

Bank Asia installs solar-powered irrigation system for farmers in Rangpur



AKM Oli Ullah, director general (additional secretary) of the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development, Bogura, poses for a group photograph with local farmers and officials of the academy and Bank Asia in Pirgacha upazila of Rangpur recently.
PHOTO: BANK ASIA

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Bank Asia PLC, in collaboration with the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (RDA), Bogura, has implemented a two-tier solar-powered irrigation project in Pirgacha upazila of Rangpur as part of its corporate social responsibility initiatives.

The initiative aims to support marginal farmers by ensuring an adequate and sustainable water supply for agricultural activities.

The project was recently handed over to the local farmers' association, according to a press release.

AKM Oli Ullah, director general (additional secretary) of the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development, Bogura, attended the handover ceremony as the chief guest.

MA Hamid, head of Rangpur branch of Bank Asia, presided over the programme.

The solar-powered irrigation system can extract and supply up to 50,000 litres of water per hour, significantly contributing to farmers' irrigation needs while also providing a reliable source of clean water for household use.

Mercantile Bank opens relocated Motijheel branch



Taskeen Ahmed, president of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, inaugurates the relocated Motijheel branch of Mercantile Bank PLC at the Dhaka chamber building in Motijheel yesterday.
PHOTO: MERCANTILE BANK

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Mercantile Bank PLC yesterday opened a relocated Motijheel branch at the Dhaka chamber building in the capital's Motijheel to provide timely and superior banking services.

Taskeen Ahmed, president of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), inaugurated the branch as the chief guest, according to a press release.

Mati Ul Hasan, managing director of Mercantile Bank PLC, presided over the event.

AKM Asaduzzaman Patwary, secretary general of the DCCI; Shamim Ahmed, deputy managing director of the bank; Sayed Mustaq Kader, managing director of Mask Associates (Pvt) Ltd; and Soumitra Chokroborty, chairman of Hitech Printing and Packaging Ltd, attended the event.

Commercial Bank of Ceylon inks MoU with Firststrip

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Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Firststrip Limited, an online travel agency in Dhaka launched by US-Bangla Airlines.

Haily Algawatte, deputy chief executive officer and chief operating officer of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, and Mir Tajmul Hossain, head of business-to-business (B2B) operations at Firststrip Limited, signed the MoU at the bank's head office in Dhaka, according to a press release.

Under the MoU, CBC Visa debit and credit cardholders will enjoy up to 12 percent off on domestic and international base airfares, along with up to 70 percent off on domestic hotel bookings through Firststrip.



Mir Tajmul Hossain, head of business-to-business (B2B) operations at Firststrip Limited, and Haily Algawatte, deputy chief executive officer and chief operating officer of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the memorandum of understanding in Dhaka recently.
PHOTO: COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON



Mohammad Esha, deputy managing director of Pubali Bank PLC, and Gautam Aggarwal, president of South Asia at Mastercard, attend the launch of credit cards in Dhaka recently. Syed Mohammad Kamal, country manager of Mastercard Bangladesh, was also present.
PHOTO: PUBALI BANK

Pubali Bank, Mastercard partner to launch credit card portfolio for consumers, businesses

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Pubali Bank PLC has partnered with Mastercard to introduce a portfolio of credit cards designed to offer enhanced convenience, secure payment solutions, and premium lifestyle benefits.

This collaboration marks Pubali Bank's first-ever alliance with Mastercard, bringing two innovative consumer credit cards and one corporate credit card to the market, all tailored to meet the needs of Bangladesh's rapidly evolving digital payments landscape.

Mohammad Esha, deputy managing director of Pubali Bank PLC, and Syed Mohammad Kamal, country manager of Mastercard Bangladesh, inaugurated the cards in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Esha said, "These cards reflect our commitment to innovation and secure, customer-centric financial solutions for a digitally empowered Bangladesh."

Kamal added, "This collaboration goes beyond expanding card offerings; it represents a shared vision to drive innovation, elevate customer experiences, and accelerate Bangladesh's journey towards a digitally empowered

economy."

The new consumer credit cards include the World Mastercard credit card and the Titanium credit card, both equipped with advanced features such as contactless technology, multi-currency support, and enhanced security.

Cardholders will enjoy a wide range of privileges, including "Buy 1 Get 1" dining at leading five-star hotels; up to 20 percent savings at restaurants; up to 10 percent discounts on groceries; and up to 25 percent discounts on lifestyle and retail shopping across more than 9,500 Mastercard partner merchant outlets.

Additional benefits include up to 20 percent discounts on airline fares, complimentary lounge access for select cards, global ATM access, seamless international transactions, and access to curated experiences through Mastercard's globally renowned Priceless platform.

Md Shahnewaz Khan, deputy managing director of the bank, and Gautam Aggarwal, president of South Asia at Mastercard, along with senior representatives from both organisations, were also present.

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e-GP Tender Notice-01/2025-26

e-GP Tender is invited in the National e-GP System (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of works mentioned below:

SL No	Tender ID	Package No	Name of work	Tender Last selling date & Time	Tender Closing date & Time	Remarks
1	1151634	PEDPA/ Furniture/ Narail/ GD 808.39	Furniture Supply (3 Nos. Rake, 83 pairs Low-High Bench with book self, 28 Nos. Chair, 25 Nos. Table) for 9 Nos. Govt. Primary school at different location Kalia, Lohagara & Narail Sadar Upazila of Narail District. 1) Babupur GPS, Kalia, 2) Purba Jamrili Danga GPS, Kalia, 3) Purbo Kalia Model GPS, Kalia, 4) Nakoshi GPS, Narail Sadar 5) Saratala GPS, Narail Sadar, 6) Narail South East Model GPS, Narail Sadar, 7) Tentulia Char Kalna GPS, Lohagara, 8) Lohagara Model GPS, Lohagara, 9) Islampur Adarso GPS, Lohagara.	21.12.2025 12:00	21.12.2025 14:00	OTM

This is an online Tender. Where only E-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, Registration in the National e-GP System portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for Tender/Proposal document to be deposited online through any registered Banks Branches. Further information an guidelines are available in the National e-GP System portal and official website (www.dpe.narail.gov.bd).

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RMG exporters eye strong rebound

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He added that international buyers are closely monitoring Bangladesh's political situation. "The government should hold more interactions with businessmen so that business challenges can be resolved through discussions and by creating a business-friendly environment," Chowdhury, also managing director of Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd, said.

"It was not that healthy," said MA Jabbar, managing director of DBL Group, another garment exporter. "We were suffering from lower work orders. But good days are coming, and business is picking up after the US settled tariff rates with different countries."

Anwar-Ul-Allah Chowdhury (Parvez),

former president of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), said, "Christmas shipments were not that strong in August, September, October, and November."

"However, sales in the US market are expected to pick up during the Christmas season, and demand for Bangladeshi garments in the US should rise afterwards. Buyers are now closely monitoring the Bangladeshi market."

According to Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) data compiled by BGMEA, garment exports to the US grew only 5.14 percent to \$2.58 billion during July-October. Apparel exports to the EU increased by 0.46 percent to \$6.25 billion in the same period.

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Ref.No.28.20.9153.144.65.001.SYL-12/Addendum-2 Date: 26-11-2025

Addendum of the Tender Document

Tender No: SGFL/SYLHET-12/DRILLING/2025 date: 12/10/2025

Tender for Procurement of Drilling Works for well no. Sylhet-12 (Oil well) including Supply of Materials, Land Development, Construction Works and Third-Party Engineering Services on Turn-Key Basis.

The following amendments in the tender schedule are hereby made in connection with the submission of tender:

- Tender last selling date will be 08-12-2025 instead of 01-12-2025.
- Tender closing/Receiving date will be 09-12-2025 at 12:00 Hrs. (BST) instead of 02-12-2025.
- Tender opening date will be 09-12-2025 at 12:15 Hrs. (BST) instead of 02-12-2025.

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Bhutan cargo stuck

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However, on November 28 and 29, Benko Ltd made several attempts to send the container into India through the Changrabandha Land Port, all of which were unsuccessful.

Officials remain uncertain if India will grant permission. A source at Burimari Land Port said the Changrabandha authority has not yet received the necessary approval note for the Bhutan-bound consignment.

Faruk Hossain, member of the Burimari C&F Agents Association and owner of Benko Ltd, said, "India has not yet granted permission, so it cannot be sent forward. We will dispatch it as soon as clearance is received."

at Bangladesh Land Port Authority, Burimari, said, "The container has been stationed at the port yard since November 28. Once approval comes, it will be sent onward to Bhutan."

"All customs formalities for the Bhutanese consignment have been completed. As soon as Indian Customs approves, the container will be released toward Bhutan," said Delwar Hossain, assistant commissioner, Burimari Customs Station.

Local port workers, transport labourers and traders said Bangladesh has long awaited the implementation of Bhutan's transit and transshipment privileges. They believe the delay in the very first trial consignment has stalled potential regional trade momentum.

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e-GP Tender Notice

This is to notify all concern that the following tender is invited in the national e-GP portal:

SL No	Tender ID No.	Invitation Reference No.	Package No. and Description	Publishing, Closing Date & Time
1	1185531	49.01.4700.003.18.078.25.873	Supply of Raw Materials & Spare Parts for Different Trade at Khulna TTC.	01-12-2025 10:00 17-12-2025 17:00

This is an online Tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-tender, registration in the National e-GP portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the national e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Invitation for e-Tendering

Invitation Reference No.	Memo No: 35.01.8800.471.07.001.24-2521	Date: 30/11/2025	
Tender ID & No	Work description	Publication Date & Time	Opening Date & Time
1183635, e-GP/12/EE/SRD/2025-2026	Protective works by RCC Palisading at 3rd(p), 4th(p), 5th(p) & 6th(p) Km of Saydabad-Enayetpur-Khaza Younus Ali Medical College Hospital (Z-5409) (By-Lane Portion) Road, under Sirajganj Road Division during the year 2025-2026	30 Nov-2025 15.10 Hrs	15 Dec-2025 15:00 Hrs

This is an online tender where only e-tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline and hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender please register on the National e-GP system Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank's Branches for 15.12.2025 Up to 14:00 Hrs. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd) (+8809609112233, +8801762625528-31)

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