

# NCC Bank cardholders gain perks at Sayeman resorts

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NCC Bank has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Sayeman Beach Resort Limited and Sayeman Heritage, two premium five-star beach resorts in Cox's Bazar.

Md Zakir Anam, deputy managing director of NCC Bank PLC, and Md Ahsanul Hossain (Ahsan), manager and head of sales and marketing of Sayeman Beach Resort and Sayeman Heritage, signed the agreement in Cox's Bazar recently, according to a press release.

Under the MoU, NCC Bank's signature and platinum credit cardholders will enjoy privileges on selected accommodation packages, as well as food and beverage services, along with a range of complimentary facilities at both properties. This initiative is designed to enhance lifestyle benefits for the bank's customers. M Khurshed Alam, additional managing director of the bank, attended the signing ceremony.

The partnership reflects NCC Bank's continued commitment to providing enhanced lifestyle privileges and value-added services to its esteemed cardholders. By collaborating with leading hospitality destinations in Cox's Bazar, the bank aims to enrich customer experiences beyond traditional banking services and strengthen its customer-centric value proposition.

Mohammad Mizanur Rahman and Md Habibur Rahman, deputy managing directors of the bank, and Md Mahmudur Rahman, vice-president and head of cards, along with other senior officials from both organisations, were also present.



Md Ahsanul Hossain (Ahsan), manager and head of sales and marketing of Sayeman Beach Resort and Sayeman Heritage, and Md Zakir Anam, deputy managing director of NCC Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the memorandum of understanding in Cox's Bazar recently.

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# NRB Bank clients to enjoy discounts from Ascent Health



Anwarul Iqbal, chief executive officer of Ascent Health Limited, and Tarek Reaz Khan, managing director and CEO of NRB Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement at the bank's corporate head office in Gulshan-1, Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: NRB BANK

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NRB Bank PLC has recently signed a strategic partnership agreement with Ascent Health Limited, a diagnostic centre in Dhaka.

Tarek Reaz Khan, managing director and CEO of NRB Bank PLC, and Anwarul Iqbal, chief executive officer of Ascent Health Limited, signed the agreement at the bank's corporate head office in Gulshan-1, Dhaka, according to a press release.

Under the agreement, the bank's credit cardholders and employees will enjoy up to a 30 percent discount on pathological tests for samples collected either at home or at consultation chambers operated by Ascent Health Limited.

The arrangement also provides access to specialised consultations with renowned doctors in disciplines including internal medicine, respiratory medicine, rheumatology, dermatology, nephrology, neurology, gynaecology and paediatrics.

In addition, a designated contact person will be assigned to ensure seamless service support, alongside standard call centre facilities.

Md Shaheen Howlader, deputy managing director of the bank; Md Towfiqul Alam Chowdhury, head of the branch banking division; Md Rezaul Shahriar, head of retail banking; Khaja Wasiullah, head of cards; and Md Shafiqul Hassan, head of strategic alliances, attended the event.

# Community Bank backs Start-Up Financing Initiative to boost entrepreneurship

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Community Bank Bangladesh PLC has extended financial support to Bangladesh Startup Investment Company under the "Start-Up Financing Initiative", aimed at expanding innovation-driven financing and fostering entrepreneurship.

The initiative forms part of the bank's strategic vision to advance innovation-based financing in the country, according to a press release.

It seeks to promote entrepreneurship, create employment opportunities and contribute to sustainable economic growth.

Kimiwa Saddat, managing director (current charge) of Community Bank Bangladesh PLC, handed over the pay order in favour of Bangladesh Startup Investment Company to Nawshad Mustafa, director of the SME and Special Programmes Department of Bangladesh Bank, at a ceremony held recently at the Bangladesh Bank headquarters in Motijheel, Dhaka.



Kimiwa Saddat, managing director (current charge) of Community Bank Bangladesh PLC, hands over the pay order to Nawshad Mustafa, director of the SME and Special Programmes Department of Bangladesh Bank, at the BB headquarters in Motijheel, Dhaka recently.

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# Dollar declines

REUTERS

The dollar declined in volatile trading on Friday and was poised to snap a four-session streak of gains after the US Supreme Court struck down President Donald Trump's sweeping tariffs based on a national emergency law.

The justices, in a 6-3 ruling authored by conservative Chief Justice John Roberts, upheld a lower court's decision that the Republican president's use of this 1977 law exceeded his authority.

The dollar was initially higher on the day after US economic data showed a higher-than-anticipated inflation reading

while economic growth fell well short of expectations.

The Commerce Department said gross domestic product increased at a 1.4 percent annualized rate last quarter, much lower than the 3 percent growth pace estimate of economists polled by Reuters. Analysts noted, however, that the number was negatively impacted by the government shutdown.

"The majority of this week has been dollar positive, except for right now, and why I'd say the 'sell America' trade got a little ahead of itself," said Erik Bregar, director of FX and precious metals risk management at Silver Gold Bull in Toronto.

## Bangladesh Army Special Tender Notice

(Procurement/Purchase of Air Ticket for Financial Year 2025-2026)

1. Sealed quotations are invited from bona-fide air transportation agencies authorized by IATA for the air transportation of Bangladesh Army personnel to and from Bangladesh Military Contingents deployed in United Nations Missions, OKP and other missions in various countries, with details as mentioned below.

Ser	Name of Mission/Country	Destination Airport	Remarks
1	UNMISS (South Sudan)	Dhaka to Juba and Juba to Dhaka Dhaka to Entebbe and Entebbe to Dhaka	a. All tickets will be issued as one-way tickets.
2	MONUSCO (D.R. Congo)	Dhaka to Goma and Goma to Dhaka Dhaka to Kinsasa and Kinsasa to Dhaka	b. The number of tickets will be determined based on requirements.
3	MINUSCA (Central African Republic)	Dhaka to Bangui and Bangui to Dhaka Dhaka to Entebbe and Entebbe to Dhaka	c. All necessary information will be mentioned in Tender Schedule
4	UNISFA (Abyei)	Dhaka to Entebbe and Entebbe to Dhaka	
5	MINURSO (Western Sahara)	Dhaka to Laayoune and Laayoune to Dhaka	
6	OKP (Kuwait)	Dhaka to Kuwait and Kuwait to Dhaka	
7	Haiti	Dhaka to Haiti and Haiti to Dhaka Dhaka to Florida and Florida to Dhaka	

- In the financial offer, prices must be quoted in BDT for each item.
- Tender schedules are available at the Overseas Operations Directorate, Army Headquarters, Dhaka Cantonment. The schedule may be collected during working hours (0900 hours to 1400 hours) from 02 to 05 March 2026 against a Pay Order of Taka 2,000/- (Taka Two Thousand only) per schedule, which is non-refundable. The Pay Order should be made in favor of "Security Deposit Fund, OO Dte, AHQ."
- Offers must be submitted no later than 1100 hours on 15 March 2026 in the tender box available at UN Transit Complex, Dhaka Cantonment. The tender box will be opened at 1105 hours on the same day by a Board of Officers in the presence of the representatives of the tenderers. The Tender Notice will also be available at [www.army.mil.bd](http://www.army.mil.bd).
- Agencies having similar work experience in the past will be given preference as an added qualification.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any quotation in whole or in part without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- All terms and conditions stated in the Tender Schedule shall be applicable.

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### Invitation for e-Tender (OTM)

e-Tender is invited in the national e-GP system portal for the following works:

Tender ID	1230818
Name of Tender	Widening work with HBB at 12th km (p), 13th km (p) & 14th km (p) of Dabirchar-Nazirpur-Lalmohon-Mongolsikder Tazumuddin Road (Z-8913) under Bhola Road Division during the year 2025-2026. Package No-25/e-GP/Bho/Minor/25-26
Tender Last Selling Date and Time	08-Mar-2026 17:00
Tender Closing & Opening Date and Time	09-Mar-2026 12:00
Tender ID	1230827
Name of Tender	Repair of Boundary Wall of RHD Bhola office Compound under the Road Division Bhola during the year 2025-2026. Package No-26/e-GP/Bho/NRB/25-26
Tender Last Selling Date and Time	08-Mar-2026 17:00
Tender Closing & Opening Date and Time	09-Mar-2026 12:05

This is an online tender, where only e-tender will be accepted in e-GP portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-tender, please register on e-GP system. (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). For more details please contact e-gp help desk. ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd))

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# Rising borrowing

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He said delays in Rajuk (Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha) approvals, including server downtime and the transition to an online system, further slowed new projects. Even after approval, it takes at least a year for construction to become visibly apparent.

The high-end segment has been hit hardest, with luxury apartment sales in Gulshan, Banani and Dhanmondi falling 60-70 percent, he noted.

He added that Tropical Homes, which typically sells around 300 units annually, sold approximately 250 last year, a 16 percent drop.

Industry-wide, monthly sales have fallen to 700-750 units from around 1,000, and the expected annual price appreciation of 5-8 percent has stalled, with some projects recording negative growth of 5-10 percent.

Liakat Ali Bhuiyan, senior vice president of the Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (REHAB), said DAP delays, high interest rates and political uncertainty collectively weighed on the market in 2025.

"Now that we have an elected government, the market is expected to improve gradually," he said.

# US trade partners

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trade policy." "Canada should prepare for new, blunter mechanisms to be used to reassert trade pressure, potentially with broader and more disruptive effects," the chamber's president, Candace Laing, said in a statement.

EUROPEAN UNION  
EU trade spokesman Olof Gill said that the 27-nation bloc was closely analyzing the ruling. "We remain in close contact with the US

Administration as we seek clarity on the steps they intend to take in response to this ruling," he said, stressing need for "stability and predictability" in trade.

France's economy minister Roland Lescure said the ruling showed that tariffs are "at the very least, open to debate."

The German government told AFP it was in "close contact with the American government to obtain clarifications on the next steps."