

Prime Bank signs deal with Farazy Hospital to enhance service benefits

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Prime Bank PLC has recently signed a strategic agreement with Farazy Hospital Limited, aimed at improving access to quality healthcare while delivering enhanced value to the bank's stakeholders.

MM Rabiul Hasan, executive vice-president and chief bancassurance officer of the bank; and M Mokter Hossen, managing director of the hospital; signed the agreement at the bank's corporate office in the capital's Gulshan, according to a press release.

As part of the arrangement, employees and customers of Prime Bank will be entitled to discounts of up to 30 percent on a range of medical services at Farazy Hospital Limited.

Hossain Mohammad Zakaria, head of customer proposition of the bank; and Md Mojammel Haque, head of corporate affairs and brand communication of the hospital, were also present at the signing ceremony, along with other officials from both the organisations.



M Mokter Hossen, managing director of Farazy Hospital Limited, and MM Rabiul Hasan, executive vice-president and chief bancassurance officer of Prime Bank PLC, pose for photographs after signing the agreement at the bank's corporate office in the capital's Gulshan recently.

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Midland Bank organises workshop on capacity building for textile and apparel businesses



Md Ahsan-uz Zaman, managing director and CEO of Midland Bank PLC, poses for group photographs with participants of the workshop, styled "Capacity Building of Textile and Apparel Businesses in Bangladesh under the Green Supply Chain Transition Programme", at Hotel Bengal Blueberry in the capital's Gulshan-2 recently.

Eastern Bank gets AAA credit rating

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Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) has secured the highest possible credit rating of AAA from the Credit Rating Agency of Bangladesh Limited (CRAB), alongside a short-term rating of ST 1 and a stable outlook, marking the third consecutive year the bank has achieved this distinction.

According to a press release issued by the bank, the rating reaffirms EBL's robust financial standing

and consistent performance, underpinned by prudent risk management practices and a well-diversified asset portfolio.

"This recognition underscores our unwavering commitment to maintaining rigorous credit discipline while delivering

sustainable long-term value to our shareholders," the bank stated.

Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and CEO of EBL, commented, "At Eastern Bank, we are committed to shaping a future founded on trust, resilience, and financial excellence."

"Our strong governance framework and consistent financial performance remain central to our pursuit of excellence," he concluded.

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Midland Bank PLC recently organised a capacity-building workshop entitled "Capacity Building of Textile and Apparel Businesses in Bangladesh under the Green Supply Chain Transition Programme", held at Hotel Bengal Blueberry in Gulshan-2, Dhaka.

Supported by the Global Supply Chain Support Fund, the initiative was jointly spearheaded by Avishkaar Capital, India, and KfW, the German Development Bank, according to a press release.

Compliance officers representing various textile and apparel clients of the bank participated in the session, which was facilitated by environmental, social, and governance (ESG) experts from Intelcap and its initiative, the Circular Apparel Innovation Factory (CAIF).

The workshop centred on pressing issues such as environmental and social compliance, the evolving demands of global brands particularly within the European Union and the United States and the expectations around reporting standards, including the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi).

Md Ahsan-uz Zaman, managing director and CEO of the bank, attended the event as the chief guest.

In his address, Zaman remarked, "The future of the clothing and garment sector transcends fashion; it is increasingly defined by responsibility, transparency, and transformation."

NRBC Bank arranges strategic business conference

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NRBC Bank PLC convened a "Strategic Business Conference 2025" yesterday under the theme "Together Towards Excellence" at a hotel in Dhaka.

The conference brought together senior leadership from across the organisation.

Md Ali Hossain Prodhania, chairman of the bank, inaugurated the daylong event as chief guest, according to a press release.

In his address, Prodhania reaffirmed the board's commitment to upholding robust corporate governance and ensuring regulatory

compliance at every level of the organisation.

He also underscored the importance of safeguarding customer deposits and fostering sustainable growth through strategic investments in small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

"Ensuring simplicity, accessibility, and integrity in service delivery is fundamental to our business strategy," he stated.

Md Touhidul Alam Khan, managing director and CEO of the bank, reiterated NRBC Bank's steadfast focus on compliance and operational excellence.

"The directives and objectives set

by the board must be implemented with full accountability," he said while presiding over the programme.

"With our strong nationwide presence, NRBC Bank is well-positioned to deliver value with transparency and resilience," he concluded.

The event also honoured the top nine performing managers, recognising excellence and inspiring teams to achieve greater milestones in the years ahead.

The agenda featured in-depth reviews of current performance, operational challenges, and strategic initiatives aimed at future growth.



Md Ali Hossain Prodhania, chairman of NRBC Bank PLC, poses for group photographs with participants of the "Strategic Business Conference 2025" at a hotel in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: NRBC BANK PLC

Budget being built

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Regarding Bangladesh's graduation from the least developed country (LDC) club in December 2026, Bhattacharya said this budget must lay the groundwork for the transition.

"A key part of that transition is economic diversification. The country must reduce its dependence on the readymade garment sector. The same goes for export markets and even agriculture."

He called for a renewed focus on productivity. "What we produce in ten days, Vietnam produces in three. Without higher productivity, we would not be competitive. And if labour productivity does not rise, neither will wages."

He also elaborated on institutional reform. "We need better trade support systems, lower costs of doing business, a functioning banking sector and capital market, and operational ports. We must also invest in skilled human resources."

On sectoral incentives, Bhattacharya was critical of the political economy underpinning industrial policy. "The readymade garment sector has received disproportionate benefits. In the last parliament, over 80 of the 300 members of the house came from this one industry. That shows its political and economic clout."

"In contrast, what did small, micro, and medium entrepreneurs receive?" he asked.

"Therefore, the political economy we had was against diversification, and this needs to be balanced in a coordinated way. Was that discussion held around this budget? That is my question," Bhattacharya said.

He said the upcoming budget would be a test. "We will see whether it addresses these issues—especially which sectors receive concessions and new incentives."

"Did sectors besides readymade garments, such as IT, ceramics, and leather, receive anything? What about jute? Rural industries? We will be watching closely to see whether the incentive package is more equitable than before," he concluded.

BRAC Bank partners with DEG Impulse to launch SME innovation lab

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BRAC Bank has signed a strategic partnership agreement with Germany-based DEG Impulse to establish an SME Innovation Lab in Bangladesh's banking sector, with a particular focus on women-led enterprises.

The initiative will be implemented with the support of DEG Impulse gGmbH, a wholly owned subsidiary of the German development finance institution DEG, under the framework of the developPPP programme.

According to a press release, the SME Innovation Lab aims to narrow the gender gap in financial access and enhance credit delivery, thereby fostering a more inclusive and resilient business ecosystem in the country.



DEG Impulse is committed to supporting the social and environmental transformation of the private sector in developing and emerging markets.

The organisation contributes to international development policy objectives aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and implements the developPPP programme on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Commenting on the initiative, Syed Abdul Momen, additional managing director and head of SME banking at the bank, stated, "As an SME-focused institution, BRAC Bank is constantly exploring innovative ways to nurture and support entrepreneurs at the grassroots level."

"The establishment of the SME Innovation Lab will enable us to generate new ideas, design tailored financial products, and develop customised financing solutions that empower SMEs to thrive," he added.

The lab is designed to develop sustainable, scalable solutions that can be replicated across sectors. Dedicated exclusively to fostering innovation within the cottage, micro, small, and medium enterprise (CMSME) segment, the incubator will address critical challenges faced by these businesses particularly those led by women and other vulnerable groups.

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| ৯ | বাজেট এবং তহবিল উৎস | রাজস্ব বাজেট, জি.ও.বি। |
| ১০ | দরপত্রের প্যাকেজ নং | ০১টি। |
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| ১২ | দরপত্র সিডিউল বিত্তয়ের তারিখ | ০১/০৬/২০২৫। |
| ১৩ | দরপত্র প্রচারের শেষ তারিখ | ১৫/০৬/২০২৫। |
| ১৪ | দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় | ১৬/০৬/২০২৫। দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা। |
| ১৫ | দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময় | ১৬/০৬/২০২৫। দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকায় দরদাতা বা তাঁর মনোনীত প্রতিনিধি উপস্থিতিতে খোলা হবে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন)। |
| ১৬ | কার্যালয়ের নাম ও ঠিকানাটি | উপত্থিত বাধারাকারী কার্যালয়, জেলা সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়, সিরাজগঞ্জ ও উপপ্রিচালক, জেলা সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়, সিরাজগঞ্জ। |
| ১৭ | কার্যালয়ের নাম ও ঠিকানা | জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, সিরাজগঞ্জ ও জেলা সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়, রায়পুর, সিরাজগঞ্জ। |
| ১৮ | দরপত্র দাখিলের মূল্য | দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য ট্রেজারী চালানে-এর মাধ্যমে কোড-১-২৯৩১-০০০০-২৩৬-তে (অক্ষেয়মুণ্ড্য) জমা দিতে হবে। |
| ১৯ | দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম | জেলা মুহাম্মদ নজরুল ইসলাম। |
| ২০ | দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী | জেলা প্রশাসক। |
| ২১ | দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা | সিরাজগঞ্জ। |
| ২২ | দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার সাথে যোগাযোগের নামাব | ০২৫৪৮৮৩০৯০৫। |
| ২৩ | শর্তব্য | |
| | (ক) পি.পি.এ-২০০৬ এবং পি.পি.আর-২০০৮ (সংশোধিত সহ) এ প্রদত্ত তার্য সংক্রান্ত পদ্ধতি যথাযথভাবে অনুসরণ করা হবে। | |
| | (খ) গৃহীত দরদাতার নিকট হতে উত্তৃত দরের ১০% প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে। | |
| | (গ) কর্তৃপক্ষ কারণ দর্শনো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। | |
| | (ঘ) দরপত্র ক্রয়ের তারিখ হতে দরপত্র খোলার তারিখের নির্ধারিত সময় পর্যন্ত দরপত্র দাখিল করা যাবে। | |
| | (ঙ) বিশেষ নির্দেশনাটি বিস্তারিত তথ্য দরপত্র সিডিউলে বর্ণিত আছে। | |

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