trap With lure	12 May 2024 15.00	12 May 2024 15.30	12 May 2024 16.30
04	977574	Agri/Grout/23-24	Procurement of Water Grout	12 May 2024 15.00	12 May 2024 15.30	12 May 2024 16.30
05	977540	Agri/Pot/23-24	Procurement of Seed Pot	12 May 2024 15.00	12 May 2024 15.30	12 May 2024 16.30

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**The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all Tenders/ Proposal without showing any cause.**

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