

Aarong opens 34th outlet in Dinajpur



Tamara Hasan Abed, managing director of BRAC Enterprises, inaugurates Aarong's 34th outlet in Dinajpur recently. PHOTO: AARONG

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Aarong, the leading fashion and lifestyle retail chain in Bangladesh, has recently launched a new outlet on Paharpur Road in Dinajpur.

This marks the 34th outlet of the retail chain, according to a press release.

Extending across 14,000 square feet over three levels, the new outlet is thoughtfully designed to offer an elevated and immersive retail experience for customers in the northern region.

Tamara Hasan Abed, managing director of BRAC Enterprises, inaugurated the outlet as the chief guest.

Commenting on the inauguration, Tamara said, "The opening of our Dinajpur outlet represents a meaningful step in our journey to make Aarong more accessible across Bangladesh.

"As regional cities continue to grow in cultural and economic significance, we are committed to creating spaces that celebrate craft, design and community."

"Through this new outlet, we look forward to building deeper connections with our customers in Dinajpur while continuing to honour the artistry and dedication of our artisans," she added.



Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of Pubali Bank PLC, inaugurates the bank's new booths at Shimanto Shambhar and Shimanto Square in Dhanmondi, Dhaka recently. PHOTO: PUBALI BANK

Pubali Bank opens two booths in Dhanmondi

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Pubali Bank PLC yesterday launched two new booths at Shimanto Shambhar and Shimanto Square in Dhanmondi as part of its "Cashless Banking Campaign", aimed at making digital transactions more convenient, secure and modern for customers.

Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of Pubali Bank PLC, inaugurated the booths as the chief guest, according to a press release.

Speaking at the event, Ali said, "Today's Cashless Banking Campaign marks an important milestone in our ongoing digital transformation journey. Pubali Bank PLC remains committed to delivering technology-driven, modern banking services.

"We believe that building a truly cashless economy requires the collective participation of banks, merchants and customers. Through this initiative, we are not only promoting services but also fostering digital financial awareness among customers."

Under the campaign, customers are being directly engaged and informed about the benefits of digital payments, card usage and Bangla QR services, further accelerating the adoption of cashless banking solutions.

AKM Abdur Rakib, general manager and regional head for Dhaka North, presided over the programme.

Md Shahnewaz Khan, deputy managing director of the bank; Mohammad Liton Miah, general manager and chief financial officer; Md Rabiul Alam, deputy general manager and head of the Alternative Delivery Channel Division; and Nigar Sultana, deputy general manager and manager of the Dhanmondi branch, attended the event.

Md Hafizur Rahman Sardar, deputy general manager and manager of the Sonargaon Janapad branch, and Mohammad Mizanur Rahman, assistant general manager, along with other senior executives of the bank, local businesspeople and customers, were also present.

IFAD Motors celebrates Royal Enfield's first anniversary

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IFAD Motors has celebrated the first anniversary of the commercial operations of Royal Enfield, the global leader in the mid-size (250cc-750cc) motorcycle segment.

To mark the anniversary, the company launched two new motorcycle models – the Classic 350 and the Meteor 350, according to a press release.

Taskeen Ahmed, group vice-chairman of IFAD Motors, inaugurated the motorcycles at a function recently held in Dhaka.

Speaking on the occasion, Ahmed said, "Completing one year in Bangladesh is a significant milestone for us. The overwhelming response from riders and enthusiasts has generated even greater excitement around the brand."



Taskeen Ahmed, group vice-chairman of IFAD Motors, inaugurates Royal Enfield's new motorcycles at its first anniversary programme in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: IFAD GROUP

NCC Bank signs deal with Unisoft Systems for digital loan management

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NCC Bank PLC has signed an agreement with Unisoft Systems Limited, a Dhaka-based software company, to launch a digital loan management system (DLMS) across all its branches nationwide.

M Khurshed Alam, additional managing director of NCC Bank, and Abu Mostafa Chowdhury Sujon, deputy managing director of Unisoft Systems Limited, signed the agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

In his remarks, Alam said the introduction of DLMS is expected to significantly streamline the loan processing workflow, reduce turnaround time, enhance transparency and improve the overall customer experience.

"Through this advanced digital platform, NCC Bank aims to strengthen operational efficiency and reinforce its commitment to innovation and customer-centric financial services across its nationwide network," he added.



Abu Mostafa Chowdhury Sujon, deputy managing director of Unisoft Systems Limited, and M Khurshed Alam, additional managing director of NCC Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: NCC BANK

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This is to notify all concern that the following tender have published through e-GP portal.

Tender ID, Package No. & Date of Publishing	Name of Work	Procurement Method	Last selling date	Closing and Opening date & time
1232601 PMP-Minor-Works-17/EE/MRD/OTM/2025-2026 19-02-2026	Construction of U Type RCC Drain with Cover Slab at 2nd (P) km of Rajnagar-Kulaura-Juri-Barlekha-Beanbazar-Sheola-Charkhai (R-281) road under Road Division, Moulvibazar during the year 2025-2026.	OTM	01-03-2026, Up to 17:00	02-03-2026, At 12:30

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/ hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). e-Tenders are invited in e-GP System Portal by Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Moulvibazar.

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Sl No.	Tender ID	Name of goods item	Tender document last selling/downloading date and time	Tender closing date and time	Opening date and time
1	1225860	Supply of Environment and Climate Change Equipment.	09-Mar-2026 15:00	10-Mar-2026 11:00	10-Mar-2026 11:00
2	1225845	Interior Design of Principal and Conference Room.	09-Mar-2026 15:00	10-Mar-2026 11:00	10-Mar-2026 11:00
3	1225828	Supply and Installation of office Equipment	09-Mar-2026 15:00	10-Mar-2026 11:00	10-Mar-2026 11:00
4	1223069	Supply and Installation of Chemistry and Physics Laboratory Equipment	09-Mar-2026 15:00	10-Mar-2026 11:00	10-Mar-2026 11:00
5	1222756	Supply of Camera and Accessories	09-Mar-2026 15:00	10-Mar-2026 11:00	10-Mar-2026 11:00

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4. Further information and guidance are available in the National e-GP System Portal from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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A small and gradual depreciation policy may be pursued, he said, adding it will incentivise remitters and exporters even if their cash incentive is cut. "Prioritisation of public expenditure will be required to reduce wastage as much as possible. Taking a miserly approach for the rest of FY26 is recommended."

No more public money should be allocated for troubled banks in FY26, he stressed.

Recovery of stolen and bad assets should be given attention, both at technical (including diplomatic) and legal levels.

There should be no compromise in formulating a realistic revised budget for FY26, including projections for the debt stress situation, he added.

Bhattacharya recommended forming a "transition team." Although not widely practised in Bangladesh, such teams are well established in many countries during a change of government.

The purpose of this team will be to conduct a transparent and systematic assessment of the situation inherited from the outgoing administration, examining financial commitments, contractual obligations, debt exposure, and policy decisions that will affect the incoming government.

This transition team could consist of both political representatives and policy experts. Its task would be to conduct a kind of forensic review of each ministry's financial and policy position and prepare a comprehensive briefing document. Such documents would serve as

the foundation for informed decision-making.

Several areas should receive particular attention, such as the debt situation, both domestic and external. A clear understanding of loan terms, repayment schedules, interest rates, and contingent liabilities is essential for sound policymaking.

Apart from this, foreign agreements and memoranda of understanding (MoU) should be reviewed. Beyond agreements with any single country, all international commitments should be reviewed to assess their obligations, risks, and implications for the new government.

If the country is willing to reconsider aspects of its LDC graduation process, then it is equally reasonable to re-evaluate international commitments in that broader context, the economist said. "Ultimately, slogans and stated goals are not sufficient. What is needed is a clear roadmap, strengthened institutional capacity, policy coherence, and accountability."

Talking about several election pledges of the BNP, Khan said that the goal of a one trillion-dollar national GDP by 2034 is achievable.

However, pledges like raising foreign investment to 2.5 percent of GDP, raising the tax-to-GDP ratio to 15 percent, and allocating 5 percent of GDP each to health and education sectors are highly ambitious.

Pursue a coherent mid-term plan with realistic attainment targets in view of the election manifesto, he added.

CPD Distinguished Fellow Mustafizur Rahman also spoke at the event.

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Tender ID	Description of package	Tender publishing date & time	Last selling date & time	Tender closing date & time
1218378	Procurement of Raw Materials and Retail Machinery	19/02/2026 10:00am	11/3/2026 01:00pm	11/3/2026 03:00pm

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Sl	Tender ID	Tender Reference No.	Name of work	Date & time
1	1221165	e-GP/PMP Bridge/ RRD-03/2025-2026	Construction of 11.750m (1x11m) Long R.C.C Slab - Bridge (Pukurchara Bridge) at 13th km (CH.12+302 KM) on Rangamati (Ghagra)- Chandragona Bangalhalla-Bandarban Road (R-161) under Rangamati Road Division during the year 2025-2026.	Last selling: 11.03.2026, 12:00 Closing: 11.03.2026, 14:00

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