

bti-Star honours 2 stellar women

STAR REPORT

The idea for Stellar Women was conceived in 2023 from a simple thought -- that women's efforts often go unnoticed, rarely receiving the recognition they deserve.

This led to a collaboration with the country's leading English daily, The Daily Star, to launch bti-The Daily Star Stellar Women -- a unique initiative to celebrate and honour young women from diverse backgrounds for their outstanding contributions to society. The inaugural season spotlighted 12 exceptional women across a variety of fields.

The second season of the initiative began in September 2024, with the first two awards presented in November. Recently, an intimate announcement ceremony was held at bti Celebration Point in Gulshan-2, Dhaka, where two more exemplary women were honoured for their achievements.

Artist and architect Papia Sarwar Dithi moved the judges with her evocative art, while engineer Nusrat Nur Maisha received the award in the "Engineering (Civil, Structural, Water Resource & MEP)" category, recognised for her dedication and impressive track record of completing over 50 projects early in her career.

This season has introduced several new categories, reflecting the initiative's growing commitment to recognising women from all walks of life -- especially those whose contributions are often overlooked.

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The stellar duo -- engineer Nusrat Nur Maisha, left, and architect and artist Papia Sarwar Dithi, right, -- with FR Khan, bti's managing director, at a ceremony at the bti Celebration Point in Gulshan-2, Dhaka recently. The two women were honoured for their creative brilliance and remarkable contributions to their fields. PHOTO: STAR

MoU signed to build country's first monorail in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The country's first monorail is set to be constructed in Chattogram in a bid to ease the port city's traffic congestion.

The city corporation signed a memorandum of understanding with Orascom Group and Arab Contractors Group, a joint venture between German and Egyptian companies, yesterday at the World Trade Center in the city.

The event was attended by the City Mayor Shahadat Hossain, top officials from the financing organisations, as well as representatives from Chattogram's business community and civil society.

Following the signing of the MoU, Orascom and Arab Contractors Group will conduct a feasibility study in the city.

A monorail is a modern rail system that is around 40 percent more cost-effective than a metro rail. It requires less land and can be implemented through existing structures. A monorail runs on a single rail, typically with one wheel. It can be constructed and made operational within two to two-and-a-half years.

CHATTOGRAM GENERAL HOSPITAL

No working ventilators at ICU for 3 months

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chattogram

The Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of Chattogram General Hospital (CGH) has been running without a single ventilator for over three months, failing to provide full-fledged services to critical patients.

Of the hospital's 22 ventilators, none are currently operational. Meanwhile, only five out of 27 BiPAP (bilevel positive airway pressure) machines are functional.

There is already an acute shortage of ICU facilities in Chattogram, with the service available in only two government hospitals -- Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) and CGH -- and a handful of private hospitals. Of these, CMCH and CGH offer the service almost free of cost, while private hospitals charge around Tk 10,000-20,000 per day. As a result, the ICU at the 250-bed CGH is usually overwhelmed with critical patients. However, over the past three months, the hospital has not been admitting such patients due to the non-functional ventilators.

Many patients, especially from low- and middle-income backgrounds, are being compelled to



bear the financial burden of availing ICU facilities at private hospitals.

"A ventilator is an integral part of ICU that helps patients breathe when they are unable to do so on their own. It works by pushing oxygen-rich air into the lungs, either through a breathing tube inserted into the windpipe or a mask," said Dr Harun-Rashid, ICU expert and head of Anaesthesia and ICU at CMCH.

During a recent visit, this correspondent found most ICU beds at CGH vacant. Four patients were admitted to the 10-bed ICU-1, while the eight-bed ICU-2 was closed.

"My brother is a patient of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Recently his condition deteriorated, so we admitted him to the hospital. However, the doctors said he needs ventilation, which is unavailable here at present. So, he will need to be shifted to another hospital. Availing an ICU bed at CMCH is extremely difficult, while we can't afford the cost in private hospitals. I honestly don't know what we should do," said Rashed Mahmud, an attendant of a patient at CGH.

Dr Moumita Das, a consultant at

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Nagar Bhaban stays

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The operations at the Nagar Bhaban remains at a standstill, severely disrupting public services and causing inconvenience to the residents of Dhaka. The main gates of the building also remained locked yesterday.

Beginning on May 14, the demonstration has shown no signs of slowing.

Under the banner

of "Dhakabashi", the protesters marched within the compound and returned to the gates chanting slogans and demanding that Ishraque be handed the DSCC charge.

Mashiur Rahman, a former secretary and chief coordinator of the protest, told The Daily Star, "We will not leave until the people's mayor, Ishraque Hossain, is handed over charge."

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Expression of Interest (EOI)

MJL Bangladesh PLC. (MJLBPLC) requires new installation of complete Fire safety system (Fire suppression, Fire protection, and Fire detection systems), Electric system setup (Substation, HT-LT cabling & relevant equipment), Diesel generator (with all accessories) HVAC (VRF and exhaust system) and Plumbing at its Kathgar, Chattogram Project till commissioning & handover.

The project needs to be completed within 2 months, therefore sufficient sourcing of equipment & items, manpower engagement, necessary certification & sanction works till completion from relevant Govt. offices (if required), etc. are mandatory within limited timeline. Only firms having minimum of ten (10) years' working experience in relevant fields who have successfully completed at least twenty (20) similar projects under Government / Semi-government / Bank / Insurance / Corporate Houses / NGO are eligible to apply mentioning their area of expertise or the types of works mentioned above they are willing to undertake.

Reputable firms interested in this project are requested to submit a forwarding letter as an **Expression of Interest** along with company profile mentioning experience in similar field, track record, client list, available manpower, import and shipment handling capabilities, detailed equipment resources and financial capabilities.

Expression of Interest must be delivered to the address below by June 30, 2025.

MJL Bangladesh PLC.
Mobil House, CWS (A) 13/A, Gulshan Avenue
Bir Uttam Mir Shawkat Sarak, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh.

Attention: Engr. Mir Md. Mazedul Hussain, Manager-Electrical and Maintenance.

Please note that this notice does not constitute a solicitation and MJLBPLC reserves the right to accept or reject in part or whole of any or submitted proposals. Parties shortlisted as a result of this EOI will be invited for offer submission.



Housing & Building Research Institute
120/3 Darus-Salam, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216.

Memo No: HBRI/SRE(Procure)/2024-25/08

Date: 01-06-2025

Corrigendum notice of Invitation For Tender for supply of security service for Housing and Building Research Institute (HBRI)

All concerned are hereby requested to follow the correction for the tender notice HBRI/SRE(procure)/2024-25/06, Dated:06/05/2025 as per following status. All other terms & conditions of the tender will be remained unchanged.

Original date & Duration					Revised date & Duration				
Time frame of service	Tender Document last Selling Date & Time	Last Date & Time for Tender Submission	Tender Opening Date & Time	Tender validity period	Time frame of service	Tender Document last Selling Date & Time	Last Date & Time for Tender Submission	Tender Opening Date & Time	Tender validity period
01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026	03/06/2025, 05:00 p.m.	04/06/2025, 02:30 p.m.	04/06/2025, 03:00 p.m.	60 days	01 January 2026 to 31 December 2026	29/06/2025 05:00 p.m.	30/06/2025, 02:30 p.m.	30/06/2025, 03:00 p.m.	120 days

N.B: This corrigendum notice will be part of tender document

(Signature)
01.06.25

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JOB VACANCY

Ref: MDIC/AO/F-43(Recruitment-2025)/01

Date: 01 June 2025

Applications are invited to fill up following vacancies:

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Interested candidates are requested to visit the MDIC website www.manaratcollege.edu.bd for detail terms and conditions with instructions to apply.

Application should reach this office by 19 June 2025

(Signature)
Brig Gen S. M. Mahbub-Ul-Alam, OSP, SGP, ndc, psc (ret'd)
Principal, MDIC