

ACI launches fortified flour enriched with 10 vitamins, minerals

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ACI Pure Flour Limited launched a new product of fortified flour named "ACI Pure Power Flour" at the Shwapno outlet in the capital's Gulshan-1 to meet the nutritional deficiencies in the daily diet of people.

Enriched with 10 essential vitamins and minerals, including folic acid, zinc, calcium, iron, vitamin A, vitamin B1, vitamin B2, vitamin B3, vitamin B6, and vitamin B12, this fortified flour will make daily meals more nutritious and healthy, according to a press release.

Commenting on the new product, Faria Yasmin, chief business officer of ACI Foods & Commodity Brands, said, "ACI Foods & Commodity Brands has always focused on quality and innovation."

"We hope that ACI Pure Fortified Atta will ensure nutrition and health in every

family of Bangladesh," she added.

The absence of various vitamins and minerals in the diet, especially zinc, iodine, vitamin A, and folic acid, is a big challenge for human nutritional needs, physical and mental growth, and development, the press release said.

Fortified flour not only addresses these challenges but also boosts immunity, increases body strength, helps improve mental development and eyesight, keeps the heart healthy, and increases red blood cells.

"Shwapno is always committed to providing healthy products to consumers. ACI Pure Fortified Atta will further strengthen that goal," said Sohel Tanvir Khan, business director of ACI Logistics.

"We will reach every consumer's doorstep by ensuring the presence of ACI Pure Fortified Atta at every outlet," said Abu Naser, director (operations).



Faria Yasmin, chief business officer of ACI Foods & Commodity Brands, Abu Naser, director (operations) of ACI Logistics, and Sabbir Hasan Nasir, managing director of Shwapno, attend the launch of the fortified flour named "ACI Pure Power Flour" at the Shwapno outlet in the capital's Gulshan-1 on Sunday.

PHOTO: ACI LIMITED

Commercial Bank of Ceylon holds annual staff conference

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The Commercial Bank of Ceylon (CBC) PLC Bangladesh operations recently held an "Annual Staff Conference" at the Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel in Dhaka.

The event brought together the management team and all staff of the Bangladesh operations of the bank.

Sanath Manatunge, visiting global

managing director of the bank, and Najith Meewanage, chief executive officer of Bangladesh operations, attended the event, according to a press release.

During the event, they revealed the theme for the year, "Transforming the Horizon," while discussing the strategic priorities of the Bangladesh operations of the bank.

Other senior officials of the bank were also present.



Abdul Aziz (Zumma), additional managing director of EXIM Bank, poses for photographs with participants of the "Special Business Development Meeting" for the Cumilla region of the bank at the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) in Cumilla recently.

PHOTO: EXIM BANK

First Security Islami Bank holds business review meeting

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First Security Islami Bank PLC recently organised a "Business Review Meeting-2025" for officers of the Cumilla zone at a hotel in Feni.

Managers and operation managers of 21 branches, in charge of 19 sub-branches and general banking and investment of the Cumilla zone, along with other officials, participated in the meeting. Abu Reza Md Yeahia, managing director (current charge) of the bank, attended the meeting as the chief guest, said a press release.

Md Sirajul Islam, deputy managing director of the bank, Mizanur Rahman, head of the investment monitoring and recovery division, Md Abdus Salam, head of the general services division, Nazim Anwar, head of the public affairs and brand communication division, Shamsul Karim Mazumder, head for the Cumilla zone, and Md Khairul Hasan, assistant vice-president and head of the marketing and business development division, were also present.



Abu Reza Md Yeahia, managing director (current charge) of First Security Islami Bank, attends the "Business Review Meeting-2025" for officers of the Cumilla zone at a hotel in Feni recently.

PHOTO: FIRST SECURITY ISLAMI BANK

98% of RMG

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The study also found that 64.7 percent of garment workers do not have the capacity to pay the monthly premium, and 75.3 percent are not aware of the UPS.

Some 61.3 percent of workers are not interested in participating in the UPS as they believe their jobs are not secure, the study also said.

Other reasons for non-participation in the UPS include job losses, factory lay-offs, industrial injuries, deaths, occupational illnesses, fires, and boiler explosions.

The study suggested that the UPS could establish the principle that RMG workers who have served the industry for a fixed term or contributed for a minimum of five years should be entitled to free medical services at government hospitals.

Educating and raising awareness among workers about the UPS and its operating system was also recommended.

Some of the study's major recommendations include lowering the premium amount, such as that of the Surakha

scheme, making institutional participation mandatory, and ensuring employer contributions, all of which were suggested by almost every stakeholder.

Around 30 percent of respondents suggested that the government provide some form of subsidy.

Allowing withdrawals and loan facilities during income shocks, temporarily suspending contributions in times of crisis, and enabling job changes with the same pension ID were also recommended.

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and consumers remained cautious about taking on more debt amid an uncertain economic outlook.

People were still seen pushing to pack into trains in India's capital city on Sunday. The economy grew 5 percent in 2024, meeting the government's official target, but the post-pandemic recovery has been patchy, with exports and manufacturing making up for weak domestic consumption.

Household loans, including mortgages, rose to 443.8 billion yuan in January from 350 billion yuan in December, while corporate loans jumped to 4.78 trillion yuan from 490 billion yuan, central bank data showed.

New bank lending totalled 18.09 trillion yuan last year, down from a record 22.75 trillion yuan in 2023 and hitting the lowest level since 2019, as businesses

Phoenix Finance & Investments gets new MD

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Md Mamunur Rashid Molla has been appointed as the managing director (MD) of the Phoenix Finance & Investments Limited.

Prior to this new role, Rashid Molla was serving as the managing director and CEO of CVC Finance Limited, said a press release. He started his career at Prime

Bank PLC in 1995.

He was the deputy managing director at South Bengal Agricultural and Commerce Bank.

Molla previously worked for Premier Bank PLC, Shahjalal Islami Bank PLC, Mutual Trust Bank PLC, and National Bank PLC.

EXIM Bank arranges special business development meeting

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EXIM Bank PLC recently arranged a "Special Business Development Meeting" for the Cumilla region at the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) in Cumilla.

Abdul Aziz (Zumma), additional managing director of EXIM Bank, attended the programme as the chief guest, according to a press release.

In his speech, Aziz advised everyone to make a plan according to the current situation and follow it.

He also urged the branch managers to emphasise small entrepreneurs and provided clear directions to take EXIM Bank to the desired target for the year 2025.

Sanath Manatunge, visiting global managing director of the Commercial Bank of Ceylon, and Najith Meewanage, chief executive officer of Bangladesh operations, pose for photographs after the "Annual Staff Conference" at the Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON

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