Renata enters Netherlands with Parkinson's drug

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Drug maker Renata PLC has expanded its presence in Europe with the launch of Amantadine HCl capsules in the Netherlands, marking its entry into another regulated pharmaceutical market.

According to a press release, the capsules, indicated for the symptomatic treatment of Parkinson's disease, will be supplied from the company's EU-GMP-approved Rajendrapur General facility in blister packs containing 56 capsules.

The product is marketed in Bangladesh by Renata under the brand name Mantadin.

With the latest launch, Renata has expanded its European presence beyond the UK, Ireland, France, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Portugal and Cyprus, bringing its medicines to more patients across the region's highly regulated markets, the release added.

In the first quarter of the current fiscal year, Renata's revenue rose more than 11 percent year-on-year to Tk 1,260 crore, while its profit increased 36 percent to Tk 101 crore.

The company's share price edged down to Tk 423 at the Dhaka Stock Exchange yesterday.



Visitors explore renewable energy technologies at the ACI Renewable Energy pavilion during the Power Bangladesh International Expo 2026 at the International Convention City Bashundhara in Dhaka. PHOTO: ACI GROUP

ACI Renewable showcases global brands at power expo

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ACI Renewable Energy, a newly approved subsidiary of ACI Group, showcased three globally recognised renewable energy brands at the Power Bangladesh International Expo 2026, held from November 12 to 14 at the International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB) in Dhaka.

Organised by CEMS Global, the three-day exhibition marked the first time the company brought together EcoFlow, GoodWe and AIKO under one roof, according to a press release.

ACI Renewable Energy displayed a range of solutions, including portable power stations, household backup systems, residential, commercial and industrial energy systems, advanced inverters, energy storage solutions and high-efficiency solar modules.

The participation highlighted the company's efforts to support Bangladesh's transition towards renewable energy by introducing globally recognised technologies and reliable power solutions to the local market.

Each brand brought distinct technological strengths to the portfolio.

EcoFlow offers portable and home energy solutions as smart alternatives to conventional instant power supply (IPS) systems. GoodWe provides inverter and battery solutions for residential, commercial and industrial applications, while AIKO brings advanced N-type ABC solar technology to the market through its high-efficiency solar panels.

Speaking about the company's vision, Asif Faisal Rumi, business director of ACI Renewable Energy, said the company aimed to contribute meaningfully to the transformation of Bangladesh's energy sector.



Shaila Abedin, senior executive vice-president and head of liability and women banking at Prime Bank PLC, and Major (retd) Md Anwarul Kabir, principal of BEPZA Public School and College, pose for a photograph after signing a memorandum of understanding in Dhaka yesterday. PHOTO: PRIME BANK

Prime Bank offers tailored banking services to BEPZA school

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Prime Bank PLC has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with BEPZA Public School and College under its flagship PrimeAcademia initiative, aimed at providing tailored banking solutions and enhancing financial convenience for the institution, its teachers, students and parents.

Major (retd) Md Anwarul Kabir, principal of BEPZA Public School and College, and Shaila Abedin, senior executive vice-president and head of liability and women banking at the bank, signed the MoU at a ceremony held in Dhaka yesterday, according to a press release.

Through this partnership, Prime Bank will extend its comprehensive range of PrimeAcademia banking solutions to the institution and its eligible stakeholders.

The initiative is designed to facilitate digital fee collection, institutional banking, payroll management, savings facilities for teachers and students, and other financial services tailored to the needs of the academic community.

Sarker Mehadhi Reza, senior vice-president and regional head for Chattogram at the bank, and Ruma Ghosh, manager of Karnafuli EPZ Branch, attended the event.

Mohammad Nuruzzaman, director (accounts) of BEPZA KEPZ Zone, was also present, along with other officials from both organisations.

NRB Bank cardholders to get hospitality services at Crowne Plaza

STAR BUSINESS DESK

NRB Bank PLC has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Crowne Plaza Dhaka Airport, a property of IHG Hotels & Resorts, to offer lounge access and premium hospitality services to its Visa Signature credit cardholders.

Kimiwa Saddat, additional managing director of NRB Bank PLC, and Ashwani Nayar, area general manager of IHG Southwest Asia Cluster and general manager of Crowne Plaza Dhaka Airport, signed the MoU at a ceremony in Dhaka recently, according to a press release.

Through this partnership, NRB Bank aims to strengthen its premium banking proposition by offering enhanced travel-related privileges and hospitality experiences to its customers.

Khaja Wasiullah, head of cards at the bank, and Md Shafiqul Hassan, head of strategic alliance, attended the event.

Sujan Saha, cluster director of finance at the hotel; Md Nazrul Islam, cluster director of sales and marketing; Sarah Rahman, director of marketing; and Md Mehedi Hasan, credit manager, along with other officials from both organisations, were also present at the signing ceremony.



Ashwani Nayar, area general manager of IHG Southwest Asia Cluster and general manager of Crowne Plaza Dhaka Airport, and Kimiwa Saddat, additional managing director of NRB Bank PLC, pose for a photograph after signing a memorandum of understanding in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: NRB BANK



Senior officials of Sheltech inaugurate "Sheltech Abashon Mela 2026" at the real estate developer's corporate office on Panthapath, Dhaka recently. PHOTO: SHELTECH

Sheltech unveils 'Abashon Mela 2026'

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Sheltech, a real estate developer in Bangladesh, has launched "Sheltech Abashon Mela 2026", a sales festival showcasing its apartments, commercial spaces and shops to homebuyers and investors.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by the director of Sheltech Group; adviser for strategic planning, PR and marketing; executive director; chief operating officer; chief business officer; and additional general manager of sales at Sheltech (Pvt) Ltd.

The fair is open daily from 10am to 6pm, according to a press release.

The fair features more than 500 properties in Gulshan, Banani, Dhanmondi, Banasree, Bashundhara, Uttara and Jolshiri Abashon in Dhaka, as well as South Khulshi and Panchlaish R/A in Chattogram.

Apartments, commercial spaces and shops are on display, allowing visitors to explore projects in person, compare options and speak directly with Sheltech representatives.

The highlight of the festival is a special offer of up to Tk 25 lakh for buyers who book properties during the fair.

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Memo No: NIPSOM/Admin/Research/2026/790 Date: 16.11.2026

Invitation for Research Proposal

The National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine (NIPSOM) invites research proposals from eligible public health academicians under its Revenue Budget for the fiscal year 2026–2027, in accordance with the approved Terms of Reference (TOR) and applicable provisions of the Public Procurement Act (PPA) 2006 and Public Procurement Rules (PPR) 2025. The research areas include Community Health, Social Medicine, Public Health Epidemiology, Health System, Hospital Management, Disability and Public Health, Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases, Occupational and Environmental Health, Climate Change and Health, Health Promotion and Health Education, Reproductive and Child Health, Public Health Nutrition, Health Economics, and Public Health Emergency.
Applicants must submit two (2) hard copies of the research proposal, including all required supporting documents, along with soft copies in both Microsoft Word and PDF formats on a pen drive, enclosed in a securely sealed package with an A4-size Data Bank File/Folder. The package must clearly indicate the research area, research title, Principal Investigator's (PI) name, office address, and mobile phone number. Research proposals may be submitted on any working day, excluding Fridays, Saturdays, and government holidays, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, from the date of publication of this notice until 08.12.2026, at Room No. 129, NIPSOM, Mohakhali, Dhaka. Detailed eligibility criteria, budget provisions, proposal submission requirements, and other relevant information are available in the Guidelines to Submit Research Proposals (FY 2026–2027) published on the NIPSOM website (www.nipsom.gov.bd). All applicants must strictly comply with the published guidelines. NIPSOM reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

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"Quotation Invitation for Lease of Toll Collection of RHD Amtoli-Purakata Ferry Ghat"

01.	Lease Quotation No.	BRD (Lease Quotation)-01/2026-2027 (3rd Call)
02.	Name of Work	Lease for Toll Collection of Amtoli-Purakata Ferryghat at 31st km of Patuakhali-Amtoli-Barguna-Kakchira Road under Barguna Road Division.
03	Time Limit for Lease	From the date of work order till 30.06.2030
04	Price of Lease Quotation Schedule	Tk. 5,000.00 (Taka Five thousand only).
05	Earnest Money	10% (Ten percent) of quoted price within Bank Draft/Pay Order.
06	Last Selling Date & Time of Lease Quotation	06.12.2026 Up to 4.00 P.M.
07	Date & time of Receiving Lease Quotation in seal condition	07.12.2026 Up to 11.00 A.M.
08	Eligibility to Lease Quotation	VAT and TAX Certified Company/Person, All Contractor's of Government/Private/Autonomous Body.
09	Offices of Selling Lease Quotation	(a) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Barisal. (b) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Barguna. (c) Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Barishal/Patuakhali. (d) Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Barguna. (e) Office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Barguna.
10	Offices of Receiving Lease Quotation in seal condition	(a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Barguna. (b) Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Barguna.
11.	Place, Date & Time of Opening Lease Quotation	Place : Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Barguna. Date : 07.12.2026 Time : At 12:30 P.M.
12	The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all Quotation/Lease.	

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