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Introduction: Media Reality in Bangladesh

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Information revealed through surveys on Peoples' perception and practices related to physical distancing, prevention status and mask uses were available in newspapers. All six newspapers have been publishing different health tips by health experts regularly, as well as issues like different irregularities, corruption and insufficient health services are in their coverage list. Prothom Alo, Daily Star, Samakal and Kalerkantho have been weekly publication on exclusively health issues. Objectives of those publications are mostly to address need based information of readers on health issues. They also have added an initiative to learn their queries and provide answers of those queries accordingly. Reports on Malaria, Dengue, Hepatitis A and Water borne diseases were also available in newspapers during this period.

Summary Observations

Newspapers are facing economic challenges and they are demanding government support. According to them, they didn't get appropriate responses from govt. So they are now in action to run their business as per reality by curtailing cost-lesser workforce, lesser pages and drives for more income from online version. Here is a summary finding of newspapers monitoring related to health and other issues related to this pandemic.

Health Issues

■ Bangladesh sees no drop in Covid infection rate ■ Experts warnings as Covid-19 danger far from over in Bangladesh ■ Covid 19 Tests drop, but infection rises and more patients are treating at home ■ Reduction of Testing Fees ■ Though reports were available on 'Govt. is ready for Rapid testing', but no action was visible. ■ Health services increase ■ Stopped Regular live health bulletin but National Technical Advisory Committee's recommendation for continuing regular live health bulletin ■ Approval for Chinese vaccine trial ■ Corruption prevails in Government procurement ■ Healthcare reform is necessary ■ 'Health safety behaviour is not satisfactory' ■ Appropriate Facilities of health professionals need to ensure ■ Licence Renewal of private hospitals and clinics was an issue but many complains related to complexity of this process ■ Absence of plan for Covid Management ■ Additional logistics facilities in DMCH for addressing patients crowd

Other issues related to pandemic

■ Many students out of the frame of Online Classes ■ 42pc drop in June-July income though economy reopens ■ Suffering of wage earners families and a list of migrant workers are now jobless in and abroad ■ According to BILLS, 3,24,684 workers in the garment industry became unemployed during the Corona crisis ■ The government stimulus packages must reach those who need it the most ■ Trust between governments and citizens is under question mark ■ Not easy to address economic and social losses due to pandemic ■ Social Stigma creates problems in peoples' life ■ Disorder reigns supreme in development projects

Newspaper Industry during Corona Pandemic

It is another unusual month for newspaper industry in Bangladesh, Newspaper Owners' Association of Bangladesh (NOAB); and Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and the Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ expressed their respective concerns. Statements of both parties were published in different daily newspapers. NOAB has urged the Government support for their survival but journalists unions didn't support NOAB's statement.

Owners' Statement

Newspapers that decided to continue publishing have had to adopt cost-cutting techniques in order to keep up by reducing the number of pages, volume of printing, coloured pages, as well as cutting down on other administrative expenses. The economy of Bangladesh is at a standstill and the crisis has largely affected the newspaper industry and it is nearly on the verge of collapse. Sale of newspapers has plummeted severely, so did the number of advertisements. Many newspapers across the country have stopped publishing and shifted online. As a result, many of the newspapers are unable to maintain the regular payment of their employees.

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Noab held multiple meetings with the information minister regarding the situation during the ongoing pandemic where several proposals were put forward by the newspapers to tackle the crisis. However, the outcome has not been fruitful. Many other sectors have received government support at various levels. We are hopeful that the government will take special initiatives to address our problems too.

Like last year, this year too, prior to the budget formulation, Noab voiced out its concerns regarding tax, value added tax, etc. to the National Board of Revenue, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Information, but in vain. In order to overcome the crisis, members of Noab have met with Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal, Information Minister Hasan Mahmud and Private Industry and Investment Adviser to the Prime Minister Salman F Rahman. They considered the issues with urgency and assured to take the required initiatives.

Ahead of the proposed national budget for 2020-21, a five-point written proposal was submitted to Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal where it was emphasised that without government support, it would be nearly impossible to survive the current crisis, but there was no positive outcome. However, the Ministry of Information has recently taken steps to pay some arrears.

During the current crisis, almost every sector has benefitted from incentives and concessions being provided by the government, save the newspapers and mass media. Such a high amount of VAT should not be imposed on newsprint. In order for this industry to strive, it is extremely necessary to eliminate, or at least reduce the corporate taxes, AIT and TDS. On the other hand, the government announced the initiative to grant the 9th Wage Board for the newspaper industry. At a time when newspapers were already going through extremely difficult moments, such an announcement will only worsen its woes. It was not feasible in any manner and thus it was not acceptable. Multiple writs are still pending with the High Court in this regard.

The previous Wage Board too was unrealistic and only a handful of organisations were able to grant it. Even in the past, neither was there any special assistance or grant from the government, nor any significant amenities. Given that we are in the age of digital media in today's competitive market, newspapers are unable to take the initiative to increase their revenues.

The survival of the newspaper industry is a matter of grave concern. In these dire times, we feel that government intervention—stimulus package, incentives, bank loans on easy terms—are all crucial to save this industry. At the same time, we are appealing to the government to take immediate steps to pay the large sums of advertisement bills which are long due.

We urge the government to resolve the complications related to duties, VAT, etc. In these difficult times, we also urge all readers, journalists, advertisers, agents and hawkers to take a stand. Your collective cooperation is essential for the survival of the newspaper industry. We appeal to all concerned, including the government, to come forward to protect our withering newspaper industry.

Journalits' reactions

Expressing concern over the recent statement of the Newspaper Owners' Association of Bangladesh (NOAB), the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and the Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) said the statement came as part of deep conspiracy to create 'utter anarchy' in the newspaper industry.

BFUJ and DUJ leaders said "In the statement what NOAB said from the beginning to the end are just false, fabricated, baseless and bereft of truth. Rather, it is for the purpose of fishing in muddy waters by creating an anarchy situation in the country," in a joint statement.

Noting that the NOAB in the statement placed a number of demands to the government to protect the newspaper industry, they said the association also claimed that the wage board is irrational (for the newspaper industry), going on to explain the rationales of their demands. The journalist leaders criticised NOAB for terming 'absurd' and 'irrational' not only the Ninth wage board, but also all the wage boards that have so far been awarded.

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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 August 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 August 2020.

Findings

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Publication of News, features, editorials and articles on diversified health issues including Covid 19 were more in Prothom Alo than others. Daily Star has been maintaining its presentation as it was. Bangla Tribune has been also marching with them. But number of health related reports, features and articles has drastically fall in New Age, Kalerkantho and Samakal. All newspapers tried to generate information sinning expert's opinion or results of different surveys which were available during this month. Experts said in different occasions, 'information from authorities aren't enough to present real scenario'. They tried to present real scenario of health safety practices and dangers related to those violations. Though corona was the major issue of newspapers coverage but published items on other issues were also available in August. Comment of Health Minister on 'auto departure of Corona pandemic' has created controversy.

According to Newspapers, 'Reshuffle of Health Ministry and DGHS didn't generate positive impression on health system. Lots of uncertainties and questions related to life time of coronavirus are there. There is a gap between information available and Covid 19 situation (infection and deaths) in the country.'

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A. List of issues related to Coronavirus

1. Health Update

Infection status of Dhaka dwellers

Annex: 1(a)

Study finds 9pc Dhaka dwellers infected with coronavirus

A study jointly conducted by the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research and the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh found that about nine percent Dhaka city dwellers could be COVID-19 positive.

Status of Large Towns

Annex: 1(b)

Several cities, large towns see spike in Covid cases

Says WHO report on Bangladesh; 33 die, 2,654 infected in a day

Some large towns and cities have been witnessing a spike in Covid-19 cases. The highest rate is in Dhaka where about 14,824 people per million were infected. The second highest rate is in Chattogram with 1,609 infected per million.

Health Safety Directives

Annex: 1(c)

Confirmed Covid-19 cases and deaths increase during Eid holidays

Why have guidelines not been enforced?

The government will strictly enforce these directives and also increase the number of tests to curb further spread of the virus in the country.

Bangladesh sees no drop in Covid infection rate

Annex: 1(d)

It still hovers around 20pc; cases cross 250,000-mark

Many Asian countries have seen a drop in coronavirus infection rate in the last couple of months but in Bangladesh's case it remained over 20 percent.

Children with special needs

Annex: 1(e)

Covid-19 and the challenges to children with special needs

During this crisis, caregivers and healthcare providers should take this into account when designing strategies to understand and help children with autism.

2. Infection Rate

Above 20pc Annex: 2(a)

Infection rate was above 20pc for last 30 days

34 die, 2,766 test positive for Covid in a day

The average rate of Covid-19 infection in the last 30 days was 22.47 percent in Bangladesh.

15 districts Annex: 2(b)

১৫ জেলায় করোনায় আক্রান্তের হার বেশি

In 15 districts of the country, the rate of coronavirus infection is more than one thousand in ten lakh

Experts warning Annex: 2(c)

Covid-19 danger far from over, experts warn

Suggest proper intervention to check further transmission

Leading experts said, 'There is no chance the coronavirus outbreak will come to an end without proper measures to curb its transmission'. The transmission might become even more dangerous because people do not abide by the virus restrictions.

Need actions for reducing transmission

Annex: 2(d)

Pandemic far from over in Bangladesh

Authorities must take immediate steps to reduce community transmission

The government should be guided by the experts, who have already warned of bitter outcomes if the government chooses to reopen everything while safety measures are flouted.

Member of Parliament

Annex: 2(e)

কবোৰাভাইবাসেব সংক্ৰমণ

সংস্দেব ১০% সদস্য আক্রান্ত

About 10 percent of the members of the National Assembly (including 350 reserved seats for women) have been infected by corona.

Other diseases Annex: 2(f)

কবোনা বোগীদেব ২৫% অন্য বোগেও আক্রান্ত

In the last 24 hours, one in four corona patients who had received treatment over the telephone, they were suffering from other diseases also.

3. Testing Facilities

Tests drop

Annex: 3(a)

Covid-19 tests drop again

The health directorate on 16 August 2020 reported 2,024 Covid-19 new cases and 32 deaths from the highly transmissible virus as the number of tests decreased again.

Home based testing facility

Annex: 3(b)

বাডিতে গিয়ে নমুনা সংগ্ৰহ বাডাতে হবে

Infection is more prevalent in Dhaka, Chittagong and Narayanganj. Again, the infection rate is much higher in some parts of these three big cities. Sample collection should be further enhanced in these areas.

Deficits in sample testing

Annex: 3(c)

করোনার নমুনা পরীক্ষায় ধারাবাহিকতার ঘাটতি

The Department of Health has not been able to maintain continuity in Corona identification tests. On the one hand, the test is less than necessary. On the other hand, the test results are inconsistent. Public health experts say that the emphasis should be on testing to control the infection.

Reluctant to test Annex: 3(d)

Patients not getting tested for Covid-19

Says health minister; 34 more die, 2,487 test positive

At a time when the rate of Covid-19 cases is on the rise in the country, Health Minister Zahid Maleque said the number of new cases and deaths decreased.

Defects in PCR machine

Annex: 3(e)

RMCH suspends COVID-19 test for defects in PCR machine

Rajshahi Medical Collage Hospital has suspended COVID-19 tests at its laboratory for technical problems in its Polymerase Chain Reaction machine which is used for the tests.

Rapid testing Annex: 3(f)

Govt set to okay rapid testing

The move aimed at increasing daily Covid tests; fee halved

The health ministry has decided to use rapid testing kits in order to increase the number of daily Covid-19 tests and reduce the burden on RT-PCR based tests. To that end, it is now revising testing protocols, Md Mostafa Kamal, additional secretary of the ministry, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Reduction of Testing Fees

Annex: 3(g)

REDUCTION TESTING FEES

The government has reduced Covid-19 testing fees by 50 percent and the health minister signed the official order in this regard yesterday.

New Testing lab Annex: 3(h)

GK opens COVID-19 testing lab

Gonoshasthaya Kendra inaugurated recently a RT-PCR laboratory with COVID-19 testing facilities at its Nagar Hospital at Dhanmondi in Dhaka.

4. Health Services

Health services increase

Annex: 4(a)

চিকিৎসা পাও্যার হার আগের চেয়ে বেডেছে

After the outbreak of coronavirus in the country, both covid and non-covid patients were facing problems in getting treatment. That problem is now less than before. Patients with Covid-19 are receiving treatment at the hospital. Many Covid hospitals now have empty beds. Because, most of the patients are feeling comfortable to take treatment from home.

Absence of need based plan

Annex: 4(b)

সচিব, ডিজি পাল্টালেও অবস্থাব পবিবর্তন হ্মনি

With the addition of a new secretary and a new director general (DG) in the health services department of the health ministry, it was expected that the ministry and the department would turn around. But we did not see anything. We didn't hear a single word from the new DG about corona control. We did not see any plan without some controversial decisions and notifications from the ministry, which will bring real results.

Less Patient crowd Annex: 4(c)

বোগীব ঢাপ নেই, তাই কমছে হাসপাতাল

For more than a month and a half, more than 80 % of the coroner's hospitals in the country have been left empty. In such a situation, the government has started reducing the number of hospitals.

Health services collapse

<u> Annex: 4(d)</u>

Country's health services collapse: Zafrullah

Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder and trustee board member Zafrullah Chowdhury said that country's health services had totally collapsed.

5. COVID Hospital

Annex: 5

Abruptly stopped information dissemination

কুমিল্লা কোভিড হাসপাতালে মৃত্যুব তথ্য দেও্য়া হঠাৎ বন্ধ

Cumilla Covid Hospital authority has abruptly stopped giving information as well as deaths statistcs due to coronavirus.

6. Deaths with Covid symptoms

Annex: 6

ক্রোনার উপসর্গে ২১১০ জনের মৃত্যু: সিজিএস

A total of 2,110 deaths have been reported in the country due to signs or symptoms of coronavirus infection. In the last week, 58 people have died. In the previous week, it was 63 people. This was stated by Bangladesh Peace Observatory (BPO) while highlighting the situation in Corona from 9 to 15 August.

7. Health Infrastructure

Annex: 7

Nasal Cannula

RMCH gets high flow nasal cannula for COVID-19 patient

Rajshahi Medical College Hospital on 26 August 2020 received a high flow nasal cannula for treatment of its patients suffering from COVID-19.

8. Committee Directives

Regular live health bulletin

Annex: 8(a)

করোনা বুলেটিন চালুব সুপারিশ প্রামর্শক কমিটির

It has been recommended to keep regular live health bulletin of the health department on the corona situation of the country. The National Technical Advisory Committee on Corona Infection has made this recommendation. At the same time, the committee thinks that there should be a question and answer session in the presence of the media once a week.

Unacceptable Taskforce

Annex: 8(b)

কোভিড তদাবকিতে চিকিৎসক ন্যু, আমলানির্ভব কমিটি শ্বাস্থ্য মন্ত্রণাল্যেব্।

Public health experts and leaders say, not a single physician has been included in the task force. It is unreasonable, unacceptable and unwelcome. They said, 'the ministry is giving priority to bureaucrats by excluding physicians in this committee, which is not going well'.

9. JKG

Test Scam Annex: 9(a)

COVID-19 TEST SCAM

JKG's Sabrina, Ariful charged

A Dhaka metropolitan magistrate court on 20 August 2020 charged JKG Health Care chairperson Sabrina Arif Chowhury, his husband and JKG chief executive officer Ariful Islam Chowhury and six others with COVID-19 certificate forgery.

Two NID Cards Annex: 9(b)

JKG's Sabrina: Errant officials to face action for issuing her two NIDs

The Election Commission will take action if any of its officials is found involved in handing two National Identity cards to JKG Health Care's Dr Sabrina Arif Chowdhury, who is now in jail on charge of issuing fake Covid-19 certificates.

Cheating of Sabrina

Annex: 9(c)

সাববিনারা প্রতারণা করেছেন, জানতে পেরে মামলা করেন কামাল

The plaintiff in the case Kamal Hossain testified in the Dhaka Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) on 20 August 2020. He said, 'Humayun Kabir of JKG collected samples of his wife's corona'. Later he learnt that Sabrina, Humayun with others of JKG cheated on tests then he sued.

10. Regent Hospital

Fresh remand Annex: 10(a)

Fake Covid-19 Certificates: 8 Regent Group staff on fresh remand

A Dhaka court placed eight officials and employees of Regent Group on a two-day fresh remand each in a case filed over issuing fake Covid-19 certificates and illegally charging patients for testing and treatment.

Bank Scam Annex: 10(b)

FARMERS BANK SCAM

Shahed remanded for seven days

A Dhaka court placed Regent Hospital Chairman Mohammad Shahed on a seven-day remand in a case filed over misappropriation of Tk 2.71 crore of Farmers Bank Ltd.

Loan Scam Annex: 10(c)

Shahed's Loan Scam: ACC grills him over loan from Farmers Bank

The Anti-Corruption Commission interrogated Regent Hospital Chairman Mohammad Shahed in connection with a case filed against him for misappropriating about Tk 2.71 crore from now-defunct Farmers Bank.

11. Vaccine

Aproval for trial Annex: 11(a)

চীলা টিকার প্রীক্ষার অলুমোদল

করোনার টিকা পাওয়ার সুযোগ বাড়ল দেশে

The trial of Chinese vaccine has been confirmed in the country. The government has formally approved the third phase of testing of the vaccine of China's Sinovac Company to prevent corona. With this approval, the way for the people of Bangladesh to get vaccinated has been widened.

Advisory committee on Trial

Annex: 11(b)

ভ্যাকসিনের জন্য 'ঝুঁকিপূর্ণ জনগোষ্ঠী' বাছাইয়ের প্রামর্শ জাতীয় কমিটির

EPI (Extended Immunisation Programme) is working on a plan to distribute the vaccine across the country after receiving it. However, at first it may not be possible to get enough vaccines for the entire population of the country, so the National Advisory Committee on Covid-19 has suggested that the vaccine could be given in phases by selecting high-risk groups.

Finance Minister on Vaccine

Annex: 11(c)

যেথান থেকে টিকা পাওয়া যাবে সেথান থেকেই নিতে হবে: অর্থমন্ত্রী

Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal said, 'Health Minister Zahid Maleque will hold a meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to collect coronavirus vaccine. The vaccine should be taken from where it is available'.

Cheap and fast vaccination

Annex: 11(d)

Cheap and fast vaccination is an urgent need for poorer countries

Can alternative financing models beat "vaccine nationalism"?

Unfortunately, it is not certain that developing countries like Bangladesh will necessarily benefit from the vaccine. "Vaccine nationalism" is threatening to make it difficult for third-world countries to secure inexpensive and adequate supplies of reliable vaccines.

How to get vaccine Annex: 11(e)

ভ্যাকসিন কীভাবে পাবে বাংলাদেশ?

According to the Department of Health, 141 vaccines have been developed in the world so far. There are 25 vaccines in the human trial. And everything depends on the result of the trial in the third phase. But the whole world is trying everyone is preparing. Bangladesh is also in that preparation.

Beximco will bring Oxford vaccine

Annex: 11(f)

অক্সফোর্ডের ভ্যাকসিল আলছে বেক্সিমকো

Beximco Pharmaceuticals Limited and Serum Institute of India have announced a joint fight against Covid-19. Beximco will bring Oxford coronavirus vaccine to Bangladesh under an agreement with an Indian company.

12. Health Tips

Queries related to Corona

Annex: 12(a)

ক্বোনা জিজ্ঞাসা

Coronavirus infection has not stopped yet. There is no end to the questions in people's minds about Corona. Corona-related questions were called to the reader from the Pro-Health (Pro-Shasto) Facebook page. Specialist physicians answered selected questions from there.

Measures during post recovery

Annex: 12(b)

সেবে ওঠাব পবও কবোনাব ধকল

Even after recovering physically from coronavirus infection, patients are suffering from various problems. In many cases the symptoms are mild, in others severe. As time goes on, it becomes clear how long-term effects coronavirus infections can have on the human body. It takes a lot of time for many to get back to normal life. So even after recovering from corona, want caution and care. Anyone can learn those issues here.

Diseases during Corona

Annex: 12(c)

করোনাকালে অসুথ-বিসুথ: মাথাব্যথা ও মাইগ্রেন নিমে প্রামর্শ

It is a sponsored video presentation on Headaches and migraines, which was presented as Second episode of SKF's 'Diseases during Corona' programme. That episode was broadcasted live on Prothom Alo's Facebook page and YouTube channel simultaneously on August 18.

13. Public Transport

Annex: 13

Previous fare

১ সেপ্টেম্বর থেকে আগের ভাডাম গণপরিবহন

Public transport is returning to the previous fare from September 1. However, in this case, not to transport extra passengers and everyone including passengers, drivers and supervisors have to abide by the hygiene rules.

14. City Corporation

Annex: 14

Crises of Safety equipments

'ক্রোলা স্ব্রাম['] সংকটে দুই সিটি

The two city corporations (DNCC and DSCC) in the capital Dhaka are in a 'safety equipments' crisis to deal with Corona. The measures initially taken by the two cities to control the epidemic have also been discontinued.

15. Election Commission

Annex: 15

79 EC employees infected with COVID-19

A total of 79 Election Commission employees, including National Identity Card Wing director general Mohammad Saidul Islam, have been infected with COVID-19.

16. Peoples' Perceptions

Physical distancing

Annex: 16(a)

অন্যবা শারীবিক দূরত্ব মানতে চান না বলে নিজেও মানা যায় না

The majority of responses, 61.10 %, received in a recent online opinion poll viewed that many people cannot maintain safe physical distance in public spaces during COVID-19 pandemic even if they want to as others around them do not follow the rule. This online opinion survey is jointly conducted by BRAC and the daily Prothom Alo in association with Lifebuoy.

Prevention status Annex: 16(b)

৫২ শতাংশ লোক করোনা প্রতিবোধের উপায় সম্পর্কে জানেন

According to a research report by the Institute of Public Health and the Disease Control of Health Department, 51.8% of people in the country know how to prevent coronavirus infection. In this population, more than 52% of people use masks.

Mask Uses Annex: 16(c)

গ্রম ও অম্বস্তিতে মাস্ক প্রেন না ৬৭ শতাংশ মানুষ

92.90% of people think that using a mask reduces the risk of corona. However, 67.40 % of people say they do not wear a mask when going out because of the heat and discomfort.

Health Safety Practices

Annex: 16(d)

কবোনা প্রতিবোধ

পাত্তাই পাচ্ছে না স্বাস্থ্যবিধি

Nobody bother about health safety rules. Learning the fear of corona infection is no longer a social distance on the road, market and public places. There is no government action to enforce the health safety rules.

17. Mental Health Annex: 17

ভালো থাকুৰ

কবোনাব পব ভালো না লাগা

The people recovered from coronavirus are not feeling well. Nothing looks good. Acute fatigue has prevailed. In the case of corona, this problem is called 'post covid syndrome'. However, after any viral disease, there is a kind of inertia and fatigue in the body and mind. Overall this is called post viral fatigue. Need to know how to address those issues.

18. PPE

Shortage of PPE Annex: 18(a)

ক্রোনাকালে সুর্জ্ঞা

মাস্ক ও গ্লাভস-সংকটে শ্বাস্থ্যের মাঠকমীরা

The crisis of masks and gloves are going on in the field. The supply of masks and gloves to primary health care and vaccination workers has been suspended for more than a month.

Provide safety equipments

Annex:18(b)

শ্বাস্থ্যকর্মীদের সুরক্ষাসামগ্রী দিন

মাঠপর্যায়ের স্বাস্থ্যসেবা

An editorial of Prothom Alo said, 'This situation is unacceptable. Arrangements should be made to disclose this information immediately. Provide safety equipments to health workers in the field'.

Biodegradable PPE

Annex: 18(c)

Biodegradable PPE: Bangladeshi makes it with jute, crabs

Scientist behind jute polymer, Sonali Bag has another success

A scientist, who also discovered jute polymer and is behind the invention of "Sonali Bag", has come up with a method of making biodegradable protective gear in a promising solution to the additional environmental pollution during the coronavirus pandemic.

19. Maternal Health

Annex: 19

ক্রোনাকালে মাতৃ ও শিশুস্বাস্থ্য

The pandemic is having an adverse effect on maternal health. Prenatal and postpartum services have declined in the country. Delivery at home has increased by 23 percent. This increases the risk of maternal death.

20. Life in Corona

Annex: 20

ক্রোনা-কালের জীবনগাথা-৫৮

আশঙ্কা থাকবে, তবু জীবন

Coronavirus has changed the reality of our lives. Readers from home and abroad are writing here the human story of their joyous and painful days. Here is one story, 'In the last week of July, my mother developed fever and cough. After being tested, the news came on the phone, Mommy's Covid is positive. Smile on face of all disappeared instantly at that time we were gossiping at my mother's room.

21. Govt. Measures

Timeline of Restrictions

Annex: 21(a)

Govt extends restrictions over Covid-19 till Aug 31

The government issued an order extending countrywide restrictions on public activities and movements until August 31 to contain spread of novel coronavirus.

No more work from home

Annex: 21(b)

No more work from home for all govt staffers

Decision taken to 'ease workloads' amid Covid

Amid the pandemic, the government has directed all public servants to attend offices in full swing from next week, lifting restrictions on their attendance in person.

22. Livelihood

Drop income

Annex: 22(a)

42pc drop in June-July income though economy reopens

Survey also says 15.6pc people leave Dhaka till June due to COVID-19 fallout

According to survey findings, 'Income recovery of people is still very fragile despite a resumption of economic activities as household income in June-July has remained on average 42% below the pre-COVID-19 level.'

Masks as means of livelihood

Annex: 22(b)

Masks from garment scraps: Rural women earning a living amidst the pandemic

Last month, however, Johora learnt to produce face masks, alongside around 500 women from seven districts--Rajbari, Jamalpur, Kushtia, Magura, Gazipur, Narayanganj, and Dhaka. Johora has been making around 100 masks a day from the scraps and getting Tk 4 per mask. The amount is way better than the salary she would get through teaching.

Income of ethnic minority

Annex: 22(c)

92pc ethnic minorities in plains saw income fall due to COVID-19

The coronavirus pandemic has impacted the lives and livelihoods of 92% or 1.84 million ethnic minority people in the plains by reducing their incomes, revealed a study released recently by Indigenous Peoples Development Services.

23. Migrant Workers

Good news Annex: 23(a)

Good news on the remittance front

But don't miss the wood for the trees

A daily star editorial stated ,'We should focus on creating jobs for the returnees while they are here and help them to seek new destinations after the pandemic is over, as well as add value to these workers and help them graduate from low to higher paying jobs.'

Suffering of wage earners families

Annex: 23(b)

কবোলাম প্রবাসী মুজনের টাকা আসা বন্ধ, তার ওপর বন্যার হালা

Shariatpur Deputy Commissioner Kazi Abu Taher said, 'Many people of Shariatpur live in abroad. The family members run their life by money from abroad. But most of the expatriates are not able to send money due to Corona. Those families are in dire straits.'

Returnees remain jobless

Annex: 23(c)

Coronavirus Fallout: 70pc returnees remain jobless

Says IOM survey on Bangladeshi migrants back home in February-June this year

According to a study of International Organisation for Migration (IOM), 'About 70 percent of the migrant workers who returned from abroad between February and June this year are unemployed'.

24. Corruption

Accommodation for health professionals

Annex: 24(a)

কোভিড চিকিৎসকদেব থাকাথাওয়া-

মৃগদা হাসপাতাল ও হোটেল সৃপাব স্টাবেব কাছে নথিপত্র চেয়েছে দুদক

The director of Mugda General Hospital and the Managing Director of Hotel Super Star Limited have been asked by Anti Corruption Bureau to provide relevant information and documents including accommodation and meals of doctors, nurses and other staff of Covid-19 patients.

Procurement malpractices

Annex: 24(b)

স্বাস্থ্যের মধু থেয়ে মিঠু বিদেশে, এথন তদন্ত

Former Director of CMSD Brigadier General Shahidullah had informed the government in writing before his death that the cause of irresistible corruption in procurement of the health sector was in the hands 'Mithu Group'. After that, several agencies, including the state intelligence agency, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), started to move. However, the head of Mithu Group, Motajjerul Islam alias Mithu, had migrated abroad by this time.

Need decisive actions

Annex: 24(c)

Govt must address corruption in health sector

The government, under the circumstances, must take decisive actions to streamline mismanagement and corruption in the sector. In so doing, it must ensure that the perpetrators of health sector scams are brought to justice through due legal process.

COVID-19 scams Annex: 24(d)

COVID-19 scams keep surfacing

Electronics trader pockets Tk 8.28cr without delivering goods

An electronic equipment supplier that secured a deal to supply medical products, including KN95 masks and infrared thermometers, has misappropriated about Tk 8.28 crore without delivering the items. SIM Corporations secured the deal worth Tk 9.20 crore for the medical supplies under the World Bank-funded COVID-19 Emergency Response and Pandemic Preparedness project.

Celebrations of collusive corruption

Annex: 24(e)

Celebrations of collusive corruption in health services

In the time of COVID-19 outbreak, when one such incident is too many to put public health in further jeopardy and to erode people's confidence in the public healthcare system, health service managers hardly stop to amaze people, with one incident after another coming out from its store. While the government must, therefore, investigate the incident at hand and all involved in it, it must also look into all other health services procurements to see if any has gone awry.

25. Digital Health Services

Annex: 25

Digital Healthcare Solutions helps poor

Digital Healthcare Solutions with the support of UK Aid and under the supervision of Concern Worldwide launched a new campaign titled 'Amra Nishchinto' to make healthcare services more accessible for the disadvantaged people in Khulna and Barishal, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, said a press release on Saturday.

26. Resilient Villages

Annex: 26

'Coronavirus Resilient Villages'

The coronavirus resilient villages can be a model for such resistance, and it can be upscaled with the partnership of the government to stop the virus in its track. We seek the attention of the authorities towards this important initiative.

27. Education

Scrap JSC, equivalent exams

Annex: 27(a)

Govt scraps JSC, equivalent exams

The education ministry on 27 August has decided to scrap this year's Junior School Certificate and equivalent examinations amid the coronavirus outbreak. The decision was taken after getting approval from the prime minister's office, said a release issued by the ministry.

Online Classes Annex: 27(b)

Online Classes by Public Universities: Many students out of the frame

Poor internet coverage, lack of access to digital devices, floods are to blame

Most of the major public universities are taking online classes with only half or even fewer students mostly because of poor internet coverage in rural areas and people not having access to a digital device.

Reopening of madrasa

Annex: 27(c)

কওমি মাদ্রাসাগুলো কি আদৌ শ্বাস্থ্যবিধি মানবে?

The government allowed all Hafizia madrasas and hifazkhanas to open from 12 July. Most recently, on August 18, representatives of the National Board of Religious Madrasa Education met the secretary of the cabinet division at the secretariat and demanded the opening of a book section for the madrasa. Later on August 24, the government gave permission to open the book section of the madrasa.

Devices and Internet Annex: 27(d)

শিক্ষার্থীদের ডিভাইস ও কম দামে ইন্টারনেট সেপ্টেম্বরে

The government is working to make it easier for students to access devices and low-cost internet to take part in online classes.

Free Library Annex: 27(e)

করোনাকালে বিনা মূল্যের পাঠাগার

The 'Pathshala Rangunia Open Library' in Rangunia Upazila of Chittagong has taken an exceptional initiative, anyone can read books free of charge due to coronavirus pandemic.

Need stimulus package

Annex: 27(f)

শিক্ষা থাত বাঁচাতে স্বকাবেব কোনো প্রণোদনা নেই৷

The educational activities cannot be closed for a long time. If the government does not help, many private educational institutions will be closed. The entrepreneurs, teachers and employees of the organization will not only be effected by this, students will suffer more. It will not be easy to bring back those who once dropped out of the campus. Therefore, what needs to be done now.

Bookstores and publishers

Annex: 27(g)

Is the pandemic bringing down the curtains on independent bookstores and publishers?

With store sales declining and many readers preferring to get books delivered to their doorsteps, several sellers have shifted their focus to online sales and home delivery.

Study, Research Abroad

Annex: 27(h)

Study, Research Abroad: Pandemic leaves them hanging

Thousands of students who got admission and scholarship at different universities abroad are in deep trouble due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As many embassies and consulates in Bangladesh are either not taking any visa appointments at all or taking them on a limited scale, many students fear that they will lose funding opportunities and will ultimately be forced to cancel their admission.

Uncertain journey of students

Annex: 27(i)

প্রাথমিক ও মাধ্যমিক শিক্ষা

অনিশ্চিত যাত্ৰায় শিক্ষা-শিক্ষাৰ্থী

Even though the school is closed, students from affluent families in the city are participating in classes online, but majority students are unaable to attain. The government is broadcasting recorded classes on television, attendance there is not good. Completion of Primary Education (PEC) and equivalent examinations have been canceled for this year. No decision has been taken yet on the Junior School Certificate (JSC) examination.

28. Blood Donor Annex: 28

Blood Heroes in Pandemic: Donors carry on altruistic work

Facebook groups proved big help

However, patients and their families say digital platforms like Facebook groups have made it easier to manage ready donors in minutes through public posts.

29. Indigenous Community

Khasia Community Annex: 29(a)

How 90 indigenous villages in Sylhet region keep coronavirus at bay

No Covid-19 patients have been found so far in 90 punjis (villages) in Sylhet, with each completely isolating itself from outsiders and following strict hygiene protocols.

Marma community Annex: 29(b)

EXPERIENCE

The experience of the pandemic and the Marma community

People in CHT are reminiscing the history of epidemic and it shows that there were social mechanisms to tackle epidemic outbreak, managing social isolation and quarantine, but today with the intrusion of neoliberal economy, loss of land and limited or restricted access to forest, they can no longer rely on these mechanisms. In place that has bare minimum healthcare facility, the heightened outbreak of COVID-19, will affect the communities gravely with no place to go.

30. Health ministry

A bad performer Annex: 30(a)

ADP Implementation in 6 Yrs: Health ministry fares badly

The allocation to the health sector go down in the revised Annual Development Programme (ADP) every year. Still, the ministry fails to meet its expenditure target. Experts see a lack of capacity to run projects as planned, skilled manpower and corruption as other reasons behind the situation. They said the health sector was already in a fragile state with systemic weaknesses and the Covid-19 pandemic only exposed it.

Minister's strategy Annex: 30(b)

Coronavirus will leave on its own

Says health minister; 34 more die, 2,644 test positive

Health and Family Welfare Minister Zahid Maleque said that the Covid-19 will "leave the country on its own", when 34 more Covid-19 patients died and 2,644 people tested positive for the virus 15 August.

Minister's clam Annex: 30(c)

Maleque claims COVID-19 success

Health minister Zahid Maleque on Thursday said that Bangladesh had been 'generally successful' in fighting the coronavirus outbreak. As the evidence shows, he said, the COVID-19 death rate is lower in Bangladesh than in other countries. In addition, the rate of infection is also decreasing in the country while the recovery rate has increased, he added.

Drive Controversy Annex: 30(d-i)

'Drive' at Pvt Hospitals: Minister contradicts secretary's views

While the health secretary says the ongoing drives against anomalies at private healthcare institutions will not stop, the health minister finds the word "drive" objectionable.

Drive controversy Annex: 30(d-ii)

Call a "drive" a "drive"

Health minister's puzzlingly contradictory remarks

By publicly contradicting the health secretary, the health minister has unnecessarily exposed the former to controversy, not to mention his insensitive remarks regarding the CHT, which is a public faux pas and quite uncalled for. A minister should think before he speaks.

31. What we need to do

Healthcare reform Annex: 32(a)

No alternative to healthcare reform

Say speakers at an online discussion, blast govt for its handling of the pandemic

The Covid-19 outbreak has exposed the ineffectiveness of the country's healthcare system which needs reforms, experts said at a discussion yesterday. By imposing liability on the people for not maintaining health safety rules, the government has attempted to avoid its responsibility, they said at the online discussion. The event titled "Health Rights During Corona" was organised by Committee for the Protection of Fundamental Rights.

Stimulus packages Annex: 31(b)

The government stimulus packages must reach those who need it the most

Close supervision of Bangladesh Bank at every stage of implementing the liquidity support package is critical. The objective should be to maximise loan disbursement to the needy enterprises and minimise the misuse and abuse of funds.

Flood and pandemic Annex : 31(c)

Flood amid pandemic deals double blow

Before flood swamped over a third of Bangladesh, destroying vast standing crops and sweeping away thousands of houses, people were already struggling to put up with the challenges brought about by the coronavirus crisis.

COVID-19 myths Annex: 31(d)

The COVID-19 myths

The tests conducted now do not tell us about the number or percentage of infection any way, but they show only a falling or rising trend, for which death counts, tested or clinically suggestive, should be a better approach. We need to do random sampling and run antibody tests which will tell us the percentage of infection at the time of test and the percentage of people who recovered. We do not have any information on this in Bangladesh as yet.

Radical reforms Annex: 31(e)

মহাদুর্যোগ থেকে মহাসুযোগ

In order to successfully deal with the Coronavirus catastrophe, we need to radically reform our economy, our politics, and our governance.

Participation of youth Involving young people in tackling climate change and Covid-19

Annex: 31(f)

Active and vigorous participation of the youth in concerted actions can facilitate combating such global challenges and achieving the SDGs. Through adequate involvement in social, economic and political processes, the youth can play a more critical role in fighting against the Covid-19 outbreak and climate change than they are doing across the world.

Legacy of Covid-19 Annex: 31(g)

Legacy of Covid-19: The good, the bad and the messy

As the Covid-19 crisis continues to shine a bright light both on ugliness and nobility in the nature of human beings, such services by ordinary people, social groups, and student bodies show that while there is a lot to grieve over – deaths, infections, lives destroyed or changed in unimaginable ways – there is also a lot to be hopeful about. Together, they constitute the "good" part of the legacy of Covid-19 and will hopefully go on to inspire millions of people in the future.

Covid reality Annex: 31(h)

Covid-19: A win for disaster capitalism and loss for the climate

Expecting to solve the climate crisis by piggybacking on the pandemic is futile. Nature is not healing itself; in fact, it is about to get much worse, unless we act now.

<u>Higher inflation</u> Annex: 31(i)

Coronavirus paving the way for higher inflation in Bangladesh?

It is not unexpected that developing nations such as Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan will also bear the brunt of the pandemic in terms of some form of economic crisis. While it is too early to predict exactly how the economy of Bangladesh is going to react to the challenges, it is important that the policymakers remain cognisant of the key issues so that they can take necessary steps to pre-empt any steep nosedive of the economy.

Online education Annex: 31(j)

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY SPECIAL

Promises and pitfalls of online education

The ongoing pandemic has made virtual meetings an integral part of our lives, and so, our education system has also shifted to the screens, with institutions all over the world initiating online classes. This transition has been tough for many.

Post Corona economic challenges

Annex: 31(k)

কবোনা-প্রবর্তী অর্থনৈতিক চ্যালেঞ্জে কি প্রস্তুত বাংলাদেশ

The extent of the impact of the coronavirus on the national economy cannot be fully measured at this time. However, the idea is that very soon we are facing an economic recession

Trust between governments and citizens

Annex: 31 (1)

Trust lost between governments and citizens during Covid-19 pandemic? *RTI/FOI can help to retrieve it*

Except in a few countries, people found it difficult to believe the government's information. They saw vast discrepancies between the reality and what they were told. Governments did not trust their citizens to "do the right thing", and imposed measures rather than seeking cooperation. Ultimately, this lack of mutual trust made efforts to contain the virus more difficult.

Impacts of Covid Annex: 31(m)

Can Covid-19 make us stronger?

In recent times, we have seen the government taking on exercises for long-term visions such as Bangladesh 2041 and even Bangladesh 2100 (under the Delta Plan). As a lowly minion among the denizens of the country, I can only hope those visions have adequate provisions against unforeseen external shocks. Only when we are willing to learn from dreamy visions as well as stark nightmares will we be stronger as a nation and more resilient in the next crisis.

Humanitarian activists

Annex: 31(n)

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

We owe Covid-19 fighters and all other humanitarian activists our gratitude

Pandemic situation has also led to the requirement of humanitarian responses to the vulnerable people who are now struggling to make both ends meet. In these trying times, we see a huge number of humanitarian workers dedicating themselves to the cause of the people who are in dire need of humanitarian assistance. Even the death threat of Covid-19 could not dampen their indomitable spirit and make them deviate from the path of humanitarian activities.

Not easy to recover

Annex: 31(o)

করোনাভাইরাসের ক্ষত সহজে শুকাবে না অর্থনৈতিক ঝুঁকি

A joint study by Power and Participatory Research Center (PPRC) and the BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD) said, 'Now 17 percent of households have no income-generating work. At present the poverty rate in the country is 42 percent. Before the outbreak, the rate was 22 percent.'

Health safety behaviour

Annex: 31(p)

কবোৰা কি চলে গেছে

It is feared that the second wave corona outbreak could be even more frightening. So there is no alternative to living a conscious life following hygiene until this virus is completely eradicated.

Recovery agenda Annex: 31(q)

Young people must be high on COVID-19 recovery agenda

The findings of a study, conducted by the International Labour Organisation and the Asian Development Bank which was released recently, that youth unemployment in Bangladesh could more than double to 24.8 per cent, in the scenario of long containment, in 2020 from 11.9 per cent in 2019 because of the structural barriers caused by the COVID-19 emergency that impede young people from entering the labour market come with concern.

Estimates and phenomena

Annex: 31(r)

COVID-19 estimates and phenomena

The infection fatality rate— death among all the infected, identified or not identified virologically or serologically— is not known. Death has an age gradient and is about three times more among males. More males than females are infected with SARS-CoV-2 that causes COVID-19.

Social Stigma Annex: 31(s)

কবোনা বেখে যাচ্ছে সামাজিক গঞ্জনা

A recent qualitative study showed that coronavirus-centric social stigma not only exists or manifests itself in the lower strata of society, but also analyzes the data of our research to show that many middle-class, even upper-class people have social stigma. The risk exists. As a result, there is a tendency among many to hide the news of corona infection.

32. Cash Assistance Annex: 32

সরকারি সহায়তার সুবিধাভোগী

অনিযমে বাদ ১৪ লাথ

The government has excluded 14,32,801 people from the list of 50 lakh families to pay 2,500 to the poor families affected by the corona.

33. Private Hospital

Licence Renewal

Annex: 33(a)

LICENCE RENEWAL

Pvt hospitals, diagnostics to face action after Aug 23

The health ministry will take action against the private hospitals and diagnostic centres failing to obtain licences by the August 23 deadline.

Monitoring and Supervision

Annex: 33(b)

বেসবকাবি হাসপাতাল

হঠাৎ অভিযানের চেয়ে নিয়মিত নজরদারিই বেশি জরুরি

It is the desire of all to ensure quality services by controlling the quality of the private health care providers that have been established in the last 30 years through the cooperation of all without just criticizing and blaming. The main objective of all of us should be to build trust, not distrust towards the health system of the country. The only way to stay healthy is to suppress the evil and maintain good manners.

<u>Issues related to licence renewal</u>

Annex: 33(c)

বেসবকাবি হাসপাতাল

লাইসেন্স নবামনের প্রক্রিয়া নিয়ে প্রশ্ন

Many private hospitals have been sitting for years applying, lobbying to the Department of Health, but their licenses are not being renewed. Hospital Entrepreneurs said, 'the application process is complicated and the health department lacks administrative skills'. On the other hand, the Ministry of Health has been complaining that many hospitals and clinics are operating without licenses.

Private hospital owners demand

Sylhet pvt hospital owners demand more time to renew licence

Leaders of Sylhet Private Hospital and Diagnostic Centre Association demanded extension of the stipulated timeframe to renew the licences of their institutions.

Hospital's illegal practices

Annex: 33(e)

Annex :33(d)

A city hospital's illegal practices uncovered

What about other big hospitals?

There must be a systematic monitoring mechanism in place to ensure that medical facilities are following rules and procedures before and after their licenses are renewed. In this particular case, the hospital authorities should be held accountable for the medical malpractices going on there and for compromising patients' safety. Only fining them is not enough—they should be punished according to the law.

34. Health Professionals

Facilities of health workers

Annex: 34(a)

BMA wants govt to review decision on cutting facilities of health workers

Bangladesh Medical Association has demanded that the health ministry should review its decision on curtailing facilities for health service providers, who are staying in quarantine for 15 days following 15-day services in hospitals during coronavirus epidemic.

Infection among physicians

Annex: 34(b)

চিকিৎসকদের মধ্যে সংক্রমণ: মৃত্যু বেশি জুনে, আক্রান্ত জুলাইয়ে

Every day, information is coming from some part of the country that physians are infected by corona. At the same time the news of their death is also coming. The highest number of deaths was reported in June, and the highest number of physians was inffected by corona in July.

Safety for health professionals

Annex: 34(c)

স্বাস্থ্যকর্মীদের সর্বোচ্চ নিরাপত্তার দাবি জাতীয় প্রামর্শক কমিটির

The National Advisory Committee on Covid-19 has demanded to ensure quality accommodation for the institutional quarantine of health workers including doctors.

35. Law enforcement agency

Infection status Annex: 35(a)

65 police members die of COVID-19, 15,536 infected

A total of 65 members of Bangladesh Police died so far after contracting coronavirus while 15,436 were infected with the virus across the country until Monday. Among them, 2,729 policemen are from Dhaka Metropolitan Police alone till the date, said sources at police headquarters. Of those, 13,257 infected policemen made full recovery from the disease.

Sincerity and sympathy

Annex: 35(b)

কবোনাম নিজ বাহিনীর মানসিক সেবাম পুলিশ

Mahbub Hasan, Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) of the Special Branch of Bangladesh Police, was impressed by the sincerity and sympathy of the members of his force after being infected with the coronavirus. He thinks that the constant supervision of the senior officers regarding the treatment, the psychological support, has made the way to his recovery easier.

36. Plasma Therapy

Plasma therapy not for COVID-19 treatment

Annex: 36(a)

Plasma therapy should be given only in clinical trial setting: BSMMU

Bangbandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University spokesman Fazle Rabbi said that the convalescent plasma therapy can be used only in clinical trial setting, not for COVID-19 treatment.

Plasma fractionation plant

Chinese firm to invest \$300m to set up plasma fractionation plant

The good news on the economic front has started to roll in once again, with the latest being China-based Oryx Biotech's announcement to invest \$300 million to set up a plasma fractionation plant in Bangladesh.

Forgery Annex: 36(c)

Man held for collecting, selling plasma through forgery

Shahbagh police on 8 August evening arrested a man on charge of collecting and selling plasma of Covid-19 recovered patients through forgery.

37. Development Project

Disorder reigns supreme

Annex: 37(a)

Annex: 36(b)

Development Projects: Where disorder reigns supreme

Planning ministry expresses discontent

The planning ministry expressed disappointment over frequent amendments in projects, one after another missed deadlines, and the directors' absence at project sites.

Derailed development works

Annex: 37(b)

Pandemic derailed development works. Planning minister is buckling down to get it back on track

The government has decided to prepare a roadmap to ensure full implementation of the annual development programme this fiscal year after development expenditure fell to a 27-year low in fiscal 2019-20.

38. Electricity Bill

Annex: 38

বিদ্যুতের ভুতুডে বিল করার নির্দেশ কার, তদন্ত হবে

The Power Department of the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources has decided to form a committee to look into who has given written instructions to make ghostly electricity bills in the customer area of Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC) as per the pre-plan.

39. Masks Annex: 39

Face covering must in offices, places of worship

Govt issues directives on wearing masks

The government 10 August 2020 issued several directives regarding wearing mask for overall public safety in the country during the current Covid-19 pandemic. Officers, employees and service recipients in government, semi-government, autonomous and private offices will have to wear masks and the authorities concerned will ensure it, said a handout of Press Information Department (PID).

40. Garments Industry

Annex: 40

ক্মেকমাসে পোশাক শিল্পের সাডে ২৬ হাজার শ্রমিক ছাঁটাই: বিলস

According to the Bangladesh Institute of Labor Studies (BILS), about 26,000 garment workers have been sacked in the last few months due to the coronavirus epidemic. Besides, 3,24,684 workers in the garment industry became unemployed during the Corona crisis.

41. Small businesses

Status of SMEs Annex: 41(a)

Small businesses during COVID-19: Sink or Swim?

Star Lifestyle had an extend talk with Tahia Khalil, a Financial Advisor who gave quite an insight for small business who are hard hit in this COVID-19 pandemic along with a survival plan. To reality into

perspective, Star Lifestyle is presenting three diversified business cases to understand how much of theoretical solutions can be put into practice.

Loan distribution Annex: 41(b)

মনিট্রিং কমিট্র ভদাবকিতে ১৩১ কোটি টাকার ঋণ বিতরণ

Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSIC) has so far disbursed Tk 131.14 crore under the supervision of the District SME Loan Distribution Monitoring Committee from the incentive package for small, medium, micro and cottage industries announced by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

42. Business

Rawhides Annex: 42(a)

Rawhides sell for throwaway prices in Bangladesh

The prices of cowhides plunged to as low as Tk 200 a piece on an average in Bangladesh as people found very few buyers of rawhides of the sacrificial animals.

Export earnings Annex: 42(b)

Bangladesh export earnings rebound to record \$3.91b in July

Bangladesh's exports in July this year fetched \$3.91 billion, the highest-ever earnings in a single month in the country's history, due to an increased shipment of readymade garment products as global buyers reinstated their orders in view of improving situation of coronavirus pandemic.

Call on diplomats Annex: 42(c)

Commerce minister calls on diplomats to tap potential of global trade in post-COVID era

Commerce minister Tipu Munshi on 9 August called upon all Bangladeshi diplomats working in different countries across the world to take the initiative to tap into the global trade and business potentials in the post-COVID-19 era.

Online financial services

Annex: 42(d)

Tackling COVID Fallout

Experts stress shift towards online financial services

Financial institutions must craft a strategic response by adopting the appropriate enablers and innovations underpinned by agile delivery models to address the COVID-19 impact, experts said on Monday.At a webinar on 'Digital Innovations in Financial Services: Key to Success in Post-COVID World', they said that the pandemic could be one of the most serious challenges faced by the financial services industry.

Training for online entrepreneurs

Annex: 42(e)

ক্রোনার সংক্রমণ এডাতে অনলাইন যেন ভ্রসার জায়গা

Organizations like e-Cab, Wii or SME Foundation are taking various initiatives to help online entrepreneurs move forward in the Corona crisis. The SME Foundation is providing various types of training for online entrepreneurs only through online zoom.

Electronic money transfer falls

Annex: 42(f)

Banks' electronic money transfer falls 35pc in June

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As per the Bangladesh Bank data, electronic money transfer through its network, known as the Bangladesh Electronic Fund Transfer Network, fell to Tk 28,927.44 crore in June against Tk 44,842.80 crore in the previous month.

43. From Covid to Non Covid Hospital

Railway Hospital no more dedicated COVID-19 hospital

Railway General Hospital has been withdrawn from the list of dedicated COVID-19 hospitals. There had been no COVID-19 patient in the 30-bed hospital for several days before its delisting, said Directorate General of Health Services director Farid Uddin Miah.

44. DGHS

New post Annex: 44 (a)

Removed DGHS director Aminul gets new post

Directorate General of Health Services former director for hospitals, Aminul Hasan, who was removed from the post and made officer on special duty after the Regent Hospital scam last month, has been appointed as the principal of the Institute of Health Technology.

New IEDCR director Annex: 44(b)

Tahmina named new IEDCR director

Virology professor Tahmina Shirin has been made new director of Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research.

Only altering a few key people!

Annex:44(c)

Annex: 43

Fixing the Directorate General of Health Services

However, will only altering a few key people at the top bring the much-needed changes, if the directorate retain the same old structure, jurisdictions, modus operandi, resource support and the mix and level of staffing?

Sent to prison Annex: 44(d)

MONEY LAUNDERING

Suspended DGHS official Abzal sent to prison

A Dhaka court yesterday sent Abzal Hossain, a suspended accountant of the medical education department under the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), to jail in connection with two separate money laundering cases filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

45. Air Transportation

Annex: 45

বাংলাদেশের সঙ্গে পুনরায় বিমান যোগাযোগ চালুব প্রস্তাব ভারতের

India has offered to resume air links with Bangladesh, which were cut off due to the Corona epidemic.

46. Corporate Response

Oxygen cylinders Annex: 46(a)

Ispahani Group sponsors oxygen cylinders

Ispahani Group sponsored 10 oxygen cylinders and N95 masks for the Rangunia Upazila Health Complex, Chattogram, said a press release.

Relief packs Annex: 46(b)

Chevron distributes relief packs in COVID-19 response effort

Chevron distributed 5,500 relief packages (containing soap and essential grocery items like rice, lentils, cooking-oil, etc) for families of three unions under Nabiganj upazila, located near the Bibiyana Gas Field.

47. Tie up Annex: 47

BSMMU, University Hospital Zurich sign MoU

Cardiac Centre of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University and cardiology department of University Hospital Zurich, Switzerland signed a memorandum of understanding at Doctor Milon Hall of BSMMU.

48. Women

Child Marriage Annex: 48(a)

বিয়ে হতে পাবে আতম্কে আত্মহত্যা

The bride and her relatives were supposed to come to the bride's house on 4 August afternoon. There was also talk of fixing the final date of the wedding if the bride likes. However, before reaching the bridegroom's side, the bride committed suicide by hanging herself.

Killed by their family members

Annex:48(b)

নারী খুন ও আত্মহত্যা

হিসাবেব থতিযানে নেই তাঁবা

According to Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK), 234 women were killed between January and June this year as a result of various forms of torture, including rape and domestic violence. At that time, 62 women committed suicide due to various tortures. In all, the number stands at 296. At that time, 26 women were also killed by their family members.

Violence scenario Annex: 48(c)

সাত মাসে ১৬৮৬ নাবী ও কন্যাশিশু নির্যাতের শিকার: মহিলা পরিষদ

From January to July this year, 1,686 women and girls have been tortured in the country. Bangladesh Mahila Parishad has given this information after analyzing the information published in 13 national dailies.

Childbirth Annex: 48(d)

Impact of Covid-19: Childbirth at Nilphamari hospitals falling alarmingly

Childbirth at government hospitals and healthcare facilities in the district fell sharply during the past several months amid the Covid-19 pandemic situation. Expecting women have been avoiding visits to the medical facilities out of fear of contracting the virus, said locals.

49. Covid Management

Annex: 49

মহামাবি মোকাবিলাব কাজে গতি নেই

There is no visible work of the Ministry of Health in tackling the Corona pandemic. Since the closure of the health news bulletin on August 12, the general public has not been able to know anything directly about the situation. It is unknown at this time what he will do after leaving the post. The government is not publishing the full report of the survey.

50. Fake Covid Certificate

Annex: 50

ভুমা করোনা সনদ বিক্রির অভিযোগে টেকনোলজিস্টকে ধরিয়ে দিলেন সিভিল সার্জন (ভিডিও)

District Civil Surgeon Dr HM Anwarul Islam has filed a case against a technologist at Kushtia's Mirpur Upazila Health Complex for allegedly selling fake Corona Negative Certificates in exchange for money. The name of the accused technologist is Mahfuzur Rahman.

B. Other Health Issues

1. New drug for diabetic patients

Annex: 1

New drug for diabetic patients launched

Healthcare Pharmaceuticals Limited launched a new drug in the country designed to improve blood sugar control in adults with type-2 diabetes.

2. Water borne disease

Annex: 2

পানিবাহিত বোগ বাডছে

According to the Health Emergency Centre and Control Room of the Department of Health, 36,223 people have been infected by various water-borne diseases due to floods from June 30 to 10 August. And 193 people died. Of these, 9,739 people have been infected in the last 24 hours, and 4 have died. The most affected were 13,115 in Madaripur. The highest death toll in the floods was 34 in Tangail. Then there are 29 people in Jamalpur.

3. Corporate Response

Annex: 3

সিটি ব্যাংকের সঙ্গে ডিএমএফআর মলিকুলার ল্যাব ও ডায়াগনস্টিক, ইডব্লিউভিএম হেলথ বাংলাদেশের স্মারক সই

Citibank recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with DMFR Molecular Labs and Diagnostic BD Limited and EWVM Health Bangladesh Limited. Through this memorandum, in addition to all the permanent employees of the bank and their pets, customers of different levels will get various discounted health and lifestyle related services.

4. Hepatitis A

Annex: 4

হেপাটাইটিস এ রোগী ঘরেই সুস্থ হয়ে যান

Patients infected with the hepatitis A virus usually recover on their own. However, those with more jaundice, especially those with a blood bilirubin level of 10 mg or more, or with complex problems, need to be hospitalized. Sometimes this disease causes liver failure.

5. Fake Doctor Annex: 5

এমবিবিএস চিকিৎসক প্রিচ্যে রোগী দেখতেন মেডিকেল অ্যাসিস্ট্যান্ট

At a diagnostic center in Akkelpur, Joypurhat, a medical assistant used to see patients regularly with the identity of an MBBS doctor. A mobile court raided the house on Wednesday afternoon and fined him Tk 20,000.

6. Informal Healthcare Providers

Annex: 6

অনানুষ্ঠানিক থাতের স্বাস্থ্য সেবাদাতাদের নিয়ে জনমুখী পরিকল্পনা নেওয়ার আহ্বান

The country's informal health care providers have been called upon to be trained on their needs and roles. The speakers of a webinar said that these service providers should be employed in a people-oriented plan without denying them. The webinar titled 'Role of Informal Health care Providers and its Impact on Health Policy in Covid-19 Hyperthermia' was jointly organized by Health Alliance Bangladesh and Zion.

7. Additional facilities in DMCH

Annex: 7

DMCH to get bigger, better outpatient unit

Long-awaited expansion work near completion

DMCH Director Brig Gen AKM Nasir Uddin said, 'the department is being expanded due to its space constraint to host a large number of visitors everyday. To accommodate them, a temporary 7,500 sq ft steel structure is being constructed, where additional patients can also be served'.

8. Corruption Annex: 8 (a +b)

Hasina Medical College: ACC sues principal, suppliers for graft

They allegedly pocketed Tk 3.43cr

A recent enquiry by the Anti-Corruption Commission shows that It took only six days from awarding a contract to disbursing nearly Tk 4.5 crore by the authorities of Sheikh Hasina Medical College in Habiganj. By inflating prices of items several times higher, principal of the college Dr Md Abu Sufian and two suppliers pocketed nearly Tk 3.43 crore back in 2018.

EDITORIAL

Another case of embezzlement in the healthcare sector

Public procurement must be cleansed of corruption

Unfortunately as we have seen, there is rampant corruption in both public and private institutions. That this should happen in the health sector and continue even during this pandemic when all healthcare resources are overstretched, is indeed an added tragedy. It is reassuring that the ACC is going after these fraudulent activities, but the government must install efficient oversight of all such institutions where public procurement entails large sums of money.

9. Antibiotic plant Annex: 9

Beacon Pharma sets up dedicated antibiotic plant for Tk 250cr

Beacon Pharmaceuticals is set to inaugurate a new facility today to manufacture antibiotics exclusively -- a venture that is likely to fetch the company Tk 100 crore in export receipts a year.

10. New Hospital Annex: 10

Gonoshasthaya Kendra to start new hospital in Chattogram

Gonoshasthaya Kendra is going to start a new hospital within months at Hathazari in Chattogram as an eighty-seven year old person donated his three-story hospital building for the treatment of poor people.

11. Research Grants Annex:11

14 BSMMU teachers get research grant

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University awarded grant to 14 teachers under coronavirus research project recently.

12. Dengue Annex: 12

সাডা কম বিনা মূল্যের ডেঙ্গু প্রীক্ষাতে

Saidur Rahman Nagar Health Center, Shaheed Commissioner, Mirpur Section 1. Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) has arranged free dengue test here. Since the test began in May, only 11 people have been tested there. People are also less likely to go to other health centers designated for free dengue testing.

13. Malaria Annex: 13

কোভিডেব কাবণে ম্যালেবিয়া শৰাক্ত কম

Covid-19 or coronavirus has reduced the detection of patients in malaria prone areas. According to the World Health Organization, malaria can increase the risk of death by up to 40 percent in patients after the onset of covidia. The health department said that the truth of that information is also seen in the country.

14. City Coportaion Annex: 14

মশার ওষুধ সংকটে ডিএসসিসি: ৮ মাসেও চূডান্ত হয়নি টেন্ডার

Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) is facing a medicine crisis to kill flying mosquitoes. The company is working to control Aedes mosquito, a carrier of dengue and chikungunya diseases, with less stock than the demand.

2. <u>Publication Overview</u>

Coverage of Health Issues

• Information revealed through surveys on Peoples' perception and practices related to physical distancing, prevention status and mask uses were available in newspapers.

Physical distancing

The majority of responses (61.10%) received in a recent online opinion poll viewed that many people cannot maintain safe physical distance in public spaces during COVID-19 pandemic even if they want to as others around them do not follow the rule.

Prevention status

According to a research report by the Institute of Public Health and Diseases Control of Health Department, 51.8% of people in the country know how to prevent coronavirus infection. In this population, more than 52% of people use masks.

Mask Uses

92.90 percent of people think that using a mask reduces the risk of corona. However, 67.40 percent of people say they do not wear a mask when going out because of the heat and discomfort.

Queries related to Corona and other health tips were available on newspapers. Coronavirus infection has not stopped yet. There is no end to the questions in people's minds about Corona. Corona-related questions were called to the reader from the Pro-Health Facebook page. Specialist doctors answered some of the questions selected from there.

Measures during post recovery: Even after recovering physically from coronavirus infection, patients are suffering from various problems. In many cases the symptoms are mild, in others severe. As time goes on, it becomes clear how long-term effects coronavirus infections can have on the human body. It takes a lot of time for many to get back to normal life. So even after recovering from corona, want caution and care.

Diseases during Corona: Headaches and migraines was presented in the Second episode of SKF's 'Diseases during Corona' program as an initiative of Prothom Alo video presentation. That episode was broadcasted live on Prothom Alo's Facebook page and YouTube channel simultaneously.

 All six newspapers have been publishing different health tips by health experts regularly, as well as issues like different irregularities, corruption and insufficient health services are in their coverage list. Prothom Alo, Daily Star, Samakal and Kalerkantho have been weekly publication on exclusively health issues. Objectives of those publications are mostly to address need based health issues of readers. They also have added an initiative to learn health related their queries and answers accordingly.

- Prothom Alo runs a sponsored video section for presenting live discussion on different health issues. Health related publication have been presenting in different sections of online and print version of this newspaper, these are Coronavirus, Amar Doctor (my doctor), Shasto (Health), Special Report and Life Style. Other than weekly publications they also published health experts guidelines on Health related queries. They have been publishing a series on 'Life during Corona'- different individuals have been presenting their experiences with Corona or life during pandemic.
- Pro-shasto (Pro-Health)- a weekly publication on health issues. As a part to observe breast feeding week, they have published articles on that issue including how to handle problems related to that. Other major issues covered in that month by this publication are; how to back in normal after recovery from corona infection, diseases in hot season, answers of different queries related to corona virus. Each special issue has Questions and Answers section, which covered issues like as Chest pain, Hormone, Skin Diseases, Psychological disorders, Diabetes, indigestion, Problems in anal, Diarrhea of children, Chest disease, Problems related to eyes, Proper uses of inhaler, Uses of glucometre Measurement of blood pressure and Hypoglycemia- a silent killer.
- HEALTH is a weekly publication Daily star on health issues, issued covered by this publication are: Do's and don'ts during COVID-19 pandemic, Acute depression, stress, anxiety, Lifestyle during COVID-19, Dementia, Breastfeeding is safe after anesthesia, Public health considerations while resuming international travel, Cardiology group recommends diabetes drugs for CV prevention, CP therapy for severe COVID-19, Compression therapy effective in preventing recurrent leg cellulites, Coronavirus transmission risk increases along wildlife supply chains, Weight matters: obesity and COVID-19, Schools lack basic hand washing facilities, Physical & psychosocial problems after recovery from COVID-19, psychological experiment on urban population, Honey outperforms usual care for upper respiratory tract infections and Prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies among healthcare workers.
- Daktar Bari (Doctor's Home) a weekly publication of Samakal; this publication published different health related reports and features, issues covered by publications are on ear pain of children, Laser for dental treatment, corona and diabetes, harmful mental pressure, Asymptomatic disease: silent killer, Excessive sweating is not good, Problems with being fat, What to do in case of stroke, The nutritional value of the fruits, Are you at risk for diabetes?, Increase immunity, Dental root canal, and Peptic ulcer.
- Daktar Achen (Here is a Doctor) is a weekly publication on health issues of Kalerkantho: Chronic kidney disease-do's and don'ts, Regular exercise at home, Follow the hygiene rules while traveling, Homemade 'nutritional powder' to feed baby, Disadvantages of taking extra vitamin D, Proper use of pulse oximeter, Mask use and skin awareness, Yoga improves lung function and Honey for respiratory problems have cover by publications in August.

- Reports on Malaria, Dengue, Hepatitis A and Water borne diseases were also available in newspapers.
- Many opinions have been published in August, opinion leaders are: Maleka Pervin, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Dhaka; Dr. Nazrul Islam, Former Vice Chancellor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University; Dr Abdullah Shibli, Senior Research Fellow, International Sustainable Development Institute (ISDI), a think-tank in Boston, USA; Professor Dr. Sohel Mahmud, Chairman, Department of Medicine, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Dhaka; Dr. Romen Raihan, Public Health Specialist, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Dhaka; Dr. Himel Ghosh, Medical Officer, Upazila Health Center, Dumuria, Khulna; Dr. Rashedul Hasan, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Green Life Medical College, Dhaka; Dr. M Amir Hossain Assistant Professor Department of Neurology, National Institute of Neuroscience Hospital; Dr. Helal Uddin Ahmed, Associate Professor, National Institute of Mental Health; Dr Badiul Alam Majumdar, Global Vice President and Country Director, The Hunger Project Bangladesh; Sohrab Hasan joint editor, Prothom Alo; Dr Fahmida Khatun, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue; AM Zakir Hussain, former director, Primary Health Care and Disease Control, former director of IEDCR, DGHS'; Dr Md Nazmul Huda, Researcher and an academic in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at the University of New South Wales, Australia; Badiuzzaman Bay, Member of the editorial team at The Daily Star; Anupoma Joyeeta Joyee, Barrister-at-Law; Dr Tasneem Raihan, Bangladeshi-American financial economist; Rony Sarkar Student, Department of Economics, Haji Mohammad Danesh University of Science and Technology, Dinajpur; Shamsul Bari, Chairman, Research Initiatives, Bangladesh (RIB); Ruhi Naz Project Coordinator (RTI section) Research Initiatives, Bangladesh (RIB); Habibullah N Karim, Founder of Technohaven Co Ltd; Quazi Saleh Mustanzir is Additional District Magistrate in Pirojpur; Zia Uddin Mahmud, Officer, National Bank Limited, CDA Avenue Branch, Chittagong; Nur Nawaz Khan, Lecturer, NSU and PhD Researcher, Australian National University; Dr. AM Shamim, Managing Director of LabAid Group; Hasnat M Alamgir professor department of pharmacy, East West University, Dhaka; Professor Dr. Mamun Al Mahtab, Chairman, Department of Liver, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Dhaka; Rafia Alam, Physician, Square Hospital Limited, Dhaka Dr. ABM Abdullah; Prime Minister's personal physician and Professor Bay-Nazir Ahmed, Former Director, Department of Disease Control, Department of Public Health.

3. Summary Observations

Newspapers are facing economic challenges and they are demanding government support. According to them, they didn't get appropriate responses from govt. So they are now in action to run their business as per reality by curtailing cost-lesser workforce, lesser pages and drives for more income from online version. Here is a summary finding of newspapers monitoring related to health and other issues related to this pandemic.

Health Issues

- Bangladesh sees no drop in Covid infection rate
- Experts warnings as Covid-19 danger far from over in Bangladesh
- Covid 19 Tests drop, but infection rises and more patients are treating at home
- Reduction of Testing Fees
- Though reports were available on 'Govt. is ready for Rapid testing', but no action was visible. Health services increase

- Stopped Regular live health bulletin but National Technical Advisory Committee's recommendation for continuing regular live health bulletin
- Approval for Chinese vaccine trial
- Corruption prevails in Government procurement
- Healthcare reform is necessary
- 'Health safety behaviour is not satisfactory'
- Appropriate Facilities of health professionals need to ensure
- Licence Renewal of private hospitals and clinics was an issue but many complains related to complexity of this process
- Absence of plan for Covid Management
- Additional logistics facilities in DMCH for addressing patients crowd

Other issues related to pandemic

- Many students out of the frame of Online Classes
- 42pc drop in June-July income though economy reopens
- Suffering of wage earners families and a list of migrant workers are now jobless in and abroad According to BILLS, 3,24,684 workers in the garment industry became unemployed during the Corona crisis
- The government stimulus packages must reach those who need it the most
- ■Trust between governments and citizens is under question mark
- Not easy to address economic and social losses due to pandemic
- Social Stigma creates problems in peoples' life
- Disorder reigns supreme in development projects

ANNEXURE

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

A. List of issues related to Coronavirus

1. Health Update

a) Infection status of Dhaka dwellers

Study finds 9pc Dhaka dwellers infected with coronavirus

https://www.newagebd.net/article/113214/study-finds-9pc-dhaka-dwellers-infected-with-coronavirus

b) Status of Large Towns

Several cities, large towns see spike in Covid cases

Says WHO report on Bangladesh; 33 die, 2,654 infected in a day

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/several-cities-large-towns-see-spike-covid-cases-1940493

c) Health Safety Directives

Confirmed Covid-19 cases and deaths increase during Eid holidays

Why have guidelines not been enforced?

https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/confirmed-covid-19-cases-and-deaths-increase-during-eid-holidays-1940285

d) Bangladesh sees no drop in Covid infection rate

It still hovers around 20pc; cases cross 250,000-mark

https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/bangladesh-sees-no-drop-covid-infection-rate-1941377

e) Children with special needs

Covid-19 and the challenges to children with special needs

https://www.thedailystar.net/country/news/covid-19-the-challenges-special-needs-children-and-their-parents-1941265

2. Infection Rate

a) Above 20%

Infection rate was above 20pc for last 30 days

34 die, 2,766 test positive for Covid in a day

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/infection-rate-was-above-20pc-last-30-days-1945177

b) 15 districts

১৫ জেলায কবোনায আক্রান্তেব হাব বেশি

https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/article/1674069/%E0%A7%A7%E0%A7%AB-

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c) Experts warning

Covid-19 danger far from over, experts warn

Suggest proper intervention to check further transmission

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/covid-danger-far-over-1952689

d) Need actions for reducing transmission

Pandemic far from over in Bangladesh

Authorities must take immediate steps to reduce community transmission

https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/pandemic-far-over-bangladesh-1953005\

e) Member of Parliament

ক্রোনাভাইবাসের সংক্রমণ

সংস্দেব ১০% সদস্য আক্রান্ত

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f) Other diseases

কবোনা বোগীদেব ২৫% অন্য বোগেও আক্রান্ত

https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/article/1673899/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A88E0%A6%BE-

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3. Testing Facilities

a) Tests drop

Covid-19 tests drop again

https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/covid-19-tests-drop-again-1946221

b) Home based testing facility

বাডিতে গিয়ে নমুনা সংগ্ৰহ বাডাতে হবে

https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/article/1674783/%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9C%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%9F%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%87-

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c) Deficits in sample testing

করোনার নমুনা প্রীক্ষায় ধারাবাহিকতার ঘাটতি

https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/article/1672790/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A88E0%A6%BE-

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d) Reluctant to test

Patients not getting tested for Covid-19

Says health minister; 34 more die, 2,487 test positive

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/patients-not-getting-tested-covid-19-1942473

e) Defects in PCR machine

RMCH suspends COVID-19 test for defects in PCR machine

https://www.newagebd.net/article/112947/rmch-suspends-covid-19-test-for-defects-in-pcr-machine

f) Rapid testing

Govt set to okay rapid testing

The move aimed at increasing daily Covid tests; fee halved

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/govt-set-okay-rapid-testing-1947789

g) Reduction Testing Fees

REDUCTION TESTING FEES

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/govt-set-okay-rapid-testing-1947789

h) New Testing lab

GK opens COVID-19 testing lab

https://www.newagebd.net/article/114915/gk-opens-covid-19-testing-lab

4. Health Services

a) Health services increase

চিকিৎসা পাও্যার হার আগের চেয়ে বেডেছে

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b) Absence of need based plan

সচিব, ডিজি পাল্টালেও অবস্থার পরিবর্তন হয়নি

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c) Less Patient crowd

বোগীব চাপ নেই, তাই কমছে হাসপাতাল

https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AA-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%87-

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d)Country's health services collapse: Zafrullah

https://www.newagebd.net/article/114639/countrys-health-services-collapse-zafrullah

5. COVID Hospital

Abruptly stopped information dissemination

কুমিল্লা কোভিড হাসপাতালে মৃত্যুর তথ্য দেওয়া হঠাৎ বন্ধ

 $\frac{https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/district/\%E0\%A6\%95\%E0\%A7\%81\%E0\%A6\%AE\%E0\%A6\%BF\%E0\%A6\%B2\%E0\%A6\%B2\%E0\%A6\%BE-$

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6. Deaths with Covid Symptoms

ক্রোনার উপসর্গে ২১১০ জনের মৃত্যু: সিজিএস

 $\frac{\text{https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/\%E0\%A6\%95\%E0\%A6\%B0\%E0\%A7\%87\%E0\%A6\%BE\%}{E0\%A6\%A8\%E0\%A6\%BE\%E0\%A6\%B0}$

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7. Health Infrastructure

Nasal Cannula

RMCH gets high flow nasal cannula for COVID-19 patient

https://www.newagebd.net/article/114649/rmch-gets-high-flow-nasal-cannula-for-covid-19-patient

8. Committee Directives

a) Regular live health bulletin

করোনা বুলেটিন চালুব সুপারিশ প্রামর্শক কমিটির

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b) Unacceptable Taskforce

কোভিড তদাবুকিতে চিকিৎসক ন্যু, আমলানির্ভব কমিটি শ্বাস্থ্য মন্ত্রণালয়েবু৷

 $\underline{https://www.banglatribune.com/national/news/639567/\%E0\%A6\%95\%E0\%A7\%8B\%E0\%A6\%AD\%E0\%A6\%BF\%E0\%A6\%A1-$

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9. JKG

a) COVID-19 TEST SCAM

JKG's Sabrina, Ariful charged

https://www.newagebd.net/article/114016/jkgs-sabrina-ariful-charged

b) Two NID Cards

JKG's Sabrina: Errant officials to face action for issuing her two NIDs

https://www.thedailvstar.net/backpage/news/ikgs-sabrina-errant-officials-face-action-issuing-her-two-nids-1951445

c) Cheating of Sabrina

সাববিনাবা প্রতাবণা করেছেন, জানতে পেরে মামলা করেন কামাল

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10. Regent Hospital

a) Fresh remand

Fake Covid-19 Certificates: 8 Regent Group staff on fresh remand

https://www.thedailystar.net/city/news/fake-covid-19-certificates-8-regent-group-staff-fresh-remand-1946137

b) Bank Scam

FARMERS BANK SCAM

Shahed remanded for seven days

https://www.thedailyhttps://www.thedailystar.net/city/news/shahed-remanded-seven-days-

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c) Loan Scam

Shahed's Loan Scam: ACC grills him over loan from Farmers Bank

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/shaheds-loan-scam-acc-grills-him-over-loan-farmers-bank-1946781

11. Vaccine

a) Aproval for trial

চীলা টিকার প্রীক্ষার অনুমোদল

কবোনাব টিকা পাও্যার সুযোগ বাড়ল দেশে

https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%

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b) Advisory committee on Trial

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https://www.banglatribune.com/others/news/639382/%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-

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c) Finance Minister on Vaccine

মেথান থেকে টিকা পাওয়া যাবে সেথান থেকেই নিতে হবে: অর্থমন্ত্রী

https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/article/1674104/%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%96%E0%A6%B

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d) Cheap and fast vaccination

Cheap and fast vaccination is an urgent need for poorer countries

Can alternative financing models beat "vaccine nationalism"?

https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/open-dialogue/news/cheap-and-fast-vaccination-urgent-need-poorer-countries-1947693

e) How to get vaccine

ভ্যাকসিন কীভাবে পাবে বাংলাদেশ?

https://www.banglatribune.com/others/news/639498/%E0%A6%AD%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%

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f) Beximco will bring Oxford vaccine

অক্সফোর্ডেব ভ্যাকসিন আনছে বেক্সিমকো

https://www.banglatribune.com/national/news/639494/%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B8%

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12. Health Tips

a) Queries related to Corona

ক্বোনা জিজ্ঞাসা

https://www.prothomalo.com/feature/pro-

health/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-

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b) Measures during post recovery

সেবে ওঠার পরও করোনার ধকল

https://www.prothomalo.com/life/health/%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87-

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%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-

%E0%A6%A7%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B2

c) Diseases during Corona

ক্রোনাকালে অসুথ-বিস্থ: মাথাব্যথা ও মাইগ্রেন নিয়ে প্রামর্শ

https://www.prothomalo.com/lifestyle/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87-

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13. Public Transport

Previous fare

১ সেপ্টেম্বর থেকে আগের ভাডাম গণপরিবহন

https://www.banglatribune.com/national/news/639580/%E0%A7%A7-

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14. City Corporation

Criss of Safety equipments

'ক্রোনা স্বঞ্জাম' সংক্টে দুই সিটি

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15. Election Commission

79 EC employees infected with COVID-19

https://www.newagebd.net/article/113825/79-ec-employees-infected-with-covid-19

16. Peoples' Perceptions

a) Physical distancing

অন্যবা শাবীবিক দূরত্ব মানতে চান না বলে নিজেও মানা যায় না

 $\frac{https://www.banglatribune.com/others/news/639331/\%E2\%80\%98\%E0\%A6\%85\%E0\%A6\%A8\%E0\%A7\%8D\%E0\%A6\%AF\%E0\%A6\%B0\%E0\%A6\%BE-$

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b) Prevention status

৫২ শতাংশ লোক কবোনা প্রতিবোধের উপায় সম্পর্কে জানেন

https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A7%AB%E0%A7%A8-

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c) Mask uses

গ্ৰম ও অম্বস্তিতে মাস্ক প্ৰেন না ৬৭ শতাংশ মানুষ

https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/%E0%A6%97%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AE-%E0%A6%93-https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/%E0%A6%97%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AE-%E0%A6%93-https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/%E0%A6%97%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AE-%E0%A6%93-https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AE-%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AE-%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AE-%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AE-%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AE-%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AE-%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AE-%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AE-%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AE-%E0%AE-%E0

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d) Health Safety Practices

কবোনা প্রতিবোধ

পাত্তাই পাচ্ছে না স্বাস্থ্যবিধি

https://samakal.com/todays-print-edition/tp-first-

page/article/200852714/%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE

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17. Mental Health

ভালো থাকুৰ

কবোৰাব পব ভালো ৰা লাগা

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18. PPE

a) Shortage of PPE

ক্রোনাকালে সুরক্ষা

মাস্ক ও গ্লাভস-সংকটে স্বাস্থ্যের মার্ঠকর্মীরা

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b) Provide safety equipments

শ্বাস্থ্যকর্মীদের সুরক্ষাসামগ্রী দিন

মাঠপর্যায়ের স্বাস্থ্যসেবা

https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/editorial/%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A0%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-

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c) Biodegradable PPE

Biodegradable PPE: Bangladeshi makes it with jute, crabs

Scientist behind jute polymer, Sonali Bag has another success

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/biodegradable-ppe-bangladeshi-makes-it-jute-crabs-1946101

19. Maternal Health

ক্বোনাকালে মাতৃ ও শিশুশ্বাশ্ব্য

https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%95-%E0%A6%93-

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20. Life in Corona

ক্রোলা-কালের জীবনগাথা-৫৮

আশঙ্কা থাকবে, তবু জীবন

https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%99%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%81-%E0%A6%9C%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%A8

21. Govt. Measures

a) Timeline of Restrictions

Govt extends restrictions over Covid-19 till Aug 31

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/govt-extends-restrictions-over-covid-19-till-aug-31-1939965

b) No more work from home

No more work from home for all govt staffers

Decision taken to 'ease workloads' amid Covid

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/no-more-work-home-all-govt-staffers-1941021

22. Livelihood

a) Drop income

42pc drop in June-July income though economy reopens

Survey also says 15.6pc people leave Dhaka till June due to COVID-19 fallout https://www.newagebd.net/article/113817/42pc-drop-in-june-july-income-though-economy-reopens

b) Masks as means of livelihood

Masks from garment scraps: Rural women earning a living amidst the pandemic

https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/making-masks-garment-scraps-1951485

c) Income fall

92pc ethnic minorities in plains saw income fall due to COVID-19

https://www.newagebd.net/article/114669/92pc-ethnic-minorities-in-plains-saw-income-fall-due-to-covid-19

23. Migrant Workers

a) Good news

Good news on the remittance front

But don't miss the wood for the trees

https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/good-news-the-remittance-front-1939901

b) Suffering of wage earners families

কবোনায় প্রবাসী স্বজনের টাকা আসা বন্ধ, তার ওপর বন্যার হানা

https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/article/1672368/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F-

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c) Returnees remain jobless

Coronavirus Fallout: 70pc returnees remain jobless

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/coronavirus-fallout-70pc-returnees-remain-jobless-1944101

24. Corruption

a) Accomodation for health professionals

কোভিড চিকিৎসকদের থাকাথাওয়া-

মুগদা হাসপাতাল ও হোটেল সুপার স্টারের কাছে নথিপত্র চেয়েছে দুদক

https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/article/1672580/%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%97%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%BE-

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b) Procurement malpractices

স্বাস্থ্যের মধু থেয়ে মিঠু বিদেশে, এথন তদন্ত

https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/article/1674241/%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%

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c) Need decisive actions

Govt must address corruption in health sector

https://www.newagebd.net/article/113741/govt-must-address-corruption-in-health-sector

d) COVID-19 scams

COVID-19 scams keep surfacing

Electronics trader pockets Tk 8.28cr without delivering goods

https://www.newagebd.net/article/114718/covid-19-scams-keep-surfacing

e) Celebrations of collusive corruption

Celebrations of collusive corruption in health services

https://www.newagebd.net/article/113841/celebrations-of-collusive-corruption-in-health-services

25. Digital Health Services

Digital Healthcare Solutions helps poor

https://www.newagebd.net/article/114922/digital-healthcare-solutions-helps-poor

26. Resilient Villages

'Coronavirus Resilient Villages'

https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/coronavirus-resilient-villages-1940261

27. Education

a) Scrap JSC, equivalent exams

Govt scraps JSC, equivalent exams

https://www.newagebd.net/article/114680/govt-scraps-jsc-equivalent-exams

b) Online Classes

Online Classes by Public Universities: Many students out of the frame

Poor internet coverage, lack of access to digital devices, floods are to blame

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/online-classes-public-universities-many-students-out-the-frame-1942053

c) Reopening of madrasa

কওমি মাদ্রাসাগুলো কি আদৌ স্বাস্থ্যবিধি মানবে?

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d) Devices and Internet

শিক্ষার্থীদের ডিভাইস ও কম দামে ইন্টারনেট সেপ্টেম্বরে

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e) Free Library

ক্রোনাকালে বিনা মূল্যের পাঠাগার

https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/article/1672377/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A88%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87-

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f) Need stimulus package

শিক্ষা থাত বাঁচাতে সবকাবেব কোনো প্রণোদনা নেই!

https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/article/1672620/%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%96%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A4-

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g) Bookstores and publishers

Is the pandemic bringing down the curtains on independent bookstores and publishers?

 $\underline{\text{https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/the-pandemic-bringing-down-the-curtains-independent-bookstores-and-publishers-1941165}$

h) Study, Research Abroad

Study, Research Abroad: Pandemic leaves them hanging

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/study-research-abroad-pandemic-leaves-them-hanging-1943597

i) Uncertain journey of students

প্রাথমিক ও মাধ্যমিক শিক্ষা

অনিশ্চিত যাত্রায় শিক্ষা-শিক্ষার্থী

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28. Blood Donor

Blood Heroes in Pandemic: Donors carry on altruistic work

Facebook groups proved big help

https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/blood-heroes-pandemic-donors-carry-altruistic-work-1941421

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a) Khasia Community

How 90 indigenous villages in Sylhet region keep coronavirus at bay

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/examples-worth-following-1942001

b) Marma community

EXPERIENCE

The experience of the pandemic and the Marma community

https://www.newagebd.net/article/112978/the-experience-of-the-pandemic-and-the-marma-community

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a) A bad performer

ADP Implementation in 6 Yrs: Health ministry fares badly

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/adp-implementation-6-yrs-health-ministry-fares-badly-1942029

b) Minister's strategy

Coronavirus will leave on its own

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/coronavirus-will-leave-its-own-1945621

c) Minister's clam

Maleque claims COVID-19 success

https://www.newagebd.net/article/114068/maleque-claims-covid-19-success

d) Drive controversy

i) 'Drive' at Pvt Hospitals: Minister contradicts secretary's views

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/drive-pvt-hospitals-minister-contradicts-secretarys-views-1942477

ii) Call a "drive" a "drive"

Health minister's puzzlingly contradictory remarks

https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/call-drive-drive-1942837

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a) Healthcare reform

No alternative to healthcare reform

Say speakers at an online discussion, blast govt for its handling of the pandemic

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/no-alternative-healthcare-reform-1942005

b) Stimulus packages

The government stimulus packages must reach those who need it the most

https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/macro-mirror/news/the-government-stimulus-packages-must-reach-those-who-need-it-the-most-1942317

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Flood amid pandemic deals double blow

https://www.newagebd.net/article/112932/flood-amid-pandemic-deals-double-blow

d) COVID-19 myths

The COVID-19 myths

https://www.newagebd.net/article/112911/the-covid-19-myths

e) Radical reforms

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f) Participation of youth

Involving young people in tackling climate change and Covid-19

https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/involving-young-people-tackling-climate-change-and-covid-19-1943413

g) Legacy of Covid-19

Legacy of Covid-19: The good, the bad and the messy

https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/magic-madness/news/legacy-covid-19-the-good-the-bad-and-the-messy-1947709

h) Covid reality

Covid-19: A win for disaster capitalism and loss for the climate

https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/covid-19-win-disaster-capitalism-and-loss-the-climate-1947685

i) Higher inflation

Coronavirus paving the way for higher inflation in Bangladesh?

https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/coronavirus-paving-the-way-higher-inflation-bangladesh-1944025

j) Online education

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY SPECIAL

Promises and pitfalls of online education

https://www.thedailystar.net/star-youth/news/promises-and-pitfalls-online-education-1944365

k) Post Corona economic challenges

কবোনা-প্রবর্তী অর্থনৈতিক চ্যালেঞ্জে কি প্রস্তুত বাংলাদেশ

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1) Trust between governments and citizens

Trust lost between governments and citizens during Covid-19 pandemic?

RTI/FOI can help to retrieve it

https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/trust-lost-between-governments-and-citizens-during-covid-19-pandemic-1946005

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Can Covid-19 make us stronger?

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n) Humanitarian activists

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

We owe Covid-19 fighters and all other humanitarian activists our gratitude

https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/we-owe-covid-19-fighters-and-all-other-humanitarian-activists-ourgratitude-1947125

o) Not easy o recover

ক্রোনাভাইবাসের হ্বত সহজে শুকাবে না

অৰ্থনৈতিক ঝুঁকি

https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%A6%BE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%BE%A6%A6%BE%A6%A6%BE%A6%A6%BE%A6%A6%BE%A6%A6%BE%A6%BE%A6%A6%BE%A6%A6%BE%A6%A6%BE%

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p) Health safety behaviour

কবোৰা কি চলে গেছে

https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%B E-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87

q) Recovery agenda

Young people must be high on COVID-19 recovery agenda

https://www.newagebd.net/article/113946/young-people-must-be-high-on-covid-19-recovery-agenda

r) Estimates and phenomena

COVID-19 estimates and phenomena

https://www.newagebd.net/article/114886/covid-19-estimates-and-phenomena

s) Social Stigma

কবোনা বেখে যাচ্ছে সামাজিক গঞ্জনা

https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-

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32. Cash Assistance

সরকারি সহায়তার সুবিধাভোগী

অনিযমে বাদ ১৪ লাখ

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33. Private Hospital

a) Licence Renewal

LICENCE RENEWAL

Pvt hospitals, diagnostics to face action after Aug 23

https://www.newagebd.net/article/113033/pvt-hospitals-diagnostics-to-face-action-after-aug-23

b) Monitoring and Supervision

বেসবকাবি হাসপাতাল

হঠাৎ অভিযানের চেয়ে নিয়মিত নজ্বদারিই বেশি জরুরি

https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/column/%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%A0%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%8E-

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c) Issues related to licence renewal

বেসবকাবি হাসপাতাল

লাইসেন্স নবামনেব প্রক্রিয়া নিমে প্রশ্ন

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d) Private hospital owners demand

Sylhet pyt hospital owners demand more time to renew licence

https://www.newagebd.net/article/113800/sylhet-pvt-hospital-owners-demand-more-time-to-renew-licence

e) Hospital's illegal practices

A city hospital's illegal practices uncovered

What about other big hospitals?

https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/city-hospitals-illegal-practices-uncovered-1951477

34. Health Professionals

a) Facilities of health workers

BMA wants govt to review decision on cutting facilities of health workers

https://www.newagebd.net/article/112872/bma-wants-govt-to-review-decision-on-cutting-facilities-of-healthworkers

b) Infection among physicians

চিকিৎসকদের মধ্যে সংক্রমণ: মৃত্যু বেশি জুনে, আক্রান্ত জুলাইয়ে

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c) Safety for health professionals

শ্বাস্থ্যকর্মীদের সর্বোচ্চ নিরাপতার দাবি জাতীয় প্রামর্শক কমিটির

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35. Law enforcement agency

a) Infection status

65 police members die of COVID-19, 15,536 infected

https://www.newagebd.net/article/113203/65-police-members-die-of-covid-19-15536-infected

b) Sincerity and sympathy

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https://www.banglatribune.com/others/news/639561/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6 %A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%9C-

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a) Plasma therapy not for COVID-19 treatment

Plasma therapy should be given only in clinical trial setting: BSMMU

https://www.newagebd.net/article/114646/plasma-therapy-should-be-given-only-in-clinical-trial-setting-bsmmu

b) Plasma fractionation plant

Chinese firm to invest \$300m to set up plasma fractionation plant

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/chinese-firm-invest-300m-set-plasma-fractionation-plant-1943661

c) Forgery

Man held for collecting, selling plasma through forgery

https://www.newagebd.net/article/112986/man-held-for-collecting-selling-plasma-through-forgery

37. Development Project

a) Disorder reigns supreme

Development Projects: Where disorder reigns supreme

Planning ministry expresses discontent

https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/development-projects-where-disorder-reigns-supreme-1944641

b) Derailed development works

Pandemic derailed development works. Planning minister is buckling down to get it back on track

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38. Electricity Bill

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39. Masks

Face covering must in offices, places of worship

Govt issues directives on wearing masks

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41. Small businesses

Small businesses during COVID-19: Sink or Swim?

https://www.thedailystar.net/lifestyle/spotlight/news/small-businesses-during-covid-19-sink-or-swim-1942845

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42. Business

a) Rawhides

Rawhides sell for throwaway prices in Bangladesh

https://www.newagebd.net/article/112567/rawhides-sell-for-throwaway-prices-in-bangladesh

b) Export earnings

Bangladesh export earnings rebound to record \$3.91b in July

https://www.newagebd.net/article/112653/bangladesh-export-earnings-rebound-to-record-391b-in-july

c) Call on diplomats

Commerce minister calls on diplomats to tap potential of global trade in post-COVID era

https://www.newagebd.net/article/113082/commerce-minister-calls-on-diplomats-to-tap-potential-of-global-trade-in-post-covid-era

d) Online financial services

Tackling COVID Fallout

Experts stress shift towards online financial services

https://www.newagebd.net/article/113177/experts-stress-shift-towards-online-financial-services

e) Training for online entrepreneurs

ক্রোনার সংক্রমণ এডাতে অনলাইন যেন ভ্রসার জায়গা

https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/article/1672764/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-

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f) Electronic money transfer falls

Banks' electronic money transfer falls 35pc in June

https://www.newagebd.net/article/113767/banks-electronic-money-transfer-falls-35pc-in-june

43. From Covid to Non Covid Hospital

Railway Hospital no more dedicated COVID-19 hospital

https://www.newagebd.net/article/113739/railway-hospital-no-more-dedicated-covid-19-hospital

44. DGHS

a) New post

Removed DGHS director Aminul gets new post

https://www.newagebd.net/article/113734/removed-dghs-director-aminul-gets-new-post

b) New IEDCR director

Tahmina named new IEDCR director

https://www.newagebd.net/article/113934/tahmina-named-new-iedcr-director

c) Only altering a few key people!

Fixing the Directorate General of Health Services

https://www.newagebd.net/article/113743/fixing-the-directorate-general-of-health-services

d) Sent to prison

MONEY LAUNDERING

Suspended DGHS official Abzal sent to prison

https://www.thedailystar.net/city/news/suspended-dghs-official-abzal-sent-prison-1951573

45. Air Transportation

বাংলাদেশের সঙ্গে পুনরায় বিমান যোগাযোগ চালুর প্রস্তাব ভারতের

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46. Corporate Response

a) Oxygen cylinders

Ispahani Group sponsors oxygen cylinders

https://www.newagebd.net/article/112794/ispahani-group-sponsors-oxygen-cylinders

b) Relief packs

Chevron distributes relief packs in COVID-19 response effort

https://www.newagebd.net/article/113733/chevron-distributes-relief-packs-in-covid-19-response-effort

47. Tie up

BSMMU, University Hospital Zurich sign MoU

https://www.newagebd.net/article/112876/bsmmu-university-hospital-zurich-sign-mou

48. Women

a) Child Marriage

বিয়ে হতে পাবে আতম্কে আত্মহত্যা

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b) Killed by their family members

নারী খুন ও আত্মহত্যা

হিসাবের থতিয়ানে নেই তাঁবা

https://www.prothomalo.com/feature/female-

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c) Violence scenario

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d) Childbirth

Impact of Covid-19: Childbirth at Nilphamari hospitals falling alarmingly

https://www.thedailystar.net/country/news/impact-covid-19-childbirth-nilphamari-hospitals-falling-alarmingly-1951357

49. Covid Management

মহামাবি মোকাবিলাব কাজে গতি লেই

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50. Fake Covid Certificate

ভূমা করোনা সনদ বিক্রির অভিযোগে টেকনোলজিস্টকে ধরিয়ে দিলেন সিভিল সার্জন (ভিডিও)

https://www.banglatribune.com/country/news/639216/%E0%A6%AD%E0%A7%81%E0%A7%9F%E0%A6%BE-

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B. Other Health Issues

1. New drug for diabetic patients

New drug for diabetic patients launched

https://www.thedailystar.net/city/news/new-drug-diabetic-patients-launched-1941521

2. Water borne disease

পানিবাহিত বোগ বাডছে

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3. Corporate Response

সিটি ব্যাংকের সঙ্গে ডিএমএফআর মলিকুলার ল্যাব ও ডায়াগনস্টিক, ইডব্লিউভিএম হেলথ বাংলাদেশের স্মাবক সই

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4. Hepatitis A

হেপাটাইটিস এ রোগী ঘরেই সুস্থ হয়ে যান

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5. Fake Doctor

এমবিবিএস চিকিৎসক পরিচয়ে রোগী দেখতেল মেডিকেল অ্যাসিস্ট্যান্ট

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6. Informal Healthcare Providers

অনাৰুষ্ঠানিক থাতের শ্বাস্থ্য সেবাদাতাদের নিয়ে জনমুখী পরিকল্পনা নেওয়ার আহ্বান

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7. Additional facilities in DMCH

DMCH to get bigger, better outpatient unit

Long-awaited expansion work near completion

https://www.thedailystar.net/city/news/dmch-get-bigger-better-outpatient-unit-1946649

8. Corruption

Hasina Medical College: ACC sues principal, suppliers for graft

They allegedly pocketed Tk 3.43cr

https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/hasina-medical-college-acc-sues-principal-suppliers-graft-1946237

EDITORIAL

Another case of embezzlement in the healthcare sector

Public procurement must be cleansed of corruption

https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/another-case-embezzlement-the-healthcare-sector-1946709

9. Antibiotic plant

Beacon Pharma sets up dedicated antibiotic plant for Tk 250cr

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/beacon-pharma-sets-dedicated-antibiotic-plant-tk-250cr-1947985

10. New Hospital

Gonoshasthaya Kendra to start new hospital in Chattogram

https://www.newagebd.net/article/113987/gonoshasthaya-kendra-to-start-new-hospital-in-chattogram

11. Research Grants

14 BSMMU teachers get research grant

https://www.newagebd.net/article/113986/14-bsmmu-teachers-get-research-grant

12. Dengue

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13. Malaria

কোভিডেব কাবণে ম্যালেবিয়া শৰাক্ত কম

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14. City Corporation

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