

EBL organises Sky Academic Awards



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Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) has organised the Sky Academic Awards 2025 to celebrate and recognise the outstanding academic achievements of 20 students in the SSC 2025 examinations under Dhaka Education Board.

The award ceremony was held at the bank's head office in Dhaka on September 18, said a press release.

Each of the students who demonstrated exceptional performance received a certificate of excellence along with a pre-loaded complimentary prepaid card as a special gift from EBL.

The prepaid cards not only serve as a meaningful token of appreciation but also help introduce these young achievers to modern banking solutions, encouraging them to embark on their digital financial journey at an early stage. Iqbal Mohasin, director, FID, Bangladesh Bank; Ashish Chakraborty, director, and Tawfiq Imam, head of products, Visa (Bangladesh, Nepal, and Bhutan); EBL Managing Director Al Reza Iftekhar, Additional Managing Director and COO Osman Ershad Faiz, and Deputy Managing Director and Head of Retail and SME Banking M Khorshed Anowar were present on the occasion.

2 bridges collapse

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Madhabkhali villages have been particularly affected.

Farmers are unable to transport agricultural produce, while traders cannot move goods to markets. Many locals are now risking their safety by attempting to cross the broken bridge on foot.

Earlier, another bridge over the Bhairab river in Monohorpur village, near Ilisher Jol field, was washed away by strong currents on Wednesday night.

Jibannagar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Al Amin visited both sites yesterday along with Upazila

Engineer Ashraful Islam, local representatives and political leaders.

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The heavy current in Bhairab river caused the collapse of the bridge in Monohorpur. Later, the bridge in Santoshpur also fell. These bridges are very important to the people of this area," the UNO told reporters.

"We have discussed with the relevant authorities about rebuilding them. Alternative routes will be arranged soon, and we are also considering temporary measures for people's movement in the meantime," he added.

Researcher Maha Mirza said, "The interim government has completely failed to prevent extremist attacks or mob violence against religious minority communities, shrines, and ordinary people."

"The current situation is even more frightening than under the previous fascist government. People are living in fear. Attacks are getting normalised. It was the government's responsibility to ensure such incidents would not recur. Instead, the government remains silent and allows them to happen," she said.

Artist Arup Rahee said, "As part of imperialist and fascist designs, a certain group has established social fascism. They continue to curtail the freedoms of other religions, beliefs, and cultures."

Writer and activist Baki Billah said, "Religious sentiment refers only to the sentiments of the Muslim majority. Extremist groups completely ignore that

followers of other religions also have sentiments. Even the state does not give value to their feelings. Every communal and extremist attack so far in the name of 'religious sentiment' has been based on false and baseless allegations."

Jamshed Anwar Tapan, general secretary of Udichi Shilpigoshthi, said, "There has been no investigation, let alone trial, of communal attacks or repression during the Awami League regime.

The interim government has continued the same policy. In addition, attacks on shrines and akharas have increased during its tenure. The government has failed to stop this. Now there is no other way before us except social resistance."

Stop building ramp

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owners. Constructing it while destroying nature is 'suicidal' and will reduce the surrounding areas' liveability."

Prof Shayer Ghafur of Buet said while a foreign company is involved in the project, local corruption

created opportunities for them to "commit the misdeed".

Prof Gitiara Nasreen of Dhaka University said squeezing a "sensitive area like the DU campus" through such projects is "very alarming".

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খাদ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের দাঙ্গুরিক কাজে ব্যবহারের প্রয়োজনে অন্যান্য মনিহারি ও ব্যবহার্য সামগ্রি চলতি ২০২৫-২৬ অর্থ বছরের জন্য ফ্রেমওয়ার্কের আওতার সরবরাহ/জরুর নিমিত্ত সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান নিয়োগের জন্য সীলমোহরকৃত খাদ্য দরপত্র আহুতি করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্র দাঙ্গুরের সময় দরপত্রের সাথে চলতি দরপত্রে প্রেত লাইসেন্স, ভ্যাট সনদপত্র এবং টি আই এন এর সতার্যাত অনুলিপি, জাতীয় পরিয়ন্ত্রণ প্রত্বে সতার্যাত অনুলিপি এবং বাকে শচ্ছলতার সনদপত্র এবং টেক্সার সিডিউলে বর্ণিত শর্তাবলী ও চাহিদার আলোকে প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।

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১৯	টেক্সার সিকিউরিটি	১০,০০০/- (দশ হাজার) টাকা মাত্র
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Fahim stresses accountability

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"After one year of struggle by general students, we are finally having an election. For many of us, this will be our first-ever vote, and that makes us all the more excited," said Reza, a student of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Asked why he was contesting from the Shibir-backed panel, Reza said, "For 15 years, Shibir was denied democratic space. After August 5, students had the chance to observe what this organisation is about. They uphold the spirit of the July uprising, organised programmes, and have shown their honesty and skilled leadership. I believe working with them will benefit the campus."

"Our panel also includes those injured in the July uprising and students from minority groups... Together, we represent almost all sorts of students on our campus," Reza outlined his

priorities if elected: ensuring regular Rucusu polls by including them in the academic calendar; addressing student concerns on accommodation, food, healthcare, transport, and research; and introducing subsidies in canteens.

He also promised safe drinking water, more research funding, reduced fees, better library facilities, and improved campus healthcare.

"We will ensure that cultural and social organisations can operate spontaneously. We want shuttle or e-car systems for commuting and a campus where women can move safely, 24/7," he added.

Reza emphasised accountability as his top priority.

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Bribery

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Deputy Commissioner Dr Mohammad Shahid Uddin Chowdhury, during a views exchange meeting with journalists recently, said irregularities in the land acquisition section will be looked into with due seriousness.

"I have already discussed the issue with the ADC (revenue). Action will be taken," he assured.

Asked, Patuakhali EPZ Project Director Md Shafiqul Islam, said, "We have already transferred all land acquisition funds to the DC Office. Disbursement of compensation is their responsibility. If there is any irregularity, I am not aware of it."

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Prof Nazmul Hossain, director general of the

Tasin pushes for 10-year academic

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individuals. We study with taxpayers' money but fail to give back to the country," she said.

On his chances, Reza said, "After Shibir's massive victories in Ducusu and Jucusu, the Rucusu polls are a challenge for us. But if students trust us, we can bring meaningful changes for a better campus."

Despite high enthusiasm, he alleged that a section of teachers and groups were trying to obstruct the polls.

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candidates, three women, three hafiz, and one Sanatan representative.

She also promised to address students' basic needs, including food, transport, healthcare, and safety, and to work from the root level to resolve issues.

"RU already has a 50-year infrastructural plan but no academic roadmap. What we are studying now is not aligned with global standards, and that leaves graduates struggling. A long-term academic plan will guide teaching and learning here," she said.

She also vowed to give priority to research.

"Research is the lifeblood of a university. Yet only 2-3 percent of RU's budget is allocated for it, and even that is often used by teachers for promotions rather than innovation. I will work on making the process fairer and more

engaging for students."

She is reportedly the first woman to contest for Rucusu's VP post. Asked about it, she said, "I was surprised to learn that no woman had ever contested for this top post. But I do not want to be known as a female or male candidate. I am known for my work, and that is how I want to remain."

Allocate more budget for medical

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not accommodate them due to funding constraints, and sought more budgetary allocation for BMRC.

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Adviser Nurjahan said

neighboring countries like India have made significant progress in medical research, which

became evident during the Covid-19 emergency. "But being from the same South Asian region, why have we not made similar progress?" she asked.

The adviser said she would encourage people to come forward for research but the research should be impactful.

She added that the main problem for the project is the land, as the area has been encroached upon by a group, and urged the authorities to first clear it.

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