



Jiban Krishna Saha Roy, director general (investment promotion) of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority, and M Shamsul Arefin, managing director of NCC Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the memorandum of understanding at the former's head office in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: NCC BANK

NCC Bank, Bida to ease investor services through OSS platform

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NCC Bank PLC has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (Bida) to deliver faster, more efficient and integrated services for investors.

The integration aims to provide seamless access to essential banking and related services through a single digital interface.

Under the MoU, NCC Bank will facilitate online bank account opening along with other relevant banking services via the One Stop Service (OSS) platform. Both organisations will also establish secure server-to-server connectivity to ensure safe, reliable and efficient data exchange.

M Shamsul Arefin, managing director of NCC Bank PLC, and Jiban Krishna Saha Roy, director general (investment promotion) of Bida, signed the MoU at the latter's head office in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Speaking on the occasion, Arefin said Bida's integrated online platform represents a major milestone in the

government's investment friendly initiatives, enabling investors to access a wide range of public and private services from a single platform.

He added that the bank's participation would further enhance the efficiency, transparency and responsiveness of investment-related services, contributing to a modern, investor-friendly ecosystem in Bangladesh.

As per the agreement, both parties will exchange relevant information digitally and provide the necessary technical support to ensure smooth system operations.

They will also work collaboratively to maintain data accuracy, security and effective service delivery.

Air Commodore Md Shahrul Huda, executive member of Bida, attended the signing ceremony.

Md Shahinuzzaman, additional director of Bangladesh Bank; Md Habibur Rahman, deputy managing director of NCC Bank PLC; and Shahin Akter Nuha, head of transaction banking and cash management, along with senior officials from both organisations, were also present.

Walton unveils 15 new refrigerator models to boost global market reach

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Walton, one of the leading electronics manufacturers in Bangladesh, has unveiled 15 new models of refrigerators and freezers to strengthen its presence in international markets and reinforce its position as a global brand.

The lineup, introduced under the "Global Innovation Series", includes side-by-side smart refrigerators, water dispenser-equipped models, non-frost units, top mount refrigerators, solar-powered chest freezers, vertical freezers, minibar fridges, beverage coolers and ice cream freezers.

Actress Bidya Sinha Saha Mim, brand ambassador of Walton Refrigerator, inaugurated the products at the "Walton Mega Launch" event at the company's corporate office in Dhaka on Saturday, according to a press release.

Md Tahsinul Haque, chief business officer of Walton Refrigerator, said the company has expanded exports to more than 55 countries and aims to reach over 100. "The launch of these models in international markets will accelerate that journey," he added.

Highlighting innovation, Azmal Ferdous Bappi, head of the research and innovation



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centre, said the flagship product is a 629-litre side-by-side smart refrigerator with a 32-inch Magic Mirror multimedia display. The model allows users to browse the internet, watch YouTube and access online shopping platforms.

It also features technologies such as AI Doctor, turbo cooling, 8-in-1 convertible mode and MSO Plus inverter technology for energy

efficiency and food freshness.

Walton also introduced 619-litre side-by-side models with water dispensers and a solar-powered chest freezer with 255-litre capacity offering up to 160 hours of cooling retention. A 515-litre non-frost refrigerator and top-mount models with advanced energy-saving technologies were also unveiled.

Southeast Bank rolls out Google Pay for Visa cardholders



Md Khalid Mahmood Khan, managing director and CEO of Southeast Bank PLC, and Sabbir Ahmed Khan, country manager for Bangladesh at Visa, attend the launch of the Google Pay service for its Visa cardholders at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: SOUTHEAST BANK

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Southeast Bank PLC has launched Google Pay for its Visa credit, debit and prepaid cardholders, enabling customers to make fast, secure and

contactless payments using Android phones both locally and internationally.

Md Khalid Mahmood Khan, managing director and CEO of the bank, inaugurated the service at the bank's head office in Dhaka

recently, according to a press release.

Through this service, cardholders can easily add their cards to Google Wallet and conduct transactions at millions of merchant locations worldwide.

The service eliminates the need to carry physical cards, offering enhanced convenience, flexibility and a seamless payment experience across POS machines and online platforms.

Google Pay incorporates advanced security features, including encryption and tokenisation, ensuring that actual card details are never shared with merchants. This provides an added layer of protection for every transaction, making digital payments safer and more reliable.

The initiative reflects Southeast Bank's ongoing commitment to strengthening digital payment infrastructure, enhancing customer convenience and supporting Bangladesh's transition towards a cashless economy.

IFIC Bank opens eight ATM booths



Md Mehmood Husain, chairman of IFIC Bank PLC, inaugurates eight new ATM booths in five districts from IFIC Tower in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: IFIC BANK

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IFIC Bank PLC has launched eight ATM booths in five districts – Brahmanbaria, Barishal, Patuakhali, Tangail, and Narsingdi – as part of its expansion drive to make financial transactions easier, faster, and more secure for customers.

To mark the initiative, the bank organised a programme at IFIC Tower in Dhaka recently.

Md Mehmood Husain, chairman of the bank, inaugurated the booths from the programme as the chief guest, according to a press release.

The initiative aims to enhance customer service and expand technology driven banking services.

With more than 1,400 branches and sub-branches across the country, the bank has strengthened its position as one of the largest banking networks in Bangladesh.

Syed Mansur Mustafa, managing director of the bank, along with deputy managing directors and senior officials from various departments, was also present at the inauguration ceremony.

Meghna Bank signs deal with Titas Gas for bill collection

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Meghna Bank PLC has signed an agreement with Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution PLC to facilitate gas bill collection through all Meghna Bank branches, enabling customers to pay their bills conveniently and easily.

Syed Mizanur Rahman, managing director of the bank, and Md Lutful Haider Masum, company secretary of the gas company, signed the agreement in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Momtazul Karim N Ahmed, deputy managing director of the bank, and Samiul Kabir, head of retail banking, attended the event.

Shahnewaz Parvez, managing director of the gas company; Md Mohiuddin Molla, general manager of the accounts division; and Md Siddiqur Rahman, general manager of the ICT division, along with other senior officials from both organisations, were also present at the ceremony.



Md Lutful Haider Masum, company secretary of Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution PLC, and Syed Mizanur Rahman, managing director of Meghna Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing the agreement in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: MEGHNA BANK

Chinese economic zone still stalled

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He attributed the delays mainly to prolonged negotiations and pending approvals, while a multi-ministry committee is working to resolve the issues.

Mithu added that once the EPC contract is finalised, further steps

such as the development agreement, company registration and formal approval can proceed, enabling implementation.

He also said Chinese investment is expected in sectors including textile manufacturing, electronics assembly, renewable energy (solar),

light engineering and agribusiness.

Meanwhile, Ashik Chowdhury, executive chairman of Beza, has outlined a 180-day roadmap to complete negotiations for the long-stalled project.

He said that although part of the land is ready, progress has been delayed due to unresolved commercial issues between the government and Chinese private partners.

"These disputes have delayed the signing of key land-lease and development agreements," he added.

Chowdhury said the immediate focus is to resolve technical issues and complete administrative procedures so that groundwork can begin within six months.

He added that the goal is to shift the project from prolonged negotiations to actual industrial development.



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Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

1. Ministry/Division	Posts and Telecommunications Division, Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology	
2. Agency	Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited	
3. Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited, Represented by General Manager (Admin & Procurement)	
4. Procuring entity code	Not used at present	
5. Procuring entity district	Dhaka	
6. Expression of Interest for Selection of	Individual Consultant (International) (Lump-Sum)	
7. Title of Service	Procurement of Individual Consultancy Service for Satellite Health Report 2025-26	
8. EOI Ref No.	14.39.0000.000.012.07.0004.23.89.161(E)	
9. Date	21/04/2026	
KEY INFORMATION		
10. Procurement sub-method	Selection of Individual Consultants (ICS) (International)	
FUNDING INFORMATION		
11. Budget and source of funds	Company's own fund	
11. Development partner (if applicable)	Not applicable	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12. Project/programme code	Not applicable	
13. EOI closing date and time	18/05/2026	12:00pm
14. Publication date	27/04/2026	
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
15. Brief Description of the Assignment:	Audit satellite health and ground station operation, and generate independent report in prescribed format.	
16. Qualification and Experience:	<p>Candidates meeting the following requirements are encouraged to apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum Educational Qualifications: M.Sc/PHD in Aerospace / Space / Mechanical / EEE /CSE/Relevant Engineering from UGC approved Bangladeshi Govt. University or within top 200 university of QS global ranking; Minimum 20 years of experience in the satellite industry (preferably in satellite operations); Minimum 5 years of experience as independent consultant in satellite industry; Excellent analytical and communications skills and ability to write clearly and concisely; At least 2 international publications in Tier1 journal in the satellite sector. At least 1 patent in satellite sector. <p>Scope of Work:</p> <p>a. The Consultant shall conduct 03 (three) technical audit, collect detailed data and submit 03 (three) "Operational Reports" as per given schedule. BSCL may change the schedule for performing the technical audit at its sole discretion and will inform the second party accordingly.</p> <p>b. In addition, three preliminary informal reports ("Preliminary Reports") are to be submitted prior to the release of the "Operational Reports." These preliminary reports will be used internally within BSCL and by the Technical Adviser to finalize the "Operational Reports."</p>	
17. Other Details:	<p>i) Short listing will be made in accordance with the "Rule (PPR)-2025"</p> <p>ii) EOI as well as attached forms/supporting documents shall be written in English.</p> <p>iii) Two (2) signed copies of EOI along with 1 (one) original shall be submitted in a sealed envelope mentioning "Procurement of Individual Consultancy Service for Satellite Health Report Test" on top of the sealed envelope and shall be submitted to the following address before above-mentioned date and time.</p> <p>iv) EOIs submitted by consultants will be screened and consultants will be shortlisted. Only short-listed consultants will be invited to submit proposals. Interested applicants may obtain further information from the office mentioned below during the office hours (9:00 to 16:00 hours BST).</p> <p>v) The Terms of Reference will be found at https://bscl.gov.bd/ (under tender notice)</p>	
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