

Dhaka Bank launches ‘Entrepreneurship Development Program’ with BB

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Dhaka Bank PLC, in collaboration with Bangladesh Bank, has launched a month-long skills development training initiative, titled “Entrepreneurship Development Program”, in Dhaka recently.

Designed to support aspiring and existing entrepreneurs particularly those outside the formal banking network, the programme aims to equip participants with the skills, knowledge, and resources needed to expand their businesses, access finance, and generate employment.

The training will run until 15 September 2025.

The course comprises 100 hours of sessions over one month, with 25 participants selected by a five-member trainee selection committee.



Husne Ara Shikha, executive director of Bangladesh Bank, poses for group photographs with participants of the skills development training initiative, titled “Entrepreneurship Development Program”, in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: DHAKA BANK

Husne Ara Shikha, executive director of Bangladesh Bank, inaugurated the programme as

chief guest, according to a press release.

The initiative forms part

of the “Skills for Industry Competitiveness and Innovation Program (SICIP),” a project of the

Ministry of Finance supported by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Dhaka Bank, selected to represent the Dhaka region, is conducting the training through its institutional infrastructure.

AKM Shahnawaj, managing director and CEO (current charge) of Dhaka Bank PLC, presided over the programme.

Among others, Md Nazrul Islam, project director of SICIP and additional director of the central bank; Md Ayub Ali, joint director; Md Mostaque Ahmed, deputy managing director and CEMO of Dhaka Bank PLC; Md Mahbubur Rahman Palash, head of MSME and emerging business division; and Fahmida Chowdhury, principal of Dhaka Bank Training Institute, were also present.

NCC Bank honoured by BB in sustainability rating

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NCC Bank PLC has been recognised by Bangladesh Bank (BB) as one of the Top 10 Sustainable Banks in Bangladesh at the Sustainability Rating 2024.

This recognition reflects the bank's strong performance across five key indicators: core banking sustainability (including the bank's core ratios, non-performing loans, capital adequacy, and annual profit), green and sustainable finance, banking coverage components, corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities, and green refinance.

Ahsan H Mansur, governor of Bangladesh Bank, presented the certificate of excellence and a crest to M Shamsul Arefin, managing director of NCC Bank PLC, at the BB headquarters in the capital's Motijheel last week, according to a press release.

Expressing his gratitude, Arefin remarked, “This is the first time NCC Bank has been recognised by Bangladesh Bank as a ‘Sustainable Bank,’ and it marks a significant milestone in our journey. It reflects our unwavering commitment to strong corporate governance, responsible banking, and full compliance with regulatory guidelines.”

“NCC Bank has consistently pursued sustainable growth through green financing, technology-driven innovation, CSR initiatives, and inclusive banking strategies. These efforts are part of our broader mission to support the country's economic development and environmental sustainability.”

“We believe that this national recognition will further strengthen our sustainable banking initiatives and enhance the trust and confidence of our valued customers,” he added.



M Shamsul Arefin, managing director of NCC Bank PLC, receives a certificate from Ahsan H Mansur, governor of the Bangladesh Bank, at the BB headquarters in the capital's Motijheel last week.

PHOTO: NCC BANK

National Bank opens relocated Dhanmondi extension branch

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National Bank PLC yesterday unveiled a relocated Dhanmondi extension branch at Jigatola in the capital's Dhanmondi.

Adil Chowdhury, managing director of National Bank PLC, inaugurated the branch as the chief guest, according to a press release.

Speaking at the event, Chowdhury said, “The Dhanmondi extension branch is beginning a new journey at its new location with broader space and higher service capacity.”

“I firmly believe this branch will play a vital role in boosting business activities

in this area and in expanding financial services for the people,” he added.

Kazi Kamal Uddin Ahmed and Md Meshkat-Ul-Anwar Khan, deputy managing directors (in-charge) of the bank; Ashish Kumar Laskar, executive vice-president and head of the Dhaka South region; Mohammad Nabir Hossain Howlader, assistant vice-president and manager of the Dhanmondi Extension Branch; SM Shamim Hasan, executive director of Bishwas Builders Ltd; and Md Shahiqul Islam, proprietor and importer of M/S Islam Traders; along with branch officials, local businesspersons, and clients, were also present.



PHOTO: SBAC BANK

Md Moklesur Rahman, chairman of SBAC Bank PLC, presides over the bank's 12th annual general meeting at RAOWA Convention Centre in the capital's Mohakhali recently. Md Maksudur Rahman Sarker, independent director and chairman of board audit committee at the bank; Mushfiqur Rahman, director; Mohammad Moqbul Hossain Bhuiyan, independent director; Md Abdur Razzak, chairman of Shariah supervisory committee; Md Rabiul Islam, managing director and CEO (current charge); Md Altaf Hossain Bhuyan and Md Nazimuddoula, deputy managing directors, and Md Mokaddess Ali, company secretary and executive vice-president, were also present.



PHOTO: NRBC BANK

Ali Hossain Prodhania, chairman and independent director of NRBC Bank PLC, presides over the bank's 12th annual general meeting at Kurmitola Golf Club in Dhaka recently. Muhammad Emdad Ullah, independent director and chairman of the audit committee; Nurul Haque, independent director and chairman of the risk management committee; Abul Bashar, Anwar Hossain and Md Shafiqul Rahman, independent directors; Md Touhidul Alam Khan, managing director and CEO; Harunur Rashid, deputy managing director and chief financial officer, and Mohammad Ahsan Habib, company secretary, were also present.

BRAC Bank honoured by Bloomberg, BB in ESG and sustainability ratings

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BRAC Bank PLC has been recognised by Bloomberg as the best bank among all Bangladeshi organisations in the “ESG Rating 2024” for the third consecutive year.

Simultaneously, Bangladesh Bank has named BRAC Bank one of the country's top sustainable banks for the fifth consecutive year in its “Sustainability Rating 2024”, according to a press release.

Bloomberg ranked BRAC Bank at the very top with an overall score of 3.8, comprising Environmental (1.76), Social (5.83), and Governance (3.07). This placed the bank ahead of IDLC Finance (3.51) and City Bank (2.64), outperforming even multinational firms operating in Bangladesh.

The recognition reflects BRAC Bank's transparent disclosure of carbon emissions and governance benchmarks through its Sustainability and Impact Report 2024, IFRS S1 & S2 Report 2024, and Annual Report 2024.



The bank also leads the market in sustainable financing, with Tk 50,215 crore in outstanding sustainable finance as of December 2024, representing 82 percent of its total asset portfolio.

BRAC Bank received an excellent rating from the central bank, alongside two other leading institutions, as one of the nation's top sustainable banks in 2024. The Bangladesh Bank assessment considered five key criteria: the Sustainable Finance Index, CSR activities, Green Refinance, Core Banking Sustainability Index, and Banking Services Coverage.

Commenting on these national and international accolades, Tareq Refat Ullah Khan, Managing Director and CEO (current charge) of BRAC Bank, said: “These recognitions from Bloomberg and Bangladesh Bank affirm our deep-rooted commitment to responsible banking, transparency, and impact.”

Cashless summit on August 27

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Mastercard, in collaboration with the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB), will jointly host the “Cashless Bangladesh Summit 2025” in Dhaka on August 27, according to a press release.

The summit will convene senior representatives from Bangladesh Bank, the government, banking and fintech institutions, development partners, and policymakers to examine the future of digital finance in Bangladesh.

Ahsan H Mansur, governor of Bangladesh Bank, is expected to inaugurate the summit as the chief guest, while Shish Haider Chowdhury, Secretary of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Division, will attend as the special guest.

Centred on the theme “The Intersection of Finance and Technology,” the summit seeks to inspire meaningful dialogue on building a transparent, inclusive, and digitally driven economy.

This high-level forum will feature keynote addresses and thought-provoking panel discussions aimed at accelerating Bangladesh's transition towards a cashless society.

The summit is expected to serve as a significant milestone in the nation's digital financial journey.

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