

ACI Motors drives into light commercial segment with Mahindra

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ACI Motors Limited has recently launched two popular Mahindra models in the sub-1 tonne commercial vehicle segment – the Mahindra Supro Maxi Truck and the Mahindra Maxximo HD.

By introducing the mini pickup range from globally renowned automobile manufacturer Mahindra & Mahindra, the company has begun its journey in the country's light commercial vehicle market, according to a press release.

The initiative aims to provide reliable, fuel-efficient and profitable transportation solutions for small and medium entrepreneurs across the country.

The Mahindra Supro offers a payload capacity of up to 900 kilograms (kg), while the Mahindra Maxximo HD can carry up to 800 kg. Equipped with powerful engines, fuel-efficient technology, durable chassis and comfortable cabins, the vehicles are

designed to deliver optimal performance for daily business transportation needs.

To mark the occasion, Subrata Ranjan Das, managing director of ACI Motors Limited, handed over the dummy key of the first Mahindra mini pickup to a customer. The delivery officially signifies ACI Motors' entry into the sub-1 tonne segment.

From urban roads to rural routes, the models have already gained popularity in international markets due to their easy manoeuvrability and high load-carrying efficiency. Engineered for performance and practicality, the Mahindra mini pickup is designed to offer durability and efficiency in transportation.

The models are now available at authorised ACI Motors dealer showrooms nationwide. Customers will also benefit from assured nationwide quality service and genuine spare parts availability, further strengthening long-term reliability.



Subrata Ranjan Das, managing director of ACI Motors Limited, poses for a group photograph after handing over the dummy keys of the first Mahindra mini pickups to customers at a ceremony held recently in Dhaka. PHOTO: ACI MOTORS



Sohail RK Hussain, managing director of Bank Asia PLC, recently addresses a programme titled "Financial Literacy Day-2026" virtually. PHOTO: BANK ASIA

Bank Asia observes Financial Literacy Day

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Bank Asia PLC recently observed "Financial Literacy Day-2026" by organising a series of initiatives in line with the directives of Bangladesh Bank.

To mark the occasion, the bank arranged a nationwide virtual meeting with its officials.

Sohail RK Hussain, managing director of Bank Asia PLC, addressed the programme as the key speaker, according to a press release.

Ziaul Hasan, deputy managing director and head of agent banking and CRM at the bank, presided over the event.

As part of the daylong programme, the bank organised special financial literacy programmes for remittance customers

in the districts of Chattogram, Feni, Cumilla, Narayanganj, Narsingdi and Tangail under a UNCDF-funded project.

The initiative aims to enhance awareness among customers regarding safe and secure remittance practices.

The bank also disseminated dedicated financial literacy content through its social media platforms and screened audio-visual materials at various locations to promote responsible financial practices.

Over the years, Bank Asia has conducted extensive financial literacy programmes across the country, targeting underserved communities and professions that previously remained outside the formal banking network, the release added.

City Bank joins UN Principles for Responsible Banking

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City Bank PLC has signed the UN Principles for Responsible Banking (PRB) and become a member of the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), reinforcing its commitment to sustainable finance and responsible banking.

The PRB, created by UNEP FI with banks worldwide, provides a framework for aligning business strategies, portfolios and operations with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement on climate change, according to a press release.

Commenting on the bank's joining of the PRB, Mashrur Arefin, managing director and CEO of City Bank, said, "Joining the Principles for Responsible Banking marks an important milestone in our sustainability journey."

"Through this, we will be able to highlight our role at a global platform in supporting the achievement of Bangladesh's sustainable development goals, strengthening climate finance, and promoting inclusive economic growth."

"At the same time, it will create opportunities for us to learn about emerging sustainability-related issues from the experiences of banks across the globe," he added.

UNEP FI, founded in 1992, connects the UN with over 550 banks and insurers globally to shape the sustainable finance agenda. By becoming a PRB signatory, City Bank joins a global network of banks working to build a more sustainable, inclusive and resilient financial system.

As part of this commitment, the bank will integrate responsible banking into its strategy, risk management and decision-making, assess and disclose environmental and social impacts, set measurable targets, and strengthen transparency and accountability according to international best practices.



Prime Bank, Angelica Int'l School partner for educational banking

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Prime Bank PLC has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Angelica International School (AIS) under its flagship educational initiative, PrimeAcademia, aimed at providing a sophisticated suite of specialised financial services tailored to the AIS community.

Shaila Abedin, senior executive vice-president and head of liability at Prime Bank PLC, and Hasina Akter, principal of Angelica International School, signed the MoU in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

As a premier English-medium institution in Savar with a legacy dating back to 1997, Angelica International School will now leverage Prime Bank's robust digital and retail banking ecosystem.

The partnership offers comprehensive solutions, including automated tuition fee collection for seamless school management, institutional business accounts, payroll banking services for staff, and tailored financial products such as savings accounts, customised loan facilities, and priority credit card options for parents and employees.

The partnership underscores Prime Bank's mission to promote financial literacy and deliver world-class, frictionless banking experiences to the country's leading educational institutions, the release added.

MM Mahbub Hasan, senior vice-president and head of financial inclusion and school banking at the bank, Salim Mahmud and Ehsanul Kabir Sakib, directors of AIS; along with other senior executives from both organisations, were also present.



Hasina Akter, principal of Angelica International School, and Shaila Abedin, senior executive vice-president and head of liability at Prime Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the memorandum of understanding in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: PRIME BANK

China's factory activity slump deepens

AFP, Beijing

China's factory activity slowed in February, official data showed on Wednesday, missing forecasts and extending a slump just ahead of closely watched announcements on policy planning.

The world's second-largest economy has battled a slowdown in domestic demand and investment in recent years that have weighed on its vast manufacturing sector.

A key measure of industrial health, the manufacturing purchasing managers' index fell to 49.0 in February, according to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), below the 50-point mark that divides expansions and contractions.

That figure was down from 49.3 in January, also missing a forecast of 49.2 in a Bloomberg survey of economists.

NBS statistician Huo Lihui attributed the slide mainly to slower operations during the Spring Festival holiday, which fell entirely in February this year.

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Tender Notice-2025-2026 (OTM)

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Sl No.	Package No.	Tender ID No.	Publication date	Tender last selling (date & time)	Tender closing & opening (date & time)
1	Sp/madaripur/ration/lentil/2025-26	1239442	04-03-2026 14.00	18-03-2026 15.00	18-03-2026 16.00
2	Sp/madaripur/ration/Soyabean oil/2025-26	1239872	04-03-2026 14.00	18-03-2026 15.00	18-03-2026 16.00
3	Sp/madaripur/ration/Wheat Grinding1/2025-26	1240001	04-03-2026 14.00	18-03-2026 15.00	18-03-2026 16.00
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5	Sp/madaripur/ration/Labour/Transportation1/25-26	1240075	04-03-2026 14.00	18-03-2026 15.00	18-03-2026 16.00
6	Sp/madaripur/ration/Firewood/2025-26	1240123	04-03-2026 14.00	18-03-2026 15.00	18-03-2026 16.00
7	SP/Madaripur/Retion/Wheat Grinding/2025-2026	1240153	04-03-2026 14.00	11-03-2026 15.00	11-03-2026 16.00

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Invitation for Enlistment (Goods/ Works)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute.
3	Procuring entity	Director, Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute.
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
5	Invitation for	Enlistment (Manual)
6	Invitation Ref No.	BSH/Enl/2026/01
7	Date	05.03.2026
KEY INFORMATION		
8	Procurement method	Limited Tendering Method
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
9	Application closing date and time	Date: 30.03.2026 Time: 02.30pm
10	Name & address of the office(s)	Office of the Director, Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
	- Application form availability	Room No. A 112 (Cash Room), Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
	- Receiving application form	Date: 08.03.2026 to 30.03.2026 Time: 08.00am to 02.30pm.
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
11	Eligibility of applicant	a. Must have up-to-date valid trade license. b. Must have VAT registration certificate. c. Must have up-to-date income tax return certificate. d. Must have up-to-date bank solvency certificate. e. NID of authorized person. f. Reputed contractors/firms who have minimum 3 (three) years general experience. g. The minimum similar experience of relevant goods/works is at least 2 (two) contracts (Work Completion certificate) successfully completed within the last 3 (three) years with a total value of BDT minimum 3 (three) lac. h. e-GP registration is required for new enlistment and renewal. i. Other rules & regulations will be followed by PPA-2006 & PPR-2025. Note: 1) year counted backward from IFT. 2) Certificate issued by PE
12	Price of application form (Tk)	500.00 (Taka five hundred only)
13	Category wise renewal fee (Tk)	5000.00 (Taka five thousand only) and 3000.00 (Taka three thousand only) for female owner only.
14	Category wise enlistment fee (Tk)	2000.00 (Taka two thousand only) and 1500.00 (Taka one thousand five hundred only) for female owner only.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
15	Name of official inviting application	Prof. (Dr.) Md. Mahbubul Hoque
16	Designation of official inviting application	Director, Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute.
17	Address of official inviting application	Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
18	Contact details of official inviting application	Tel. No. +880255059051-60, e-mail: dhakashishu2010@gmail.com
19	The power to reject or accept all tenders is reserved by the Procuring Entity.	

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