

GPH Ispat, Buet’s RISE forge deal on intellectual property management

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GPH Ispat Limited has signed a strategic partnership agreement with the Research and Innovation Centre for Science and Engineering (RISE) at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), with the objective of strengthening intellectual property (IP) management and fostering innovation across academia and industry.

Mohammed Jahangir Alam, chairman of GPH Group and managing director of GPH Ispat Limited, and Prof Mohammad Shariful Islam, director of RISE, signed the agreement on the university campus in Dhaka yesterday, according to a press release.

Addressing the event as chief guest, Prof ABM Badruzzaman, vice-chancellor of Buet, remarked: “GPH Ispat’s initiative is truly commendable, as it accords the highest importance to intellectual property. Through this endeavour, we shall be able to safeguard the ownership of our innovations and research outcomes.”

He further observed: “In the past, many intellectual assets were lost due to a lack of prioritisation. I am hopeful this initiative will open new avenues of opportunity.”

Prof Islam stated: “The vision of RISE is to align research and innovation with the needs of industry and society, thereby transforming Bangladesh into a knowledge-driven economy. I firmly believe this agreement marks a significant step towards realising that vision.”

Alam commented: “This initiative represents a concerted effort to preserve and harness research outcomes through patents. In doing so, we shall be able to mitigate brain drain and connect the knowledge and expertise of talented students and researchers for the nation’s advancement.”

Under the memorandum of agreement on Intellectual Property Management at Buet, GPH Ispat will support RISE in organising workshops and seminars to raise awareness of the importance, benefits, and procedures of patent registration.



Prof Mohammad Shariful Islam, director of the Research and Innovation Centre for Science and Engineering at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, and Mohammed Jahangir Alam, chairman of GPH Group and managing director of GPH Ispat Limited, pose for a photograph during the agreement-signing ceremony on the university campus in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: GPH ISPAT

Toyota opens new distributor in Bangladesh

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Toyota, a Japanese multinational automotive manufacturer, has entered a new era in Bangladesh with the launch of Toyota Bangladesh Limited, ushering in a landmark chapter for the brand and its customers.

The new entity will serve as the sole official distributor of Toyota vehicles, genuine parts, and altersales services across the country, underscoring the automaker’s long term commitment to Bangladesh, according to a press release.



With the conclusion of its partnership with Navana Limited, Toyota customers can now access services through authorised “T-Center” workshops – Continental Works in Dhaka and Carboy Private Limited in Chattogram – for expert maintenance, repairs and warranty support.

Toyota Bangladesh Limited is also building a nationwide network, including a new flagship showroom, to deliver genuine Toyota care and world-class service in line with global standards.

BTTHA-2025 launched to honour excellence in tourism, hospitality

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The Bangladesh Monitor has launched BTTHA 2025, the second edition of the Bangladesh Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Awards.

The 2025 edition will recognise a wide array of categories, including leading hospitality properties such as hotels, resorts, and restaurants, as well as tourism service providers and tour operators, according to a press release.

In addition, special awards will be presented to individuals for their outstanding contributions, including Best Hotelier, Best Restaurateur, Best Entrepreneur in the Hospitality Industry, and Best Tour Guide, among others.

Commenting on the initiative, Kazi Wahidul Alam, editor of The Bangladesh Monitor, said: “The BTTHA Awards are designed to recognise and inspire stakeholders in Bangladesh’s tourism and hospitality sector to consistently raise standards of service and professionalism.”

Bangladesh Krishi Bank holds business conference in Sylhet



Sanchia Binte Ali, managing director of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, attends the bank's business conference at a local hotel in Sylhet yesterday.

PHOTO: BANGLADESH KRISHI BANK

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Bangladesh Krishi Bank yesterday organised a business conference on the performance of its Sylhet division for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

All executives and branch managers of the division took part in the daylong event.

Sanchia Binte Ali, managing director of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, inaugurated the conference as chief guest at a local hotel in Sylhet, according to a press release.

In her remarks, Binte Ali said the bank has been making steady progress in supporting agriculture and small entrepreneurs, mobilising deposits, and disbursing loans.

She urged officials to achieve 100 percent of their business targets through collective efforts to build momentum in the current fiscal year 2025-2026.

During the conference, presentations were made on business performance and achievements against targets up to June 30 this year.

Md Khurshed Alam, general manager (in charge) of Sylhet division, presided over the conference.

Mutual Trust Bank launches digital bancassurance onboarding

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Mutual Trust Bank PLC, in partnership with Green Delta Insurance PLC, has launched digital onboarding for non-life insurance through its branch network under the bancassurance framework.

The initiative underscores the bank’s commitment to harnessing technology to streamline processes

and enhance client convenience, enabling customers to access insurance services seamlessly within a digitised branch environment.

Md Shafquat Hossain, deputy managing director and head of retail banking at Mutual Trust Bank PLC, and Syed Moinuddin Ahmed, additional managing director of Green Delta Insurance PLC, inaugurated the digital onboarding

platform at a ceremony in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Abdul Mannan, deputy managing director and head of branch banking division at the bank, and Wafi Shafique Menhaz Khan, managing director and CEO of Green Delta Securities Limited, along with teams from bancassurance, digital, information technology, and brand divisions of both institutions, were also present.



Syed Moinuddin Ahmed, additional managing director of Green Delta Insurance PLC, and Md Shafquat Hossain, deputy managing director and head of retail banking at Mutual Trust Bank PLC, inaugurate the digital onboarding platform at a ceremony in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: MUTUAL TRUST BANK

Pragati Life Insurance announces 15% cash dividend

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Pragati Life Insurance PLC has announced a 15 percent cash dividend for the fiscal year 2024.

The declaration was made at the life insurer’s 25th annual general meeting (AGM), held virtually on Sunday, according to a press release.

Khalilur Rahman, chairman of Pragati Life Insurance PLC, presided

over the meeting as chief guest.

A large number of shareholders from across the country joined the proceedings virtually.

Jagadish Kumar Bhanja, company secretary, conducted the meeting.

Directors Abdul Awal Mintoo, former chairman of the insurer; Syed M Altaf Hussain; Md Shafiur Rahman; Tafsir M Awal; Mohammed Abdul Hamid; Tajwar M Awal; Suhel

Ahmed Choudhury; Sayed Quamrul Hossain; and Anwar Faruque attended the event.

Md Jalalul Azim, chief executive officer; Chandra Shekhar Das, chief financial officer; Mohammad Sohrab Uddin, external auditor from Anil Salam Idris & Co, Chartered Accountants; the company’s actuary; and other senior officials, were also present.



Khalilur Rahman, chairman of Pragati Life Insurance, presides over the life insurer's 25th annual general meeting on Sunday. At the meeting, the company announced 15 percent cash dividend for 2024.

PHOTO: PRAGATI LIFE INSURANCE

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No. 43.26.0000.001.07.904.24- 1204		Date: 15/09/2025
Request for Expression of Interest		
1.	Ministry/Division/Department	Ministry of Cultural Affairs
2.	Agency	Department of Public Library
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Director General
4.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
5.	Expression of Interest	Annual Maintenance of Hardware and Software
6.	Expression of Interest Ref No.	1204
7.	EOI Approved Date	15/09/2025
8.	Procurement Method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
9.	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB
10.	Development Partners	Not Applicable
11.	EOI Package No.	Lot-01: Annual Maintenance of Micro data Centre (MDC), SAN Storage, Servers, Central and remote networking devices with Firewalls, ICT equipment's and other equipment's etc. with Security. Lot-02: Annual Maintenance of RFID Instruments, LMS & ILS software and etc.
12.	EOI Last Selling Date	15/10/2025; Time- 12.00 am
13.	EOI Closing Date and Time	Date 16/10/2025 Time 2:00 pm
14.	EOI Opening Date and Time	16/10/2025 3:30 pm
15.	Name & Address of the office (s)	Selling EOI Document Department of Public Library, 1, Mintu Road, BSL Building, Ramna, Dhaka-1000. Receiving EOI Document Department of Public Library, 1, Mintu Road, BSL Building, Ramna, Dhaka-1000. Opening EOI Document Conference Room, Department of Public Library, 1, Mintu Road, BSL Building, Ramna, Dhaka-1000
16.	Brief Description of the Assignment	Lot-1: Annual Maintenance of- Surveillance Systems (POE Camera and NVR), NMS, Server & Network Infrastructure (Application/Database Servers, SAN Storage & Switches, Backup Solution (Central), Micro Data Centers, Internet Routers, WAN Routers, NG Firewalls, Database, Security Fabric Agents, NMS, Cloud Security, Virtual Machines etc.) Lot-2: Annual Maintenance of-ILS (deployed at Central location), LMS (deployed at 68 locations), E-book management system (Central location), Public web application for patrons, Public mobile app for patrons (Android & iOS), RFID devices integration for library, automation (deployed at 7 locations and Head office with Hardware & Software), Others Library Integrated Software's that is used in DPL., Koha Software etc.
17.	Experience, Resources & Delivery Capacity Required and Other Details	Lot-1: 1. Bidders have at least 05(Five) years' experience of related Services; 2.Bidders have experience of completed at least three contracts in Government/Autonomous/organizations involving related service within those a single contract of Tk 2 (Two) crore within last four years; 3. Must have service support facilities in 64 districts of Bangladesh, and 4. The terms and conditions mentioned in TDS & PCC. Lot-2: 1. Bidders have at least 05(Five) years' experience of related Services; 2.Bidders have experience of completed at least three contracts in Government/Autonomous/organizations involving related service within those a single contract of Tk. 1 (One) crore within last four years; 3. Must have service support facilities in 64 districts of Bangladesh, and 4. The terms and conditions mentioned in TDS & PCC.
18.	Price of EOI Document (Tk.)	Lot-1: 2000.00 (Two Thousand Tk. Only), Lot-2: 1000.00 (One Thousand Tk. Only)
19.	EOI Security Money	Lot-1: 2,00,000.00 (Two Lac), Lot-2: 50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Tk. Only)
20.	Designation of Official Inviting EOI	Director (Admin and Finance), Department of Public Library
21.	Address of Official Inviting EOI	Department of Public Library, 1, Mintu Road, BSL Building, Ramna, Dhaka-1000, Dhaka-1000.
22.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject all EOIs	

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