

# Akij Tableware's food plating reality show back for season 2

## STAR BUSINESS DESK

Akij Tableware has announced the return of the food plating reality show, Akij Tableware Art of Plating, with the launch of its highly anticipated season 2.

The new season follows the overwhelming success and widespread audience acclaim of its inaugural season, promising even more creativity and culinary excellence. Participants are required to submit photos of their best food plating through the official website.

A panel of experienced and renowned chefs will select the top 30 contestants based on their creativity and skills from the hopeful participants, providing them with the opportunity to showcase their talents on national television.

Md Khorshed Alam, chief operating officer of AkijBashir Group, spoke to all at a press conference at a hotel in the capital on Tuesday, according to a press release.

Commenting on the initiative, Alam said, "After receiving an enthusiastic response in season one, we have

expanded this season to encompass a broader audience, uniting plating artists from all corners of Bangladesh."

"Our goal is to present the unique culture and storytelling embedded in food plating art to the world and enrich this creative field," he added.

The show aims to discover the nation's most talented food plating artist, with the winner taking home a prize of Tk 10 lakh. In addition to the prize, the competition offers substantial rewards for the runners-up.

The first runner-up will receive Tk 5 lakh, while the second runner-up will be awarded Tk 3 lakh.

Furthermore, the top 30 contestants will be honoured with a variety of prizes, including crests, certificates, culinary courses, and exclusive dinner sets from Akij Tableware, culminating in a total prize pool of Tk 20 lakh.

The reality show will be broadcast on NTV, Channel i, and Deepo Television, with availability on the popular OTT platform Chorki.



Md Khorshed Alam, chief operating officer of AkijBashir Group, speaks at a press conference of the "Akij Tableware Art of Plating" at a hotel in the capital on Tuesday.

PHOTO: AKJBASHIR GROUP

## Premier Bank opens relocated Kadamtali branch

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Premier Bank PLC recently opened a relocated Kadamtali branch at Raja Super Market in Double Mooring thana of Chattogram.

Mohammad Abu Jafar, managing director and CEO of Premier Bank, inaugurated the branch, as the chief guest, according to a press release.

The bank also launched a Chuna Factory sub-branch at SKF Centre on PC

Road at Noya Bazar in Pahartoli, as well as the Agrabad ATM booth in the port city.

Syed Nowsher Ali and Shamsuddin Choudhury, additional managing directors of the bank; and Sayed Abul Hashem, deputy managing director and chief financial officer, attended the event as special guests.

Other top officials of the bank, along with local businesspeople and dignitaries, were also present.



Prof Md Abdul Latif, vice-chancellor of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, receives a cheque worth Tk 49.65 lakh from Nuruddin Md Sadeque Hossain, managing director of Southeast Bank, at a function at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: SOUTHEAST BANK

## RBI may cut repo rate by 25 basis points

### ANN/THE STATESMAN

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is likely to cut the repo rate by 25 basis points in its February 2025 policy meeting, the State Bank of India (SBI) said in a research.

It said the rate cut would be at least 75 basis points over the entire easing cycle.

SBI Research said that after an intervening gap in June 2025, the second round of rate cuts could begin in October 2025. It further said that the RBI Liquidity Framework needs to be revisited.

The report further said that the RBI could start using the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) as a regulatory intervention tool rather than just a liquidity management mechanism in the future.

## Workers' protest

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The Singapore-bound vessel Helgoland left the port at around 2:00 pm without taking 101 TEUs of export containers as they did not reach the port due to the workers' movement, said Ziaul Quader, associate director of the ship's local agent, Trans Marine Logistics Ltd.

Besides, these export cargoes destined for the US and Europe may miss connecting with mother vessels at the transshipment port, he added.

Colombo-bound AS Sicilia had to defer its scheduled departure as around 380 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of export containers could not be sent to the port from depots, sources said.

The clash broke out around 7:00 pm on Tuesday following an altercation between security staff at DC Park and the driver of a prime mover, which was heading to the BM

Container Depot from the port.

Witnesses say the driver failed to slow down when a security guard signalled that a private car was exiting the park's parking lot and ended up slightly rear-ending the vehicle.

The driver was then beaten by the park's security staff, prompting a group of prime mover workers to retaliate once informed.

The workers then went on a rampage inside the park, creating panic among the park's visitors as they protested the assault on a peer.

They also blockaded the Fouzderhat-Port Access Road and port gates in Chattogram city's Saltgola area for hours till early yesterday.

The workers also staged demonstrations near the port gates, suspending the entry and exit of all container-carrying vehicles and creating an acute gridlock that lasted all day.

## PASHCHIMANCHAL GAS COMPANY LIMITED

(A Company of Petrobangla)

Nalika, Sirajganj, Bangladesh.

\*Energy security is the top priority

### Invitation for Tenders for Procurement of Gas Meter

1	Ministry/Division	Power, Energy & Mineral Resource/Energy & Mineral Resource Division
2	Agency	Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited
4	Procuring Entity District	Sirajganj
5	Invitation for	Procurement of Gas Meter
6	Procurement Method	KEY INFORMATION Open Tendering Method: One stage two envelope method will be followed for the IFT under which the tender shall submit at a time two separate sealed Envelopes, one for the Technical Proposal and other for the Financial Proposal all together in a single Envelope.
7	Budget and Source of Funds	FUNDING INFORMATION Company's own fund (Under Cash Foreign Exchange)
8	Tender Publication Date	PARTICULAR INFORMATION 06/02/2025
9	Tender Last Selling Date	20/03/2025
10	Tender Closing and Opening Date and Time	Name of IFT Date Closing Time Opening Time Procurement of Gas Meter 23/03/2025 2:30 PM 2:40 PM
11	Name & Address of the office(s)	
	- Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Finance Division, PGCL, Nalika, Sirajganj.
	- Selling Tender Document (Others)	Dhaka Liaison Office, PGCL, Petrocenter (13th Floor), 3 Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka.
	- Receiving Tender Document	* The prospective tenderer(s) shall have to submit application in their letter head pad for purchasing the tender document.
	- Opening Tender Document	Head Office, Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited, Nalika, Sirajganj, Bangladesh.
12	Eligibility of Tenderer	Head Office, Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited, Nalika, Sirajganj, Bangladesh.
13	Brief Description of Goods	INFORMATION FOR TENDERER a) The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 05 (Five) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services.
14	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	b) Others mentioned in the Tender Document.
15	Invitation Ref No.	Rotary, Turbine Gas Meter and EVC BDT 5000.00 OR US\$ 42.00 (Non-refundable)
		Description of Materials Amount (BDT or Equivalent in a freely convertible currency) Completion Time in Days/Weeks
	No. 28.18.0000.039.07.001.2024-25/08	Gas Meter BDT 6,50,000.00 120 days from the date of receipt of letter of credit (L/C)

### PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

16	Name of Official Inviting Tenderer	Md. Shahenur Alam
17	Designation of Official Inviting Tenderer	General Manager (Administration)
18	Address of Official Inviting Tenderer	Pashchimanchal Gas Company Ltd., Nalika, Sirajganj, Bangladesh.
19	Contact details of Official Inviting Tenderer	Telephone: 01730357237, e-mail: proc.pgc@gmail.com
20		a) If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. b) The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.

PGPR-30/2024-2025

03.02.2025  
(Md. Shahenur Alam)  
General Manager (Administration)

