

**Report on**  
**Enhancing Security Measures and Preventing Certificate Fraudulence: A**  
**Case Study of Meghna Bank Limited**

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## **Letter Of Transmittal**

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Dear Sir,

I am pleased to present my internship report as a part of my academic requirements for the Bachelor of Business Administration at BRAC University, this report summarizes my experiences, learnings, and observations from my internship at Meghna Bank Limited from 22 June to 22 August.

During my internship, I had the opportunity to work with a hardworking and dedicated team and get firsthand exposure to various aspects of the banking industry. This report covers the projects I worked on, the skills I acquired, the difficulties I faced, as well as my thoughts on how I used my academic knowledge in the real world. I think this report effectively conveys my involvement and what I learned during the internship.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you from the bottom of my heart for all of your help during my internship report. I am thankful to you for your guidance, mentorship and support.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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## **Non-Disclosure Agreement**

This page is for the non-Disclosure agreement between Meghna Bank Limited and the undersigned student at BRAC University Osila Ahmed,18204026.

## **Acknowledgement**

This report is a reflection of what I have learnt during my 3-month internship period at Meghna Bank Limited. Firstly, I am indebted of gratitude to my family and friends for their constant encouragement, support and confidence in my abilities.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of the employees of MGBL who accepted me into their team and allowed me to participate in their everyday activities. The kind and supportive atmosphere that the bank fosters significantly improved my learning experience. I'm grateful that MGBL's management gave me the chance to work in a professional setting and obtain real-world experience. Their dedication to developing young talent is admirable, and it had a big influence on my development as a professional.

Most importantly, I want to thank BRAC University for helping to make my internship possible and for their support. My practical experience at Meghna Bank Limited enhanced the theoretical foundation my education had laid. Specially, my sincere gratitude goes out to Najmul Hasan Sir who has been a constant support throughout my internship journey. He was always available for me whenever I reached out to him for any queries. I will be forever grateful for this unbound support.

To conclude, my experience at Meghna Bank Limited has been transformative, expanding my knowledge of the banking industry and honing my practical abilities. I want to express my gratitude to everyone who helped make this experience enlightening and enriching.

## **Executive Summary**

The report is made on Enhancing Security Measures and Preventing Certificate Fraudulence at MGBL. First, I have separated this report into three parts. The first section covers the MGBL internship experience, the student's involvement at MGBL, the advantages of the internship, the duties and job description, etc. This report's second part focuses on the numerous facets of the company. For example, their vision, mission, and history of the organization. It also includes HR methods, their recruitment and selecting process, management system, and many other things. To learn more about the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats faced by MGBL in the industry, a SWOT analysis was conducted as well as an industrial comparison using PORTER's five forces model. The methodology, literature review, findings and analysis, summary and conclusion, and recommendation were all covered in the third chapter. To support the topic's title, the third part contained comprehensive research-based conclusions and analysis.

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# **Chapter 1**

## **1.1 Student Information**

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**Program:** Bachelor in Business Administration

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## **1.2 Internship Information:**

### **1.2.1 Period:**

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22 June 2023 - 22 September 2023

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**Department/Division:** HR Department

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### **1.2.3 Job scope:**

#### **Job Description/Duties/Responsibilities:**

I was given the opportunity to work with a bunch of qualified, hardworking and dedicated team and obtain practical experience in the banking industry. This internship provided me with an excellent opportunity to expand my knowledge and abilities in a dynamic financial environment. Firstly, I got to know about the general banking system. I was given Education Certificate verification of employees of Meghna Bank, assist recruitment process, documentation filing of employee's personal file, update employee information in HR software, data compile of employees of Meghna Bank. Assisting the employees in their day-to-day activities was a part of my responsibility. I learned a lot about the rules and regulations governing such a banking system throughout my stay.

### **1.2.4 Benefits to the student:**

Meghna Bank Limited provided me with three months of practical experience throughout my internship period. I gained important advantages by participating in an internship at Meghna Bank Limited. I have learned so much about the professional world, including how to interact with clients, take responsibility for my portion of the work, and many other things. I learned about various banking processes, customer service, and financial services while gaining real-world work experience in a professional banking environment. I was given the chance to apply what I have learned in the classroom to real world situation, which helped me to develop my talents and boost my resume. As an intern, I could interact with experienced professionals at the bank and I was able to ask questions and gain knowledge from their experience. Additionally, it provides opportunities for networking and potential future employment in the banking industry.

### **1.2.5 Problems & Difficulties:**

It was not easy coping up with all the experienced employees of the bank. I encountered a number of challenges and difficulties during my internship at MGBL. To begin with, adjusting to the fast-paced and dynamic nature of the banking profession was challenging. The complexity of banking operations and systems required significant curve. Furthermore, effectively interacting and collaborating with experienced professionals was difficult. I had to bridge the gap between theoretical understanding and practical application, which occasionally resulted in decision-making uncertainty. Another challenge was navigating the complexities of customer contacts and satisfying their different requirements while adhering to the bank's policies. Furthermore, due to the role's multitasking requirements, time management was critical. Balancing everyday duties, attending training sessions, and working on projects frequently necessitated particular preparation. Finally, the pressure to meet deadlines and ensure financial precision added to the stress. Overall, my internship at MGBL exposed me to these challenges, which ultimately aided in my personal and professional development by sharpening my problem-solving abilities, adaptability, and resilience in a real-world banking sector.

## **Chapter 2**

### **2.1 Introduction:**

Certificate fraudulence, defined as the submission of forged or misrepresented academic or professional credentials, has become a critical concern and challenge for organizations worldwide. This issue has emerged in various sectors including the banking industry. It has consequences for Meghna Bank Limited's reputation, operating efficiency, and adherence to regulatory norms. The prevalence of certificate fraud necessitates a thorough understanding of its impact on the recruitment process. The banking industry is heavily regulated and requires a workforce with proper qualifications and abilities to assure compliance, risk management, and financial asset safeguarding. Hiring candidates with forged authorizations might threaten the bank's operations, perhaps resulting in financial losses, regulatory infractions, and reputational damage. As a result, combating credential fraud is critical to maintaining the sector's legitimacy. Detecting certificate fraud involves a diverse strategy. To verify the authenticity of submitted documents, organizations might use a combination of manual and technical methods. To assure credential accuracy, this may entail contacting educational schools directly, using plagiarism detection tools, and coordinating with industry associations or regulatory agencies. Effective strategies are required for effective tactics for reducing certificate fraud within all the companies. Developing a strong organizational culture that values ethics and integrity can discourage dishonest candidates. Additionally, clear communication about the consequences of fraudulent behavior, as well as the establishment of whistleblower mechanisms, might act as prevention.

#### **2.1.1 Objective:**

This chapter's major goal is to describe in depth Meghna Bank Limited, including its HR policies, vision, mission, financial highlights, and other aspects that makes them different from other conventional banks. To further understand the company's position in the market, a full Porter's Five Forces model and SWOT analysis scenario will be included in this chapter. We will also take care

of the recruitment and selection process and other benefits offered to employees by the business that have an impact on their happiness.

### **2.1.2 Methodology:**

For this chapter I chose both secondary and primary data about Meghna Bank Limited which requires a two-step strategy. Firstly, secondary data collecting involves a thorough review of existing sources such as financial reports, official papers, and relevant bank literature. This method helped in comprehending MGBL's historical background, organizational structure, and major milestones and I collected all the information from the bank's official website. For collecting primary data, structured interviews were taken to acquire firsthand knowledge about the bank's services, customer experiences, and operational aspects and for that I took an interview of the SAVP of MGBL and gathered relevant information. This combined methodology provides a comprehensive knowledge about MGBL.

### **2.1.3 Scopes:**

The survey conducted among the employees and principal officer of MGBL, were helpful enough to provide me with all the information regarding this report. Especially, the bank's employees showed a commendable level of accessibility and cooperation during the survey interviews, thereby facilitating a comprehensive data collection process. This willingness to participate and provide valuable insights enhanced the overall reliability and depth of my survey results. Furthermore, the study emphasized the possibility for acquiring detailed information regarding the bank's organizational culture, employee satisfaction, and professional development prospects. The survey's focus on MGBL disclosed ways to look into themes such as workplace dynamics, employee engagement, and the bank's alignment with its employee's career objectives.

### **2.1.4 Limitations:**

Although various limitations of the employees should be acknowledged, the survey gave significant information. Despite their hectic and busy work schedules, some employees made time

for the survey, which considerably contributed in the data collection for my report. However, this could imply that only those who were available took part, potentially leaving out diverse perspectives. Moreover, because of their hectic and busy schedules, a few employees probably couldn't get the chance to completely express their thoughts and concerns during the survey and interview, which possibly restricted the understanding of their experiences as a whole. However, it's important to recognize that the survey's findings could address the experiences of the people who were available and able to take part, while different perspectives could stay neglected.

### **2.1.5 Significance:**

This chapter carries all the significant and detailed information about MGBL which really helped me to get an insightful idea of the company. The survey done among bank employees regarding certificate fraudulence holds significant importance in various ways. Conducting this survey was important since it provides a comprehensive understanding of the bank's inner workings. The survey provides important insight into the bank's operations, work culture, and employee satisfaction levels by collecting specific information directly from employees. Also, the distinguished features and structures are present in this chapter to get an idea about the market position of the bank. This helped me to acquire a comprehensive understanding of the bank's strengths, issues, and potential areas for change.

## **2.2 Overview of Meghna Bank Ltd:**

### **2.2.1 Company Profile & History:**

Meghna Bank Limited, a well-known name in Bangladeshi banking, began its journey in March 2013. On May 9, 2013, it began its official banking journey with the consent and license of Bangladesh Bank. Since then, the bank has established itself as a scheduled commercial bank, catering to a wide range of banking services. Its extensive presence includes 51 branches, 10

Islamic banking windows, and 18 agents, allowing it to successfully contact customers across the country. Moreover, the bank's network includes 18 strategically placed ATM booths that provide convenient access to its services. Furthermore, MGBL provides customers with free access to an excellent network of 12,000 ATM booths around the country, demonstrating the bank's dedication to providing smooth and comprehensive banking options. The bank's commitment to excellence and innovation highlights its position as a prominent participant in Bangladesh's financial landscape. MGBL has continuously expanded its footprint in Bangladesh's financial landscape by focusing on innovation and customer-centric services

### **2.2.2 Vision and Mission:**

#### ***Vision:***

To be among the best service provider in the industry by ensuring customer satisfaction through technology, professionalism and nursing.

#### ***Mission:***

- To be acknowledged as Bangladesh's "Best Quality Bank."
- To serve all customers with superior and consistent banking services.
- By producing and sharing value, we aim to be a long-term partner with all stakeholders, particularly customers.
- To be a reliable and trustworthy financial trust mark.

### **2.2.3 Products and services of MGBL:**

1. Loan and credit facilities
2. Islamic banking services
3. Trade finance services
4. Payment services

5. Foreign exchange services
6. NRI banking services
7. Treasury and investment services
8. Remittance services
9. E-banking and technology services
10. ATM services

## **2.2.4 Activities of MGBL:**

1. SME banking
2. Priority banking
3. Retail banking
4. Corporate banking
5. International banking
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## **2.3 Management practices:**

### **2.3.1 Leadership Style:**

The leadership style of Meghna Bank Limited is similar to mostly followed by any other companies in our country. Each branch has a manager and a second manager at the top of the organization. The organization as a whole has a board of directors, Vice-Chairman, Chairman, Director, and Managing Director, as well as various committees such as the Executive committee, Board Audit Committee, and Risk Management Committee. The management team is made up of one Managing Director, eight Deputy Managing Directors, and a corporate secretary. In their office, they have a strict hierarchy system which is mandatory to follow by every employee. MGBL's departmentalization picturizes the following leadership style:

- ***Operations wing leadership style:*** All general banking activities are managed by this department, which is supervised by an officer, executive officer, and an additional



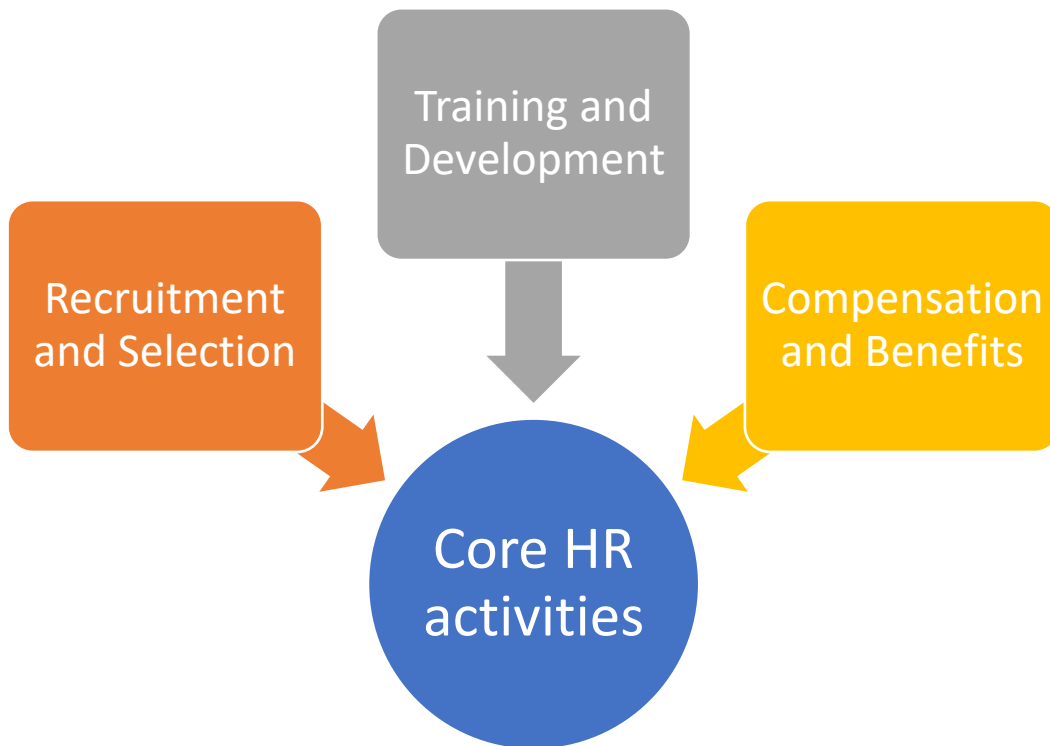
managing director. Transactional leadership is more prevalent here, as it involves structure, setting goals, and close monitoring of performance. This management makes sure that day-to-day operations run smoothly, customer service is consistent any operational difficulties are addressed quickly.

- ***Investment wing leadership style:*** In this wing, the investment portfolio of MGBL is maintained and directed by the deputy managing director. The leadership style of MGBL is a mixture of transformational and strategic leadership. Transformational leaders inspire motivate their teams to achieve excellence, encourage creativity, and focus on long-goals and Strategic leadership is crucial, involving a clear vision for investment g effective resource allocation, and a strong understanding of market trends to maxi returns for the bank and its customers.
- ***International banking wing leadership style:*** All foreign transactions, remittances. foreign exchanges are handled by this wing, which is managed and directed by the de managing director. This includes developing cross-cultural communication skills, encouraging cross-border collaboration, and staying updated on foreign rules and market trends.

### **2.3.2 The Human Resource Planning Process:**

The Human Resource team at MGBL is in charge of a range of essential workforce management activities. This includes supervising and overseeing the new employee recruiting and selection process, ensuring that qualified applicants are hired to fill various roles within the bank. The HR team also plays a role in onboarding new recruits in integrating into the business and provides them with the appropriate training and knowledge about the bank's rules and processes. The HR team also oversees performance appraisal systems, reviews employee performance, and provides feedback to assist employees thrive in their roles. MGBL's human resources department is located in their head office in Gulshan. They are in charge of all management departments in various branches.

### 2.3.3 Core HR Activities of MGBL are described underneath:



### 2.3.4 Selection and Recruitment:

#### *Selection:*

MGBL's selection process normally consists of a series of methodical stages aimed at identifying and appointing the most qualified candidates for various job roles. The screening of applications and resumes is usually followed by a comprehensive assessment, which may include written tests,

aptitude tests, and interviews. Shortlisted candidates are often subjected to background checks, reference checks, and maybe extra competence assessments. The selection procedure is hard because it involves narrowing down the candidates after analyzing their expertise through various examinations. Candidates who pass both the interview and the assessment task are chosen. This process of selecting frequently necessitates budgeting since if it is not adequately planned ahead of time, it may take require more money than anticipated. The final choice considers the candidate's qualifications, experience, ability, alignment with the bank's values, and potential to effectively contribute to the bank's operations and growth.

### ***Recruitment:***

Recruitment is by far one of the most critical activities for any organization because it involves selecting the right type of employee for the correct job position. Organizations needs to be extra careful with this assignment because it will determine the sort of employee the organization will have, which will have a significant impact on its future performance. In most cases, the HR department of any organization is in charge of this responsibility. Similarly, MGBL's HR department is in charge of recruitment. MGBL recruits from both within and outside the organization. There are two types of recruitment process. All the procedures, advantages are described below-

### ***Internal Recruitment:***

Internal recruitment refers to the process of filling job vacancies from inside an organization's current workforce. Internal recruitment occurs when employees are chosen from an existing organization for a new job vacancy. Internal recruitment occurs mostly as a result of promotion and transfer, job postings, and employee recommendations. Internal recruitment requires little budgeting hence it serves at a low cost. This strategy is usually used because businesses are already aware of the existing employee's talents and knowledge. Additionally, existing employees provide more loyalty than hiring from outside sources. The internal recruitment process of MGBL is described below-

- When a job vacancy opens, the bank publishes it internally, making it known to current employees. Internal communications such as emails, intranet announcements, and notice boards are used for this.

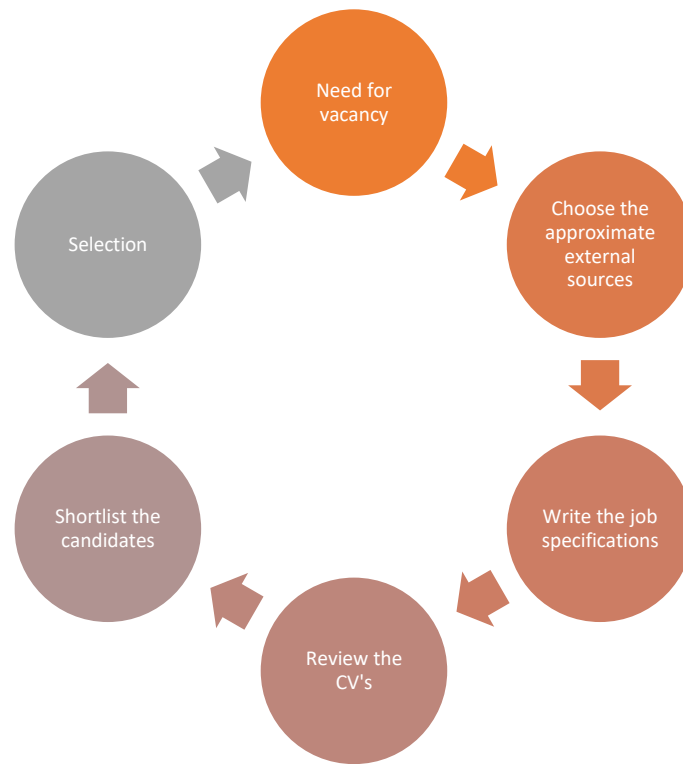
- Interested Employees who meet the qualifications and conditions for the post can apply by submitting their updated resumes or application forms.
- The HR department examines applications to ensure that candidates meet the basic job requirements. Then, a shortlist of qualified candidates is created.
- Shortlisted candidates are called in for interviews, tests, or other forms of evaluation. This includes technical exams, situational judgment tests.
- The hiring team makes a decision based on the interviews and assessments. When a suitable internal applicant is found, the position is offered to them.
- To transition into their new role, the selected internal candidate goes through an onboarding procedure. This includes training, orientation, and a plan for settling into the new role.

### ***External Recruitment:***

External recruitment refers to Hiring applicants from outside the organization with new skill sets and experience. There are many advantages of external recruitment. Such as,

- External applicants bring with them new perspectives, ideas, and experiences from a variety of businesses and industries. This diversity of opinion can lead to innovative solutions and approaches to the bank's difficulties.
- When the bank wants immediate expertise that is not available within the organization, external recruitment can quickly cover these skill gaps without disrupting with present projects.
- External recruitment enables the bank to directly target people with the necessary skills and expertise for a given post. This is especially useful for technical, specialist, or senior-level occupations that need a specific skill set.
- The bank can obtain a competitive advantage in the market by attracting talent from various sources. By bringing new practices and strategies, new talent can help the bank stay ahead of the competition.

- Internal employees can be motivated to enhance their abilities and qualifications in order to be competitive for similar roles in the future by external hiring. This promotes a culture of ultimate learning and development.
- External applicants come with pre-existing and established networks in their industry or field. The bank can use this for business development, collaborations, or other chances for expansion.
- Internal promotions can sometime cause conflict or dissatisfaction among employees who were not chosen. External recruitment can help in avoiding internal problems.



**Figure: External Recruitment Process of MGBL**

External recruitment is not something that happens overnight. Firstly, MGBL identifies the best channel for the job vacancy. These days, firms post job openings through a variety of channels in order to reach the broadest possible candidate pool. MGBL prefers to advertise job vacancies in newspapers and on job search websites. Secondly, the HR department allocates budgets and

determine which channels are the most effective before allocating funds to those channels. Following that, they note down the job descriptions and responsibilities so that the candidates understand what is expected from them.

### **2.3.5 Training and Development:**

Since employees are considered as important assets in today's organizations, organizations are putting more emphasis on grooming and developing their employees. Training and development are an unavoidable task for HR to fulfill in order to have knowledgeable and experienced staff for their organization. Training and development are a systematic process in the banking industry, as they produce a trained and adaptive workforce capable of managing the financial industry's workings. In an ever-changing environment, training provides bank employees with the latest knowledge, technology expertise, and regulatory insights required to provide excellent services while following to strict compliance standards. Training ensures that employees offer excellent customer experiences while efficiently managing risks by improving both technical proficiencies and soft skills like as communication and problem-solving. Furthermore, development activities foster leadership potential and career progression, inspiring employees and lowering turnover. As finance and technology grow more intertwined, training becomes the foundation for a resilient workforce capable of embracing digital developments while upholding ethical norms

The training process of MGBL includes-

- 1. *Orientation and Introduction:*** The bank's values, mission, policies, and organizational structure are explained to new employees. This assists them in comprehending the bank's culture and their role within it.
- 2. *Job Specific Training:*** Employees receive role-specific training that covers technical skills, processes, and procedures such as customer service, lending practices, risk management, and compliance.
- 3. *Product and Service Training:*** Employees receive training about the bank's different products and services, allowing them to properly communicate offerings to clients and assist in cross-selling.

4. ***Digital and Technology Training:*** Training on digital tools, online banking systems, cybersecurity measures, and data protection helps employees to adapt all the technological advancements.
5. ***Customer Service Training:*** Training programs emphasize providing exceptional customer experiences, such as addressing and handling complaints, managing expectations, and developing long-term connections.
6. ***Risk Management Training:*** To ensure the bank's stability, employees are trained to identify and manage several sorts of risks, such as credit risk, operational risk, and compliance risk.
7. ***Compliance and Regulatory Training:*** Given the banking industry's strict regulatory environment, employees are trained on how to comply with laws, rules, and industry standards to ensure ethical and legal practices.
8. ***Ethics & Code of Conduct Training:*** The necessity of ethical behavior, honesty, and adherence to the bank's code of conduct in all dealings is reinforced through training.

### **2.3.6 The Compensation System:**

MGBL's compensation system is likely to include a variety of components designed to attract, motivate, and retain its employees. This system includes a mixture of fixed and variable components, such as basic salary and performance-based incentives, bonuses, and commissions. Salary structures are often dependent on characteristics such as job roles, levels of responsibility, and market standards. Individual or team achievements could be linked to performance-based rewards, establishing an excellence culture. Furthermore, the bank provides offers such as provident fund contributions, medical insurance, retirement plans, and transportation or other appropriate spending allowances. The compensation system is likely to follow to industry standards, with the purpose of rewarding employees for their accomplishments while ensuring internal equity and alignment with the bank's overall goals and plans. According to the SAVP of MGBL, in addition to the basic wage, employees receive a yearly increment, a performance bonus every three years, a gratuity, a provident fund for permanent employees, and retirement benefits.

Employees are also provided with loans, transportation, and medical expenditures, among other benefits. Aside from monetary perks, they also provide non-monetary benefits to its employees, such as 10 days of recreational mandated leave every year. In addition, they receive holiday bonuses, and female employees receive 6 months of paid maternity leave at MGBL.

### **2.3.7 Other HR activities:**

- ***Environmental Analysis:*** This includes analyzing both internal and external issues that may have an impact on the bank's human resource requirements. Workforce demographics, turnover rates, and employee skill sets are examples of internal factors. Economic changes, industrial laws and regulations, and technological advancements are examples of external factors.
- ***Forecasting HR needs:*** The bank forecasts its human resource needs based on the environmental analysis. This involves calculating the number of employees required in various roles while accounting for growth estimates, expansion plans, and changes in business tactics.
- ***Demand and supply matching:*** Comparing the forecasted HR demands to current workforce helps to identify the gaps. If demand exceeds supply, the bank will need to recruit new employees and if the supply exceeds demand, initiatives such as retraining, skill development, or workforce restructuring has to be done.
- ***Succession Planning:*** Succession planning process ensures that there is a pipeline of qualified employees who can move into key roles when they are needed due to promotions, retirements, or any other reasons. This includes identifying high-potential employees, preparing them for leadership positions, and providing skill-building opportunities.
- ***Performance Management:*** Employee performance is assessed against specified goals and expectations through regular performance evaluations. This method identifies training needs, highlights areas for improvement, and informs decisions about promotions, bonuses, or career advancement.
- ***Monitoring and Adjusting:*** The HR planning process is not static. The bank changes its HR strategy and goals based on regular monitoring of workforce trends, performance metrics, and changes in business situations.



- **Legal and regulatory compliance:** The bank ensures compliance with labor laws, regulations, and industry standards controlling employment practices throughout the HR planning process.

## 2.4 Marketing Practices:

The 4Ps strategy is also known as the Marketing Mix, is a basic marketing framework used to analyze and design a company's marketing strategy. It consists of four major components: product, price, place, and promotion. Each of these components reflects a different part of a company's marketing activities, and they work together to provide a holistic approach to creating and executing successful marketing campaigns. Basically, the 4Ps approach is a core tool for marketers to use in designing and implementing marketing programs that engage with customers, increase sales, and eventually contribute to a company's market success. The 4ps strategy from MGBL's perspective is given below-

1. **Product:** MGBL provides a wide range of financial products to meet the changing demands of its consumers. Savings and current accounts, fixed deposits, several sorts of loans (personal, business, and agricultural), credit cards, and wealth management services are provided by the bank. These products and offers reflects the bank's dedication to servicing the financial needs of both individual customers and companies. The well-structured product portfolio of MGBL ensures that customers have access to a variety of services adapted to their unique goals and financial conditions, consequently increasing customer satisfaction and loyalty.
2. **Place:** MGBL strategically places its branches and ATMs all around Bangladesh to ensure that its services are widely available. Customers may access financial services regardless of their location thanks to the bank's broad branch network, which covers key urban and rural areas. Its extensive presence includes 51 branches, 10 Islamic banking windows, and 18 agents, allowing it to successfully contact customers across the country. This widespread presence is consistent with the bank's aim of providing financial inclusion to all parts of society. Furthermore, MGBL's digital initiatives, like as internet banking and mobile apps,

give customers more ways to access and manage their accounts, emphasizing the bank's dedication to modern and accessible banking solutions.

3. **Price:** MGBL uses competitive and transparent pricing practices throughout its whole portfolio of financial goods and services. The bank ensures that its fees, interest rates, and charges are in line with industry norms, while also taking into account the value it offers consumers. Transparent pricing increases customer trust and confidence, allowing them to make educated judgments about their banking options. MGBL's pricing strategy not only displays its dedication to justice, but it also contributes to the bank's reputation as a customer-focused financial institution.
4. **Promotion:** MGBL engages and attracts consumers through a number of promotional creativities. The bank's promotional methods include both traditional and digital channels, such as print media, radio, and television advertising, as well as the use of social media and internet platforms. Special offers, discounts, and campaigns are routinely created to highlight new products or services, stimulate customer engagement, and raise brand awareness. MGBL effectively conveys its value proposition and keeps its customers updated about the latest financial solutions and perks it offers by remaining proactive in its promotional efforts.

## **2.5 Industry and competitive analysis:**

### ***SWOT Analysis:***

SWOT analysis is a strategic planning tool that businesses use to examine the internal and external factors in order to develop effective plans. "SWOT" stands for "Strengths, Weaknesses,

Opportunities, and Threats." Businesses and other entities can find insights into their current condition and make informed decisions about their future activities by evaluating these four factors. Now, let's take a look at the SWOT Analysis of MGBL-

### ***Strengths:***

- Over the years, MGBL has continually maintained a good financial position, signifying stability and growth.
- The bank has invested in modern banking technology, allowing for more efficient operations, improved customer experiences, and digital banking services.
- To meet the different needs of the customers, MGBL provides a various types of banking products and services
- The bank is led by a team of experienced banking experts and professionals who contribute in excellent decision-making and strategic planning.
- MGBL has a well-established network of branches and ATMs around the country, which improves its accessibility and reach to consumers.

### ***Weaknesses:***

- Despite its strengths, MGBL might have lower brand awareness in Bangladesh compared to other established banks which is making it difficult to attract new customers.
- The bank's branch network may not reach all areas of Bangladesh which is limiting its customer base and market penetration.
- Bangladesh's banking business is competitive, with multiple banks fighting for market share. This may put MGBL under pressure to differentiate themselves successfully.
- While the bank has invested in technology, there may still be some reliance on old banking techniques, which may limit the bank's ability to serve tech-savvy consumers.

### ***Opportunities:***

- Bangladesh is experiencing surge in digital banking adoption, MGBL has the potential to develop its digital solutions and acquire a greater market share.

- To develop its customer base, the bank can investigate untapped or underserved markets within Bangladesh, especially in rural and semi-urban areas.
- Creating innovative banking goods and services for specific consumer segments can help the bank stand out and attract new customers.
- To meet the increased demand for Sharia-compliant financial products, MGBL can extend its Islamic banking services.

***Threats:***

- Any negative changes in Bangladesh's economic landscape could have an impact on the bank's financial performance, loan quality, and overall company operations.
- Changes in banking regulations and policies may require the bank adapting its operations and services, thereby harming profitability and compliance.
- As digital banking becomes more prevalent, the bank will face increased cybersecurity threats that could jeopardize customer data and faith in the bank's services.
- Interest rate fluctuations may have an impact on the bank's interest income and the attractiveness of its loan products for customers.

## **2.6 Porter's Five forces analysis:**

Porter's Five Forces is a framework to examine an industry's competitive environment. This model helps organizations in understanding an industry's attractiveness and the elements that determine

its competitive intensity. The Five Forces framework highlights five fundamental elements that affect industry competition. This approach can examine how the industry is performing and which company is leading in the market. The five forces are given below:

1. ***Threat of new Entrants:*** In Bangladesh, the threat of new entrants into the banking sector is moderate. While regulatory regulations and the capital needed to create a bank can be significant barriers, the sector remains largely accessible. To compete effectively, new entrants would need to invest in technology, raise brand awareness, and construct a branch network. The presence of established banks, client loyalty, and the requirement for regulatory clearances, on the other hand, provide barriers for potential newcomers.
2. ***Bargaining power of suppliers:*** In the context of banking, suppliers are largely the sources of funds for the bank's lending activity. Because of its reputation, financial stability, and client base, MGBL has strong bargaining power with its funding sources, including as depositors and institutional investors. The ability of the bank to attract deposits and secure funding at competitive rates enables it to maintain a strong lending portfolio and earn revenue.
3. ***Bargaining power of customers:*** Customers bargaining power in the banking industry is moderate. While customers have the choice of selecting from a variety of banks, switching charges can be rather significant due to the difficulty of changing accounts and the desire to maintain existing banking ties. Customers now have more access to information and can quickly compare services, which may impact their decisions only because of digital banking and increased customer awareness.
4. ***Threat of substitute:*** non-bank financial institutions, mobile money services, and fintech companies offering alternative financial solutions are examples of replacements in the banking industry. Because of the rapid rise of digital financial services, the threat of alternatives for traditional banking services is increasing. Customers looking for ease and

quickness may want to look into alternatives to standard banking procedures. To keep its customer base, MGBL must constantly innovate and offer competitive digital solutions.

5. **Competitive Rivalry:** Competition among banks in Bangladesh are high, as evidenced by competitive rivalry. Many banks compete for market share by offering a wide range of financial goods and services. Meghna Bank's market position is being challenged by both established banks and upstart fintech startups. To remain competitive and preserve or extend its market share, the bank must differentiate itself through its product offerings, customer service, and technology.

## 2.7 Summary & Conclusion:

The comprehensive analysis of MGBL through a variety of strategic frameworks such as SWOT analysis, Porter's Five Forces, and the 4Ps, gives a multi-faceted understanding of the bank's market position. The SWOT analysis revealed the bank's strengths, such as its wide branch network, excellent customer service, and cutting-edge digital efforts. Simultaneously, the analysis showed development prospects via increasing digital offerings and improving client engagement. On the other hand, highlighted deficiencies such as operational difficulties and regulatory limits can be addressed to strengthen the bank's operations. To prevent future industry rivalry, the Porter's Five Forces study underlined the competitive landscape and the significance of strategic differentiation and customer-focused innovations. Furthermore, the 4Ps strategy analysis emphasized the bank's diverse product offers, transparent pricing, widespread accessibility, and effective promotional efforts. MGBL can enhance its brand value, customer relationships, and profitability by incorporating these factors into a cohesive marketing mix. Overall, the insights gained from these studies lead the bank toward better leveraging its strengths, capitalizing on opportunities, reducing weaknesses, and navigating the competitive landscape. MGBL may align its goals to achieve sustainable growth, customer-centric excellence, and a better market position in Bangladesh's dynamic financial sector by aligning these results.

## 2.8 Recommendations:

- MGBL needs to improve digital banking services and client convenience, invest in digital online banking platforms and user-friendly mobile apps.
- MGBL must engage more in promotional initiatives like other banks. In order to keep its loyal clients, they must provide benefits to their premium customers.
- Create a specialized compliance department to keep up with regulatory changes, perform regular audits, and maintain adherence to industry standards.
- Improve overall productivity by focusing on internal process optimization, reducing operational inefficiencies, and providing comprehensive employee training.
- To improve customer relationships and create brand loyalty MGBL should focus on employee individualized services, loyalty programs, and regular feedback methods.
- Collaborate with fintech startups and technology providers to develop innovative services and tap into rising financial trends.
- To promote financial inclusion and reach new consumer segments, increase your presence in underserved areas through initiatives such as mobile banking units or tiny branches.

## Chapter 3

### Project Part

#### **3.1 Introduction:**

This report is made on the Certificate fraudulence crisis at Meghna Bank Limited with the goal of providing a comprehensive overview of the situation, its impact, and potential solutions. The purpose of this research is to investigate the number of fraudulent activities, as well as to offer measures to reduce and prevent such occurrences in the future. Certificate fraud has been identified as a critical concern which is affecting the bank's credibility and financial integrity. The fraudulent issuing and use of certificates pose substantial dangers, both financially and in terms of reputational damage. This report discloses examples of fraudulent certificates being used to secure loans and credit facilities, resulting in non-performing assets and probable legal consequences. However, to address this issue the bank's present certification procedures were thoroughly examined. This report highlights critical areas of vulnerability, such as insufficient verification methods, lack of standardized documentation, and limited integration of digital solutions. Because of these flaws, fraudulent individuals can take advantage of the certification process. To conclude, this research emphasizes the vital aspect of certificate fraudulence at Meghna Bank Ltd and suggests comprehensive solutions to this problem. By following these recommendations, the bank can protect its financial interests, increase client trust, and contribute to the general stability of Bangladesh's financial industry.

#### **3.1.1 Literature Review:**

The banking industry has seen a considerable change in its operations and services in the modern era of digitalization and rapid technological growth. Banks are susceptible to a variety of dangers when they embrace new technology to simplify their operations, improve client experiences, and



increase efficiency, particularly in the areas of security and fraud. (Emad Abu-Shanab, 2015). But the number of bank failure is increasing in Bangladesh. The industry is going through a crisis with serious challenges jeopardizing the sector. Efficiency, profitability and robustness of the banks are at low ebb. Banks are running out of money due to fraud, scam, heist and other malpractices. (AHMAD KABIR USMAN, MSc, MAHMOOD HUSSAIN SHAH, PhD, 2013) This literature analysis seeks to give a thorough overview of the methods and techniques used by banks to improve security by examining the landscape of security measures in the banking industry with a particular focus on combating certificate fraudulence.

1. ***Banking Security & Fraud Prevention***: Because it handles so much sensitive data and conducts so many transactions online, the banking sector is a top target for hackers. (AHMAD KABIR USMAN, MSc, MAHMOOD HUSSAIN SHAH, PhD, 2013). Among the often-used defenses against unauthorized access and cyberattacks are robust security systems, multi-factor authentication, encryption methods, and intrusion detection systems. The integrity of financial processes is seriously threatened by certificate fraud, which includes modifying or fabricating certificates.
2. ***Certificate fraudulence and its Consequences***: Banks and their clients may experience severe consequences as a result of certificate fraudulence. Malicious actors can use fraudulent certificates to pose as reliable organizations, alter transactions, and obtain unauthorized access to critical systems. Financial losses, data breaches, and reputational harm might occur from this. In response, banks are putting into place strict safeguards, such as digital certificates and SSL/TLS security protocols, to stop and identify certificate-related fraud
3. ***Technology for Security Enhancement***: To combat certificate fraud, banks are implementing cutting-edge technology solutions. For instance, blockchain technology enables tamper-proof and secure record-keeping, which helps improve certificate verification and stop counterfeiting. Furthermore, banks can take preventative actions thanks to machine learning algorithms' ability to spot trends in fraudulent activity and foresee prospective hazards (Khan, 2023).

4. ***Regulatory Framework and Compliance:*** Regulatory organizations are key in determining how the banking industry's security environment will look. Banks must adhere to industry norms and laws, such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS), in order to protect consumer data and stop fraud.

In this internship report, I intend to investigate certificate fraudulent incident at Meghna Bank Limited. My enquiry is aimed at identifying instances, patterns, and underlying causes of certificate fraudulence within the bank. This topic is of paramount importance since it not only impacts the bank's financial stability but also jeopardizes customer trust and the banking sector's general integrity. My contribution to this report is to shed light and on the specific dynamics of certificate fraudulence at MGBL. While there is literature on banking fraud, this research provides a unique insight into the background, issues, and potential solutions within this specific bank. I hope to present a full overview of certificate fraudulence, which is a serious issue in the banking sector, by evaluating real-world incidents and regulatory factors. This report not only helps in identifying areas for improvement within MGBL, but it also provides valuable lessons for Bangladesh's broader banking industry, underlining the necessity of comprehensive fraud prevention procedures in defending financial institutions and regaining public trust.

### **3.1.2 Problem Statement:**

The research mainly focuses on how certificate fraudulence affects the bank's financial stability, reputation, and consumer faith. The research aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted consequences of certificate fraudulence at Meghna Bank Limited by quantifying the monetary losses incurred as a result of fraudulent activities and examining the subsequent costs of legal actions, reputation management, and customer compensation. In addition, the study will also assess the bank's current prevention and detection methods, such as document verification processes, employee training, and technological solutions. The research will identify gaps in the

bank's current anti-fraud procedures and offer appropriate enhancements to decrease the risk of certificate fraudulence by benchmarking against industry best practices and standards.

Overall, after observing the entire situation, I thought of addressing this issue because my purpose is to ensure and to protect the bank's integrity and reputation. By addressing this issue, I hope to build a transparent and ethical work environment where such occurrences are avoided in the future, fostering an organizational culture of honesty and accountability. The gap of this research is to find why MGBL is unable to integrate advanced technological solutions for certificate verification and fraud detection.

### **3.1.3 Objective:**

The objective of this report is to investigate and analyze the certificate fraudulence incident at MGBL, with a focus on understanding the root causes of this incident, identifying fraudulent certificates and practices, assessing the effectiveness of current certificate fraud security management, and proposing preventive measures to mitigate future certificate fraud activities.

#### **Specific Objective:**

1. To determine which predictors the bank overlooked that played a significant effect in certificate fraudulence
2. Conducting a thorough analysis by initiating a full investigation into the certificate fraudulence occurrence, engaging relevant departments and, if necessary, other specialists and experts
3. Analyzing the underlying grounds that contributed to the incident, such as lacings in internal controls, processes, employee behavior to identify the root causes.
4. Create a monitoring system to track the effectiveness of the implemented controls and identify any potential red flags or emerging fraud threats.

### **3.1.4 Significance:**

The research on certificate fraud incident at MGBL holds paramount significance in several key aspects. Firstly, it is an important step in maintaining the bank's reputation and trustworthiness in the financial sector. The bank demonstrates its commitment to upholding ethical standards and regaining the trust of its clients, shareholders, and stakeholders by properly investigating and addressing instances of certificate fraudulence. Furthermore, this research provides essential insights into potential weaknesses in the bank's operating and control systems, allowing for the development of strong preventive actions. As a result, the findings of this study can help to build improved internal controls, policies, and processes that strengthen the bank's defenses against fraudulent operations. Finally, the importance of the research goes beyond addressing urgent problems, as it develops a culture of vigilance, transparency, and integrity, resulting in a more resilient and secure financial environment for both the institution and its clients.

### **3.2 Methodology:**

For conducting a data collection process, I have emphasized on primary data collection method. The primary data collection involves direct gathering of data from relevant sources within the bank, such as employees involved in the certificate verification process, affected customers, and internal records. This method provides an actual consciousness of the processes, obstacles, and flaws that are responsible for the crisis. In-depth interviews were conducted with several employees of the bank in order to acquire a better understanding of the certificate fraudulence incident. These interviews were instrumental in uncovering critical insights and firsthand reports of the incidence. Employees ranging from front-line employees to top management contributed useful insights into the incident's origins, the internal processes involved, and any potential red signals that were disregarded. Their stories shed light on internal dynamics and organizational culture, both of which can play a role in the incidence and discovery of such

fraudulent operations. These interviews were an important source of qualitative data, enabling for a thorough and nuanced study of the certificate fraudulence occurrence at the bank. On the other hand, I collected some of the data and information from MGBL's official website so that I can get trustworthy and reliable information.

### ***Research design:***

In the research design, a comprehensive approach was required to acquire a deep understanding of the issue in the study design used to analyze the certificate fraudulence incidence at MGBL. I chose in-depth interviews as my primary data collection method to do this research. This method was chosen because of its unique capabilities to capture individual's attitudes, opinions, acceptance, and personal experiences regarding the incident. I was able to gain valuable insights that quantitative data alone could not provide by conducting one-on-one interviews with key stakeholders such as employees and relevant authorities. These interviews allowed me to delve into the incident's nuances and complexities, allowing us to gain a comprehensive knowledge of the circumstances underlying certificate fraud at the bank.

It is crucial to highlight that me and the respondents had no prior relationship during the fieldwork for the interviews discussing the certificate fraudulence incident, assuring an unbiased and objective data collection approach. Interactions between me and the respondents began during the data collecting process, removing the possibility of pre-existing bias. To maintain ethical standards and transparency, all participants were briefed on the study's aims before beginning the interviews. Every effort was taken to create a welcoming and open environment that encouraged respondents to openly discuss their experiences, building trust and reliability in the collected data. This particular technique helped in ensuring the integrity and authenticity of the certificate fraudulence incidents results.

### **3.3 Findings and Analysis:**

I needed to take permission from my supervisor to conduct these interviews and he then assisted me in conducting the interviews.

In order to investigate the certificate fraudulence incident, I conducted 11 in-depth interviews with the employees of MGBL. This sample size was chosen based on practical considerations and the amount of the information obtained. 11 interviews seemed sufficient enough for me since they provided a full study of the topic given the time and resource limits of this internship report. These interviews yielded a wide range of perspectives and insights into many parts of the certificate fraudulence incident. However, rather than quantity, it is important to focus on the quality of interviews and the depth of insights. When I understood that I've reached data saturation I thought my sample size will be acceptable. Because it is important to put the richness of the data ahead of the number of interviews. As a result, the sample size of 11 interviews effectively captured the relevant information and led to a thorough analysis of the incidence.

#### ***Demographic information's:***

In order to investigate the certificate fraudulence incident, I conducted 11 in-depth interviews with the employees of MGBL. There were 55% male employees and 45% female employees among the participants. The age distribution of the participants was: 25-30 years old 18%, 31-40 years old 45%, 41-50 years old 27%, and over 50 years old 10%. This age diversity allowed me to gain insight from employees at various phases of their careers and experience levels. In terms of job roles, 36% held managerial positions, 45% had non-managerial jobs, and the remaining 19% worked in various other areas within the bank. Employees' lengths of service at the bank varied, with 27% working for less than 5 years, 45% for 5 to 10 years, and 28% for more than 10 years. This varied representation of respondents ensured a well-rounded perspective on the certificate fraudulence incident and a thorough analysis of the situation.

*Reasons behind certificate fraudulence incident.* Employees cited a lack of strong verification processes and monitoring mechanisms as a reoccurring concern, showing a lack of stringent verification processes and monitoring systems within the bank. Employee irresponsibility and insufficient training were also mentioned as contributing reasons, since most of the employees were not fully prepared to detect fraudulent certificates or suspicious activities. Weak management procedures and a lack of appropriate technology use have frequently appeared as major causes of certificate fraudulence incident. Employees expressed concerns about a lack of strong management oversight, including insufficient supervision and accountability procedures. This management flaw allowed gaps in internal controls and verification processes, opening the door to fraudulent operations. In addition, few employees cited the bank's insufficient use of technology in fraud prevention and detection. Inadequate cybersecurity protections and outdated systems were identified as significant reasons, making it simpler for criminals to falsify certificates and perform illicit transactions undetected

*Identifying the fraudulent certificate.* Employees explained that they used a multi-faceted technique to detect fraudulent certifications. First, to find discrepancies they compared the certificate to recognized templates of genuine certificates from the same institution. Then, they confirmed the authenticity of the certificates by cross-referencing the information provided with relevant educational institutions, confirming that the academic credentials corresponded to the records. They also examined the certificate's physical characteristics for indicators of tampering or fraud, such as odd fonts, spacing, or inconsistent watermarks and colors. Because legitimate certificates often follow a standard format, which includes font styles, spacing between text and elements, and color schemes. Variations or contradictions in these elements may indicate a forged certificate. They examined the certificate's signatures and official seals. Because authentic certificates must have valid, identifiable signatures and seals. They also conducted rigorous background investigations and contacted referees to authenticate the authenticity of the certificates. This extensive verification process, which included both digital and physical components, was critical in the bank's attempts to identify and manage the dangers connected with fake certificates.

*Measuring the certificate fraud security management.* Employees explained about the practical approach to certificate fraud security management. When it comes to measuring certificate fraud security management, they said they kept an eye on certain important factors to maintain security. These includes tracking how many fraud cases were successfully stopped, ensuring the accuracy of their certificate verification processes, and monitoring how swiftly they resolved possible fraud issues. They also mentioned performing frequent security checks and ensuring that all security standards are followed. To improve even further, they suggested speaking with clients and their own bank employees to see whether their security procedures are effective and whether they need to be improved. So, in a nutshell, the employees believe that by paying attention to these details, they can determine whether their certificate fraud security management is effective or needs to be improved. the number of successfully avoided fraud cases, the accuracy of certificate verification processes, and the time required to resolve possible fraud issues. They also emphasized the importance of conducting frequent security assessments and audits in order to discover vulnerabilities and verify compliance with security policies. They believed that by taking these aspects into account, Meghna Bank could develop a robust framework for measuring and improving certificate fraud security management.

*Preventing certificate fraud activities.* Preventing certificate fraud requires a combination of smart steps and techniques. They explained that one vital method is to double-check certificates to ensure they are genuine and not forgeries. They also emphasized the significance of routinely teaching and training bank employees to spot potential fraud and know how to stop it. They also mentioned about keeping a close eye on who has access to certificates and ensuring that only authorized employees do so. They advised remaining up to date with the latest methods and schemes employed by scammers in order to stay one step ahead of them. So, the employees believe that by completing these things, they can aid in the prevention of certificate fraud. Lastly, they talked about preventing certificate fraud activities for new employees entails a thorough and cautious process prior to granting appointment letters. They specified many security measures. To begin, they said that all educational and professional certificates submitted by new hires will be



verified first to ensure their legitimacy. Secondly, conducting a thorough background checks and reference checks will be considered as a necessary step to follow in order to validate the information provided by candidates. Thirdly, it was underlined that new employees must attend a comprehensive orientation program that includes fraud detection and prevention training. Finally, they said, they will keep a clear and documented record of the entire verification process in order to ensure transparency and accountability.

It is worth noting that a sizable proportion of the employees believed that the certificate forgery incident had little impact on Meghna Bank Limited's reputation. According to their observations, the bank's established reputation for transparency, customer service, and a dedication to resolving the situation were critical in limiting the perceived damage. They emphasized the bank's proactive efforts, such as responding quickly to the issue, improving security standards, and maintaining transparency with customers and stakeholders. These employees also emphasized the bank's long-standing trust and goodwill, which they said helped the bank weather the disaster with very minor long-term reputational consequences. However, it is crucial to emphasize that these are individual viewpoints, and the overall impact on the bank's image may deserve further investigation through broader stakeholder surveys or assessments.

### **3.4 Summary & Conclusion:**

The report thoroughly investigated the certificate fraud incident, shedding light on its root causes and consequences. It became clear that technology deficiencies aided in the facilitation of fraudulent actions. These flaws underlined the significance of strengthening the bank's technology infrastructure in order to avoid similar incidents in the future. The incident also highlighted the importance of constant attentiveness, internal controls, and a proactive strategy to recognizing and responding to fraudulent actions.

MGBL's position, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges were all thoroughly analyzed in the comprehensive company analysis. While the occurrence created concerns, the

study revealed the bank's proactive response, transparency, and dedication to rectifying the situation. Throughout the study, the company's emphasis on adapting to new technologies and advances and maintaining client trust and reputation, was clear.

The investigation indicated the essential significance of technology gaps in supporting fraudulent operations, emphasizing the importance of comprehensive training, diligent internal controls, and an ethical responsibility culture. The survey findings highlighted employees' various opinions as well as the possibility for improving training programs and reporting procedures. The proactive efforts and commitment of Meghna Bank Limited to responding to emerging technology were clear, assuring a complete strategy to prevent future mishaps and strengthen the bank's reputation and client trust.

This internship experience provided excellent insights into the many facets of a financial institution's incident response, the significance of employee perspectives, and the importance of constant improvement in technological, training, and ethical dimensions. The incident clearly acted as a stepping stone for MGBL to refine its plans, strengthen its safeguards, and promote a more resilient and responsible banking environment.

## **Recommendations:**

- Invest in strong cybersecurity measures to bridge technology gaps and prevent fraudulent operations.
- Develop targeted training sessions for employees to educate them on fraud detection and prevention measures.
- Arrange advanced and powerful monitoring tools to discover and respond to suspicious transactions as soon as possible.
- Through continual awareness initiatives, cultivate a culture of integrity and ethical behavior.
- Conduct security audits on a regular basis to detect vulnerabilities and execute appropriate remedies.
- Review and update existing rules and processes to ensure they align with best fraud detection standards.

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