

Prime Bank signs payroll banking deal with National Life Insurance

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Prime Bank PLC has entered into a payroll banking agreement with National Life Insurance PLC, a provider of multifarious life insurance solutions in Bangladesh, to offer comprehensive payroll banking services.

M Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director of Prime Bank PLC, and Md Kazim Uddin, managing director and chief executive officer of National Life Insurance PLC, signed the agreement at the bank's corporate office in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Under the agreement, employees of National Life Insurance PLC will enjoy exclusive payroll banking facilities, including dual-currency debit cards, customised loan and credit card facilities, and a wide range of consumer banking products and services on preferential terms, among others.

They will also have access to PrimePay, the bank's omnidigital platform that enables seamless and automated salary disbursement along with convenient, round-the-clock corporate payment solutions.



Md Kazim Uddin, managing director and chief executive officer of National Life Insurance PLC, and M Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director of Prime Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement at the bank's corporate office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: PRIME BANK



Meheri M Hasan, chairperson of BRAC Bank PLC, poses for a group photograph with participants of the awareness programme, titled "Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT)", at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: BRAC BANK

BRAC Bank holds event to strengthen AML-CFT oversight

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BRAC Bank PLC has organised an awareness programme titled "Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT)" for its board of directors and senior management at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

The discussion emphasised leadership accountability, risk-based decision-making and sustained vigilance in addressing evolving financial crime risks.

Md Mofizur Rahman Khan Chowdhury, executive director and head of the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (current charge), and Juairia Haque, joint director, facilitated the programme, according to a press release.

Chowdhury emphasised the critical oversight roles of the board of directors and senior management in preventing money laundering and terrorist financing.

Trust Bank CEO gets Excellence in Remittance Leadership award

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Ahsan Zaman Chowdhury, managing director and chief executive officer of Trust Bank PLC, has won the "Excellence in Remittance Leadership & Diaspora Banking Award" at the NRB Global Convention Dhaka 2025 in recognition of his outstanding leadership and significant contributions to strengthening remittance inflows and advancing diaspora-focused banking services.

The award ceremony was jointly organised by NRB Global and NRB Family Support, according to a press release.

Ahsan H Mansur, governor of the Bangladesh Bank, handed over the award to Chowdhury at the Sheraton Dhaka in the capital's Banani recently.

The award reflects Trust Bank PLC's continued commitment to serving non-resident Bangladeshis through innovative and customer-centric financial solutions.



Ahsan Zaman Chowdhury, managing director and chief executive officer of Trust Bank PLC, receives the award from Ahsan H Mansur, governor of Bangladesh Bank, at the Sheraton Dhaka in the capital's Banani recently.

PHOTO: TRUST BANK

SBAC Bank inks deal to tap BB's Tk 500cr startup fund

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SBAC Bank PLC has signed an agreement with Bangladesh Bank (BB) to participate in the central bank's Tk 500 crore Start-up Refinance Fund, aimed at promoting innovation and supporting the development of new entrepreneurs.

SM Mainul Kabir, managing director and chief executive officer of SBAC Bank PLC, and Nawshad Mustafa, director of the SME and Special Programmes Department of the Bangladesh Bank, signed the

agreement at the BB headquarters in Motijheel, Dhaka yesterday, according to a press release.

Nurun Nahar, deputy governor of the Bangladesh Bank, attended the ceremony as the chief guest.

Among others, Husne Ara Shikha, executive director of the central bank; Md Altaf Hossain Bhuyan, deputy managing director of SBAC Bank PLC; and Md Abdul Mannan, executive vice-president and head of the credit division, were also present.



Nawshad Mustafa, director of the SME and Special Programmes Department of the Bangladesh Bank, and SM Mainul Kabir, managing director and chief executive officer of SBAC Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement at the BB headquarters in Motijheel, Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: SBAC BANK

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Memo No: 57.03.0000.051.07.881.25-54 Date: 06 January, 2026
2nd Corrigendum of REQUEST FOR BIDS (Package No: CP-GD-34)

Assignment Title	Last Date of Submission (as per 1 st Corrigendum)	Last Date of Submission (Updated)	Last Date of Opening (Updated)
Supply, installation and commissioning of Full Mission Engine Room Simulator, Liquid Cargo Handling Simulator & High Voltage Simulator for Ship Building and Marine Technology of Institute of Marine Technologies	14:00 hour BST (GMT+6:00), 15 January 2026	14:00 hour BST (GMT+6:00), 15 February 2026	14:30 hour BST (GMT+6:00), 15 February 2026

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 09:00 to 17:00 hours (GMT+06:00).

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e-Tender Notice 2025-26

e-Tender has been invited in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following works.

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of work
1.	1208199	Establishment of BITAC 6 Regional centers at Gopalganj, Jashore, Barisal, Rangpur, Jamalpur and Sunamganj Districts. (1 at Gopalganj) (1st Revised) (Sub head: Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Fire Detection and Protection System)

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted through the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP Portal.

Probir Kumar Mondal
Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Gopalganj

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Incepta Vaccine Limited

40, Shahid Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Tejgaon Industrial Area
Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh (the "Company")

NOTICE OF EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE OF EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS AND MEMBERS OF INCEPTA VACCINE LIMITED ("THE COMPANY")

This notice is hereby given to all the shareholders and members of the Company in accordance with the direction of the Company Bench of the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, comprising His Lordship, Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel, Hon'ble Justice of the High Court Division, by an order dated 02.12.2025 passed in the Company Matter No. 2163 of 2025, an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the shareholders and members of the Company will be held on 22.01.2026 at 10.00 a.m. at 40, Shahid Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh to consider the following agenda and accordingly pass a special resolution:

"To consider and approve, with or without modification, the Scheme of Amalgamation for the amalgamation of Incepta Vaccine Limited, Incepta Chemicals Limited, Incepta Herbal & Nutricare Limited, Incepta Hygiene and Hospicare Limited and Transuniverse Distribution Limited (collectively the "Transferor Companies") with Incepta Pharmaceuticals Limited ("Transferee Company") under Section 228 read with Section 229 of the Companies Act, 1994, whereby the entire undertaking of the Transferor Companies as a going concern is proposed to be transferred and vested in the Transferee Company, with the Transferee Company being the surviving entity."

The shareholders and members of the Company are requested to attend the meeting on the date, time, and at the place mentioned above.

A copy of the Scheme of Amalgamation may be collected from the undersigned.

Sd.
Managing Director

TCB's income deficit rises 460%

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"We are not working to make a profit, but we are working to give service to low-income people," said Hassin.

He said the corporation sold goods below procurement cost, leaving it dependent on government subsidies to continue operations.

Inflation stood at 8.29 percent in November. It remained elevated for more than two years, continuing to put pressure on households, especially those with fixed or low incomes.

Some economists argue that the rise in TCB's deficit also reflects inefficiency and mismanagement.

M Masrur Reaz, chairman and chief executive of Policy Exchange Bangladesh, said TCB's large deficit was understandable given its wider impact on low-income households. However, he said inefficiency, leakage and mismanagement also contribute to losses across state-run firms.

Apart from TCB, several other state-run firms also posted substantial deficit. Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation, Power Grid Bangladesh, West Zone Power Distribution Company and Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited each recorded a deficit of more than Tk 200 crore.

Reaz said the government needs to reassess the state-owned enterprise

as many of these entities place a heavy burden on the public purse. "Financial discipline is also weak for many."

He added that privatisation of some firms could be part of the solution.

In the last fiscal year, the combined surplus of all state-owned enterprises fell 13 percent year-on-year to Tk 45,330 crore.

Titas Gas was the largest surplus generator, posting Tk 35,298 crore, about 2 percent higher than the previous year.

Bakhrabad Gas Distribution Company reported a 5 percent increase to Tk 5,162 crore, while the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission ranked third despite a 23 percent drop in surplus to Tk 3,187 crore.

Other entities with surpluses above Tk 2,000 crore included Pashchimanchal Gas, Chittagong Port Authority, Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation and the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh.

The Chittagong Port Authority has recorded steady growth in surplus since FY18, rising from Tk 509 crore in FY21 to Tk 2,297 crore by the end of FY25.

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation remained in surplus despite a sharp decline in recent years. Its surplus fell by about 48 percent to Tk 2,050 crore in FY25, after posting a deficit of Tk 1,983 crore in FY22.

Incepta Pharmaceuticals Limited

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Managing Director