SMC celebrates 50 years of operations in health sector

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Social Marketing Company (SMC), a not-for-profit organisation, has completed 50 years of remarkable operations in the health sector of Bangladesh. Over the past five decades, the company has achieved significant milestones by marketing innovative products and delivering essential healthcare services.

SMC recently organised a programme at the InterContinental Dhaka to celebrate 50 years of its successful journey, according to a press release.

Salehuddin Ahmed, adviser to the Ministry of Finance, attended the event as the chief guest.

Addressing the occasion, Ahmed commended SMC's significant contributions to improving the health system in Bangladesh over the past five decades. He congratulated the organisation on its golden jubilee and wished it continued success in its mission to enhance public health.

Md Saidur Rahman and Md Sarwar Bari, secretaries of the Health Services Division and the Health Education and Family Welfare Division under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and Prof Jeff French, president of the International Social Marketing Association, were present as special guests.

Nearly half of the country's modern family planning users rely on SMC-branded contraceptives. In the 1980s, diarrhea was one of the leading causes of child mortality in Bangladesh. SMC's oral rehydration solution, OR Saline (ORS), has significantly reduced nationwide diarrhea-related mortality rates.

Currently, the company is implementing various health and nutrition programmes targeting mothers, children, adolescents, and other family members.

Waliul Islam, chairman of SMC and SMC Enterprise, poses for group photographs with invited guests, including high-ranking government officials, representatives from diplomatic missions, development agencies, prominent public health experts, and members of civil society, at a celebration programme at the InterContinental Dhaka recently. PHOTO: SMC

Mahtab Uddin Ahmed made president of ICMAB

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Mahtab Uddin Ahmed

Mahtab Uddin Ahmed has been elected president of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) for a one-year term.

Ahmed is the founder of BuildCon Consultancies Limited and BuildNations Limited, according to a press release. He previously served as managing director and CEO of Robi Axiata Ltd, where he achieved significant milestones in leadership and corporate success.

Ahmed obtained his honours and master's degrees in accounting from the University of Dhaka. He is also an alumnus of Harvard Business School and IMB Switzerland.

EXIM Bank gets new AMD

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Abdul Aziz

EXIM Bank PLC recently appointed Abdul Aziz (Zumma) as the additional managing director (AMD).

Prior to his appointment, Aziz had been working in the same position at Shahjalal Islami Bank PLC, the bank said in a press release.

With an illustrious banking career spanning over 38 years, he began his journey as an officer at NCC Bank in 1986. He later joined First Security Islami Bank as an assistant vice-president in 1999 and moved to Shahjalal Islami Bank as senior vice-president in 2005.

Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of Pubali Bank, attends the "1st Managers' Conference-2025" for managers of Rajshahi region in the metropolitan city recently. PHOTO: PUBALI BANK

Pubali Bank holds managers' conference in Rajshahi

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Pubali Bank PLC recently organised the "1st Managers' Conference-2025" for managers of Rajshahi region in the western metropolitan city of the country to motivate them to increase the bank's business by rendering better services for the customers.

Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of the bank, inaugurated the conference as the chief guest, the bank said in a press release.

Md Sazidur Rahman, deputy general manager and regional manager for Rajshahi region of the bank, presided over the conference, where Md Kamruzzaman, general manager and division head of establishment and general services division of the bank, was present as the special guest.

At the conference, necessary strategies and plans were framed to achieve the target fixed for the year 2025. Other senior officers of the bank were also present.

Southeast Bank signs deal with Visa for digital payment services

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Southeast Bank PLC recently entered into a strategic partnership agreement with Visa, aiming to introduce innovative products and services that will significantly enhance the digital payment experience for customers.

Under this agreement, Visa will play a pivotal role in supporting Southeast Bank's initiatives to deliver seamless digital payment services to its Visa cardholders.

Nuruddin Md Sadeque Hossain, managing director of the bank, and Sabbir Ahmed, country manager for Bangladesh, Nepal, and Bhutan at Visa, signed the deal at the bank's head office in the capital, said a press release. Ahmed said, "We are delighted to deepen our partnership with Southeast Bank to introduce cutting-edge digital payment innovations, exciting campaigns, and other value-added services."

"As our nation becomes digitally empowered, we at Visa continue working closely with our partners to bring simple, secure, and superior payment experiences to consumers and businesses across Bangladesh," he added.

Sabbir Ahmed, country manager for Bangladesh, Nepal, and Bhutan at Visa, and Nuruddin Md Sadeque Hossain, managing director of Southeast Bank, pose for photographs after signing an agreement at the latter's head office in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: SOUTHEAST BANK

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY

	PRICE (JAN 27, 2024)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 70-Tk 85	3.33 ↑	13.14 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 54-Tk 58	6.67 ↑	7.69 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 45	0	-13.27 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	0
Soybean (litre)	Tk 170-Tk 173	4.57 ↑	8.89 ↑
Potato (kg)	Tk 20-Tk 30	-58.33 ↓	-44.44 ↓
Onion (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 60	-37.50 ↓	-39.39 ↓
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 44-Tk 48	-3.16 ↓	2.22 ↑

SOURCE: TCB

NCC Bank holds annual business conference

PHOTO: NCC BANK

Md Nurun Newaz Salim, chairman of NCC Bank, poses for group photographs with participants of an "Annual Business Conference-2025" at the Palace Luxury Resort in Habiganj yesterday.

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NCC Bank PLC organised the "Annual Business Conference-2025" at the Palace Luxury Resort in Habiganj.

The primary focus of this gathering was to enhance the bank's business by delivering exemplary customer service.

Md Nurun Newaz Salim, chairman of the bank, inaugurated the two-day conference as the chief guest, the bank said in a press release.

In his inaugural speech, Salim expressed his heartfelt congratulations for achieving business goals, even amidst the challenges of the stagnant economic conditions of the past year.

He emphasised the bank's rapid business expansion and urged all stakeholders, including branch managers, to sustain the momentum and uphold the highest standards of service quality.

While presiding over the event, M Shamsul Arefin, managing director of the bank, highlighted significant improvements in various financial indicators.

"Despite challenges such as the dollar crunch and global economic slowdown, the bank witnessed growth in loans and advances, investment, total assets, remittance, and recovery," Arefin said.

He also outlined the bank's business strategies for the current year, charting a positive path forward.

Syed Asif Nizamuddin, director of the bank; Khairul Alam Chaklader, chairman of the executive committee; Meer Sajed-Ul-Basher, independent director and chairman of the audit committee; Md Mahbub Alam, Md Zakir Anam, and Mohammed Mizanur Rahman, deputy managing directors, among others, were also present.

Trust Bank wins remittance award

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Trust Bank PLC won the "Top Ten Remittance Award 2025" at the "World Conference Series 2025" organised by the non-profit research organisation, Center for Non-Resident Bangladeshi, for its remittance collections.

Ahsan H Mansur, governor of Bangladesh Bank, presented the award to Akhlasur Rahman Bhuiyan, deputy managing director and chief risk officer of Trust Bank, at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka recently, said a press release.

Md Touhid Hossain, adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, attended the award ceremony as the chief guest.

MS Shekil Chowdhury, chairperson of the Centre for NRB, presided over the programme.

Md Kamal Hossain Sarker, deputy managing director and head of the Islamic banking division of Trust Bank, along with other senior officers from various banks and organisations, was also present.

Akhlasur Rahman Bhuiyan, deputy managing director and chief risk officer of Trust Bank, receives a remittance award on the bank's behalf at the World Conference Series 2025 by the Center for NRB at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka recently. Md Touhid Hossain, an adviser to the interim government, was present. PHOTO: TRUST BANK

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e-Tender Notice- 01/NDR/Khagrachari/2024-25

An e-Tender has been invited in the national e-GP system portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following works under NDR.

Sl. No.	Tender ID	Package No. & Description	Location of the works	Tender/Proposal Document Last Selling Date & Time	Tender/Proposal Closing & Opening Date & Time
01.	1067708 LTM	CTG-2/NDR/Khag-01/24-25 Emergency temporary protection of Battali & Swapna Mohan Karbari para along the Left Bank of Chengi River from K.M.53.320 to K.M.53.520 =200M at Upazilla-Khagrachari, Dist-Khagrachari Under Chittagong WD Division-II, during the year 2024-25.	Khagrachari sadar, khagrachari	10-Feb-2025 14:00	10-Feb-2025 16:00
02.	1067709 LTM	CTG-2/NDR/Khag-02/24-25 Emergency temporary protection of Kaladeva Golabari along the Left bank of Chengi River from K.M.52.200 to K.M.52.500 =300M at Upazilla-Khagrachari, Dist-Khagrachari Under Chittagong WD Division-II, during the year 2024-25.	Khagrachari sadar, khagrachari	10-Feb-2025 14:00	10-Feb-2025 16:00
03.	1068329 LTM	CTG-2/NDR/Khag-03/24-25 Emergency temporary protection of North Gonjopara along the Right bank of Chengi River in between K.M.47.900 to K.M.48.050 =150M at Upazilla-Khagrachari, Dist-Khagrachari Under Chittagong WD Division-II, during the year 2024-25.	Khagrachari sadar, khagrachari	10-Feb-2025 14:00	10-Feb-2025 16:00
04.	1068533 LTM	CTG-2/NDR/Khag-04/24-25 Emergency temporary protection of Shib Mandir along the Left bank of Chengi River from K.M.35.070 to K.M.35.320 =250M at Upazilla-Khagrachari, Dist-Khagrachari Under Chittagong WD Division-II, during the year 2024-25.	Khagrachari sadar, khagrachari	10-Feb-2025 14:00	10-Feb-2025 16:00
05.	1068537 LTM	CTG-2/NDR/Khag-05/24-25 Emergency Protective work at the Left bank of Kamalchari chara from km. 3.170 to km 3.300 = 130 M at Kamalchari, Pailotpara Area in Upazila: Khagrachari, Dist: Khagrachari Under Chittagong WD Division- II, BWDB, Chittagong.	Kamalchari pilot para, Khagrachari	10-Feb-2025 14:00	10-Feb-2025 16:00
06.	1068538 LTM	CTG-2/NDR/Khag-06/24-25 Emergency Protective work at the Right bank of Kamalchari chara from km. 3.050 to km 3.400 = 350 M at Kamalchari, Pailotpara Area in Upazila: Khagrachari, Dist: Khagrachari Under Chittagong WD Division- II, BWDB, Chittagong.	Kamalchari pilot para, Khagrachari	10-Feb-2025 14:00	10-Feb-2025 16:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender would be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies would be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) would be required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP system portal need to be deposited online through any registered bank's branch till **03.00 PM on 10-Feb-2025 for all tenders.**
Further information and guidelines are available in National e-GP system Portal and e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd) (01762625528-31). (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd/).

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