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Introduction: Media Reality in Bangladesh

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Weekly Health publication of Daily Star, Dakthar Bari (Doctor House), a weekly publication of Samakal, Pro-Shasto (weekly publication of Prothom Alo on health Issues), Dakthar Achen (here is a doctor), a weekly publication of Kalerkantho on health issues and Bangla Tribune presented all health-related reports under section 'Shasto' (Health).

Newspapers have publishing everyday within their limited capacity due to shrinking their business. But coverage of health issues has been getting due priority in those newspapers. They have been disclosing information for protecting people from pandemic as well as generating different policy issues for framing the right policy. Here is a summary of the findings of newspapers monitoring related to health and other issues related to this pandemic.

Health Issues

- Experts' opined, 'Due to unrecorded death and infections, it is a struggle to understand real Covid situation in Bangladesh'. Because death records are available from hospitals only but homebased infections are here. Those patients are not included in the official records.

- Discussion on Second Wave of Covid 19 has already started, Prime Minister, Health Minister and experts are in this discussion. Majority people don't follow health safety measures and chances of worsening situation prevail.
- Vaccine related actions are limited in papers and words and no action was available related to trial. Advisory Committee opined in favor of Ramping up efforts related to vaccine. Many companies shown interest for trial of their vaccines in Bangladesh.
- Still country is lag behind of testing infrastructure. Antigen test has been included in the list.
- More scams related to DGHS revealed in this month. Respective agencies are active to take necessary actions in this regard. In this situation, imported health safety equipment's are piled up in different ports.
- Though official death figure is not that big, but handling of Covid by respective authorities are under question mark.
- The cabinet recently approved in principle the Private Medical and Dental College Bill 2020 incorporating provisions that each medical institution must have a permanent campus with 75 per cent of teachers appointed on a permanent basis for their approvals.

Other issues related to pandemic

- Stories of sufferings of Saudi returnees were available related to Covid test report, ticket and visa for returning back to Saudi Arab.
- Reopening of education institution is major concern now. It is not logical to reopen education institutions without ensuring health safety. Prime Minister has announced cash incentive for students and taken initiative for Smartphones for needy students for ensuring their participation in online classes.
- Although the demand for readymade garments in Bangladesh's garments has declined due to the coronavirus epidemic, it has started increasing again. The flow of remittances from Bangladeshi workers abroad is also becoming active. Manufacturers of Apparel are hoping to get orders from the United States and other major markets ahead of Christmas.
- The government rolled out 20 stimulus packages after it reported the maiden cases of coronavirus infections on March 8. The combined support now accounted for 3.7 percent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP).

Stimulus packages for Health Sector

- The government set aside an allocation of Tk 850 crore for the doctors, nurses, health workers; field officers; members of law enforcement agencies, armed forces, BGB; and other government employees, who are on the front line risking their lives. They will receive compensation under the package if they fell sick or die.
- However, the compensation has so far been doled out to two victims, Tk 1 crore to each of their families.
- Also, an allocation of Tk 100 crore was made as a special honorarium for doctors, nurses and health workers, who are directly involved with the treatment of Covid-19 patients. But the fund was not released as the health ministry did not send the list of the recipients yet.

Newspaper Industry during Corona Pandemic

The Corona epidemic has complicated the professional work of journalists around the world. According to the report, the governments, elected representatives, institutions, companies or federations of different countries are adapting to all the new restrictions created during the Corona epidemic. But they are also using the ongoing health crisis as an excuse to block access to journalists. Experts have given such an opinion.

Now most press conferences are being virtual. In many cases, journalists have to submit the questions beforehand. Sometimes there is no opportunity to ask questions. Journalists know a lot but they don't get answers. All in all, the flow of information is being disrupted in various ways during the Corona period. Attempts to conceal information about corona are also being noticed in different countries. This is because, in some cases, it may be uncomfortable for the central or local government to come up with real information on corona management. There are many instances of journalists refusing to provide Corona related information in different parts of the world.

Politicians are also using Corona to their advantage. They are avoiding confronting the journalists by showing Corona's excuse. In the name of curbing corona-related 'rumors', the authorities of many countries have taken such measures that journalists are being forced to go for censorship. In Corona, media revenue has plummeted. On top of that they now have to deal with these problems, which has further complicated the situation.

Reduction in revenue from advertising in media has been begun with rise of social media. Since advertising is the biggest or main source of income for the media, the revenue problem of the media started from then on. That problem has grown into a crisis for nearly a decade, and the latest Covid-19 epidemic has become the "biggest existential crisis" in media history.

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Methodology

- We read each report, feature, editorial, post editorial and article, interview and expert's opinion related to health issues published during this month in stated newspapers, and have compiled selected write-ups in a daily basis. Each news organization is active to update their portal real time basis. So, we monitor those updates also but our focus was on daily printed version only for this study.
- We have divided all published health related items in six newspapers into two categories- issues related to Coronavirus and other health issues. We have indentified broad issue/s or message/s of each published item and have developed issue based storage of those published items. Later we identified sub issues of those board issues. Compilation of the 6 newspapers are available here as per board issues with sub issues.
- Later we have developed overall newspaper coverage scenario on health issues for September 2020 on the basis of selected items which has representative value of that category. Links of published items are available here also, so anyone can get detail of that published item as ready reference during reading this report. So, it is now a monitoring report for disclosing issues for further work side by side a comprehensive publication on Health issues for September 2020.

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Parents sell newborn to pay hospital bills

A woman, who gave birth to a baby at a clinic in Gaibandha, sold the baby for Tk 16,000 to foot her medical bills. Amena Begum, wife of Shahjahan Mia of Sholagari village in Sadar upazila, went to a local hospital for delivery. Doctors there asked her to go to another hospital as she needed surgery. On September 13, Shahjahan took his wife to Jamuna Clinic in Gaibandha where she gave birth to a baby. Four days later, the clinic authorities asked them to pay a bill of Tk 16,000. Unable to arrange money, the couple contacted a syndicate and sold their newborn for Tk 16,000. Shahjahan said he gave his child to a man in Sadullapur to pay the clinic's bill. He declined to name the person who bought the baby. Faridul Haque Sohel, the clinic's owner, said he was unaware of the incident. He said the couple paid Tk 9,000 when they left the clinic.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/116610/parents-sell-newborn-to-pay-hospital-bills>

Prothom Alo published more interviews of different experts in this month. Experts are: Dr. Mushtaq Hossain, Professor M A Fayez, Dr. Anwarul Iqbal, Dr. Iftekharuzzaman and Samakal published an interview of Dr. Ruhul Abid and his nonprofit organisation (Health and Education for All) have been shortlisted for this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

A. List of issues related to Coronavirus

1. Health Update

Death Record

Annex: 1(a)

1,700 dead in DMCH

Limitations cited in test, treatment

Over 1,700 people have died at the COVID-19 facility of Dhaka Medical College Hospital during the four and a half months since the hospital opened the treatment facility for the coronavirus patients in May. Of the deceased, 433 were tested COVID-19 positive and 1,288 were found with symptoms till September 23 the DMCH authorities said.

Unrecorded

Annex: 1(b)

COVID-19

Deaths with symptoms go unrecorded

Bangladesh's COVID-19 mortality rate – calculated by the number of deaths per 100 confirmed cases – is 1.41 per cent now, but experts said that the 'surprisingly low' mortality rate does not represent the actual scenario due to the absence of widespread testing.

Deaths in Hospitals only

Annex: 1(c)

করোনায় ২৪ ঘণ্টায় সব মৃত্যু হাসপাতালে

In the last 24 hours, 35 people have died of corona in the country. All of them died at the hospital. This information was revealed in a press release on Wednesday (2 September) sent by the Department of Health.

Mutation rate

Annex: 1(d)

Novel Coronavirus: Mutation rate faster here than global average

Says study based on data from eight divisions

The Covid-19 mutation rate in Bangladesh is faster than the global average rate, says a study based on data of 263 cases of genome sequencing. It was recorded 12.6 percent in the study by Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR), while the global average rate is 7.23 percent.

Status of BSMMU

Annex: 1(e)

বিএসএমএমইউতে ৫৩ হাজার রোগীর করোনা পরীক্ষা

Coronavirus Lab, established on April 1 at Betar Bhaban in Shahbag, has tested 53,887 patients till September 16. Besides, 43,090 patients have been treated at the fever clinic established for fever, cold and cough patients. On the other hand, 2,340 patients have been treated at the Corona Center in the cabin block till Thursday. 1,455 patients have been admitted. 1,101 people have returned home after recovering. At present 181 people are admitted.

Death rate

Annex: 1(f)

Covid death rate goes up by 2.37pc

Shows DGHS data; 32 die, 1,275 tests positive in a day

The number of deaths from Covid-19 has increased by 2.37 percent than that of the previous week, said a press release of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS). But the detection of coronavirus cases decreased by 7.30 percent, while the number of tests also dropped by 5.42 percent till yesterday. The recovery rate has also gone down by 10.7 percent.

Testing Record

Annex: 1(g)

দেশে প্রতি ১০ লাখে ৮০ জনের করোনা পরীক্ষা

Out of every 1 million people in the country, average 70 people are being tested for the identification of Covid-19.

Outside Dhaka

Annex: 1(h)

করোনাভাইরাস

ঢাকার বাইরে পরীক্ষা কম, রোগী বেশি

Many public health experts say the government has failed to create adequate testing opportunities at the district level. If more tests were done outside Dhaka, the number of identified patients would have been more

Test fee easier

Annex : 1(i)

Nagad makes payment of COVID-19 test fee easier

The payment of fees for COVID-19 test through Nagad received a huge response as the mobile financial initiative of the government postal department is the only operator that is providing the service to the people during the epidemic.

Still at risk

Annex: 1(j)

করোনা মহামারি

এখনো পরিস্থিতি ঝুঁকিপূর্ণ

Corona infection in the country remains stable at risk. The rate of infection in a month is the same. Experts say there is no room for complacency in this situation. Infections can increase at any time. Some also fear an increase in risk in the winter.

করোনা মহামারি

করোনায় মৃত্যু কমানোর পথ খুঁজছে সরকার

করোনা নিয়ে আতঙ্ক অনেকটাই কমে এসেছে। কিন্তু মৃত্যু নিয়ে উদ্বেগ কমেনি। প্রতিদিন করোনায় মৃত্যু হচ্ছে।

The Department of Health wants to reduce deaths in Corona. Necessary steps will be taken after getting new information of death review. However, experts say that about six months have passed since the corona infection in the country. Now it would not be right to waste time in the name of review. The data that has been found so far needs to be put to good use.

গবেষণার তথ্য

দেশে বর্জ্যপানিতে করোনার উপস্থিতি

Coronavirus has been found in wastewater in the country. A team of researchers from Noakhali University of Science and Technology and North South University have tested the wastewater and found the presence of corona.

করোনাভাইরাস

আক্রান্ত হওয়ার পর সুস্থ আড়াই লাখের বেশি মানুষ

More than two and a half lakh people in the country have recovered since being infected with the coronavirus. Considering the number of identified patients, the recovery rate in the country is 72.74 percent.

COVID-19 adds to woes of heart patients

World Heart Day today

COVID-19 has dealt a huge blow to the country's cardiac patients as many heart patients are afraid of seeking health care fearing infections while health services have largely been disrupted and the access to health care for the heart patients has been drastically reduced.

COVID-19

Survivors' death causes worries

After at least 10 such COVID-19 survivors' deaths were reported in the media physicians said that their causes of deaths were the failure of organs that were seriously damaged by the COVID-19 infection.

মৃত্যু পর্যালোচনা

করোনায় নারীর মৃত্যু বেশি ৫০-৬০ বছর বয়সীদের

More than 60 percent of patients are exposed to oxygen in the blood at risk.42% of deaths occur within 48 hours of coming to the hospital.66 percent had high blood pressure, 62 percent had diabetes, and 26 percent had chronic kidney disease.

Patients missing from database Annex: 1(q)

84,000 COVID-19 patients missing from Bangladesh database

Area-wise cases, infection rate unavailable

Over 84,000 COVID-19 patients are missing from the record of the Directorate General of Health Services as the health data management is being done in an unorganised manner. Data, which are crucial for epidemiological analysis, including those necessary for determining area-wise cases, tests and infection rate, also remain unavailable at the DGHS.

Struggle to determine coronavirus situation Annex: (r)

Experts struggle to determine coronavirus situation in Bangladesh

Experts, however, said that the country was now still in the first wave of infections and the situation might linger if the government fails to implement the health guidelines of the World Health Organisation to control the epidemic.

Research findings Annex: 1(s)

BCSIR Findings

Five unique genetic variants of coronavirus originated in country

The Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research said that it had identified five unique genetic variants of novel coronavirus in Bangladesh.

Shutdown lab Annex: 1(t)

GK upset as DGHS wants shutdown of its lab

Gonoshasthya Kendra founder Zafrullah Chowdhury wrote a letter to the Directorate General of Health Services director general Abul Bashar Mohammad Khurshid Alam to intervene in a move by DGHS hospitals wing to shut down its facilities, including a molecular diagnostic laboratory featuring a RT-PCR machine.

Phone Call Annex: 1 (u)

করোনার তথ্য জানতে ২ কোটি সাড়ে ১১ লাখের বেশি ফোনকল

In six and a half months, 2 crore 11 lakh 6 thousand 813 calls have been received from the three hotline numbers of the Department of Health for information related to coronavirus.

2. Vaccine

Russian vaccine Annex: 2(a)

Russia keen to provide vaccine

Says health minister; 33 more die from Covid, 2,174 infected in a day

Russia is keen to provide Bangladesh the Covid-19 vaccine under the government-to-government arrangement, said Health Minister Zahid Maleque on 31 August.

China wants co-funding Annex: 2(b)

COVID-19 vaccine trial uncertain as China wants co-funding

The phase-3 trial of COVID-19 vaccine, developed by China's Sinovac, became uncertain in Bangladesh after Chinese government proposed for co-funding of the trial.

Globe vaccine Annex: 2(c)

বছর শেষেই আসছে গ্লোবের করোনা ভ্যাকসিন

Last July, Globe Biotech Limited, a sister concern of Globe Pharmaceuticals claimed success in inventing the vaccine. If all goes well, the Globe vaccine will arrive in late December or January, the pharmaceutical company claims.

Indian vaccine trial Annex: 2(d)

India for clinical trial of 2 vaccines in Bangladesh

New Delhi has expressed interest to Dhaka to conduct clinical trials of two COVID-19 vaccines, to be manufactured by two Indian firms, in hospitals in Bangladesh.

Vaccine drive Annex: 2(e)

টিকা পেতে ৫ দেশের সঙ্গে যোগাযোগ করছে সরকার: স্বাস্থ্যমন্ত্রী

The government is in constant contact with five of the nine organizations in the world that are in the final stages of testing the vaccine for the deadly coronavirus.

Vaccine for all countries Annex: 2(f)

Ensure vaccine for all countries

Urges PM at UNGA, says Bangladesh capable of mass-scale vaccine production

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina asked the world community to treat the Covid-19 vaccine as a "global public good" and urged the United Nations to ensure its timely availability to all countries at a time.

Preparing for vaccine Annex: 2(g)

Preparing for the Covid-19 vaccine

Strategic and operational priorities

Speedy decisions aimed at effectiveness, access and overall sustainability are crucial in moving ahead with the best interest of our people. Business continuity plan aimed at meeting pandemic-related challenges should add to our competencies in cushioning health-related shocks, for our overall national interests.

Ramp up efforts Annex: 2(h)

Ramp up efforts to get vaccine

National advisory committee on Covid-19 response asks govt

The National Technical Advisory Committee (NTAC), formed to advise the government on its coronavirus response, recommended yesterday that the efforts to communicate with multiple potential vaccine sources should continue.

ADB grants for COVID-19 vaccine Annex: 2(i)

Bangladesh gets ADB grants for procuring COVID-19 vaccine

The Asian Development Bank and the government of Bangladesh signed recently an agreement for \$3 million in grant for procuring urgent medical supplies including vaccine for COVID-19. Japan is financing the grant assistance sourced from the ADB-administered Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund.

Support for research on vaccine

Annex: 2(j)

UK supports research on vaccine access in Bangladesh

The United Kingdom has announced that it would fund one British and two Bangladesh universities for conducting a research project to increase vaccine access in developing economies including Bangladesh.

Interest of more companies

Annex: 2(k)

‘দেশে ভ্যাকসিন ট্রায়ালের অনুমতি চেয়েছে আরও কয়েকটি কোম্পানি’

After China's Sinovac, several other companies have sought permission for trials of the corona vaccine in Bangladesh, said Abdul Mannan, secretary of the health services department at the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Challenges for Bangladesh

Annex: 2(l)

করোনার টিকা প্রাপ্তি এবং বাংলাদেশের চ্যালেঞ্জ

Vaccines from different countries are expected to hit the market one by one from next month. If we can take advantage of the time and opportunity as tactfully as we can, Bangladesh will surely succeed in collecting vaccines for the people of the country. We can only have that confidence in the government.

Related to trial of vaccine

Annex: 2(m)

টিকার ট্রায়ালে সুবক্ষার কী ব্যবস্থা, বাংলাদেশ কী করছে?

The trial of Corona's Chinese-made vaccine Sinovac will also start in Bangladesh. Extensive measures have been taken to detect possible side effects as soon as they appear.

3. Testing Facilities

Covid -19 Testing

Annex: 3(a)

RAMP UP COVID-19 TESTING

The committee said the number of tests was inadequate because they were done through RT-PCR facilities only. "The committee believes that carrying out simultaneous PCR, antigen and antibody tests will play an important role in tackling the Covid-19 situation," said the committee. "There is a possibility of detecting more infection if the number of Covid-19 tests is increased."

Antigen test

Annex: 3(b)

Antigen test for Covid-19: Policy tangled in red tape

The government's Covid-19 testing expansion policy has been caught up in a bureaucratic red tape, leaving many suspected coronavirus patients dependent on expensive and time-consuming RT-PCR testing for diagnosis of the disease. A final draft of the policy, formulated months ago, suggests introducing antigen testing, but the authorities concerned have not yet approved it despite an extensive exercise involving different bodies of the health ministry for the last two months. The final draft is now lying with the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Testing infrastructure

Annex: 3(c)

করোনা শনাক্তকরণ পরীক্ষা

৬ মাসেও ল্যাব নেই ৩৮ জেলায়

Despite six months of corona infection in the country, the government has not yet been able to set up sample testing centers (labs) in all districts. At present, there are government-run test centers in 26 districts. But sample testing is not enough yet. As a result, Bangladesh lags far behind in terms of population.

Testing expansion policy

Annex: 3(d)

Covid-19 testing expansion policy lost in bureaucracy

At this point, it seems we are waiting for Godot

Almost six and a half months after the first novel coronavirus case was reported in the country, the Covid-19 testing expansion policy of the government seems to have gotten lost in the deep, dark crevices of our bureaucracy.

Green light for Antigen-Based Testing

Annex: 3(e)

Antigen-Based Testing: Public hospitals get the green light

After months of bureaucratic tangle, the government has permitted antigen-based rapid testing for Covid-19 at the public healthcare centres. The announcement was made yesterday in accordance with a circular issued on September 17.

Testing Centre

Annex: 3(f)

৯৪ ল্যাবের ৩১টিতেই করোনা পরীক্ষা হয়নি

Due to various complications, corona identification tests are being stopped in several centers every day. Sample collection is also less when the center is closed. The number of sample tests is increasing day by day.

4. Health Services

Resource-poor Health care

Annex: 4(a)

COVID-19: health care in resource-poor settings

We are optimistic that this COVID-19 crisis will be over soon. But another wave of the disease or another health crisis may endanger the existing fragile healthcare system. We must enrich our healthcare delivery system and eliminate irregularities to address the present and future crises.

Online outdoor appointment

Annex: 4(b)

BSMMU offers online outdoor appointment

Patients can secure prior appointment online to visit doctors at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University outdoor.

Reality of Health Sector

Annex: 4(c)

COVID-19 exposes deep-rooted corruption in Bangladesh health sector in six months

The COVID-19 outbreak has exposed the inefficiency, mismanagement and deep-rooted corruption in the health sector as the sector has largely been blighted by lack of monitoring and accountability for years.

Doctors coming back to chmaber

Annex: 4(d)

সরব হাঙ্গে ডাক্তারপাড়া

চেম্বারে ফিরেছেন ৭০-৮০ ভাগ বিশেষজ্ঞ ডাক্তার

There are more than three thousand doctors in Chittagong, but more than half of the doctors are not even sitting in the pharmacy of the neighborhood. But now it is learned that doctors are slowly preparing to sit in some of the pharmacies that are in lanes.

Free emergency medical care

Annex: 4(e)

করোনাকালে বিনা মূল্যে স্বাস্থ্যসেবা, সঙ্গে ওষুধও

Ingenious Health Care, Souhardya Foundation and Tri Foundation- these three organizations are working together to provide free emergency medical care to people during Covid-19.

5. Health Tips

Annex: 5

করোনা সংক্রমণ

করোনায় যখন হাসপাতালে যেতেই হবে

People are getting infected with coronavirus every day. Most of them are receiving treatment at home. However, if there are any symptoms or physical complications, you should be taken to the hospital immediately.

6. Covid-19 Hospitals

Reduce number

Annex: 6(a)

Dedicated Covid-19 Hospitals: Govt moves to reduce number

Cites low number of patients

The government has decided to gradually suspend coronavirus treatment in the dedicated Covid-19 public hospitals and facilities though the pandemic is still going strong in terms of infections and deaths.

Transform from Covid into Non-Covid

Annex: 6(b)

Covid-19 Hospitals: Three in city to close services

Due to the declining number of Covid-19 patients, the government has decided three designated hospitals in the capital would no longer treat such patients. The hospitals are Dhaka Mohanagar Hospital, Lalkuthi Hospital and Bashundhara Covid-19 hospitals.

Covid-19 policy

Annex: 6(c)

The data gives us clear directives on Covid-19 policy

Why are we not following them?

Whatever gains we have made since the pandemic began will be reversed, and all our efforts will have been for nothing. The recent fiascos over fake Covid-19 certificates and rampant corruption in the health sector have already reduced public trust in the authorities. The continued mishandling of the pandemic is a mistake they can ill afford at the moment.

7. Govt. measures

Long way to go

Annex: 7(a)

Lifting of Restrictions: Untimely, risky

Govt statistics show number of hospitalised, critical patients on rise; experts say social distancing not possible in public transports

The numbers of Covid-19 patients at the hospitals and those needing treatment at Intensive Care Units have increased over the last one month, suggesting that there is still a long way to go to bring the pandemic under control.

Handling of Covid

Annex: 7(b)

কোভিড মোকাবিলায় ভবিষ্যৎ পরিকল্পনার কথা জানালেন প্রধানমন্ত্রী

The Prime Minister said 2,000 doctors and 5,000 senior staff nurses, 381 pharmacists and 202 medical technologists have been recruited on special emergency basis in May-June and July respectively. Besides,

recruitment of two thousand more doctors, two thousand 550 senior staff nurses and one thousand 650 midwifery is underway.

Government's response

Annex: 7(c)

Covid-19 in Bangladesh: Muddled response marks 6 months

A look beyond daily counts may draw a grimmer picture, say experts

The government's response to the coronavirus outbreak has been plagued by wrong decisions, delayed actions, and muddled thinking right from the beginning even though it got three months' time to take preparation.

Fear and apathy

Annex: 7(d)

করোনাভাইরাস

ভয় কমেছে, বেড়েছে উদাসীনতা

There was that fear among the people at the beginning of the corona infection in the country that has decreased a lot. Doctors say the fear has decreased but the apathy has increased. The consequences can be devastating. This is because, even after six months, the rate of infection is on the decline, but there are no signs of a significant reduction in deaths.

Herd Immunity

Annex: 7(e)

করোনাভাইরাস

‘বাংলাদেশে হার্ড ইমিউনিটি তৈরি হওয়ার তথ্য-প্রমাণ মেলেনি’

Interview of World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director for Southeast Asia, Poonam Kshetrapal Singh: Coordination, early detection of diseases, health and other related measures of the Government of Bangladesh, have paid off. These measures have helped to limit the spread of the infection and the number of newly infected patients in need of medical care in such a way that the pressure on the healthcare system has not increased much.

8. Second wave

Experts' warning

Annex: 8(a)

Brace yourself for second wave

Warns experts' committee; advises govt to take all-out measures to tackle resurgence of virus

With infections and deaths from Covid-19 still far from over, a high-powered technical committee has warned that a "second wave" of coronavirus infections may be coming, advising the government to prepare a roadmap and take all-out preparations to prevent the possible resurgence.

PM's warning

Annex: 8(b)

PM warns of second wave in winter

We can't afford to make the same mistakes twice

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina warned that the Covid-19 situation will likely deteriorate in the upcoming winter, and urged all involved to prepare for another outbreak in wintertime.

Winter Wave Risk

Annex: 8(c)

Covid-19 Winter Wave: People with conditions will be at greater risk

Experts warn

Muzaherul Haque, former WHO consultant for the South East Asia region, said while there is no scientific evidence that the coronavirus situation will deteriorate during winter, there is still a danger.

Govt ready to tackle second wave of Covid*Says health minister; govt in touch with 5 firms to get vaccine*

Days after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina cautioned against a second wave of the Covid-19 outbreak in the country, Health Minister Zahid Maleque said the government was ready to tackle the probable second wave of the disease.

Govt must ready plans to fight any second wave of COVID-19

The government must, in such a situation, attend to the carelessness that people show towards the health safety guidelines put in place to minimise the risk of the infection and spread of COVID-19. The government must resume the daily briefing to sensitise people to the situation. The government must also have plans readied to tackle a probable second wave of COVID-19 that experts now have feared and some countries have started experiencing.

Reality and Cautions

Annex: 8(e)

করোনাভাইরাস**সংক্রমণের দ্বিতীয় ঢেউয়ের বাস্তবতা ও সতর্কতা**

The first infection wave reached Bangladesh a few weeks after Europe. In the case of the second wave, it is more likely to come in the same direction.

9. Health Infrastructure**DMCH**

Annex: 9(a)

DMCH, TSC WILL BE REBUILT: PM

Addressing the meeting, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said her government would rebuild Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), Teacher-Student Centre of Dhaka University, Sufia Kamal National Public Library and the National Museum.

Centralised oxygen supply

Annex: 9(b)

Hospital Oxygen Supply: Samaritans step in*Young professionals use their expertise to upgrade facilities*

When the country's hospitals were struggling to ensure uninterrupted oxygen supply to critical coronavirus patients, a group of 14 Buet alumni came to their aid three months ago by installing central oxygen systems for treating Covid-19 patients.

Great Example

Annex: 9(c)

Helping hospitals install centralised oxygen supply systems*Buet alumni group sets a great example*

We also hope that our young professionals will be encouraged by this team's work and come forward with their own expertise to improve the country's overall healthcare system

Field hospitals

Annex: 9(d)

Metro rail staffers get two Covid-19 field hospitals

With hopes of boosting morale of engineers and workers, the metro rail project authorities have opened two field hospitals for their staffers infected with coronavirus.

10. Private Hospital

Renewal of licence

Annex: 10(a)

Pvt Clinics, Test Centres: Govt has no list of those without any licence

DGHS tells HC; 12,543 entities applied for renewal of licence

The Directorate General of Health Services has informed the High Court that 12,543 private hospitals, clinics and diagnostic centres have applied for renewal of their licences. The government has lists of private healthcare facilities having licence, but it has no lists of those without a licence, the DGHS said in a statement submitted to the HC yesterday during the hearing of a writ petition.

Strict regulatory guideline

Annex: 10(b)

Strict regulatory guideline must for private health care

The government, which is constitutionally obliged to ensure equitable access to health care, must, therefore, take immediate steps to comply with the High Court order by the stipulated time. In doing so, it must review and revise the cost chart for treatment and diagnostic services. A comprehensive guideline must also be drafted involving all stakeholders concerned to ensure that no one runs health centres in violation of regulations and in breach of universal medical ethics.

High Court's order

Annex: 10(c)

Private healthcare facilities must have price charts for medical tests and services

They must comply with the HC order

It is absolutely necessary that private clinics, hospitals and diagnostic centres have fixed rates for all medical tests and services and have a chart of their fees displayed in public view. This will not only be helpful for the patients but also will prevent the hospital staff from resorting to any corrupt practices.

Irregularities

Annex: 10(d)

সিটি মেডিকেল কলেজ হাসপাতাল

অন্যের ঋণের টাকায় কেনা মহীউদ্দীনের হাসপাতাল

Several institutions have taken loans from Farmers Bank (now renamed Padma Bank). Gazipur City Medical College Hospital has been bought with a part of that loan.

11. Health Professionals

Accommodation

Annex: 11(a)

Kuwait-Bangladesh hospital doctors protest at accommodation cancellation

Physicians of Kuwait-Bangladesh Friendship Government Hospital, dedicated for COVID-19 treatment, held a sit-in protest at the hospital director's office as the authorities of the hotel allocated for their accommodation forced them out.

Infection and death

Annex: 11(b)

করোনায় চিকিৎসকের মৃত্যু

মৃত্যুর অর্ধেকের বেশি জুনে

এ পর্যন্ত করোনা আক্রান্ত হয়ে মারা গেছেন ৮২ জন চিকিৎসক। এর মধ্যে শুধু জুনে মারা গেছেন ৪৪ জন।

In the country, 82 doctors died in the first six months of the corona infection, more than half of them in June. And 12 nurses died.

12. Covid-19 handling

Leadership and Corruption

Annex: 12(a)

মহামারি মোকাবিলা

নেতৃত্বের দুর্বলতা ও দুর্নীতি বড় বাধা

In these six months, the weakness and corruption of the leadership in the health sector has become bigger than the planned work to deal with the epidemic. The government is not able to reassure the people of the country about controlling the infection. There is also deep uncertainty among people about the epidemic.

Status of Health Services

Annex: 12(b)

করোনাকালে গবেষণা

আস্বার সংকটে স্বাস্থ্য খাত

বিপুলসংখ্যক মানুষের স্বাস্থ্য খাতের ওপর আস্থা নেই। সেই দলে আছেন স্বাস্থ্যকর্মীরাও।

The former health official told Prothom Alo on Monday, 'I did not get the service even with the identity of a senior doctor and a former officer. Unable to trust me, I left the hospital at risk. I can understand in my own experience why ordinary people have avoided hospital. '

Post Covid Treatment

Annex: 12(c)

কোভিড পরবর্তী চিকিৎসা ব্যবস্থা এই মুহূর্তেই জরুরি

Experts say that a significant number of patients are suffering from various complications even after getting rid of covid, including short and long term complications. They say post-covid clinics need to be set up in all hospitals in the country at the moment, or at least in medical college hospitals, along with covid patients. Otherwise people are going to fall into long term problems.

Closure of Covid Hospital

Annex: 12(d)

বসুন্ধরা কোভিড হাসপাতাল বন্ধ ঘোষণা

The government has announced closure of Bashundhara Kovid Hospital at Kurile in the capital. The Ministry of Health has directed to close the hospital on an emergency basis by September 30. At the same time, the memorandum of understanding with Bashundhara Group was also canceled.

13. Regent Hospital

Freezes 52 bank accounts

Annex: 13(a)

Regent Group: Court freezes 52 bank accounts of Shahed, MD

A Dhaka court ordered the authorities concerned to freeze 52 bank accounts of Regent Group Chairman Mohammad Shahed and its Managing Director Masud Parvez in connection with a money laundering case. Shahed has 43 while and Masud has nine accounts in different banks of the capital where Tk 11 crore was deposited.

Money Laundering

Annex: 13(b)

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

Regent's Shahed remanded for 8 days

A Dhaka court on 3 September 2020 placed Regent Group Chairman Mohammad Shahed and its Managing Director Masud Parvez on an eight- day remand each in connection with a money laundering case.

14. JKG Health Care

Annex: 14

POSSESSION OF TWO NIDS

Sabrina placed on two-day remand

A Dhaka court placed JKG Health Care Chairman Dr Sabrina Arif Chowdhury on a two-day remand in a case filed against her on charges of possessing two National ID cards with fake information.

15. Medicine Market

Annex: 15

Anarchy

Doubts have also grown about the quality of medicines. So far, no effective measures have been taken by the Department of Drug Administration to control the anarchy in drug prices. However, the drug administration, along with law enforcement agencies, has launched a number of campaigns to curb the trade in counterfeit, adulterated, unregistered, expired drugs or prescription drugs

16. Education

Primary Students

Annex: 16(a)

Pry Students: Even final tests may be cancelled

Top edu officials hint

"There will be no examinations if schools cannot be reopened this year," Primary and Mass Education Senior Secretary Akram-Al-Hossain.

Need groundwork for reopening

Annex: 16(b)

Health guidelines for reopening primary schools finalised

But are the schools prepared?

Now we hope that the government will complete all the groundwork needed to reopen educational institutions without jeopardising the health of students and their families. All the government primary schools should have proper infrastructures for maintaining the health guidelines. The government also needs to conduct awareness campaigns to educate the students as well as teachers about the health rules.

Lessons of Online Learning

Annex: 16(c)

The Lessons of Online Learning

Online classes replaced physical ones to ensure that our students do not fall behind, but the question remains as to whether this learning approach is feasible for everyone across the country, from all walks of life.

Plan to Reopen Primary Schools

Annex: 16(d)

Plan to Reopen Primary Schools: Health guidelines finalised for kids

Masks mandatory for all; Only two students to sit on each bench; schools to have handwashing arrangements

Only two will be allowed to sit on each bench at classrooms after the reopening of primary schools, and everyone in those institutions -- students, teachers and other staffers -- will have to wear masks. All schools will also have to ensure arrangements for hand washing and measuring body temperature.

Digital access in rural life

Annex: 16 (e-i & ii)

Digital access dismal in rural Bangladesh

BIGD study on 6,500 households finds about half of them have access to neither computer nor Net

The survey showed that about 49 percent of the households have no access to a computer and 54 percent do not have access to the internet. Although 96 percent of rural households own a mobile phone, a majority (59 percent) do not have access to a smartphone, according to the findings.

Most rural households lack digital access

Reducing the digital divide crucial

The authorities and the policymakers must sensibly design innovative interventions which will be favourable in making information technology and connectivity available across every rural community to bridge the existing inequalities.

No promotion

Annex: 16(f)

No promotion without exams for 8th graders

Decide all end boards

Education boards yesterday decided that school authorities should hold assessments to graduate eighth grade students to the next grade and there should be no scope for promotion without examinations.

Reopening schools

Annex: 16(g)

How ready are we to reopen schools?

The awareness campaigns as well as communication with teachers and parents are critical issues for successful reopening. The NGOs and community organisations should be involved, with the overall guidance of the upazila working group. The goal is not just reopening, but also keeping the schools operating safely and helping the children recover their learning loss. All this requires a joint effort by all.

O, A level exams

Annex: 16(h)

Bangladesh govt allows O, A level exams on conditions

The education ministry accepted the British Council application for holding the O and A level examinations with some conditions amid students' continued demand for cancellation of the exams due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

6-point demands

Annex: 16(i)

Guardians of English medium students place 6-point demands

Guardians of the students of different English medium schools of Chattogram demanded tuition fee waiver and formulation of a monitoring cell to stop admission cancellation, and charging of higher tuition fees by the schools.

Yearlong educational broadcasts

Annex: 16(j)

Yearlong educational broadcasts through TV, radio on card

The government has undertaken a Tk 128.40 crore project for continuing the education outreach programmes on TV, radio and Internet throughout the year for helping students to understand lessons and to tackle any disaster like COVID-19 outbreak in future.

Smartphones for needy students

Annex: 16(k)

37 univs select 25,680 needy students to give smartphones

Thirty-seven public universities sent lists of 25,680 needy students to the University Grants Commission to give loan for purchasing smartphones to attend online classes amid the coronavirus outbreak. Six universities, including Dhaka University, Chittagong University and Rajshahi University have not yet sent the lists, UGC director Md Kamal Hossain told New Age on Monday.

Instructions for reopening primary schools

Annex: 16(l)

প্রাথমিক স্কুল খোলার বিষয়ে প্রস্তুতির নির্দেশ

The Ministry of Primary and Mass Education has instructed the concerned people to take pre-preparation for the opening of primary schools in compliance with the public health and hygiene rules.

Cash incentive for students

Annex: 16(m)

শিক্ষার্থীদের এক হাজার করে টাকা দেওয়া হবে: প্রধানমন্ত্রী

The government has decided to give one thousand taka to the students as everyone's life has come to a standstill due to coronavirus. So that students can buy their clothes and necessities. This information was given by the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in her closing speech of the ongoing session of the National Assembly 10 September 2020.

Special Project

Annex: 16(n)

করোনার ক্ষতি পোষাতে প্রাথমিক ও মাধ্যমিকে বিশেষ প্রকল্প

The government has taken a special project called 'Bangladesh Covid-19 School Sector Response' to cope with the loss of 40 million students in the country. The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is providing USD 15 million or Tk. 126 crore 53 lakh 50 thousand for this project.

Medical Education

Annex: 16(o)

Permanent campus, 75pc regular teachers a must for pvt medical colleges

The approved in principle the Private Medical and Dental College Bill 2020 incorporating provisions that each medical institution must have a permanent campus with 75 per cent of teachers appointed on a permanent basis for their approvals. Each medical or dental college must have minimum 50 students while the teacher-student ratio would be 1:10, according to the draft.

17. Corruption

Pre-Procurement Graft

Annex: 17(a)

PPE PROCUREMENT GRAFT

ACC summons owner of Jahid Automobiles

Anti-Corruption Commission has summoned Shamimuzzaman Kanchan, owner of Jadid Automobiles, that supplied masks, PPE and other medical equipment to the Directorate General of Health Services. Under a project, DGHS made a Tk 32 crore contract with Jadid Automobiles, an automobile parts supplier. The supplier has already been paid Tk 9 crore.

Fake N95 masks

Annex: 17(b)

20,000 fake N95 masks supplied to 10 hospitals

Several health officials behind it, finds ACC

In a bid to make a quick buck cashing in on the pandemic, several health officials purchased more than 20,000 fake N95 masks and supplied those to 10 hospitals for staffers treating Covid-19 patients. But their scam came to light, thanks to some doctors at the hospitals, who questioned the authenticity of the masks and refused to use them.

Under ACC scanner

Annex: 17(c)

Dozens of health staff under ACC scanner

Activists say poor action turns health sector vulnerable

At least 20 more employees would be asked to submit their wealth statements gradually as the commission's detectives have found primary evidence of inconsistencies between their properties and known sources of income.

Expense details of Kuwait-Bangladesh Hospital

Annex: 17(d)

ACC wants expense details of Kuwait-Bangladesh Hospital

Anti-Corruption Commission on Sunday again issued a letter to Kuwait-Bangladesh Friendship Government Hospital seeking its record book including bills and vouchers to investigate graft allegations in accommodation and meal bills. The hospital was also asked to submit information about the accommodation of the doctors and health workers during the COVID-19 crisis, the official said.

Health scams

Annex: 17(e)

স্বাস্থ্য কলেজকারি

বেরিয়ে আসছে আরও নাম

Those who are the instructors, they have remained hidden. Action should be taken against the instructor. Otherwise, we will get the benefits of such a campaign.

Services for helpless people

Annex: 17(f)

করোনা আইসোলেশন সেন্টার ও হাসপাতাল

সেবার তথ্য মিললেও মিলছে না অর্থের হিসাব

The Chittagong Field Hospital and two isolation centres set a unique example of human service by standing by the helpless people during the Corona period. These hospitals have provided free healthcare to patients suffering from corona.

Excessive prices

Annex:17(g)

ইউনিসেফ ও ডাব্লিউএইচওর ঠিকাদারি

করোনা সরঞ্জাম সরবরাহে ৫৩% বেশি ব্যয়

It is not only domestic suppliers who have been able to deal procurement related to corona virus in the health sector; International organizations like UNICEF and the World Health Organization have not given up this opportunity.

Health safety equipments at the port

Annex: 17(h)

কেনাকাটায় দুর্নীতি-অনিয়মের অভিযোগ ওঠায় ঝুলে গেছে সরবরাহ

করোনা সুবক্ষাসামগ্রীর মূল্য বন্ধবে

Experts in the health sector are questioning the future of the huge quantity coronavirus protection and medical materials have stuck in different ports of the country.

18. DGHS

DGHS driver Malek

Annex: 18(a)

Money Laundering: Rab asks CID to sue DGHS driver Malek

Rab yesterday requested the Criminal Investigation Department to sue suspended health directorate driver Abdul Malek for money laundering.

DGs run by a driver

Annex: 18(b)

DGs run by a driver!

Investigations, staff narratives yet to shed light on how a Class-IV staffer dictated terms of health directorate; stories of his partners in the corruption remain untold

Directors general came and went, but the power and influence that the health directorate driver gained stayed.

Personally, responsible

Annex: 18(c)

Driver Malek personally responsible: DGME

The Directorate General of Medical Education on Wednesday claimed that arrested driver Abdul Malek was personally responsible for the corruption allegations raised against him. In a press release signed by DGME director, admin, Mostafa Khaled Ahmed, it said 'There is no involvement of DGME and its director general AHM Enayet Hossain in the allegations.'

Remanded

Annex: 18(d)

DGHS accountant Afzal remanded for 14 days

A Dhaka court on Wednesday placed Directorate General of Health Services suspended staff Afzal Hossain on remand for 14 days for interrogation by the Anti-Corruption Commission investigators in two cases on charge of amassing illegal wealth.

Vicious circle

Annex: 18(e)

স্বাস্থ্যের দুষ্টিচক্রে ৩৫

রিমান্ডে মালেকের দাবি সব সম্পদ পৈতৃক

35 names are in the vicious cycle of corruption surrounding the health department and the ministry.

22 steps

Annex: 18(f)

দুষ্টিচক্র প্রতিরোধে ২২ পদক্ষেপ

The Ministry of Health has taken 22 special steps to stop corruption in the health sector includes Violence of brokers in hospitals, setting up of private clinics and diagnostic centers everywhere, closure of counterfeit drug factories, specific transfers of doctors, fees of private practice, taking gifts from pharmaceutical companies, taking commissions by sending them to labs or diagnostic centers to stop corruption in health sector.

19. Telemedicine

Annex: 19

প্রায় তিন লাখ করোনা রোগী টেলিমেডিসিন সেবা পেয়েছেন

96 percent of corona patients are receiving treatment at home. The remaining 4 percent are being treated at the hospital. Most of the patients at home are receiving treatment through telemedicine

20. Law and Order agency

Death status

Annex: 20(a)

করোনায় মারা গেছেন পুলিশের ৭৪ জন সদস্য

74 police officials have died due to the corona

করোনা থেকে সুস্থ লক্ষ্মীপুরের ১৬ পুলিশ প্লাজমা দিতে ঢাকায়

Seventeen members of Laxmipur district police, who have been recovered from coronavirus infection, have gone to Dhaka to donate plasma.

21. Dr Bijon debate

Annex: 21

Leaving Bangladesh

Dreams dashed

Dr Bijon leaving Bangladesh, still holds hope of returning

Reputed scientist Dr Bijon Kumar Sil is leaving Bangladesh for Singapore today with a heavy heart. He is undecided whether to come back, but said he wants to return.

22. WASH in Dhaka slums

Annex: 22

WASH in Dhaka slums improves during COVID-19

Overall water, sanitation and hygiene or WASH situation in slums in the capital has improved during the on-going COVID-19 epidemic.

23. Economy

Economy recovery

Annex: 23 (a-i & ii)

Six months of Covid-19: Is the economy on a path to inclusive recovery?

Looking at the impact on economic growth of COVID 19 pandemic, the country was cruising at over 8 percent growth of GDP which then came down to 5.24 percent (according to government estimates). Although the government has projected a GDP growth of 8.2 percent for 2020-21, almost all independent analysts have expressed doubts about the practicality of that target.

কোভিডের পর ঘুরে দাঁড়িয়েছে বাংলাদেশের অর্থনীতি: এপি

Analyzing this information, the report of the American news agency AP said that after Covid, the economy of Bangladesh has turned around.

Pandemic-affected economy

Annex: 23(b)

How has Bangladesh managed the pandemic-affected economy so far?

Some indicators of the Bangladesh economy have started to show positive signs in the recent period. Among those are remittances and exports of readymade garments (RMG), which were affected hugely since the outbreak of Covid-19 in Bangladesh in March 2020. Both these sectors are important sources of employment and foreign exchange income for the country. These two sources are important transmission channels of pandemic-induced impacts on the economy.

ADP implementation

Annex: 23(c)

July-Aug ADP implementation remains dismal

Progress in execution of the annual development programme remained dismal in the first two months of the current fiscal year 2020-2021 mainly due to slower implementation of mega infrastructure projects, including constructions of the Metro Rail and Padma Bridge, affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

24. Business

Supply Chain

Annex: 24(a)

RECOVERY OF SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTION LOSSES

RMG businesses seek support from Commonwealth states

The country's readymade garment and textile sector leaders sought cooperation from Commonwealth countries to recover damages caused by the supply chain disruption following the coronavirus outbreak.

Export recovery

Annex: 24(b)

Apparel leads export recovery

Bangladesh had witnessed a steep fall in exports in April this year as the ongoing coronavirus pandemic has had an unprecedented effect on both the local and global economy.

Digital businesses

Annex: 24(c)

The pandemic's impact on digital businesses

Digital business models, which, in the new normal, will play a major role, we can expect that in the aftermath of the Covid-19 shock, there will be better and more robust players in the market!

Garment workers

Annex: 23(d)

Covid-19 affected most garment workers: survey

Some 82 per cent of garment workers have reported that the Covid-19 crisis has had at least some impact on their livelihoods, according to findings of the South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (Sanem) and Microfinance Opportunities (MFO).

Challenges of trade for Bangladesh

Annex: 24(e)

Covid-19 and the challenges of trade for Bangladesh

Although the situation has improved somewhat since the beginning of the current financial year 2020-21, it is uncertain whether exports will return to normal.

As the Covid-19 crisis has put Bangladesh into the back foot, there is a need for rethinking the LDC graduation decision. Considering the ongoing crisis time and uncertain future, Bangladesh may reconsider pushing back the transition from the LDC status by three more years.

Businesses chance

Annex: 24(f-i & ii)

Covid-19 offers businesses a chance to shine

Attention to employees and supply chains will help define the "S" in ESG leadership

Protecting employees today will enable businesses to establish a strong foundation for continued success and legitimate ESG bragging rights in a post-pandemic world, whether in Bangladesh or elsewhere.

FDI

Pandemic may cast a pall on FDI

The rising trend in foreign direct investment (FDI) for Bangladesh may slow down this year due to the economic fallout of the coronavirus outbreak, experts believe.

Housing finance

Annex: 24(g)

Housing finance, another victim of Covid-19

According to the Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh, there are almost 200 housing and construction related industries on cast materials, sanitary, electrical and furniture products, which have 458 sub-sectors. The coronavirus has left direct impact on the six million employees of these sub-sectors.

Stimulus loan

Annex: 24(h)

Stimulus loans for large borrowers quickened recovery: experts

Fund disbursement to complete by next month: BB

Experts say the quick fund disbursement by the lenders has had a positive impact on the ongoing recovery process of the business sector, which had faced a major setback during the pandemic-induced lockdown.

Disparity in disbursement

Annex: 24(i)

Covid-19 Stimulus Package: Disparity in disbursement

Quick for big industries, slow for SMEs; one fourth of funds used in 4 months

For sectors like export-oriented and large industries, the disbursement of the funds was quick. But the needy small and medium enterprises and farm sectors are yet to avail much of the support, making it difficult for them to pull through the losses incurred by the pandemic.

COVID-hit CMSME sector

Annex: 24(j)

Project launched to support COVID-hit CMSME sector

Dhaka University's Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship Centre and the United Nations Department Programme Bangladesh have launched a project titled 'REVIVE' to support the coronavirus affected cottage, micro, small and medium enterprises sector of Bangladesh.

Tourism Sector

Annex: 24(k)

পর্যটনে করোনার আঘাত

১৮ হাজার কোটি টাকার ক্ষতি

Tour Operators Association of Bangladesh (TOAB) is an association of 678 organizations. The members of Toab are handling the situation in various ways. TOAB says the loss to their members this year alone is Rs 5,600 crore.

25. Migrant Workers

COVID-19 response plan

Annex: 25(a)

COVID-19 response plan for migrant workers a must

The government should work out a speedy repatriation plan without compromising health safety risks. It must also collaborate with governments of destination countries to ensure that workers awaiting repatriation are not mistreated in foreign land. It must expand its institutional quarantine facility for them to avert risks. The government must diplomatically engage with Middle Eastern countries for a joint COVID-19 response plan; Bangladesh would, otherwise, face an economic aftershock from the job loss of migrant workers.

Saudi returnees

Annex: 25(b-i & ii)

Several thousand expatriates gather in Gulshan for Saudi visa

Biman gets 12 new flights to KSA, Saudi embassy designates 33 visa application centres
Several hundred stranded Bangladeshi expatriates gathered in front of the Saudi Arabian embassy as well as the accredited visa offices in the capital's diplomatic enclave Gulshan to submit their visa applications for an extension.

Visas for Saudi-bound Bangladeshi expatriates extended for 24 days

Foreign minister AK Abdul Momen said that Saudi Arabian authorities allowed Biman Bangladesh Airlines to carry its 20,000 stranded passengers to the country while the period of their visas was also extended for 24 more days.

No COVID-19 test

Annex: 25(c)

No COVID-19 test needed from Bangladesh to go to Singapore

Bangladeshi passengers will no longer need to present COVID-19 test report from their homeland to go to Singapore.

Support for returnee women workers

Annex: 25(d)

10,000 returnee women workers to get COVID-19 support

Over 10,000 women migrant workers who returned home in the COVID-19 situation have started receiving pandemic support under a project run by the UN Women Bangladesh office.

Travel ban

Annex: 25(e)

Malaysia slaps travel ban on Bangladesh, 11 other countries

The Malaysian government has imposed a ban on the entry of citizens of 12 countries which have more than 150,000 COVID-19 cases including Bangladesh.

26. Public Transport

Annex: 26

গণপরিবহন

বাসে স্বাস্থ্যবিধির বালাই নেই

Most of the transport workers did not have face masks. There was no awareness among the passengers. It goes without saying that the use of disinfectants has not been seen.

27. Indigenous communities

Livelihoods under threat

Annex: 27(a)

Livelihoods of indigenous communities under threat

Strict laws must be implemented to protect their rights

A recent report published in these daily sheds light on the worrying situation faced by several indigenous communities in Moulvibazar's Kulaura upazila. Despite the struggle for survival amidst the pandemic, a coterie of people plotted to attack their only source of income—betel leaf gardens—four times in the last seven months.

Indigenous women to change profession

Annex: 27(b)

Change profession

Covid-19 forces indigenous women to change profession

The indigenous women remained jobless due to coronavirus outbreak

28. What we need to do

Disease Prevention

Annex: 28(a)

সাম্প্রতিককার: ড. রুহুল আবিদ

রোগ প্রতিরোধের বার্তা পৌঁছানো জরুরি

Dr. Ruhul Abid and his nonprofit organisation, Health and Education for All have been shortlisted for this year's Nobel Peace Prize. He said, 'We have trained 1,200 health workers

from 35 organizations in Bangladesh to tackle Covid-19. Among them were health workers from Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Medical University, IEDCR, Dhaka Medical College, ICDDR, Save the Children and WHO. They received the training from Brown University's HAIFA 'Project Hope'.

Evaluation of Bangladesh's initiatives

Annex: 28(b)

বিশেষ সাক্ষাৎকার: মুশতাক হোসেন

শনাক্ত ও মৃত্যু কমলেই পরীক্ষা কমানো নয়

Dr. Mushtaq Hossain is one of the advisors to the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR). He spoke about the evaluation of Bangladesh's initiatives and activities in the last six months to deal with Corona and the transition situation ahead.

How to protect education sector

Annex: 28(c)

শিক্ষার ধস ঠেকাবেন কীভাবে

Our policy makers often forget that education is the key to the overall development of the country. They think that education is a secondary or optional subject.

Child mortality

Annex: 28(d)

Covid-19 poses risk to progress made in child mortality

Urgent redress is of utmost necessity

The government, in coordination with its development partners, should identify the key challenges in ensuring health checkups, vaccinations, and prenatal and post-natal care to the most vulnerable of communities, and take urgent steps to rectify the gaps. If we fail to address this emergency, then the future of an entire generation may well be lost.

Actions required

Annex: 28(e)

বিশেষ সাক্ষাৎকার: এম এ ফয়েজ

জনগণের স্বাস্থ্যসচেতনতাই সংক্রমণ কমাতে পারে

M A Fayeze is a Professor of Medicine and Former Principal of Dhaka Medical College. He has also served as the Director General of the Health Department of the Government. He talked about the new threat of coronavirus infection and the preparation, capabilities and actions required dealing with it.

Catalyst for nutritional self-reliance

Annex: 28(f)

Can Covid-19 become a catalyst for nutritional self-reliance?

Bangladesh has done relatively well in the current Covid-19 situation but there is no guarantee that we will be able to pull through just as well, should another contingency strike us. The first thing that we have to secure, beyond protecting the people from the direct effects of the contingency, is to ensure adequate amounts of healthy food on our plates. But how?

Hitting the poorest

Annex: 28(g)

With Covid-19 hitting the poorest hardest, we must help them recover

Overall, the PPRC-BIGD study finds that the economy is still in a fragile recovery phase with symptoms typical of a crisis-struck economy: depressed income, high food insecurity, a large number of vulnerable informal workers, and a lot of new poor.

How the class of 2020 is surviving Covid-19

The job seekers, especially those who have graduated just before the outbreak or during this pandemic are suffering the most. Many of them are grappling with uncertainty and complexity.

Internally displaced people

Annex: 28(i)

Covid-19 and the indefensible position of internally displaced people in Bangladesh

The government will play an important role in facilitating and supporting an array of public policies which have an overarching objective of creating sustainable, secondary cities. Such policies ought to be in the forefront of the minds of policymakers and government officials alike, particularly within the present climate.

Allowance for ministers

Annex: 28(j)

সরকার ও জনগণ

করোনাকালেও মন্ত্রীদের ভাতা বাড়ে

Our government has increased the travel allowance of the ministers. The question is what will the ministers spend on this increased travel allowance? Where to spend?

Benefits of more vaccine trials

Annex: 28(k)

সাক্ষাৎকার: ডা. আনোয়ারুল ইকবাল

ভ্যাকসিনের রাজনীতি বুঝে শুনে এগোতে হবে

Epidemiology and infectious disease specialist Anwarul Iqbal who is currently the President of Thyrocare Bangladesh Limited said, 'We can allow as many trials as we want. We have huge population. Allowing trial means that we get priority in that vaccine. That would be positive for a country like ours.'

Covid-19 database

Annex: 28(l)

Govt must mend inadequacy in Covid-19 database

The government must, therefore, put in more efforts to plug the holes in the Covid-19 database so that it comes to be of a significant use in mitigating the outbreak of the disease. It must also hold people responsible for the creation and maintenance of the database to account for their failure to ensure that the database contains all the records that epidemiological analyses need.

Prevalence of corruption

Annex: 28(m)

বিশেষ সাক্ষাৎকার: ইফতেখারুজ্জামান

করোনা মোকাবিলায় এত দুর্নীতি অন্য কোনো দেশে হয়নি

Iftekharuzzaman is the Executive Director of TIB, the Bangladesh chapter of Transparency International (TI). He highlighted the prevalence of corruption in Bangladesh, the nature of corruption, the role of the government and the state in curbing corruption, the capacity and goodwill of the ACC and political corruption.

Which is credible?

Annex: 28(n)

করোনাভাইরাসের থাবা থেকে আমরা কি মুক্ত

On August 15, the health minister said, ' it will go away on its own. Then on 26 August he claimed that Bangladesh was successful in dealing with Corona. In contrast, a report in The Lancet, a well-known health magazine, says that the Corona situation in Bangladesh could take a terrible turn, even becoming

uncontrollable. Several of our experts have protested against the statement of the Minister. Which of these two completely opposite positions is credible?

Challenges and Prospects

Annex: 28(o)

করোনা নিয়ন্ত্রণে সমস্যা ও সম্ভাবনা

All the people of the world must be prepared now to deal with the common epidemic of corona and influenza next winter. To prepare for this, everyone will have to get the influenza vaccine by October. With influenza under control, all efforts to control corona can be concentrated and implemented, and this will help in controlling the disease.

29. Social Safety net

Annex: 29

66pc social safety net beneficiaries' non-poor: study

Around 65.6 per cent beneficiaries of the social safety net programmes are non-poor, said a study report released by the Centre for Policy Dialogue.

30. PPE

Annex: 30

Pran-RFL Group to invest US\$ 18m to produce PPE

Banga Plastic International Ltd, a sister concern of Pran-RFL Group, is going to establish a personal protective equipments and toys manufacturing industry with an investment of US\$18.08 at Adamjee Export Processing Zone in Narayanganj.

31. Women

Women livelihood

Annex: 31(a)

Gendered impact of COVID-19 must be addressed

The loss of livelihood, increasing domestic violence and a struggle for health care that women have experienced in the past six months indicate the gendered impact of COVID-19. It is time that the government took initiatives and expanded the social safety net programmes for the women who lost job recently.

More economic vulnerability

Annex: 31(b)

করোনাকালের প্রভাব

পুরুষের চেয়ে নারী আরও গরিব হবেন

বৈশ্বিক প্রতিবেদন বলছে, চরম দারিদ্র্য বাড়বে। সব ক্ষেত্রেই নারীর সমতা কমবে, বৈষম্য বাড়বে।

Nazneen Ahmed, Senior Fellow, BIDS said, 'More than 300 garment factories have closed and over a lakh workers have become unemployed. Most of them are women. Many women worked in private kindergartens. Work is almost stopped in women-dominated sectors like housemaids, beauty parlors, small enterprises.'

Less infection risk

Annex: 31(c-i & ii)

নারীদের করোনা-ঝুঁকি কম কেন

Men and women are more or less at risk of getting coronavirus. But it has been found that women are less at risk than men.

ব্র্যাক ভার্চুয়াল সংলাপ কাজে ও ব্যবসায় ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত নারী

A virtual dialogue on women situation during pandemic, participants were K M Abdus Salam, Secretary, Ministry of Labor and Employment; Ferdous Ara Begum, CEO, Business Initiative Leading Development (BUILD); Parveen Mahmood, Chairperson, UCEP and former Chairperson Midas; Kohinoor Yasmin, Exporter & Entrepreneur, CEO, Taranga, Rokeya Rafiq, Executive Director, Karmajibi Nari; Nazneen Ahmed, Economist Senior Research Fellow, BIDS; Asif Saleh, Executive Director, BRAC; Shameran Abed, Senior Director, Microfinance and Ultra-Poor Graduation, BRAC; and KAM Morshed, Senior Director, Advocacy for Social Change, BRAC. Facilitator was Nabanita Chowdhury, Director, Gender Justice and Diversity of BRAC.

32. International Organisation

Annex: 32

Germany provides support for IOM COVID-19 response in Bangladesh

With support from the German Federal Foreign Office, the International Organization for Migration provided EUR 2,000,000 (Tk 20.91 crore) to expand the provision of essential health services to Rohingyas and vulnerable members of the host community.

33. Medicine Export

Annex: 33

করোনা জয়ে ৪০ দেশে বাংলাদেশি ওষুধ

The country's pharmaceutical industry is getting a different kind of appreciation from the world in the war against corona. With the spread of corona in different countries, the demand for one medicine after another started coming to Bangladesh.

34. Drugs recall

Annex: 34

Two lots of Bangladesh origin drugs recalled in US

Manufacturer Beximco Pharma says it's linked to raw materials

Two lots of a diabetes controlling drug of Bangladesh origin were recalled in the US last month for containing a compound that has the potential to cause cancer. The drugs were manufactured by Beximco Pharmaceuticals in Bangladesh, to be marketed in USA by Bayshore Pharmaceuticals, LLC, located in the state of New Jersey.

35. Post Covid world

Annex: 35

Small can be beautiful in a post-Covid world

I believe that being small and starting from not very much at all need not count against you in this brave new world. In fact, it might be an advantage, providing the fleetness of foot required to go out and seize the day in this most strange and challenging of economic environments.

36. Job Market

Jobseekers worried

Annex: 36(a)

Covid-19 fallout: recruitments stalled; jobseekers worried

Since educational institutions are closed, it is not possible to take the BCS exams unless those are opened and adequate preparation is taken, he said.

Relax rules for job seekers

Annex: 36(b-i & ii)

Age limit relaxed for all govt jobs except BCS

The government has relaxed the age limit for all government job seekers, except for those seeking jobs in Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS), considering the Covid-19 situation.

68% lost jobs

Covid-19 fallout: 68% lost jobs in Dhaka and Ctg

Finds a rapid phone survey by World Bank on those who stopped working during pandemic

Around 68 percent of the people who had to stop working in urban areas of Dhaka and Chattogram due to the pandemic have lost their jobs, according to a World Bank report.

Worsen Job opportunities

Annex: 36(c)

অভিমত

কর্মসংস্থানের চাহিদা বদলে গেছে

The job market has been bad for three or four years. Every year, about half of the young people who enter the job market after graduation get jobs. The other half is unemployed. However, young people with less than a bachelor's degree get more jobs. But because of Corona, the situation got worse. Job opportunities have decreased. New jobs are not being created as the economy is not recovering.

37. Covid patients flew

Annex: 37 (d)

9 Covid patients flew in hiding their condition

At least nine Covid-19 patients have come to Bangladesh over the past month from different Middle East countries by hiding their medical certificates on board. When their Covid-19 certificates were sought at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, they claimed they did not have any. However, after they were told that they would only be allowed home if they could show a certificate or be sent to 14-day institutional quarantine, they took their certificates out and admitted they were infected.

38. Cash support

Annex: 38

MJF providing cash support to 23,000 poor households

Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) has begun distributing cash assistance to some 23,000 Covid-19 affected marginalised households in 38 districts through a three-month emergency cash transfer initiative.

39. Corporate Response

Unilever

Annex: 39(a)

Unilever gives Tk 22m to 5 social businesses to tackle COVID-19 fallout

Unilever Bangladesh has been supporting the nation in its fight against coronavirus through various collaborations and partnerships and has contributed more than Tk 350 million to the cause in the past four months, said a press release.

bKash

Annex: 39(b)

করোনা চিকিৎসায় বিকাশের সহায়তা

bKash, the country's largest mobile financial services provider, has built 14 high-flow oxygen ventilators at Dhaka Medical College Hospital and Dhaka Children's Hospital; and an oxygen plant at Birdem affiliated Diabetic Hospital (BIHS General Hospital).

40. Agriculture

Annex: 40

কৃষি খাতে আধুনিকায়ন

করোনাকালে কৃষিকে পথ দেখাল তথ্যপ্রযুক্তি

Social media has played an important role in the sale of mango-jackfruit or sacrificial animals, starting from haor paddy harvesting. Talha Jubayer Masroor has developed a digital platform called Agricultural Bioscope to engage the youth with new types of modern agriculture. He is an officer of Chuadanga Agricultural Extension Department. So far 4 lakh 20 thousand people have subscribed to his online agriculture channel. The videos given there have been viewed about five crore times

B. Other Health Issues

1. Local health tech startup

Annex: 1

Local health tech startup goes to the global round of Seed stars World this year

Seedstars World, the global seed-stage startup competition for emerging markets and fast-growing startup scenes brought its Bangladesh round to a successful close last week for the third year in a row on October 23.

2. Nutrition guidelines

Annex: 2

Nutrition guidelines for maintaining a healthy heart

Cardiovascular diseases (CVD) are on the rise in Bangladesh, and it is therefore more important than ever to ensure that we are empowered with the knowledge to prevent them. For those who require cardiac surgery, it is important that they are aware of the nutritional needs in the postoperative scenario.

3. World's fastest acting insulin

Annex: 3

Novo Nordisk launches world's fastest acting insulin in Bangladesh

Danish pharma giant Novo Nordisk yesterday launched the world's fastest acting insulin in the Bangladesh market as the number of diabetic patients in the country is rising fast amid rapid urbanisation and change in lifestyle.

4. Protection from disease

Annex: 4

How to save nine million children

All children deserve the same protection from disease. And that is what a new vaccine, called Pneumosil—approved by the World Health Organization in December 2019, and by the Indian government in July—promises to offer. Manufactured in India, Pneumosil will be available to low-income countries at a price 30 percent lower than what they are currently paying for pneumococcal vaccines. Middle-income countries will also pay less, making Pneumosil the most affordable vaccine of its kind.

5. Vitamin A+ campaign

Annex: 5

Nationwide Vitamin A+ campaign on Oct 4-17

A nationwide Vitamin A-plus campaign is set to be held from October 4 to 17, with an aim to administer vitamin capsules to children aged between 6 and 59 months. Around 2.93 lakh health workers and volunteers will feed the capsules to around 22 million children at 1.2 lakh permanent centres in rural and urban areas from 8am to 4pm.

6. ICDDR,B**Annex: 6****ICDDR,B gets first Bangladeshi executive director**

ICDDR'B's international Board of Trustees has appointed Tahmeed Ahmed as the new executive director of the research organisation. Tahmeed will take up his appointment on 1 February 2021, succeeding John Clemens, who is serving as executive director since 2013.

7. Super specialised hospital**Annex: 7****BSMMU VC visits super specialised hospital site**

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University vice-chancellor Kanak Kanti Barua visited the construction site of the first 700-bed super-specialised hospital project of the country.

8. Public Health**Annex: 8****Institute of Public Health left in the lurch**

It is not acceptable that a state-run institute aimed at supplying IV fluid and other essential medical the ministry concerned must play an active role in bringing the institute back on its feet. In so doing the government must address the underlying problem of manpower shortage and financial crisis to modernise the plant.

9. Brokerage cycle**Annex: 9****চট্টগ্রাম মেডিকেল কলেজ হাসপাতাল****ওষুধের স্লিপ টানাটানিতে সক্রিয় ৫৮ দালাল**

The biggest victims of the brokerage cycle are ordinary patients and their family members. Behind them are the controllers of the hospital and Chittagong Medical College campus.

10. Abandon Hospital**Annex: 10****মুক্তিযোদ্ধাদের হাসপাতাল****৪ বছর চালিয়ে ২৫ বছরের অবহেলা**

The hospital was established in 1991 on Bir Bikram Hemayet Uddin Road, known as Zoo Road in the capital's Mirpur. It was said that the freedom fighters and their family members would get affordable treatment. Besides, ordinary people can also get treatment. But it was functional for four years after the establishment. The hospital has been abandoned since 1995.

11. Family Planning awareness**Annex: 11****জন্মনিয়ন্ত্রণ পদ্ধতির ব্যবহার****সচেতনতা বাড়ানো জরুরি**

Half of the fertile couples in the country do not yet use modern birth control methods. The use of birth control methods is also on the rise. According to the Bangladesh Demographic and Health Survey (BDHS) 2016-17, 52% of men and women are using modern birth control methods. In 2014 it was 54 percent. The rate of irregularity was 30 percent in 2014. In 2016, this rate increased to 36 percent.

12. Negative perceptions about methods of birth control**Annex: 12****সাম্রাংকার****চতুর্থ প্রজন্মের বড়িতে পার্শ্বপ্রতিক্রিয়া কম**

Many couples have negative perceptions about different methods of birth control. There is also stagnation in population control activities. Professor Samina Chowdhury, a gynecologist and obstetrician

and president of the Obstetrical and Gynecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB), spoke to Prothom Alo about this.

13. Dengue

Annex: 13

ডেঙ্গু আক্রান্তদের করোনার ঝুঁকি কম: গবেষণা

A new study has found that coronavirus infections are lower in areas where dengue fever has previously been reported. Researchers at Duke University in the United States have obtained a picture analyzing the prevalence of the virus in Brazil.

14. Cancer of Cancer Hospital

Annex: 14

জাতীয় ক্যান্সার হাসপাতালই 'ক্যান্সারে' আক্রান্ত!

The only reliance as a government institution for cancer patients in the country is the National Cancer Research Institute and Hospital located at Mohakhali in the capital. All in all, the cancer hospital itself is like a 'cancer' of mismanagement.

15. First Aid

Annex: 15

প্রাথমিক চিকিৎসাসেবা কন্মায় মৃত্যুঝুঁকি

The main purpose of first aid or first aid treatment is to reduce death by taking immediate action. However, even though the first aid box is known in our country, many people have no idea about how to ensure first aid or first aid medical services.

16. Corruption

Annex: 16

২৫ কোটির ইউনিট হাওয়া

Dhaka Children's Hospital has a state-of-the-art stem cell therapy unit, which has cost around Tk 25 crore. The project has been implemented by a joint venture of the Department of Social Services and Dhaka Children's Hospital. However, the project is on paper, not in reality.

17. Active middlemen racket

Annex: 17

সোহরাওয়াদী ঘিরে হাসপাতালের হাট

According to the locals, a part of the patients who come to these government hospitals are taken to those private hospitals by the middlemen; In most cases, patients are harassed and deceived in various ways.

18. Awareness about health and social issues

Annex: 18

Raising awareness about health and social issues through earnest efforts

When Syed Tanzil Ahmed, Sheikh Zahrat Maanha, Syeda Nabreesha Ahmed and Sahar Matin lost their baby cousin Zayan Chowdhury last year, they wanted to honour his memory by helping the people around them. When the pandemic hit this year, they felt that it was the right time to start working towards that goal. Bearing that in mind, they started Joyodhoni Foundation in April.

19. Burn Unit

Annex: 19 (i & ii)

সারা দেশে বার্ন ইউনিট

পোড়ার চিকিৎসা শুধুই ঢাকায়

The initiative to open burn units for the treatment of burn patients in 14 medical college hospitals of the country was not so successful.

Burn units in all districts

Zafarullah wants burn units in all districts

Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder Zafarullah Chowdhury on Sunday urged the government to set up a burn unit in every district to treat the victims of rampant fire incidents across the country. 'Burn units are more important than ICUs. Steps should be taken to set up a burn unit in every district for ensuring the treatment of those receiving burn injuries in different accidents,' he said.

20. Children friendly Children Hospital

শিশুবান্ধব হয়ে উঠছে শিশু হাসপাতাল

Floors of the hospital are clean, there is no dirt or stench in the corridors. However, the general ward was somewhat clean but some washrooms were found to be unclean. Some of the fittings are damaged. Also, the other beds were found to be clean enough. On the other hand, no complaints were received from patients from different parts of the country.

2. Publication Overview

Coverage of Health Issues

- Daily Star published a special issue of Lifestyle on cardiologists, those cardiologists are Dr Sayedur Rahman Khan, Dr Jahangir Kabir, Dr Fatema Begum, Dr A M Shafique, Dr Kaiser Nasrullah, Dr N A M Momenuzzaman and Dr Rezaul Hassan.
- Weekly Health publication of Daily Star covered in this month issues like as malnutrition crisis, guide to vaccine design, Insomnia as a new risk factor, charter for Patient Safety, Yoga in the time of Covid-19, COVID-19 positive mother and immediate care of newborn, healthy diet counter the ill-effects of obesity, Promoting Community Clinic services during COVID-19, knowledge and disease management required for diabetes.
- Dakthar Bari (Doctor House), a weekly publication of Samakal has covered issues in this month like as Diarrhoea, Diabetes, Thyroid, Ear problems, Obesity, Problems in Nose, Allergies, diabetes, cancer, right treatment during emergency, Tonsils and Cholesterol control.
- After the outbreak of coronavirus in March, most doctors in Chittagong city and district-upazila level stopped providing treatment to patients in private chambers. But some doctors served people taking risk of infection. Many have been affected by coronavirus while providing services. 'Fearless Chittagong' is a special publication on stories of human services of those doctors. They are Dr. Ali Asgar Chowdhury, Dr. Nurul Amin Jahangir and Dr. Jahangir Alam.
- Pro-Shasto (weekly publication of Prothom Alo on health Issues) covered Healthy life style, Headache, Diabetics during pregnancy, Dog biting, Primary Health care, Effectiveness of Herbal Medicine, Epilepsy (Mrigi), Snake biting, Fire burning, Heart related issues, Exercise for good heart and Food for good heart, They also published Q & A section every week, which covered issues like as Medicine, Gastric, Psychological Problems, Hormone, Skin Disease, Nutrition Headache, Blood Disease, Shoulder pain and Diabetes. Respective specialist answered query of reader in the Q & A section.
- Dakthar Achen (Here is a Doctor), a weekly publication of Kalerkantho on health issues, risk of Coronavirus for weak children, Diabetes, Digestion, Sniff, Second wave, Mask vs face Shield, Kidney problems, Home based treatment for headache, Colorectal cancer is preventable, Post-

Covid food management, how to use thermometer properly, Kidney disease from obesity, Heart Attack and Treatment outside Dhaka, Gastric vs heart disease and Foods that keep the heart well.

- Bangla Tribune presented all health-related reports under section 'Shasto' (Health). Their unique presentation was 'All deaths in 24 hours in hospital', which has given Covid related death information. According to this newspaper, 6,995 health workers including doctors have been affected by the coronavirus. This newspaper published a feature titled as 'Children's hospital is becoming child-friendly' on Dhaka Shishu Hospital (Dhaka Children Hospital).
- Many opinions have been published in September, opinion leaders are: *Dr Mohammed Parvez Imdad*, economist and governance specialist; *Dr Shahidur Rahman*, professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University; *Shuprova Tasneem*, a member of the editorial team at Daily Star, *Rasha Jameel & H. Rainak Khan Real*, students; *Dr Manzoor Ahmed* is professor emeritus at Brac University; *Rizwanul Islam*, economist and former Special Adviser, Employment Sector, International Labour Office, Geneva; *Dr Fahmida Khatun*, Executive Director at the Centre for Policy Dialogue; *Khan Muhammad Saqiful Alam*, Commonwealth Scholar, National University of Singapore, is Analytics Adviser, Intelligent Machines Limited; *Dr. Selim Raihan*, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, and Executive Director, South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM); *Curtis S. Chin*, a former US Ambassador to the Asian Development Bank; *Abhinav Seetharaman*, Princeton-In-Asia Fellow at the Milken Institute Asia Center in Singapore; *Z M Hafizur Rahman*, deputy general manager of Bangladesh House Building Finance Corporation and *Nayeem Shahriar*, senior officer of Bangladesh House Building Finance Corporation, *Dr. Ruhul Abid*-He and his nonprofit organisation, Health and Education for All have been shortlisted for this year's Nobel Peace Prize; *Dr. Mushtaq Hossain*, Advisor, Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR); *Sohrab Hasan*, Joint Editor, Prothom Alo; *M A Fayez*, Professor of Medicine and Former Principal of Dhaka Medical College; *Firdousi Naher*, professor at the Department of Economics, University of Dhaka; *Syed Basher*, professor of economics at East West University; *Dr Shawkat Alam*, Professor of Law and Director of Centre for Environmental Law at Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia; *Dr. Anwarul Iqbal*, Epidemiology and infectious disease specialist *Dr. Iftekharuzzaman*, Executive Ddirector of TIB; *Dr. Badiul Alam Mazumder*, Secretary, SUJAN; *Dr. Mainuddin Munshi*, Infectious Diseases Specialist, USA; *Abdul Qaiyum*, Editor, Monthly Biggan Chinta; *Mostafiz Uddin*, Managing Director of Denim Expert Limited; *AKM Fahim Mashroor*, CEO, bdjobs.com; *Chowdhury Tasneem Hasin*, Chief Dietician, United Hospital Ltd; *Samir Saha*, Head, Diagnostic Division of Microbiology at the Bangladesh Institute of Child Health and Executive Director of the Child Health Research Foundation; *Professor Samina Chowdhury*, a gynecologist and obstetrician and president of the Obstetrical and Gynecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB) and *A B M Faruq*, Professor and Director, Biomedical Research Center; Former Chairman, Department of Pharmacy; Former Chairman, Department of Pharmaceutical Technology; Former Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy; University of Dhaka.

3. Summary Observations

Newspapers have publishing everyday within their limited capacity due to shrinking their business. But coverage of health issues has been getting due priority in those newspapers. They have been disclosing information for protecting people from pandemic as well as generating different policy issues for framing right policy. Here is a summary finding of newspapers monitoring related to health and other issues related to this pandemic.

Health Issues

- Experts' opined, 'Due to unrecorded death and infections, it is a struggle to assess real Covid situation in Bangladesh'. Because death records are available from hospitals only but homebased infections are here. Those patients are not included in the official records.
- Discussion on Second Wave of Covid 19 has already started, Prime Minister, Health Minister and experts are in this discussion. Majority people don't follow health safety measures and chances of worsening situation prevail.
- Vaccine related actions are limited in papers and words and no action was available related to trial. Advisory Committee opined in favor of Ramping up efforts related to vaccine. Many companies shown interest for trial of their vaccines in Bangladesh.
- Still country is lag behind of testing infrastructure. Antigen test has been included in the list.
- More scams related to DGHS revealed in this month. Respective agencies are active to take necessary actions in this regard. In this situation, imported health safety equipment's are piled up in different ports.
- Though official death figure is not that big, but handling of Covid by respective authorizes are under question mark.
- The cabinet recently approved in principle the Private Medical and Dental College Bill 2020 incorporating provisions that each medical institution must have a permanent campus with 75 per cent of teachers appointed on a permanent basis for their approvals.

Other issues related to pandemic

- Stories of sufferings of Saudi returnees were available related to Covid test report, ticket and visa for returning back to Saudi Arab.
- Reopening of education institution is major concern now. It is not logical to reopen education institutions without ensuring health safety. Prime Minister has announced cash incentive for students and taken initiative for Smartphones for needy students for ensuring their participation in online classes.
- Although the demand for readymade garments in Bangladesh's garments has declined due to the coronavirus epidemic, it has started increasing again. The flow of remittances from Bangladeshi workers abroad is also becoming active. Manufacturers of Apparel are hoping to get orders from the United States and other major markets ahead of Christmas.
- The government rolled out 20 stimulus packages after it reported the maiden cases of coronavirus infections on March 8. The combined support now accounted for 3.7 percent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP).

Stimulus packages for Health Sector

- The government set aside an allocation of Tk 850 crore for the doctors, nurses, health workers; field officers; members of law enforcement agencies, armed forces, BGB; and

other government employees, who are on the front line risking their lives. They will receive compensation under the package if they fell sick or die.

- However, the compensation has so far been doled out to two victims, Tk 1 crore to each of their families.
- Also, an allocation of Tk 100 crore was made as a special honorarium for doctors, nurses and health workers, who are directly involved with the treatment of Covid-19 patients. But the fund was not released as the health ministry did not send the list of the recipients yet.

ANNEXURE

(Links of selected published reports, features
articles, and editorials)

A. List of issues related to Coronavirus

1. Health Update

a) Death Record

1,700 dead in DMCH

Limitations cited in test, treatment

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117297/1700-dead-in-dmch>

b) Unrecorded

COVID-19

Deaths with symptoms go unrecorded

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/116571/deaths-with-symptoms-go-unrecorded>

c) Deaths in Hospitals only

করোনায় ২৪ ঘণ্টায় সব মৃত্যু হাসপাতালে

<https://www.banglatribune.com/national/news/640260/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A7%A8%E0%A7%AA-%E0%A6%98%E0%A6%A3%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%AC-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%83%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%81-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87>

d) Mutation rate

Novel Coronavirus: Mutation rate faster here than global average

Says study based on data from eight divisions

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/novel-coronavirus-mutation-rate-faster-here-global-average-1957045>

e) Status of BSMMU

বিএসএমএমইউতে ৫৩ হাজার রোগীর করোনা পরীক্ষা

<https://samakal.com/todays-print-edition/tp-industry-trade/article/200956318/%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%8F%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%8F%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%8F%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%87%E0%A6%89%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%87-%E0%A7%AB%E0%A7%A9-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%BE>

f) Death rate

Covid death rate goes up by 2.37pc

Shows DGHS data; 32 die, 1,275 tests positive in a day

<https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/covid-death-rate-goes-237pc-1968541>

g) Testing Record

দেশে প্রতি ১০ লাখে ৮০ জনের করোনা পরীক্ষা

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A7%A7%E0%A7%A6-%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%96%E0%A7%87-%E0%A7%AE%E0%A7%A6->

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%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE](#)

h) Outside Dhaka

করোনাভাইরাস

ঢাকার বাইরে পরীক্ষা কম, রোগী বেশি

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%A2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%87%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%AE-%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%80-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%BF>

i) Test fee easier

Nagad makes payment of COVID-19 test fee easier

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/116589/nagad-makes-payment-of-covid-19-test-fee-easier>

j) Still at risk

করোনা মহামারি

এখনো পরিস্থিতি ঝুঁকিপূর্ণ

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%8F%E0%A6%96%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8B-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%9D%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%81%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%82%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A3>

k) How to reduce deaths

করোনা মহামারি

করোনায় মৃত্যু কমানোর পথ খুঁজছে সরকার

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<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%83%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%81-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%A5-%E0%A6%96%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%81%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0>

l) Corona in wastewater

গবেষণার তথ্য

দেশে বর্জ্যপানিতে করোনার উপস্থিতি

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%9C%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%89%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF>

m) Recovery rate

করোনাভাইরাস

আক্রান্ত হওয়ার পর সুস্থ আড়াই লাখের বেশি মানুষ

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%93%E0%A7%9F%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A7%9F%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A8-%E0%A6%86%E0%A7%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%87-%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%96%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B7>

n) Heart patients

COVID-19 adds to woes of heart patients

World Heart Day today

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117576/covid-19-adds-to-woes-of-heart-patients>

o) Survivors' death

COVID-19

Survivors' death causes worries

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/116463/survivors-death-causes-worries>

p) Death Analysis

মৃত্যু পর্যালোচনা

করোনায নারীর মৃত্যু বেশি ৫০-৬০ বছর বয়সীদের

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%83%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%81-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A7%AB%E0%A7%A6-%E0%A7%AC%E0%A7%A6-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%9B%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%9F%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0>

q) Patients missing from database

84,000 COVID-19 patients missing from Bangladesh database

Area-wise cases, infection rate unavailable

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115919/84000-covid-19-patients-missing-from-bangladesh-database>

r) Struggle to determine coronavirus situation

Experts struggle to determine coronavirus situation in Bangladesh

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115002/experts-struggle-to-determine-coronavirus-situation-in-bangladesh>

s) Research findings

BCSIR Findings

Five unique genetic variants of coronavirus originated in country

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115544/five-unique-genetic-variants-of-coronavirus-originated-in-country>

t) Shutdown lab

GK upset as DGHS wants shutdown of its lab

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115001/gk-upset-as-dghs-wants-shutdown-of-its-lab>

u) Phone Call

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%A5%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF-%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%87-%E0%A7%A8-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9C%E0%A7%87-%E0%A7%A7%E0%A7%A7-%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%96%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%AB%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B2>

2. Vaccine

a) Russian vaccine

Russia keen to provide vaccine

Says health minister; 33 more die from Covid, 2,174 infected in a day

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/russia-keen-provide-vaccine-1953761>

b) China wants co-funding

COVID-19 vaccine trial uncertain as China wants co-funding

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117716/covid-19-vaccine-trial-uncertain-as-china-wants-co-funding>

c) Globe vaccine

বছর শেষেই আসছে গ্লোবের করোনা ভ্যাকসিন

<https://www.banglatribune.com/national/news/641670/%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%9B%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B7%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%87-%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AD%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A8>

d) Indian vaccine trial

India for clinical trial of 2 vaccines in Bangladesh

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115670/india-for-clinical-trial-of-2-vaccines-in-bangladesh>

e) Vaccine drive

টিকা পেতে ৫ দেশের সঙ্গে যোগাযোগ করছে সরকার: স্বাস্থ্যমন্ত্রী

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%87-%E0%A7%AB-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%99%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%97%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%97-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%80>

f) Vaccine for all countries

Ensure vaccine for all countries

Urges PM at UNGA, says Bangladesh capable of mass-scale vaccine production

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/ensure-vaccine-all-countries-1968085>

g) Preparing for vaccine

Preparing for the Covid-19 vaccine

Strategic and operational priorities

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/preparing-the-covid-19-vaccine-1967925>

h) Ramp up efforts

Ramp up efforts to get vaccine

National advisory committee on Covid-19 response asks govt

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/ramp-efforts-get-vaccine-1963609>

i) ADB grants for COVID-19 vaccine

Bangladesh gets ADB grants for procuring COVID-19 vaccine

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117641/bangladesh-gets-ADB-grants-for-procuring-covid-19-vaccine>

j) Support for research on vaccine

UK supports research on vaccine access in Bangladesh

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115686/uk-supports-research-on-vaccine-access-in-bangladesh>

k) Interest of more companies

‘দেশে ভ্যাকসিন ড্রায়ালের অনুমতি চেয়েছে আরও কয়েকটি কোম্পানি’

<https://www.banglatribune.com/national/news/642331/%E2%80%98%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%82%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AD%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A8-%E0%A6%9F%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%9A%E0%A7%87%E0%A7%9F%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%93%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A8>

l) Challenges for Bangladesh

করোনার টিকা প্রাপ্তি এবং বাংলাদেশের চ্যালেঞ্জ

<https://www.kalerkantho.com/print-edition/sub-editorial/2020/09/04/951814>

m) Related to trial of vaccine

টিকার ড্রায়ালে সুবক্ষার কী ব্যবস্থা, বাংলাদেশ কী করছে?

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%9F%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%80-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%93%E0%A7%9F%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%82%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%80-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87>

3. Testing Facilities

a) Covid -19 Testing

RAMP UP COVID-19 TESTING

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/ramp-efforts-get-vaccine-1963609>

b) Antigen test

Antigen test for Covid-19: Policy tangled in red tape

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/antigen-test-covid-19-policy-tangled-red-tape-1963101>

c) Testing infrastructure

করোনা শনাক্তকরণ পরীক্ষা

৬ মাসেও ল্যাব নেই ৩৮ জেলায়

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A7%AC-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%93-%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AC-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%87-%E0%A7%A9%E0%A7%AE-%E0%A6%9C%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F>

d) Testing expansion policy

Covid-19 testing expansion policy lost in bureaucracy

At this point, it seems we are waiting for Godot

<https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/covid-19-testing-expansion-policy-lost-bureaucracy-1963773>

e) Green light for Antigen-Based Testing

Antigen-Based Testing: Public hospitals get the green light

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/antigen-based-testing-public-hospitals-get-the-green-light-1965229>

f) Testing Centre

৯৪ ল্যাবের ৩১টিতেই করোনা পরীক্ষা হয়নি

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A7%AF%E0%A7%AA-%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A7%A9%E0%A7%A7%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%87-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A7%9F%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF>

4. Health Services

a) Resource-poor Health care

COVID-19: health care in resource-poor settings

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117091/covid-19-health-care-in-resource-poor-settings>

b) Online outdoor appointment

BSMMU offers online outdoor appointment

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/116015/bsmmu-offers-online-outdoor-appointment>

c) Reality of Health Sector

COVID-19 exposes deep-rooted corruption in Bangladesh health sector in six months

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115657/covid-19-exposes-deep-rooted-corruption-in-bangladesh-health-sector-in-six-months>

d) Doctors coming back to chmaber

সরব হাছে ডাক্তারপাড়া

চেস্বারে ফিরেছেন ৭০-৮০ ভাগ বিশেষজ্ঞ ডাক্তার

<https://samakal.com/todays-print-edition/tp-priyo-chittagong/article/200957836/%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AC-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%9A%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%A1%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9C%E0%A6%BE>

e) Free emergency medical care

করোনাকালে বিনা মূল্যে স্বাস্থ্যসেবা, সঙ্গে ওষুধও

<https://www.prothomalo.com/life/health/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%82%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%99%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%93%E0%A6%B7%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%A7%E0%A6%93>

5. Health Tips

করোনা সংক্রমণ

করোনায় যখন হাসপাতালে যেতেই হবে

<https://www.prothomalo.com/feature/pro-health/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%96%E0%A6%A8-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%87-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87>

6. Covid-19 Hospitals

a) Reduce number

Dedicated Covid-19 Hospitals: Govt moves to reduce number

Cites low number of patients

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/govt-reducing-covid-19-hospitals-1957557>

b) Transform from Covid into Non-Covid

Covid-19 Hospitals: Three in city to close services

<https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/covid-19-hospitals-three-city-close-services-1963121>

c) Covid-19 policy

The data gives us clear directives on Covid-19 policy

Why are we not following them?

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/the-data-gives-us-clear-directives-covid-19-policy-1956021>

7. Govt. measures

a) Long way to go

Lifting of Restrictions: Untimely, risky

Govt statistics show number of hospitalised, critical patients on rise; experts say social distancing not possible in public transports

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/lifting-restrictions-untimely-risky-1954921>

b) Handling of Covid

কোভিড মোকাবিলায় ভবিষ্যৎ পরিকল্পনার কথা জানালেন প্রধানমন্ত্রী

<https://www.banglatribune.com/national/news/641392/%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A1-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B7%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%8E-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A8>

c) Government's response

Covid-19 in Bangladesh: Muddled response marks 6 months

A look beyond daily counts may draw a grimmer picture, say experts

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/covid-19-bangladesh-muddled-response-marks-6-months-1957561>

d) Fear and apathy

করোনাভাইরাস

ভয় কমেছে, বেড়েছে উদাসীনতা

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%AD%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87%E0%A7%9C%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%89%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE>

e) Herd Immunity

করোনাভাইরাস

‘বাংলাদেশে হার্ড ইমিউনিটি তৈরি হওয়ার তথ্য-প্রমাণ মেলেনি’

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%82%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A1-%E0%A6%87%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%89%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%88%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%93%E0%A7%9F%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%A5%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A3-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF>

8. Second wave

a) Experts' warning

Brace yourself for second wave

Warns experts' committee; advises govt to take all-out measures to tackle resurgence of virus

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/brace-yourself-second-wave-1965253>

b) PM's warning

PM warns of second wave in winter

We can't afford to make the same mistakes twice

<https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/pm-warns-second-wave-winter-1965397>

c) Winter Wave Risk

Covid-19 Winter Wave: People with conditions will be at greater risk

Experts warn

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/covid-19-winter-wave-people-conditions-will-be-greater-risk-1965813>

d) Preparedness for Second wave

i) Govt ready to tackle second wave of Covid

Says health minister; govt in touch with 5 firms to get vaccine

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/govt-ready-tackle-second-wave-covid-1966485>

ii) Govt must ready plans to fight any second wave of COVID-19

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/116998/govt-must-ready-plans-to-fight-any-second-wave-of-covid-19>

e) Reality and Cautions

করোনাভাইরাস

সংক্রমণের দ্বিতীয় ঢেউয়ের বাস্তবতা ও সতর্কতা

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%82%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%A3%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%80%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%A2%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%89%E0%A7%9F%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%93-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE>

9. Health Infrastructure

a) DMCH

DMCH, TSC WILL BE REBUILT: PM

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/al-decides-come-out-covid-hiatus-1954889>

b) Centralised oxygen supply

Hospital Oxygen Supply: Samaritans step in

Young professionals use their expertise to upgrade facilities

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/hospital-oxygen-supply-samaritans-step-1956069>

c) Great Example

Helping hospitals install centralised oxygen supply systems

Buet alumni group sets a great example

<https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/helping-hospitals-install-centralised-oxygen-supply-systems-1956441>

d) Field hospitals

Metro rail staffers get two Covid-19 field hospitals

<https://www.thedailystar.net/city/news/metro-rail-staffers-get-two-covid-19-field-hospitals-1966565>

10. Private Hospital

a) Renewal of licence

Pvt Clinics, Test Centres: Govt has no list of those without any licence

DGHS tells HC; 12,543 entities applied for renewal of licence

<https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/pvt-clinics-test-centres-govt-has-no-list-those-without-any-licence-1955017>

b) Strict regulatory guideline

Strict regulatory guideline must for private health care

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115184/strict-regulatory-guideline-must-for-private-health-care>

c) High Court's order

Private healthcare facilities must have price charts for medical tests and services

They must comply with the HC order

<https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/private-healthcare-facilities-must-have-price-charts-medical-tests-and-services-1954929>

d) Irregularities

সিটি মেডিকেল কলেজ হাসপাতাল

অন্যের ঋণের টাকায় কেনা মহীউদ্দীনের হাসপাতাল

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/crime/%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%8B%E0%A6%A3%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%B9%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%89%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2>

11. Health Professionals

a) Accommodation

Kuwait-Bangladesh hospital doctors protest at accommodation cancellation

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117080/kuwait-bangladesh-hospital-doctors-protest-at-accommodation-cancellation>

b) Infection and death

করোনায় চিকিৎসকের মৃত্যু

মৃত্যুর অর্ধেকের বেশি জুনে

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/district/%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%83%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A7%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%9C%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%87>

12. Covid-19 handling

a) Leadership and Corruption

মহামারি মোকাবিলা

নেতৃত্বের দুর্বলতা ও দুর্নীতি বড় বাধা

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%83%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%93-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%9C-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A7%E0%A6%BE>

b) Status of Health Services

করোনাকালে গবেষণা

আস্বার সংকটে স্বাস্থ্য খাত

বিপুলসংখ্যক মানুষের স্বাস্থ্য খাতের ওপর আস্থা নেই। সেই দলে আছেন স্বাস্থ্যকর্মীরাও।

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/district/%E0%A6%98%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%9C%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%B9-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%87-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F>

c) Post Covid Treatment

কোভিড পরবর্তী চিকিৎসা ব্যবস্থা এই মুহূর্তেই জরুরি

<https://www.banglatribune.com/national/news/643863/%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A1-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%80-%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%8E%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%8F%E0%A6%87-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B9%E0%A7%82%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%87-%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF>

d) Closure of Covid Hospital

বসুন্ধরা কোভিড হাসপাতাল বন্ধ ঘোষণা

<https://www.banglatribune.com/others/news/643976/%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A7%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A1-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A7-%E0%A6%98%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%A3%E0%A6%BE>

13. Regent Hospital

a) Freezes 52 bank accounts

Regent Group: Court freezes 52 bank accounts of Shahed, MD

<https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/regent-group-court-freezes-52-bank-accounts-shahed-md-1954985>

b) Money Laundering

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

Regent's Shahed remanded for 8 days

<https://www.thedailystar.net/city/news/regents-shahed-remanded-8-days-1955641>

14. JKG Health Care

POSSESSION OF TWO NIDS

Sabrina placed on two-day remand

<https://www.thedailystar.net/city/news/sabrina-placed-two-day-remand-1955649>

15. Medicine Market

Anarchy

<https://www.kalerkantho.com/print-edition/first-page/2020/09/03/951587>

16. Education

a) Primary Students

Pry Students: Even final tests may be cancelled

Top edu officials' hint

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/pry-students-even-final-tests-may-be-cancelled-1957041>

b) Need groundwork for reopening

Health guidelines for reopening primary schools finalised

But are the schools prepared?

<https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/health-guidelines-reopening-primary-schools-finalised-1958741>

c) Lessons of Online Learning

The Lessons of Online Learning

<https://www.thedailystar.net/shout/news/the-lessons-online-learning-1958629>

d) Plan to Reopen Primary Schools

Plan to Reopen Primary Schools: Health guidelines finalised for kids

Masks mandatory for all; Only two students to sit on each bench; schools to have handwashing arrangements

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/plan-reopen-primary-schools-health-guidelines-finalised-kids-1958157>

e) Digital access in rural life

i) Digital access dismal in rural Bangladesh

BIGD study on 6,500 households finds about half of them have access to neither computer nor Net

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/digital-access-dismal-rural-bangladesh-1960845>

ii) Most rural households lack digital access

Reducing the digital divide crucial

<https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/most-rural-households-lack-digital-access-1961265>

f) No promotion

No promotion without exams for 8th graders

Decide all end boards

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/no-promotion-without-exams-8th-graders-1966997>

g) Reopening schools

How ready are we to reopen schools?

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/how-ready-are-we-reopen-schools-1963089>

h) O, A level exams

Bangladesh govt allows O, A level exams on conditions

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117084/bangladesh-govt-allows-o-a-level-exams-on-conditions>

i) 6-point demands

Guardians of English medium students place 6-point demands

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/116111/guardians-of-english-medium-students-place-6-point-demands>

j) Yearlong educational broadcasts

Yearlong educational broadcasts through TV, radio on card

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115841/yearlong-educational-broadcasts-through-tv-radio-on-card>

k) Smartphones for needy students

37 univs select 25,680 needy students to give smartphones

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115755/37-univs-select-25680-needy-students-to-give-smartphones>

l) Instructions for reopening primary schools

প্রাথমিক স্কুল খোলার বিষয়ে প্রস্তুতির নির্দেশ

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B2-%E0%A6%96%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B7%E0%A7%9F%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6>

m) Cash incentive for students

শিক্ষার্থীদের এক হাজার করে টাকা দেওয়া হবে: প্রধানমন্ত্রী

<https://www.banglatribune.com/national/news/641637/%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%8F%E0%A6%95-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%93%E0%A7%9F%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87>

n) Special Project

করোনার ক্ষতি পোষাতে প্রাথমিক ও মাধ্যমিকে বিশেষ প্রকল্প

<https://www.banglatribune.com/others/news/641205/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95-%E0%A6%93-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A7%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B7>

o) Medical Education

Permanent campus, 75pc regular teachers a must for pvt medical colleges

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117533/permanent-campus-75pc-regular-teachers-a-must-for-pvt-medical-colleges>

17. Corruption

a) Pre-Procurement Graft

PPE PROCUREMENT GRAFT

ACC summons owner of Jahid Automobiles

<https://www.thedailystar.net/city/news/acc-summons-owner-jahid-automobiles-1955657>

b) Fake N95 masks

20,000 fake N95 masks supplied to 10 hospitals

Several health officials behind it, finds ACC

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/20000-fake-n95-masks-supplied-10-hospitals-1969713>

c) Under ACC scanner

Dozens of health staff under ACC scanner

Activists say poor action turns health sector vulnerable

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117029/dozens-of-health-staff-under-acc-scanner>

d) Expense details of Kuwait-Bangladesh Hospital

ACC wants expense details of Kuwait-Bangladesh Hospital

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115547/acc-wants-expense-details-of-kuwait-bangladesh-hospital>

e) Health scams

স্বাস্থ্য কেলেঙ্কারি

বেরিমে আসছে আরও নাম

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/crime/%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%9F%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%93-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AE>

f) Services for helpless people

করোনা আইসোলেশন সেন্টার ও হাসপাতাল

সেবার তথ্য মিললেও মিলছে না অর্থের হিসাব

<https://samakal.com/todays-print-edition/tp-priyo-chittagong/article/200955245/-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%A5%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%93-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AC>

g) Excessive prices

ইউনিসেফ ও ডার্লিউএইচওর ঠিকাদারি

করোনা সরঞ্জাম সরবরাহে ৫৩% বেশি ব্যয়

<https://www.kalerkantho.com/print-edition/first-page/2020/09/01/950853>

h) Health safety equipments at the port

কেনাকাটায় দুর্নীতি-অনিয়মের অভিযোগ ওঠায় ঝুলে গেছে সরবরাহ

করোনা সুবক্ষাসামগ্রীর স্তুপ বন্দরে

<https://www.kalerkantho.com/print-edition/first-page/2020/09/04/951931>

18. DGHS

a) DGHS driver Malek

Money Laundering: Rab asks CID to sue DGHS driver Malek

<https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/money-laundering-rab-asks-cid-sue-dghs-driver-malek-1966389>

b) DGs run by a driver

DGs run by a driver!

Investigations, staff narratives yet to shed light on how a Class-IV staffer dictated terms of health directorate; stories of his partners in the corruption remain untold

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/dgs-run-driver-1968649>

c) Personally responsible

Driver Malek personally responsible: DGME

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117086/driver-malek-personally-responsible-dgme>

d) Remanded

DGHS accountant Afzal remanded for 14 days

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115220/dgsh-accountant-afzal-remanded-for-14-days>

e) Vicious circle

স্বাস্থ্যের দুষ্টচক্রে ৩৫

বিমানভে মালেকের দাবি সব সম্পদ পৈতৃক

<https://samakal.com/todays-print-edition/tp-first-page/article/200957168/%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B7%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87-%E0%A7%A9%E0%A7%AB>

f) 22 steps

দুষ্টচক্র প্রতিরোধে ২২ পদক্ষেপ

<https://samakal.com/todays-print-edition/tp-first-page/article/200957318/%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B7%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A7%E0%A7%87-%E0%A7%A8%E0%A7%A8-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%AA>

19. Telemedicine

প্রায় তিন লাখ করোনা রোগী টেলিমেডিসিন সেবা পেয়েছেন

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A8-%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%96-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%80-%E0%A6%9F%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A1%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A8-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%87%E0%A7%9F%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A8>

20. Law and Order agency

a) Death status

করোনায় মারা গেছেন পুলিশের ৭৪ জন সদস্য

<https://www.banglatribune.com/others/news/641293/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BC-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A8->

[%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A7%AD%E0%A7%AA-%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%A8-%](#)

b) Plasma

করোনা থেকে সুস্থ লক্ষ্মীপুরের ১৬ পুলিশ প্লাজমা দিতে ঢাকায়

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/district/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%A5%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5-%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A7%A7%E0%A7%AC-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B6-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%A2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F>

21. Dr Bijon debate

Leaving Bangladesh

Dreams dashed

Dr Bijon leaving Bangladesh, still holds hope of returning

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/dreams-dashed-1964061>

22. WASH in Dhaka slums

WASH in Dhaka slums improves during COVID-19

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/116388/wash-in-dhaka-slums-improves-during-covid-19>

23. Economy

a) Economy recovery

i) **Six months of Covid-19: Is the economy on a path to inclusive recovery?**

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/six-months-covid-19-the-economy-path-inclusive-recovery-1958677>

ii) **কোভিডের পর ঘুরে দাঁড়িয়েছে বাংলাদেশের অর্থনীতি: এপি**

<https://www.banglatribune.com/foreign/news/642992/%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A1%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%98%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%81%E0%A7%9C%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%9F%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%82%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%8F%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%BF>

b) Pandemic-affected economy

How has Bangladesh managed the pandemic-affected economy so far?

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/macro-mirror/news/how-has-bangladesh-managed-the-pandemic-affected-economy-so-far-1969057>

c) ADP implementation

July-Aug ADP implementation remains dismal

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/116556/july-aug-adp-implementation-remains-dismal>

24. Business

a) Supply Chain

RECOVERY OF SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTION LOSSES

RMG businesses seek support from Commonwealth states

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117195/rmg-businesses-seek-support-from-commonwealth-states>

b) Export recovery

Apparel leads export recovery

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/apparel-leads-export-recovery-1957681>

c) Digital businesses

The pandemic's impact on digital businesses

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/the-pandemics-impact-digital-businesses-1956889>

d) Garment workers

Covid-19 affected most garment workers: survey

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/covid-19-affected-most-garment-workers-survey-1957673>

e) Challenges of trade for Bangladesh

Covid-19 and the challenges of trade for Bangladesh

Although the situation has improved somewhat since the beginning of the current financial year 2020-21, it is uncertain whether exports will return to normal.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/covid-19-and-the-challenges-trade-bangladesh-1956405>

f) Businesses chance

Covid-19 offers businesses a chance to shine

Attention to employees and supply chains will help define the "S" in ESG leadership

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/covid-19-offers-businesses-chance-shine-1959713>

g) FDI

Pandemic may cast a pall on FDI

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/pandemic-may-cast-pall-fdi-1959409>

h) Housing finance

Housing finance, another victim of Covid-19

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/housing-finance-another-victim-covid-19-1962041>

i) Stimulus loan

Stimulus loans for large borrowers quickened recovery: experts

Fund disbursement to complete by next month: BB

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/stimulus-loans-large-borrowers-quickened-recovery-experts-1964257>

j) Disparity in disbursement

Covid-19 Stimulus Package: Disparity in disbursement

Quick for big industries, slow for SMEs; one fourth of funds used in 4 months

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/covid-19-stimulus-package-disparity-disbursement-1969109>

k) COVID-hit CMSME sector

Project launched to support COVID-hit CMSME sector

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115991/project-launched-to-support-covid-hit-cmsme-sector>

l) Tourism Sector

পর্যটনে করোনার আঘাত

১৮ হাজার কোটি টাকার ক্ষতি

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/%E0%A7%A7%E0%A7%AE-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF>

25. Migrant Workers

a) COVID-19 response plan

COVID-19 response plan for migrant workers a must

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/116062/covid-19-response-plan-for-migrant-workers-a-must>

b) Saudi returnees

i) **Several thousand expatriates gather in Gulshan for Saudi visa**

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117483/several-thousand-expatriates-gather-in-gulshan-for-saudi-visa>

ii) **Visas for Saudi-bound Bangladeshi expatriates extended for 24 days**

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117083/visas-for-saudi-bound-bangladeshi-expatriates-extended-for-24-days>

c) No COVID-19 test

No COVID-19 test needed from Bangladesh to go to Singapore

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117391/no-covid-19-test-needed-from-bangladesh-to-go-to-singapore>

d) Support for returnee women workers

10,000 returnee women workers to get COVID-19 support

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115512/10000-returnee-women-workers-to-get-covid-19-support>

e) Travel ban

Malaysia slaps travel ban on Bangladesh, 11 other countries

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115453/malaysia-slaps-travel-ban-on-bangladesh-11-other-countries>

26. Public Transport

গণপরিবহন

বাসে স্বাস্থ্যবিধির বালাই নেই

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/capital/%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A7%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%87-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%87>

27. Indigenous communities

a) Livelihoods under threat

Livelihoods of indigenous communities under threat

Strict laws must be implemented to protect their rights

<https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/livelihoods-indigenous-communities-under-threat-1956045>

b) Indigenous women to change profession

Change profession

Covid-19 forces indigenous women to change profession

<https://www.thedailystar.net/city/news/covid-19-forces-indigenous-women-change-profession-1960273>

28. What we need to do

a) Disease Prevention

সাফাৎকার: ড. রুহুল আবিদ

রোগ প্রতিরোধের বার্তা পৌঁছানো জরুরি

<https://samakal.com/todays-print-edition/tp-editorial->

[comments/article/200956707/%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%97-](https://samakal.com/todays-print-edition/tp-editorial-)

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b) Evaluation of Bangladesh's initiatives

বিশেষ সাফাৎকার: মুশতাক হোসেন

শনাক্ত ও মৃত্যু কমলেই পরীক্ষা কমানো নয়

<https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/column/%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4-%E0%A6%93-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%83%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%81-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%87-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8B-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%9F>

c) How to protect education sector

শিক্ষার ধস ঠেকাবেন কীভাবে

<https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/column/%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%A7%E0%A6%B8-%E0%A6%A0%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A8Child mortality>

d) Child mortality

Covid-19 poses risk to progress made in child mortality

Urgent redress is of utmost necessity

<https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/covid-19-poses-risk-progress-made-child-mortality-1959753>

e) Actions required

বিশেষ সাফাৎকার: এম এ ফয়েজ

জনগণের স্বাস্থ্যসচেতনতাই সংক্রমণ কমাতে পারে

[https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/interview/%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%97%E0%A6%A3%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-](https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/interview/%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%97%E0%A6%A3%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%9F)

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/can-covid-19-become-catalyst-nutritional-self-reliance-1959717>

f) Catalyst for nutritional self-reliance

Can Covid-19 become a catalyst for nutritional self-reliance?

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/can-covid-19-become-catalyst-nutritional-self-reliance-1959717>

g) Hitting the poorest

With Covid-19 hitting the poorest hardest, we must help them recover

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/covid-19-hitting-the-poorest-hardest-we-must-help-them-recover-1959185>

h) Surviving Covid-19

How the class of 2020 is surviving Covid-19

<https://www.thedailystar.net/next-step/news/how-the-class-2020-surviving-covid-19-1959177>

i) Internally displaced people

Covid-19 and the indefensible position of internally displaced people in Bangladesh

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/covid-19-and-the-indefensible-position-internally-displaced-people-bangladesh-1964605>

j) Allowance for ministers

সরকার ও জনগণ

করোনাকালেও মন্ত্রীদের ভাতা বাড়ে

<https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/column/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%93-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9C%E0%A7%87>

k) Benefits of more vaccine trials

সাম্রাণকার: ডা. আনোয়ারুল ইকবাল

ভ্যাকসিনের রাজনীতি বুঝে শুনে এগোতে হবে

<https://samakal.com/todays-print-edition/tp-editorial-comments/article/200955965/%E0%A6%AD%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%9D%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%8F%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87>

l) Covid-19 database

Govt must mend inadequacy in Covid-19 database

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115971/govt-must-mend-inadequacy-in-covid-19-database>

m) Prevalence of corruption

বিশেষ সাক্ষাৎকার: ইফতেখারুজ্জামান

করোনা মোকাবিলায় এত দুর্নীতি অন্য কোনো দেশে হয়নি

<https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/interview/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%8F%E0%A6%A4-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8B-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A7%9F%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF>

n) Which is credible?

করোনাভাইরাসের থাবা থেকে আমরা কি মুক্ত

<https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/column/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%87%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%A5%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4>

o) Challenges and Prospects

করোনা নিয়ন্ত্রণে সমস্যা ও সম্ভাবনা

<https://www.kalerkantho.com/print-edition/sub-editorial/2020/09/19/956824>

29. Social Safety net

66pc social safety net beneficiaries' non-poor: study

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/116465/66pc-social-safety-net-beneficiaries-non-poor-study>

30. PPE

Pran-RFL Group to invest US\$ 18m to produce PPE

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/116484/pran-rfl-group-to-invest-us-18m-to-produce-ppe>

31. Women

a) Women livelihood

Gendered impact of COVID-19 must be addressed

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115892/gendered-impact-of-covid-19-must-be-addressed>

b) More economic vulnerability

করোনাকালের প্রভাব

পুরুষের চেয়ে নারী আরও গরিব হবেন

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<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B7%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%9A%E0%A7%87%E0%A7%9F%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%80-%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%93-%E0%A6%97%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%AC-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A8>

c) Less infection risks

i) **নারীদের করোনা-ঝুঁকি কম কেন**

<https://www.prothomalo.com/education/science-tech/%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%9D%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%81%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%AE-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A8>

ii) **ব্র্যাক ভার্চুয়াল সংলাপ**

কাজে ও ব্যবসায় ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত নারী

<https://www.prothomalo.com/roundtable/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9C%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%93-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%80>

32. International Organisation

Germany provides support for IOM COVID-19 response in Bangladesh

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115958/germany-provides-support-for-iom-covid-19-response-in-bangladesh>

33. Medicine Export

করোনা জয়ে ৪০ দেশে বাংলাদেশি ওষুধ

<https://www.kalerkantho.com/print-edition/first-page/2020/09/15/955556>

34. Drugs recall

Two lots of Bangladesh origin drugs recalled in US

Manufacturer Beximco Pharma says it's linked to raw materials

<https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/two-lots-bangladesh-origin-drugs-recalled-us-1959813>

35. Post Covid world

Small can be beautiful in a post-Covid world

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/rmg-notes/news/small-can-be-beautiful-post-covid-world-1960637>

36. Job Market

a) Jobseekers worried

Covid-19 fallout: recruitments stalled; jobseekers worried

<https://www.thedailystar.net/covid-19-fallout-in-bangladesh-jobseekers-worried-1962521>

b) Relax rules for job seekers

Age limit relaxed for all govt jobs except BCS

<https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/age-limit-relaxed-all-govt-jobs-except-bcs-1963105>

c) 68% lost jobs

Covid-19 fallout: 68% lost jobs in Dhaka and Ctg

Finds a rapid phone survey by World Bank on those who stopped working during pandemic
<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/68pc-lost-jobs-dhaka-and-ctg-1968641>

d) Worsen Job opportunities

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কর্মসংস্থানের চাহিদা বদলে গেছে

<https://www.prothomalo.com/business/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%82%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87>

37. Covid patients flew

9 Covid patients flew in hiding their condition

<https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/9-covid-patients-flew-hiding-their-condition-1963133>

38. Cash support

MJF providing cash support to 23,000 poor households

<https://www.thedailystar.net/city/news/mjf-providing-cash-support-23000-poor-households-1967209>

39. Corporate Response

a) Unilever

Unilever gives Tk 22m to 5 social businesses to tackle COVID-19 fallout

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115171/unilever-gives-tk-22m-to-5-social-businesses-to-tackle-covid-19-fallout>

b) bKash

করোনা চিকিৎসায় বিকাশের সহায়তা

<https://www.prothomalo.com/life/health/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%8E%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE>

40. Agriculture

কৃষি খাতে আধুনিকায়ন

করোনাকালে কৃষিকে পথ দেখাল তথ্যপ্রযুক্তি

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%83%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%A5-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%96%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2-%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%A5%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF>

B. Other Health Issues

1. Local health tech startup

Local health tech startup goes to the global round of Seedstars World this year

<https://www.thedailystar.net/next-step/news/local-health-tech-startup-goes-the-global-round-seedstars-world-year-1469059>

2. Nutrition guidelines

Nutrition guidelines for maintaining a healthy heart

<https://www.thedailystar.net/lifestyle/note-nutrition/news/nutrition-guidelines-maintaining-healthy-heart-1969233>

3. World's fastest acting insulin

Novo Nordisk launches world's fastest acting insulin in Bangladesh

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/novo-nordisk-launches-worlds-fastest-acting-insulin-bangladesh-1963241>

4. Protection from disease

How to save nine million children

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/project-syndicate/news/how-save-nine-million-children-1964181>

5. Vitamin A+ campaign

Nationwide Vitamin A+ campaign on Oct 4-17

<https://www.thedailystar.net/city/news/nationwide-vitamin-campaign-oct-4-17-1966545>

6. ICDDR,B

ICDDR,B gets first Bangladeshi executive director

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117722/icddrb-gets-first-bangladeshi-executive-director>

7. Super specialised hospital

BSMMU VC visits super specialised hospital site

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/116487/bsmmu-vc-visits-super-specialised-hospital-site>

8. Public Health

Institute of Public Health left in the lurch

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/114974/institute-of-public-health-left-in-the-lurch>

9. Brokerage cycle

চট্টগ্রাম মেডিকেল কলেজ হাসপাতাল

ওষুধের স্লিপ টানাটানিতে সক্রিয় ৫৮ দালাল

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/crime/%E0%A6%93%E0%A6%B7%E0%A7%81%E0%A7%E0%A7%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%AA-%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF%E0>

[A6%A4%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A7%AB%E0%A7%AE-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2](https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A7%AB%E0%A7%AE-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2)

10. Abandon Hospital

মুক্তিযোদ্ধাদের হাসপাতাল

৪ বছর চালিয়ে ২৫ বছরের অবহেলা

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/%E0%A7%AA-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%9B%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%9F%E0%A7%87-%E0%A7%A8%E0%A7%AB-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%9B%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%B9%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE>

11. Family Planning awareness

জন্মনিয়ন্ত্রণ পদ্ধতির ব্যবহার

সচেতনতা বাড়ানো জরুরি

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%9A%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8B-%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF>

12. Negative perceptions about methods of birth control

সাম্রাংকার

চতুর্থ প্রজন্মের বড়িতে পার্শ্বপ্রতিক্রিয়া কম

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%9C%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%9F%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%AE>

13. Dengue

ডেঙ্গু আক্রান্তদের করোনার ঝুঁকি কম: গবেষণা

<https://www.banglatribune.com/foreign/news/643499/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A7%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%AE-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A8-%E0%A6%A1%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%99%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%81-%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE>

14. Cancer of Cancer Hospital

জাতীয় ক্যান্সার হাসপাতালই 'ক্যান্সারে' আক্রান্ত!

<https://www.banglatribune.com/national/news/642936/%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%80%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%87-%E2%80%98%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B8%E0>

[A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87%E2%80%99-
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15. First Aid

প্রাথমিক চিকিৎসাসেবা কন্মায় মৃত্যুবুঁকি

<https://www.banglatribune.com/others/news/641942/%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95-%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%8E%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%83%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%9D%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%81%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BF>

16. Corruption

২৫ কোটির ইউনিট হাওয়া

<https://www.kalerkantho.com/print-edition/first-page/2020/09/12/954538>

17. Active middlemen racket

সোহরাওয়ার্দী ঘিরে হাসপাতালের হাট

<https://www.kalerkantho.com/print-edition/first-page/2020/09/23/958307>

18. Awareness about health and social issues

Raising awareness about health and social issues through earnest efforts

<https://www.thedailystar.net/star-youth/news/raising-awareness-about-health-and-social-issues-through-earnest-efforts-1959345>

19. Brun Unit

i) সারা দেশে বার্ন ইউনিট

পোড়ার চিকিৎসা শুধুই ঢাকায়

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/capital/%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8B%E0%A7%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%8E%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%A7%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%87-%E0%A6%A2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F>

ii) Burn units in all districts

Zafarullah wants burn units in all districts

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/115546/zafarullah-wants-burn-units-in-all-districts>

20. Chidren frindly Chidren Hospital

শিশুবান্ধব হয়ে উঠছে শিশু হাসপাতাল

<https://www.banglatribune.com/others/news/642751/%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A7%E0%A6%AC-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A7%9F%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%89%E0%A6%A0%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%81-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2>