

HATHAZARI IN CTG Fakir Mosque, a living testament of history

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Located beside Krishi Farm Road in the heart of Hathazari upazila of Chattogram stands what is arguably one of the oldest surviving mosques in the division, the Fakir Mosque.

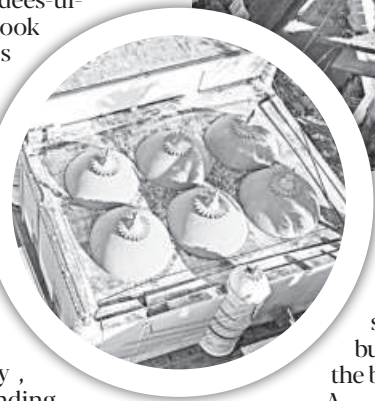
Historians consider the mosque an important relic of the Sultanate era. A broken inscription found next to the structure suggests it was built between 1474 and 1481 during the reign of Sultan Shamsuddin Yusuf Shah.

The mosque is mentioned in Ahadees-ul-Khawanin, a book on Chattogram's history written in 1871 by Hamid Ullah Khan. Later, Prof Abdul Karim, historian and former vice-chancellor of Chittagong University, published a reading of the damaged inscription, helping establish the estimated construction period.

Historians said the mosque, originally covering around 1,680 square feet, had long remained abandoned and hidden under dense bushes. It was rediscovered around 200 years ago by a Sufi named Mukim Shah, who cleared the structure and began using it again for prayers.

His grave still stands at the mosque's entrance, and over time the site became known as the Fakir Mosque.

The last major renovation



took place in 1993-94, when a three-storey structure was built adjacent to the building.

A recent visit found that a new prayer hall has been added on the eastern side to accommodate more worshippers, as the old mosque can no longer fit the congregation.

Around 250 to 300 people attend daily prayers, while the number rises to more than 800 during Juma on Fridays.

The mosque's most distinctive feature is its cluster of six small, closely placed rounded domes, each topped with a decorative finial.

The mosque and its adjoining shrine are maintained by the

sixth generation of Mukim Shah's descendants.

"This is an ancient mosque. Our elders used to offer prayers here. We also come regularly," said Abul Fazal, 65, of Garduara union.

Mohammad Lokman, a CU staffer from Rangipara, said, "Since childhood, we have seen people coming from distant places to offer Friday prayers at this mosque. This mosque holds a special significance for the people."

"My ancestor Mukim Shah discovered and restored this mosque. He passed away 134 years ago. Our family has been managing the mosque and the shrine for generations. However, the property has been officially waqf-listed," said Syed Rafiqul-Hasan, the mutawalli and a descendant of Mukim Shah.

Despite being several centuries old, the mosque has not yet been declared a heritage site by the Department of Archaeology. Last year, the DoA included it in an on-site survey list.

"The Fakir Mosque is a living testament of history. The archaeology department should take the initiative to preserve this site urgently," said Bangla Academy fellow and Chattogram-based researcher Md Shamsul Haque.

Contacted, Dr Nahid Sultana, regional director of DoA in Chattogram, said, "Fakir Mosque has been registered as a heritage site in our survey. It will be gazetted, the process is underway. Since it is several hundred years old, we will prepare some guidelines for its preservation."

Chattal Surangan hosts Nabanno Festival



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Chattal Surangan, a local organisation focused on social and cultural practices, hosted a seasonal cultural event titled "Nabanno's Fragrance in the Songs of Six Seasons" at the CRMS TV Studio Hall on Momin Road in the port city on Friday.

The event, focused on the cycle of the six seasons, was chaired by the organisation's President Mukta Sarkar. The programme was managed by academic and cultural personality Uttam Kumar Acharya and featured musical direction by artist Syed Zia.

The programme featured songs performed by the artists of Chattal Surangan.

Southern Medical College to hold conference Dec 4

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Southern Medical College is going to organise its first scientific conference on December 4.

A total of 542 doctors and medical students will participate in the day-long conference to be held on the college campus in Chattogram.

A press conference was organised by the organising committee at Chattogram Club yesterday where MA Salam, chairman of Southern Medical College Hospital governing body, was present as chief guest.

College Principal Prof Jaybrata Das and SMCH Summit 2025 Organising Secretary Prof Meherunnesa Khanam were, among others, present. A total of 63 research articles will be presented at the event.

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COMPANY MATTER NO. 1804 OF 2025
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-Versus-
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Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 59 read with Section 60 of the Companies Act, 1994 was moved in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the petitioner for reduction of paid-up share capital of **Novo Nordisk Pharma (Private) Limited**. The Hon'ble High Court Division presided by **Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohail** was pleased to admit the said application on 30.10.2025. Any person interested to object the said application may appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or through an Advocate and contest the matter. A copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of charges.

(Bishow Jith Deb)
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22 Rohingyas detained

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Satkania local administration yesterday detained 22 Rohingyas who had fled their camps in Ukha of Cox's Bazar and taken jobs at a local brickfield, officials said.

Among them, 10 were held from Sadaha union, while the remaining 12 were detained from Keochia union in a raid in the Satkania upazila, confirmed Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Khandokar Mahmudul Hasan.

The UNO added that the Rohingyas came to Satkania and took jobs in local brick manufacturing companies. After being detained, they were sent back to the Rohingya camp.

Boost readiness

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Chattogram-Arakan Fault along the Chattogram-Teknaf belt and the Sagaing Fault in Myanmar together put the country at extremely high seismic risk. Rapid urbanisation, high population density, violations of building codes and narrow road networks further heighten the danger, they added.

In his welcome address, JCX Developments Ltd Managing Director Md Iqbal Hossain Chowdhury said recent tremors felt in Dhaka are a stark reminder of the country's vulnerability.

"With rapid urbanisation, dense population and weak building structures, a major earthquake could cause devastating losses. Awareness, preparedness and capacity building are the need of the hour," he said.

The seminar noted that more than 200 earthquakes have been recorded in Bangladesh over the past century, with frequency increasing since last year.

Experts also said immense energy has been accumulating for 800 to 1,000 years in the subduction zone from Sylhet to Teknaf, posing one of the country's most serious geophysical threats.

Japanese experts Keiichi Sako and Hisaya Sugiyama, both specialising in earthquake-resistant architectural design, shared lessons from Japan's post-earthquake experiences, highlighting safe infrastructure, resilient design and modern sustainable construction standards.

Speakers at the seminar included Prof M Shamim Z Bosunia, Buet Prof Syed Fakhrul Amin, Rehab President Wahiduzzaman, senior vice-president Liaqat Ali and Rajuk Chief Urban Planner Ashraful Islam.

PRAYER TIMING

NOVEMBER 30

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5-10	12-45	3-45	5-19	7-00
JAMAAT 5-45	1-15	4-00	5-22	7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) For Selection of Individual Consultant

Memo No: 53.23.0000.043.03.019.25.6716 Date: 30 November 2025
EOI Ref No: PKSF/SMART/S-16

Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Sustainable Microenterprise and Resilient Transformation (SMART) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services (**Package: PKSF/SMART/S-16 - Selection of individual consultant for feasibility study on the potential of a cashless cluster under SMART Project**) by an individual consultant (national). The scope of work and the qualification and experience required for the assignment are detailed in the Terms of Reference (TOR).

The Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) now invites eligible applicants to express their interest and provide information regarding their qualification (complete CV as per the prescribed format) to perform the service. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the *Individual Consultant Selection (ICS)* method set out in the World Bank Procurement Regulations. The evaluation criteria are **Educational qualification, Relevant work experience (research experience and feasibility studies), Work experience with MFIs, FinTechs, or development agencies, Experience in development partner funded project, and Experience in microenterprise (ME) development projects or digital finance related projects.** It is expected that the service will be commenced in January 2025 and continued over a period of 4.5 months. A lump-sum contract will be signed with the awarded consultant.

Interested consultants are required to submit their applications in accordance with the standard CV format. Copy of the **TOR and the CV format can be downloaded from the website (www.pksf.org.bd/tender)** or obtained from the PKSF office within 10.00 AM to 04.00 PM. EOI shall be submitted by **15 December 2025 till 02.00 PM** at the PKSF office (Room-103, Desk-109) in a sealed envelope to the undersigned and clearly marked **"Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of individual consultant for feasibility study on the potential of a cashless cluster under SMART Project (Package: PKSF/SMART/S-16)"**. All the necessary documents in support of educational qualifications, experiences, and other criteria mentioned in the TOR have to be submitted with the EOI.

PKSF reserves the right to reject any or all applications at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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