BSCIC JOB FAIR 2026

3,147 apply against 2,200 vacancies, 323 hired

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

The BSCIC Job and Career Fair 2026, organised by the corporation's Chattogram regional office, was held at World Trade Centre in Agrabad, Chattogram city, yesterday.

The event, which began at 11:00am and continued until 5:00pm, saw 3,147 job applications and CVs submitted against 2,200 vacant positions at industrial estates under the BSCIC.

A total of 323 jobseekers secured immediate employment at the fair, according to the organisers.

Companies from seven industrial sectors participated in the fair, including textiles, food processing, pharmaceuticals, packaging, plastics and chemicals.

A total of 44 stalls were set up.

BSCIC Chairman Benazir Ahmed said initiatives such as trade and job fairs could help BSCIC emerge as a new driving force in the domestic economy.

Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Mohammed Amirul Haque, CDA Chairman Engineer Belayet Hossain, BSCIC Director (Administration) Muhammad Kamruzzaman, and acting president of the Chittagong Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Lutmeela Farid also spoke.

Nat'l research fest at CU

CU CORRESPONDENT

The National Research Festival 2026 was held for the first time at the Chittagong University yesterday.

The daylong event was organised by the Chittagong University Central Students' Union (Cucsu) at the university's Shaheed Minar and Buddhijibi Chattar premises.

Students from 31 universities across the country participated in the event.

LOST CERTIFICATE

I, Nusrat Mahmud Ananna, have lost my Provisional Certificate of B.Sc. in Economics (2023), issued by United International University (UIU), Student ID: 121131017, near Zigatola Post Office, Dhaka, on 11 October 2026. GD No. 761, dated 13 October 2026, Hazaribagh Police Station, DMP. If found, **please contact: 01787024827.**



Children and adolescents playing on the Cumilla Central Eidgah, one of the only few open spaces in the city, recently. PHOTO: **STAR**

Playfields disappearing in urban sprawl

KHALID BIN NAZRUL, *Cumilla*

Open spaces and playgrounds are rapidly disappearing in Cumilla city amid growing urbanisation, leaving children with fewer places to play and affecting their physical and mental development.

For instance, Sabbir Hossain Sentu from Cumilla city's Jhawtala said he plans to hand over his small house to an apartment developer. With the redevelopment, the open courtyard in front of the house, where children once played, will disappear.

Such changes are becoming increasingly common across Cumilla as urban development spreads through areas including Thakurpara, Munsef Bari, Chartha, Racecourse, Jhawtala, Badurtala and Kandirpar.

School playgrounds, once available for sports, are also becoming less accessible.

"Now, most educational institutions do not allow people to use their grounds for sports for various reasons, including security concerns," said Saiful Alam Babu, a member in-charge of the football committee of the Cumilla District Sports Association.

Debraj Ghosh, a teacher at a government school in Cumilla, said institutions were reluctant to allow outsiders to use their grounds, fearing they could face consequences if a criminal incident occurred there.

Meanwhile, academic pressure leaves children with little time for sports and cultural activities, said Biplab Saha, a cultural activist and director of Shabdartho Sanskriti Khola Chattar.

He said cultural organisations were largely inactive in neighbourhoods, where residents often barely knew one another, even within the same apartment building. He called for effective community-based social, sports and cultural activities involving children and adolescents.

Sayem Ahmed Bhuiyan, executive engineer of Cumilla City Corporation, said there were two parks within the corporation area -- Dharmasagar Park and Telikona Park. An initiative has also been taken to develop DC Park, which falls under the district administration.

"Children need playtime in vast green fields under open skies for proper physical and mental development. They need to grow up in a safe environment free from fear and pollution," said Dr Mohammad Iqbal Anwar, a renowned paediatrician in Cumilla.

Drawing on four decades of experience treating children and adolescents, Dr Iqbal said many were growing up with unexplained psychological pressure and anxiety.

Busy parents, a lack of outdoor sports facilities and dependence on digital devices were among the main reasons, he said.

Power plant fined Tk 20 lakh for polluting Sangu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

The Department of Environment (DoE) has asked a government-run power plant in Chattogram to pay Tk 20 lakh in compensation for environmental damage after sludge from the facility polluted nearby areas and the Sangu river.

In an order issued yesterday, signed by DoE's Chattogram Regional Director Zamir Uddin, the department directed the Dohazari-Kaliaish 100MW peaking power plant in Satkania to pay the compensation within seven days.

The order followed an inspection and laboratory tests that found pollution levels in water discharged from the plant into the Sangu river exceeded permissible limits.

According to the test results, oil and grease levels were 3.1 times the allowable limit, suspended solids were 4.4 times the limit, and chemical oxygen demand (COD) was 3.9 times the standard.

The DoE also instructed the plant authorities to renew its environmental clearance and ensure operations without causing environmental pollution.

Earlier, plant manager Md Abdul Mannan said floodwater had entered a pond where sludge from furnace oil used for power generation was stored, carrying the waste through a canal into surrounding areas.

He said around 150 litres of sludge were later collected following complaints.

3 killed, 5 hurt in Cumilla road accidents

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Cumilla*

At least three people, including a couple, were killed and five others injured in separate road accidents in Cumilla yesterday.

In Daudkandi, a man and his wife were run over by an unidentified speeding vehicle on Dhaka-Chattogram highway near Haripur Mosque in Gouripur union around 7:00am.

The deceased were identified as Nazrul Islam, 62, and his wife Jharna Begum, 48. They lived near the Jinglatoli Union Board Office.

According to locals, the couple were collecting discarded bottles from the roadside when the vehicle hit them and fled.

They were taken to Gouripur Upazila Health Complex, where doctors declared them dead, said Prem Lal Das, officer-in-charge of Daudkandi Highway Police Station.

In Barura, a bus of Balaka Paribahan lost control and plunged into a roadside ditch in Deora Fakira Mokam area, leaving the bus helper dead and five passengers injured.

The deceased was identified as Atikullah Sabuj, 22. Kazi Nazmul Haque, officer-in-charge of Barura Police Station, said police seized the vehicle and recovered the body.

CIU launches Bangla language course for foreigners

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Chattogram*

Chittagong Independent University (CIU) has launched a specialised "Certificate Course in Bangla for Foreigners" aimed at enhancing Bangla language proficiency among foreign nationals and providing them with a deeper understanding of Bangladeshi culture and heritage.

It is the first time a dedicated Bangla language course for foreigners has been introduced in Chattogram, says a CIU press release.

UNESCO Representative and Head of Office in Bangladesh Dr Susan Vize joined the inauguration ceremony virtually as the chief guest on Monday.

CIU Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr MM Nurul Absar presided over the event, while Dr Md Khaled Bin Chowdhury, dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, delivered introductory address.

Yan Yijiang, a representative from the Overseas Chinese Association in Chattogram, also spoke. Deans of various schools, faculty members, senior officials, and the university registrar were also present.

PRAYER TIMING
OCTOBER 14

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-45	12-45	4-15	5-45	7-15
JAMAAT	5-20	1-15	4-30	5-50	7-45

SOURCE: **ISLAMIC FOUNDATION**

Maddhapara Granite Mining Company Limited (MGMCL)
(A Company of Petrobangla)
Maddhapara, parbatipur, Dinajpur
www.mgmcl.gov.bd

Ref.: MGMCL/SO&M/CC&M/2026-2027/Building Maintenance/01 Date: 12-10-2026

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP system portal (https://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of following:

Sl No.	Tender ID	Name of work	Last selling date & time	Closing date & time	Opening date & time
1	1348030	Painting and necessary maintenance works of Head Office, VIP Guest House and GM Banglow Building of MGMCL	26-Oct-2026, 10:00	26-Oct-2026, 15:00	26-Oct-2026, 15:00

This is an online tender, where only 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 (https://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 banks branches up to 10:00 on 26/10/2026.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and also from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

12.10.2026
(Mir Pinak Iqbal)
General Manager (SO&M)
Contact No: 01730-332205

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পাওয়ার গ্রিড বাংলাদেশ পিএলসি
POWER GRID BANGLADESH PLC
(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)
Grid Bhaban, Avenue-3, Jahurul Islam City, Aftabnagar, Badda, Dhaka-1212 Web: www.powergrid.gov.bd

"কালিয়াকৈর-ময়মনসিংহ (শম্ভুগঞ্জ) ৪০০ কেভি ডবল সার্কিট সঞ্চালন লাইন" চালুর সতর্কীকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পাওয়ার গ্রীড নেটওয়ার্ক স্ট্রেংথেনিং প্রজেক্ট (জিটুজি) প্রকল্পের আওতাধীন কালিয়াকৈর ৪০০/২৩০/১৩২ কেভি গ্রিড উপকেন্দ্র হতে নবনির্মিত শম্ভুগঞ্জ ৪০০/১৩২/৩৩ কেভি গ্রিড উপকেন্দ্র পর্যন্ত ৯৬.৮৯১ কিঃমিঃ দীর্ঘ "কালিয়াকৈর-ময়মনসিংহ (শম্ভুগঞ্জ) ৪০০ কেভি ডবল সার্কিট সঞ্চালন লাইন" আগামীকাল ১৫ অক্টোবর ২০২৬ তারিখ, রোজ বৃহস্পতিবার, দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকায় পরীক্ষামূলকভাবে চালু করা হবে। সঞ্চালন লাইনটি গাজীপুর জেলার কালিয়াকৈর ও শ্রীপুর উপজেলা, টাংগাইল জেলার মির্জাপুর ও সখিপুর উপজেলা এবং ময়মনসিংহ জেলার ভালুকা, ত্রিশাল, ময়মনসিংহ সদর, ঈশ্বরগঞ্জ ও গৌরীপুর উপজেলার উপর দিয়ে অতিক্রম করেছে। চালুর সময় হতে পরবর্তীতে লাইনটি বিদ্যুতায়িত থাকবে।

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Memo No: 46.10.0000.063.14.115.26 Date: 13/10/2026

e-Tender Notice (OTM)

e-Tenders are invited in the National e-GP System portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of:

Sl. No.	Tender ID & Ref No.	Name of Works	Last date and Time for Tender Security Submission	Tender Closing & Opening Date & Time
1.	ID No- 1349032, Ref No- 46.10.0000.000.058.14.0090.26 Date: 24-09-2026	Emergency repair and maintenance works of damaged roads, drain, cross-drain, manhole cover, footpath, median, grill and other infrastructures in the jurisdiction of Engineering Division (Civil), Zone-01, Under the framework contract for the FY 2026-2027(Group-Ka).	29-Oct-2026 14:00	29-Oct-2026 15:00
2.	ID No- 1349033, Ref No- 46.10.0000.000.058.14.0089.26 Date: 24-09-2026	Emergency repair and maintenance works of damaged roads, drain, cross-drain, manhole cover, footpath, median, grill and other infrastructures in the jurisdiction of Engineering Division (Civil), Zone-01, Under the framework contract for the FY 2026-2027(Group-Kha).	29-Oct-2026 14:00	29-Oct-2026 15:00
3.	ID No- 1349034, Ref No- 46.10.0000.000.058.14.0088.26 Date: 24-09-2026	Under the frame work contract Supply of materials such as bricks, sand, khori, bitumen, diesel, fire wood etc. for emergency repair work of damaged roads in Engineering Department of Zone-1 through departmental workers for the FY 2026-2027.	29-Oct-2026 14:00	29-Oct-2026 15:00

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SL. No.	Tender/ Proposal ID	Package No. & Description	Last Date & Time of Tender Documents Selling	Closing Date & Time of Tender
01	1344792	Procurement of Computer & Accessories	25 October, 2026; 10.00	25 October, 2026; 16.00
02	1352238	Procurement of Office Equipment	25 October, 2026; 10.00	25 October, 2026; 16.00
03	1353092	Procurement of Furniture	25 October, 2026; 11.00	25 October, 2026; 16.00
04	1353173	Procurement of Others Equipment	25 October, 2026; 11.00	25 October, 2026; 23.59
05	1344879	Procurement of Others Stationery	25 October, 2026; 11.00	25 October, 2026; 23.59

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4. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and e-GP Help Desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).
5. Authority reserves the right to accept and reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Signed.
(Minhaz Uddin Ahmed Sourav)
Assistant Commissioner
On Behalf of the Commissioner.

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