

Shanta Holdings organises ‘Meet the Owners’ event in Bashundhara

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Shanta Holdings recently organised an event titled “Meet the Owners” at Shwapnoneer, the real estate company’s inaugural project in Bashundhara.

The event offered clients their first post-handover glimpse into the elevated lifestyle that awaits within this luxurious and contemporary residential community, delivering a standard of living previously unseen in the area.

According to a press release, the occasion celebrated Shanta’s bold vision of setting a new benchmark for luxury living in Bashundhara.

Strategically located on a corner plot in Block D, Shwapnoneer exemplifies refined living through its meticulous design and generous spatial planning.

Designed by Nahas Ahmed Khalil, the development spans 28.66 kathas of land, and comprises 48 expansive apartments, ranging from 2,650 to 3,650 square feet. Each residence includes two dedicated car parking spaces.

Shwapnoneer offers an elevated lifestyle experience, featuring Shanta’s signature amenities: a grand double-height entrance, an opulent reception lounge, an elegantly appointed party room, a modern fitness centre, a rooftop infinity pool with a BBQ zone, professionally curated landscaping and lighting, an outdoor activity area, and more.

Further solidifying its presence in Bashundhara, Shanta Holdings is currently developing nine additional residential projects alongside a destination mall.

Among these, Project Nirantar, located on a three-sided open plot in Block H, comprises 72 apartment units and incorporates all the hallmark lifestyle features associated with the Shanta brand. Pre-booking for Nirantar is now open.

For further details on upcoming projects, interested individuals are encouraged to visit shantaholdings.com or call 16634.

With Shwapnoneer and its future developments, Shanta Holdings continues to redefine luxury living—poised to reshape the skyline of Bashundhara and deliver a truly elevated lifestyle experience, it said.



Clients of the Shwapnoneer project and senior officials of Shanta Holdings pose for a photograph during the “Meet the Owners” event, held recently on the project premises in Bashundhara.

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Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director and CEO of Mutual Trust Bank, attends an event at the bank’s headquarters in Dhaka recently, commemorating the milestone of surpassing Tk 100 crore in fixed deposit and DPS products through its digital platform MTB Neo.

PHOTO: MUTUAL TRUST BANK

MTB Neo surpasses Tk 100cr in fixed deposits, DPS products

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Mutual Trust Bank PLC (MTB) has recently achieved a significant milestone, amassing over Tk 100 crore through fixed deposit (FD) and deposit pension scheme (DPS) accounts via its digital banking platform, MTB Neo.

As of March 2025, MTB Neo reported a staggering 668,000+ transactions, culminating in a total transaction volume exceeding Tk 2,203 crore. This represents an impressive 102.14 percent year-on-year growth

in transaction volume compared to March 2024, underscoring the burgeoning customer confidence and adoption of the platform, according to a press release.

The sustained upward trajectory in digital engagement reaffirms MTB Neo’s standing as a frontrunner in Bangladesh’s rapidly evolving digital banking arena.

To commemorate this milestone, the bank organised a celebratory event at its headquarters in Dhaka, marking a pivotal step towards realising MTB’s vision of delivering

seamless, branchless banking through the nation’s most intuitive digital platform.

Reflecting on the achievement, Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director and CEO of the bank, remarked, “Surpassing the Tk 100 crore benchmark in FD and DPS via MTB Neo stands as a testament to the unwavering trust our customers place in us.”

“It is emblematic of our enduring commitment to advancing banking accessibility, inclusivity, and technological innovation.”



Kedar Lele, vice-president for South Asia at Castrol, and Tanzeem Chowdhury, managing director of Rock Energy, attend a programme in Dhaka recently, celebrating the collaboration.

PHOTO: ROCK ENERGY LIMITED

Castrol appoints Rock Energy as automotive distributor in Bangladesh

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Castrol, one of the world’s leading lubricant brands, has appointed Rock Energy Limited as its distributor for the automotive aftermarket in Bangladesh, aimed at expanding Castrol’s footprint and enhancing the accessibility of its products to consumers nationwide.

This strategic partnership with Rock Energy, a subsidiary of one of Bangladesh’s fastest-growing business conglomerates,

brings with it over three decades of experience in the oil and gas sector, along with an in-depth understanding of the country’s energy landscape.

The collaboration marks a significant step forward in Castrol’s growth strategy for the region, the company stated in a press release.

“With Rock Energy, we intend to expand our direct distribution footprint, deepen engagement with customers, and drive differentiated growth for the Castrol brand in

Bangladesh,” said Kedar Lele, vice-president for South Asia at Castrol.

“We are confident this association will help us scale up in 2025 and deliver enhanced value through improved customer service and localised marketing initiatives,” he added.

Tanzeem Chowdhury, managing director of Rock Energy Limited, commented, “We are proud to associate with Castrol, one of the most trusted lubricant brands in the world.

NCC Bank launches ‘Freelancer Account’

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NCC Bank PLC has launched a new banking product, the “Freelancer Account”, specifically designed to support the growing community of freelancers in Bangladesh.

This innovative account aims to deliver tailored financial solutions that empower freelancers while promoting greater financial inclusion within the national economy.

The NCC Freelancer Account offers a range of attractive features carefully aligned with the unique financial needs of freelance professionals.

Md Nurun Newaz Salim, chairman of the bank, inaugurated the product during the Annual Business Conference 2025, held at The Palace Luxury Resort in Habiganj, the bank said in a press release.

Salim acknowledged the vital role freelancers play in the socio-economic development of Bangladesh.

He underscored the importance of supporting their financial growth and entrepreneurial ambitions through customised banking products, describing it as a forward-thinking initiative.

He further noted that features such as foreign currency account options could provide freelancers with increased flexibility in managing international payments and earnings, an essential component in today’s global digital economy.

Khairul Alam Chaklader, chairman of the executive committee of the bank; Syed Asif Nizamuddin, Director; and Meer Sajed-Ul-Basher, independent director and chairman of the audit committee; and M Shamsul Arefin, managing director, were present.

Speaking on the occasion, Arefin highlighted the freelancing sector’s growing contribution to the national economy.

“With 650,000 freelancers actively contributing to the tech industry and generating approximately USD 1 billion annually, it is evident that this sector plays a pivotal role in driving economic growth,” he stated.

“The introduction of the NCC Freelancer Account is a commendable initiative to support these professionals. Benefits such as access to personal loans and credit card facilities will help freelancers meet their financial needs and thrive in their careers,” he added.

Deputy managing directors of the bank, along with the heads of business, branches, and various divisions of the bank, were also present.



Md Nurun Newaz Salim, chairman of NCC Bank, inaugurates the bank’s new banking product, titled “Freelancer Account”, during the Annual Business Conference 2025 at Palace Luxury Resort in Habiganj recently.

PHOTO: NCC BANK

Gold price hits record high above \$3,500

AFP, London

Gold reached \$3,500 an ounce for the first time Tuesday, as US President Donald Trump’s tariffs and verbal attack against the Federal Reserve sent investors snapping up the safe haven asset.

The precious metal reached an all-time high \$3,500.10 an ounce before pulling back to \$3,467.87.

Gold has hit a series of record highs in recent weeks as investors

seek refuge amid a weakening dollar and following sharp losses across stock markets.

Trump’s tariffs have sparked a trade war with China, the world’s second biggest economy after the United States. Gold is up more than 30 percent since the start of the year.

The “rally reflects ongoing recession fears in the US economy and heightened political tensions, especially as President Donald Trump continues to attack Federal

Reserve Chair Jerome Powell”, noted Rania Gule, senior market analyst at trading group XS.com.

“These attacks have raised concerns about the independence of monetary policy, pushing investors toward gold as a store of value in uncertain times.”

Trump on Monday called Powell a “major loser” for not cutting interest rates, underscoring questions about whether the president will seek to fire the Fed chief after threatening such action last week.

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2	1098278	Completion of Unfinished works of Construction of 4-storied academic building with 4-storied foundation in/c Sanitary water supply & Electrification works at Kodomtoli High School, Nalitabari, Sherpur	OTM
3	1098223	Manufacturing & Supplying of Furniture at Halima Ahsan Technical (Business Management) Institute, Sribordi, Sherpur	OTM
4	1098222	Manufacturing & Supply of Furniture at Nalitabari Technical & Business Management College, Nalitabari, Sherpur	OTM

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1	1101575	Civil, sanitary and electrical repair work of staff barrack building at Narail District Jail.	08-05-2025 At 12.00	08-05-2025 At 12.00
2	1096146	Installation of grill, plaster and paint work of boundary wall at Narail District Jail.	08-05-2025 At 12.00	08-05-2025 At 12.00

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1.	28.20.9153.142.14.004.25/1	Procurement of Office Furniture at Work over of Well No. Kailashilla-1, Rashidpur-3 and Beanibazar-2 Project under Sylhet Gas Fields Limited. (Re-tender)	1101238	07-May-2025 17:00 Hours	08-May-2025 12:00 Hours

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