

Prime Bank clients to get benefits from Ascent Health



PHOTO: PRIME BANK

Anwarul Iqbal, chief executive officer of Ascent Health Limited, and M Nazeem A Choudhury, additional managing director of Prime Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement at Prime Aspire on Gulshan Avenue in Dhaka recently.

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Prime Bank PLC has signed a strategic agreement with Ascent Health Limited to offer attractive discounts on a range of healthcare services to its employees and cardholders.

M Nazeem A Choudhury, additional managing director of Prime Bank PLC, and Anwarul Iqbal, chief executive officer of Ascent Health Limited, signed the agreement at Prime Aspire on Gulshan Avenue in Dhaka recently, according to a press release. Under the partnership, Prime Bank employees and cardholders will enjoy preferential discounts and improved access to quality healthcare services.

The collaboration reflects Prime Bank's ongoing commitment to enhancing customer value by making healthcare services more accessible and affordable through strategic partnerships, the release added.



Naser Ezaz Bijoy, CEO and head of coverage at Standard Chartered Bangladesh; Sabbir Ahmed, country manager for Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan at Visa, and Jamal Bhuyan, captain of Bangladesh national football team; jointly inaugurate the "FIFA World Cup 2026 Spend Campaign", launched by the bank and Visa, in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: STANDARD CHARTERED BANK

StanChart, Visa launch FIFA World Cup 2026 spend campaign

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Standard Chartered Bangladesh, in partnership with global digital payment provider Visa, has launched the "FIFA World Cup 2026 Spend Campaign", aiming to deliver enhanced experiences for its cardholders.

The campaign transforms everyday spending into opportunities, allowing both debit and credit cardholders to unlock global rewards and connect with the excitement of the football extravaganza.

Cardholders can enjoy a range of rewards, including a FIFA World Cup 2026 quarter-final match experience for two,

official FIFA merchandise, and curated lifestyle benefits designed to enhance the value of every Visa card transaction, according to a press release.

Naser Ezaz Bijoy, CEO and head of coverage at the bank, Jamal Bhuyan, captain of the Bangladesh national football team, and Sabbir Ahmed, country manager for Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan at Visa, jointly inaugurated the campaign in Dhaka recently.

Commenting on the initiative, Naser said, "Our collaboration with Visa around the FIFA World Cup 2026 underscores our commitment to leveraging our global network and partners to create the best experiences for our clients."

IFIC Bank holds seminar on 'Cashless Bangladesh Initiative' in Patuakhali

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IFIC Bank PLC led an awareness programme to promote digital transactions under the "Cashless Bangladesh Initiative", organised by Bangladesh Bank, in Patuakhali.

As part of the nationwide initiative, IFIC Bank acted as the lead bank in the two-day event held at the Patuakhali Zilla Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Arief Hossain Khan, executive director of Bangladesh Bank, inaugurated the programme as the chief guest, according to a press release.

ANM Moinul Kabir, director of the Payment Systems Department-1 at the central bank, presided over the seminar. During the event, speakers discussed various aspects of digital transaction processes in detail and presented a collective action plan.

Visitors were also given hands on experience of digital transactions, including the use of QR codes, at booths set up at the venue. Teachers, students and university staff took part in the programme, which encouraged the adoption of cashless, technology-based transactions in daily life.



Arief Hossain Khan, executive director of Bangladesh Bank, poses for a group photograph with bank officials at a seminar on promoting digital transactions under the "Cashless Bangladesh Initiative", led by IFIC Bank PLC, in Patuakhali recently.

PHOTO: IFIC BANK

SBAC Bank organises workshop to enhance capacity of women entrepreneurs



Md Rokanuzzaman, executive director of Bangladesh Bank Khulna office, poses for a group photograph with participants of the workshop, organised by SBAC Bank PLC, at the Shrimp Research Centre of Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute in Bagerhat recently.

PHOTO: SBAC BANK

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SBAC Bank PLC recently organised a daylong workshop on financial management to enhance the capacity of women entrepreneurs in the cottage, micro, small and medium enterprise (CMSME) sector under the supervision of Bangladesh Bank.

Md Rokanuzzaman, executive director of Bangladesh Bank Khulna Office, inaugurated the workshop as the chief guest at the Shrimp Research Centre of Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute in Bagerhat, according to a press release. SM Kamaluzzaman Kamal, director (inspection) of Bangladesh Bank Khulna Office, was present as a special guest.

Md Riazu Haque, additional director of the SME and Special Programmes Department of Bangladesh Bank Khulna Office, conducted the session. SM Mainul Kabir, managing director and CEO of SBAC Bank PLC, presided over the workshop.

Guardian Life partners with upay to offer affordable insurance solutions

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Guardian Life Insurance Limited (Guardian) has signed an agreement with upay, the digital financial service brand of UCB Fintech Company Limited, to introduce affordable and accessible insurance and healthcare solutions for upay customers.

The initiative primarily targets ready-made garment (RMG) workers, along with agents, DSOs and distributors

across the upay ecosystem, many of whom have limited access to formal financial protection services.

Sheikh Rakibul Karim, chief executive officer of the life insurer, and Sajjad Alam, head of corporate sales at the digital financial service provider, signed the agreement in Dhaka recently, according to a press release. Karim said the partnership would help expand access to practical and affordable insurance solutions tailored to people's everyday needs.



Sajjad Alam, head of corporate sales at upay, and Sheikh Rakibul Karim, chief executive officer of Guardian Life Insurance Limited, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE

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Invitation for e-Tender

Tender Notice No. 46/e-GP/EED/ND/4931/2025-2026, Dt: 23-04-2026

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

Sl No.	Package No.	Tender ID No.	Name of tender	Last date and time for tender document selling	Last date and time for tender security submission	Last date and time for tender closing & opening
01	EED/NOA/SHE/D/24-25/01	1254905	Construction of Boundary Wall at Chatkhil Panchgaon Mahbub Govt. College, Chatkhil, Noakhali	10-May-2026 14:30	10-May-2026 15:00	11-May-2026 12:00
02	EED/NOA/SHE/D/24-25/02	1254908	Repair and Renovation Works of Senbag Govt. Girls High School, Senbag, Noakhali	10-May-2026 14:30	10-May-2026 15:00	11-May-2026 12:00
03	EED/NOA/SHE/D/24-25/03	1254909	Repair and Renovation Works of Door, Window, Plaster and Painting of Flood Damaged Building of Senbag Govt. Girls High School, Senbag, Noakhali	10-May-2026 14:30	10-May-2026 15:00	11-May-2026 12:00
04	EED/NOA/SHE/D/24-25/04	1262412	Construction of Boundary Wall at Senbag Govt. Pilot High School, Senbag, Noakhali	10-May-2026 14:30	10-May-2026 15:00	11-May-2026 12:30
05	EED/NOA/SHE/D/24-25/05	1262413	Repair and Renovation Works of Oskhali Khan Saheb Sayideya Govt. High School, Hatiya, Noakhali	10-May-2026 14:30	10-May-2026 15:00	11-May-2026 12:30

To submit e-Tender registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

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Shyamol Boran Das appointed CEO of upay

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Shyamol Boran Das has been appointed chief executive officer (CEO) of "upay", the digital financial service brand of UCB Fintech Company Limited.



Shyamol Boran Das

Prior to joining upay, he held key leadership positions at several prominent financial institutions in the country. He brings over 25 years of experience in digital banking and the broader financial sector.

Throughout his career, Das has played a pivotal role in expanding access to modern financial services for the masses. He has demonstrated strong expertise across multiple domains, including mobile financial services (MFS), digital banking, retail and SME solutions, agent banking, and card services.

Das previously worked at Nagad Limited, Meghna Bank PLC, BRAC Bank, and BRAC IT Services Limited in various capacities.

He holds a bachelor's degree in computer science and engineering from Bangalor University, India, and a master's degree from Royal Holloway, University of London, UK.

Tesla reports higher profits

AFP, New York

Tesla reported higher first-quarter profits Wednesday, topping expectations as it confirmed plans for massive additional investments in autonomous transport, humanoid robotics and artificial intelligence.

Elon Musk's electric vehicle company reported profits of \$477 million, up 17 percent from the year-ago period, while revenues jumped 16 percent to \$22.4 billion.

Tesla said it was on track to commence "volume production" of both its Cybercab and Tesla Semi this year, while also notching "record" new subscriptions of its Full Self-Driving (FSD) driver-assistance program.

Shares initially ticked higher on the results in after-hours trading, but moved into negative territory during a conference call in which Musk and other Tesla executives said they would press on with massive investments that have drawn skepticism from some Wall Street analysts. Musk has described the spending as essential to Tesla's future, promising massive profit growth that has fueled the company's roughly \$1.5 trillion market value.

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Tender Notice No. 32/2025-26 (OTM: 154-157)

e-Tender is hereby invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following work.

Sl. No.	Tender ID	Name of the work with Package No.	Method of procurement	Last date of selling	Last date of receiving tender
154	1261227	IRIDPPJ/Jhal/Nal/DW-06 Improvement of Daopasha Jugirpool to Daopasha Bari Mosque Road at Ch. 1000.00-2010.00m by BC Upazila: Nalchity, District: Jhalokathi (Road ID No. 542735022). Improvement of Biswas Bari RHD to Fakir Bari via Dr. M.A. Roab House Road at Ch. 0.00-1150.00m by BC Upazila: Nalchity, District: Jhalokathi (Road ID No. 542734115)	OTM	11-May-2026 16:00	12-May-2026 12:00
155	1261236	IRIDPPJ/Jhal/Nal/DW-09 Improvement of Peer-Moazeem Hossain R&H Vojpur to Baitara Khuya Ghat via Ichapasa GPS, Girls School & Kamdebur Senior Madrasa Road at Ch. 0.00-1000.00m by BC Upazila: Nalchity, District: Jhalokathi (Road ID No. 542734114). Improvement of Godaida G.P.S Baitara Road at Ch. 500.00-1670.00m by BC Upazila: Nalchity, District: Jhalokathi (Road ID No. 542734018).	OTM	11-May-2026 16:00	12-May-2026 12:00
156	1261245	IRIDPPJ/Jhal/Nal/DW-13 Improvement of Mollarhat Union Peer Moazzaam Hossain RHD to Ranapash U.P Road at Ch. 2000.00 2250.00m by BC Upazila: Nalchity, District: Jhalokathi (Road ID No. 542734112). Improvement of Khlada Atahar Howlader house -Sadur Hat via Gossua Gram & Kamdebur RPS Road at Ch. 500.00-2200.00m by BC Upazila: Nalchity, District: Jhalokathi (Road ID No. 542734133)	OTM	11-May-2026 16:00	12-May-2026 12:00
157	1261247	IRIDPPJ/Jhal/Nal/DW-14 Improvement of Katakhal Malake Molla house to Maddo Katakhal GPS via Hakim Master House Road at Ch. 0.00-1260.00m by BC Upazila: Nalchity, District: Jhalokathi (Road ID No. 542734142). Improvement of Ranapasha UP road to Ranapasha Mollick SPS via Moteur Rahaman Mollick house Road at Ch. 0.00-900.00m by BC Upazila: Nalchity, District: Jhalokathi (Road ID No. 542735047)	OTM	11-May-2026 16:00	12-May-2026 12:00

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 downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches. Details 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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