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He said due to its proximity to the secretariat, city corporation, and other key institutions, Osmani Udayan is an ideal spot to draw public attention to the memorial.

A DSCC official confirmed that the monument's design has been finalised, and a tender has been issued, scheduled to be opened on May 18.

"We'll need about two weeks to complete the evaluation, and construction will start shortly afterward," he said.

The project is expected to be completed within six months, from June to December, though efforts will be made to finish it earlier, he added.

Meanwhile, the broader modernisation of Osmani Udayan, originally set for completion in 2018, has faced repeated delays. The project stalled for nearly two years after the original contractor, Builders Limited, had its contract terminated in 2022 over alleged breaches.

A new contractor was appointed in September 2023, and after missing five deadlines, the current deadline is set for June 2025. Around 98 percent of the work is now complete, according to DSCC officials.

The long-delayed project includes the construction of boundary grills, entry gates on the north and south sides, walkways (including links from the Secretariat to Nagar Bhaban), a library, food court, drainage systems, large jetties at the lakes, an indoor games zone, and parking facilities.

Osmani Udayan, one of Dhaka's key green spaces, features numerous rare trees and plants, two small lakes, sand islands, sculptures, and an auditorium.

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Nasir said the matter falls under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Local Government, not the Election Commission.

"We have no role in this matter," he said.

The meeting also discussed the ongoing voter list update and other preparations ahead of the next general election.



Md Tafique has long been a familiar figure on the busy Rajshahi-Naogaon highway near Soipara, helping school students cross the road safely from morning till afternoon every day. For his traffic duty, he receives a monthly allowance of Tk 5,000-6,000 from the local police station. The photo was taken yesterday.

Need stronger land policies

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more disconnected from farmers.

"Farmers aren't getting fair prices, and their lives are becoming more fragile. Meanwhile, our food is turning toxic -- fish, meat, fruit -- everything is contaminated," he said. "In reality, we're consuming poison."

He said agriculture is vital for Bangladesh's survival, but the media gives little coverage to crop pricing, river erosion, and extreme weather.

"At least 13 farmers have taken their lives in recent months due to price shocks and other agriculture-related problems. A cancer hospital study found that 70 percent of its patients are farmers. Toxic food is boosting GDP by making people sick and turning treatment into business," said Anu Muhammad.

"Our biggest asset is fertile land. But if we destroy soil fertility and micro-organisms, where will we farm? In the sky?" he asked. "We must recognise our limits -- limited land and a dense population. Planning

must reflect this reality to protect our land and water," he said.

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a growing population threaten food security. "Despite talks of self-sufficiency, we still import rice, wheat, and maize. We need multi-cropping and policies that reflect changing consumption trends."

Prof Tofazzal Islam of Gazipur Agricultural University said an overemphasis on yield is damaging soil health. "We must invest in restoring soil health and building climate-resilient agriculture," he said.

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He hoped that the said task force and working team will play an important role in solving the problems of Bangladeshi workers in Saudi Arabia.

Now is the time for civil service

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together senior officials from several ministries, development partners, and policy experts to assess capacity gaps in the civil service and shape a long-term reform strategy, a UNDP statement said.

"Now is a unique window for reform. With multiple reform commissions in place, including one on public administration, we can build a professional, citizen first civil service.

That requires capacity building that is meaningful, demand-driven, and grounded in democratic values," said M Siraz Uddin Miah, principal secretary to the chief adviser, while addressing the event as chief guest.

Sonali Dayaratne, deputy resident representative of UNDP Bangladesh, emphasised that future-proofing the civil service goes beyond improving efficiency.

"Today's capacity won't guarantee tomorrow's capability," she said.

"We must build systems thinking, strategic foresight, digital fluency, and evidence-based policy innovation. Strengthening collaboration, nurturing a culture of continuous learning, and aligning talent with long-term national priorities are essential to navigating an increasingly complex world."

The workshop opened with welcome remarks from Dr Mohammad Abdul Latif, director general of the GIU, and concluded with closing reflections from Anowarul Haq, assistant resident representative of UNDP Bangladesh.

With participation from nearly 50 senior officials and experts, the workshop featured technical sessions to identify critical skills gaps and outline a sustainable, needs-based capacity development roadmap.

PRAYER TIMING

MAY 6

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrif	Esha
AZAN 4-15	12-45	5-00	6-34	8-00
JAMAT 4-50	1-15	5-15	6-38	8-30

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TITAS GAS TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION PLC.

(A Company of Petrobangla)
"Titas Gas Bhaban" 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue
Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.

INVITATION FOR LOCAL TENDER FOR AMS (ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SERVICE) AND ENHANCEMENT OF TGTPLC'S WEB BASED INTEGRATED SYSTEM HOSTED IN BCC CLOUD

Date of Issue of IFB: 05 May, 2025

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division
2. Agency	Petrobangla
3. Name of Procuring Entity	Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution PLC.
4. TENDER Name	AMS (Annual Maintenance Service) And Enhancement Of TGTPLC's Web Based Integrated System hosted in BCC cloud
5. Invitation Ref. No. and date	ITIInfrastructure/AMS/2025/01, dated: 28 April, 2025
6. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method.
7. Source of Fund	Company's own fund.
8. Amount of TENDER Security	Tk. 5,000/- (Taka Five Lakh Fifty Thousand only).
9. Price of TENDER Document	Tk. 5,000/- (Five thousand only) (non-refundable).
10. Time for Completion of Service	01 (One) year from the date of signing of Contract.
11. Date & Time of TENDER Selling	Document will be sold from 05 May, 2025 to 25 May, 2025 (10:00 AM to 03:30 PM) on every working day.
12. TENDER Closing Date and Time	26-05-2025 at 12:00 AM
13. TENDER Opening Date and Time	26-05-2025 at 2:00 PM
14. Name and Address of the Office(s) for:	<p>a) Selling of TENDER Document</p> <p>TENDER Documents will be available from 05-05-2025 on payment of price (non-refundable) from following offices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Cash & Bank Department, Titas Gas T & D PLC, 105 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215 * Accounts Department, Petrobangla, Petro Center, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215 * Accounts Department, BAPEX, BAPEX Bhaban, 4, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. <p>b) Receiving of Bid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tender Box (1st Floor), Titas Gas T & D PLC, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. * Purchase Department, Petrobangla, Petro Center, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. * Office of the Company Secretary, BAPEX, BAPEX Bhaban, 4, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. <p>Interested Tenderer(s) may view the documents at the above office addresses during normal working hours.</p> <p>Interested Tenderer(s) may obtain further information from the offices of DGM , IT Infrastructure Department (5th floor), Titas Gas T & D PLC, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue and may also visit the Installation sites before submission of Tender.</p>
15. Name and Address of the Office for Opening Tenders	GM Room, ICT Division, (2 nd Floor), "Titas Gas Bhaban" Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution PLC. 105 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.
16. Place/Date/Time of Pre-TENDER Meeting	06-05-2025 at 11.00 AM, GM Room, ICT Division, Titas Gas T & D PLC., 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.
17. Eligibility of Tenderer(s)	<p>1) The Firm must be based in Bangladesh and have at least 10 years' experience in design, development, implementation, and maintenance of software, preferably in government/semi-government companies. Work experience with completion certificates must be attached as documentary proof.</p> <p>2) The firm must have a valid Trade License of at least 10 (Ten) years. Consecutive 10 years' trade license must be submitted.</p> <p>3) Must be registered with RJSC (Applicable for Joint Stock Company & Firm). Certificate of Incorporation.</p> <p>4) The firms should have at least one (01) software development experiences with a minimum contract value of 2 (Two) Crore each in ERP/Utility Billing/digitalizing government services within the last 5 (five) years. Completion certificates, including contact details of provided services, must be submitted for documentary evidence.</p> <p>5) The firm must have at least one (01) contract for the support and maintenance of software in a government or semi-government organization, with a minimum value of 1.5 Crore within the last five years. Work Order/Contract Agreement/Completion certificates must be submitted for documentary evidence.</p> <p>6) The firm should have experience in handling large-scale database management (Oracle), data management, integration management, API management, payment & teleco integration management from any government and semi-government organization.</p> <p>7) Should have a minimum of 50 (Fifty) full-time ICT personnel in the company payroll related to system analysis, design, development, integration, testing, QC, training, and implementation of web and mobile-based applications/software solutions.</p> <p>8) The firm must have financial soundness & audited reports. The last 03 (three) years' average turnover shall be at least Tk. 35 (Thirty Five) Crore or above. An audit report by a registered audit firm must be submitted.</p> <p>9) The bank solvency i.e., minimum amount of liquid asset/credit line of the firm shall be Tk. 2 (Two) Crore (Certificate or proof on available liquid asset or fund availability must be issued 03 (Three) months from the date of tender submission by the concerned authority).</p> <p>10) Must have BASIS Membership (Updated).</p> <p>11) Must have ISO 9001:2015 & ISO 27001:2022.</p> <p>12) Must have active CMMI L-3 or above.</p> <p>13) Must have VAT Registration, Income Tax Clearance Certificate, BCS membership, and other legal and compliance certificates.</p> <p>14) Documents demonstrating the management and operational capacity of the firm (Brochures, Company Profile, and other documents describing company expertise, strength, and experience, core functions, products and services, similar assignments or project experience, availability of relevant Professional staff, and experience among the applicant's staff/resources to carry out this assignment).</p> <p>15) Joint ventures are not allowed for this tender.</p>
18. Brief Description of Maintenance/ Services	Details information are found in the Section-7 of Tender document.
19. a) Should the Submission date of Tenders happen to fall on holiday, Tenders shall be received and opened at the same time and place on the first Subsequent working day.	
b) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all Tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

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১২. দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের মেল তারিখ	