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## **Summary findings**

- High Recovery rate from infection, Deaths from Covid for comorbidity and Asymptomatic case and Antigen test kit are issues to present Covid Scenario of different newspapers.
- Need of Antigen tests and increase testing capacity for minimizing risks of infection by second wave.
- Vaccine, Second wave of infection and Mandatory mask use mostly ignored across Bangladesh were got more coverage priority in this month.
- Issued cover under vaccine were Trial, Co-financing for trial, Govt Vaccines scheme for arranging finance, enlisted Globe Vaccine in WHO list and trial of BANCOVID in Nepal.

- Fear and Preparation for Second wave were discussed in different reports
- Experts' are unsatisfied on seven months actions for Covid-19 Management but Prime Minister and Health Minister expressed their satisfaction in this regard. According to Samakal report, 'capacity of the health department to handle the challenges has increased'.
- Didn't able to make available Oxygen supply system as planned.
- Reasons behind Less infection in Rohingya camp like as Dhaka slums
- IEDCR study report on Covid 19 and Herd immunity created controversy, experts are not agree with conclusions of that report
- More reports on Mental Health issue; and improvement of existing facilities and increase number of professionals in this field were highlighted.
- As earlier, information on Corruption and Irregularities related to procurement of health department were also available in this month.
- Uncertainties of Migrant Workers related to Covid test, tickets and Vis; and mental pressure were issues of different reports.
- Reopening plan of education institutions and implementation of that plan simultaneously demand for stimulus package for institutions and availability of devices for online education for students were issues in different reports.
- Digital health services and good number of enrolment in this system for getting services were presented.
- Two issues i.e. Child marriage risks skyrocket and Medical Waste Management were also presented in this month
- According to study report of Bangladesh Health Watch, 'Covid patients have to spend Tk 12,000 each for medicine.
- A joint statement of Bangladesh Medical Association and Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad for protesting recent deputation of Administrative Service cadre officers to health service providing agencies was available in this month.
- Prothom Alo published health tips under a section 'Bhalo Thakun (stay well) along with Sushasto (Good Health) and Q & A section on health issues by engaging different experts. Pro Sastho is their weekly special publication on health issues.

- Bangla Tribune organised and broadcasted a live programme on 'Family Planning in post delivery situation and protecting maternal health during Covid-19 under a programme titled 'Boitaki' (Discussion Programme).
- Daily Star's weekly publication 'Health', 'Daktar Bari' ( weekly publication of Samakal on health issues) and 'Dakatar Achen' ( weekly publication of Kalerkantho on health issues) published in this month.
- Newspapers covered other than Coronavirus issues also, which are a) polio vaccines redundant due to negligence, b) Mother and children welfare centres empty as no doctors, staffers appointed yet, c) controversy related to dress code of Muslim employees in the Institute of Public Health, d) demanding for independent institution for stopping drug uses, e) Controversy on New Born Baby in DMCH (Dhaka Medical College Hospital), where fact was like that doctor declared a baby was dead but later parents found that baby was alive, and DMCH authority termed that incident as 'no negligence of doctor, but fault', g) Seasonal fever and h) Breast cancer risk, misconceptions and prevention.
- Integrated efforts to face Covid-19 is necessary and on present situation experts said, 'here is no chance to think that the risk has decreased'.
- Many opinions have been published in October, some opinion leaders are: *Md Anik Alam*, Senior Scientist, R&D at Pfizer, USA, *Dr Selim Raihan*, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, and Executive Director, South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM), *Anatole Manzi*, Deputy Chief Medical Officer in charge of Clinical Quality and Health Systems Strengthening at Partners In Health, *Dr Muhammad Morshed*, clinical microbiologist and programme head, zoonotic diseases and emerging pathogens, at BC Centre for Disease Control and clinical professor, department of pathology and laboratory medicine, University of British Columbia, *Mushtaq Hossain*, Consultant, IEDCR, *Mahfuz Anam*, Editor, Daily Star, Professor *Dr. ABM Abdullah*, Medicine Specialist and UGC Professor, *Dr. Md Nazmul Huda*, Public Health Researcher and *Prabir Purkayastha*, founding editor of Newslick-a digital media platform. *Hasnat M Alamgir*, Professor of pharmacy, East West University, Bangladesh, *Abdul Malik*, a cardiologist and founder of the National Heart Foundation and *Sabbir Ahmed*, Chartered Accountant.

## Journalism in Bangladesh: current perspectives

### *Free and independent media is vital*

Anis Chowdhury, Adjunct Professor at the University of Western Sydney and the University of New South Wales (Australia) said, 'Free and independent media is vitally important for both managing crises and protecting democracies. We are no doubt entering a dangerous era, and vigilance is essential. The Covid-19 crisis seems to be a bellwether of rising authoritarianism more than the virus itself. We need local mobilisation. We need to democratise politics; i.e., we have to go beyond press and election, and strengthen the rights of the working class to form unions or associations. We need mass political mobilisation to protect both democracy and press freedom'.

(<https://www.newagebd.net/article/118991/pandemic-democracy-and-press-freedom>)

### *Decline in revenue of Media and less job security*

International Center for Journalists released a study report recently. According to that report, 'The Covid-19 pandemic has severely impacted many journalists and newsrooms in one way or another across the globe. Journalists are working in a severely pressured financial, physical and psychological environment during the pandemic; 70 percent of respondents rated the psychological toll as their biggest challenge during the pandemic while more than 80 percent of respondents noted at least one negative psychological effect, including anxiety, burnout, difficulty sleeping and a sense of helplessness. Over 70 percent of respondents said that employers failed to offer flexible hours, time off, social support or regular check-ins etc.

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### *Media in Bangladesh is 'partial free'*

Senior journalist Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul stated in his article, 'The basic responsibility of the media is to inform people and to educate people through information. If the work of the media is limited to this then there is no complication. But the problem arises when the media is used to implement special agendas other than this. The way out of this is to build a professional editorial organization'.

He also said in that article, 'The media loses its character only if it deviates. Internationally, it is said that the media in Bangladesh is 'partial free'. Creative journalism cannot go its own way with constant fear in mind. This fear comes from multifaceted sources. We are talking about crisis, in fact all these are challenges in journalism. Journalism has advanced in all crises or

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### ***PM's Commitment to Free Press: The real test is in practice***

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<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/the-third-view/news/pms-commitment-free-press-1986441>

### ***Need of an independent and neutral Information Commission***

Shamsul Bari and Ruhi Naz are Chairman and RTI Coordinator respectively of Research Initiatives, Bangladesh (RIB). They stated in their article, 'From its onset in early 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic has damaged trust in governments. As governments fumbled with different approaches, citizens' distrust of them increased in tandem. Allegations of misinformation, disinformation and lack of information polluted the atmosphere.'

They also said, 'Assuring the commission of full freedom to apply the law, including penalising disobedient public officials, would be of added value. There can be no better way for the government to instigate beneficial changes in governance through non-revolutionary means than by helping citizens to do so through a seamless use of the RTI Act. It's time the law received the attention it richly deserves from all concerned'.

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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 identified 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 October 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 October 2020.

## Findings

### Newspaper Coverage Scenario of Health Issues

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Experts opined infavour of pro-active role of government for getting vaccine within quickest time. Government is active in this regard and asking funds from different international development agencies. Though home grown vaccine has enlisted in the WHO list but government is trying to get vaccine from major global players.

Health issues coverage by New Age, Bangla Tribune, Daily Star, Samakal and Kalerkantho decreased more than earlier months during pandemic. Less reports and articles were available in October even related to Covid 19 also. All of them tried to disclose information on vulnerability of people due to Covid specially people other than fixed income groups. Discussion on post Covid situation has already been started. Different experts and groups have been demanding need based stimulus packages for supporting small and middle business initiatives.

Bangla Tribune tried to maintain their own style of presentation which is short length report of one event. They have been presenting more reports of one event.

## **A. List of issues related to Coronavirus**

### **1. Health Update**

<b>Recovery Status</b>	<b>Annex: 1(a)</b>
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#### **Over 3 lakh recovered from Covid**

*Shows DGHS data; 15 die, 1,527 test positive in a day*

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), 'One thousand five hundred and nine people recovered from Covid-19 in 24 hours, taking the total number of recovery cases to 300,738. The recovery rate stood at 77.89 percent.'

<b>E-mentoring initiative</b>	<b>Annex: 1(b)</b>
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#### **New e-mentoring initiative launched for Covid-19 doctors**

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Earl Miller and Acting Mission Director of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Bangladesh, John Allelo, inaugurated an e-mentoring initiative for doctors fighting on the frontlines of the Covid-19 pandemic.

<b>Deaths from Covid</b>	<b>Annex: 1(c)</b>
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#### **Deaths from Covid: 80pc of the victims had comorbidity**

**Govt study identifies diabetes, lung diseases, hypertension as top 3 comorbidity factors**

The study of National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine (NIPSOM) said, around 80 percent of the Covid-19 patients who died had comorbidity, finds a government study.

Diabetes, lung diseases, and hypertension are the top three comorbidity factors for the death of Covid-19 patients.

**Asymptomatic case**

**Annex:1(d)**

**82pc of cases asymptomatic in Dhaka**

22 more die, death toll 5,577

The prevalence of COVID-19 cases in the capital is nearly 10 per cent, but eight in 10 detected cases did not show any symptoms of the coronavirus infection. Fever, cough, sore throat and breathing difficulties are considered symptoms of the infection, but the majority of the COVID-19 cases showing no symptoms.

**Fatality rate highest**

**Annex: 1(e)**

**COVID-19**

**Case fatality rate highest in Ctg, Barishal, lowest in Dhaka**

14 more die, 1,586 new cases found

According to a report of World Health Organisation, 'COVID-19 cases and deaths are the highest in Dhaka division but the case fatality ratio is the lowest in the division,. The CFR is the highest in Chattogram and Barishal divisions.'

**Active COVID-19 patients**

**Annex: 1(f)**

**77,000 active COVID-19 patients in Bangladesh**

Cases top 4.01 lakh, death toll 5,838

While the number of daily COVID-19 cases decreased in recent weeks, there are still over 77,000 active COVID-19 patients in the country.

**Rate of infection**

**Annex: 1(g)**

**করোনাভাইরাস: এক মাসে রাজধানীতে রোগী বেড়েছে ২০%**

The rates of detection of new patients and infections have decreased compared to tests for a couple of months. Now that rate is about 11 percent. However, the rate of patient identification is not the same in all parts of the country. In seven districts, the patient identification rate is now above 20 percent.

**Seventh month of infection**

**Annex: 1(h)**

**করোনা সংক্রমণের সাত মাস: পরিস্থিতি স্বাভাবিক হবে কবে, অজানা**

In the seventh month of infection, the number of new cases and deaths from coronavirus in the country has decreased. But the infection situation is not yet risk-free. It is feared that the infection may increase again in the coming days. According to Public health experts, 'there is no effective measure to prevent infection yet'.

**Diabetes situation**

**Annex: 1(i)**

**চট্টগ্রামে গবেষণা: ১% কোভিড রোগী সুস্থ হয়ে ডায়াবেটিসে আক্রান্ত**

In Chittagong, one out of every 100 persons (1 percent) has suffered diabetes after recovering from COVID-19. Again post-covid reactions are most common in diabetic patients. In addition,

after recovering from COVID, diabetic patients are suffering from multiple diseases and physical complications.

### Maturation rate

Annex: 1(j)

#### ‘দেশে করোনার মিউটেশন হয়েছে ৪১৬০ বার’

The genome of 324 coronaviruses (SARS COV-2) from Bangladesh has been mutated 4,160 times, according to the Central for Medical Bio-Technology Department of the Department of Health. The samples were collected from March 30 to September 6.

### Local ventilators

Annex: 1(k)

#### সংকটাপন্ন রোগীদের জন্য চার তরুণের ভেন্টিলেটর

Four youngsters of Sylhet have made ventilators using indigenous technology for critically ill COVID patients. The ventilators they make are easily portable and it is energy efficient. It will cost less than one lakh taka to make this ventilator which can also be used in ambulances.

## 2. Testing Facilities

### Antigen kits

Annex: 2(a-i+ii+iii)

*Experts urge govt*

#### Act fast to get WHO-okayed antigen kits

*Experts urge govt*

The experts suggested the Bangladesh authorities step up efforts to make sure that the country gets antigen kits under the WHO plan at the earliest.

#### Antigen kits can make a big difference

#### Step up efforts to procure antigen kits under the WHO plan

The relevant health officials must remain alert and choose wisely to ensure the quality of the antigen kits. Given our limited access to the expensive and time-consuming RT-PCR test, such a move will prove beneficial as it will help patients in getting timely treatment and possibly save their lives.

#### Rapid testing in 36 districts

#### Covid-19 Antigen Tests: Govt to start rapid testing in 36 districts

The government is set to launch antigen-based Covid-19 rapid testing in 36 districts which don't have RT-PCR testing facilities. For this, the DGHS has procured about 2 lakh rapid testing kits.

### Ten pvt labs for Air Travellers

Annex: 2(b)

#### Air Travellers: Ten pvt labs can give them Covid reports

The health ministry nominated 10 private RT-PCR labs in the capital for issuing air passengers Covid-19 test reports: icddr,b, Universal Medical College Hospital and ideSHi in Mohakhali; the DMFR Molecular Lab and Diagnostics, Lab Aid Ltd, and Popular Diagnostic Center in Dhanmondi; Square Hospital in Panthapath; Evercare Hospital in Bashundhara; Prava Diagnostic in Banani; and the United Hospital in Gulshan.

<b>DU Admission tests</b>	<b>Annex: 2(c)</b>
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**Admission for 2020-21: DU to hold tests in divisional cities**

*No online exams; marks halved*

The Dhaka University authority decided to hold admission tests in divisional cities. They also decided not to hold any online admission exams for academic year 2020-21.

### 3. Second wave

<b>How to handle Second Wave</b>	<b>Annex: 3(a)</b>
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**করোনার দ্বিতীয় ঢেউ আসলে কী**

Covid-19 but started last winter, the virus has been rampant in China for the cold weather. Then earlier this year Europe and America also saw its complex form. The researchers also said that any virus prefers cool and dry weather.

<b>Tests in view of a second wave</b>	<b>Annex: 3(b)</b>
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**Expand tests in view of a second wave**

**Govt must expand tests in view of a second COVID-19 wave**

The government must, therefore, make a course correction in taking and implementing containment measures to curb any second wave of COVID-19.

### 4. Health Services

<b>Facilities expanded in Cox's Bazar hospital</b>	<b>Annex: 4(a)</b>
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**Facilities expanded for Covid-19 patients in Cox's Bazar hospital**

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, in collaboration with Sadar Hospital and the government of Bangladesh, inaugurated the expansion of medical services for patients with severe COVID-19 symptoms in the Cox's Bazar district Sadar Hospital.

<b>Oxygen Supply System</b>	<b>Annex: 4(b)</b>
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**করোনা চিকিৎসা: নিশ্চিত হয়নি নিরবচ্ছিন্ন অক্সিজেন সরবরাহ**

In June, it was decided to set up a central oxygen supply system in 79 hospitals. The work of 61 has not started even seven and a half months after the corona infection in the country;

### 5. Vaccine

<b>Clinical Trial of Vaccine</b>	<b>Annex: 5(a)</b>
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**Clinical Trial of Vaccine: Globe Biotech plans to start it this month**

Bangladeshi company Globe Biotech will seek government approval to start clinical trials of its Covid-19 vaccine this month, having already completed successful animal trials in the pre-clinical stage.

<b>Wants co financing</b>	<b>Annex: 5(b)</b>
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**Chinese Vaccine Trial in Bangladesh: Sinovac now wants co-financing**

*Dhaka yet to reply to its proposal*

The much-talked-about mass trial of a Chinese coronavirus vaccine in Bangladesh has become uncertain after drugmaker Sinovac Biotech Ltd asked the government to co-finance the initiative.

<b>Vaccines scheme</b>	<b>Annex: 5(c)</b>
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**Getting Vaccines: Govt working on a \$550m scheme**

The government has undertaken a programme worth \$550 million with an aim to procure and distribute coronavirus vaccines.

<b>Vaccine priority</b>	<b>Annex: 5(d)</b>
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**Govt hopes to get vaccine on priority basis**

*March 7 declared 'Historic Day'*

The cabinet expressed hope that Bangladesh would get the Covid-19 vaccine on a priority basis as the government was in touch with all countries and organisations trying to develop it.

<b>Fund for vaccine</b>	<b>Annex: 5(e)</b>
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**Procuring Covid Vaccines: Dhaka scrambles to secure funds**

*Seeks \$500m from World Bank, approaches other donors to meet its target of \$1.65b-\$2b to ensure vaccines for all*

The government is aggressively seeking financial assistance from development partners to procure Covid-19 vaccine as soon as it hits markets. The finance ministry is asking for more than \$1.5 billion from the partners to procure and distribute the vaccines.

<b>Decision on Covid-19 vaccines</b>	<b>Annex: 5(f)</b>
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**Govt needs to make a decision on getting Covid-19 vaccines**

**We have the funds, what is stopping us?**

Since a number of countries have already been grappling with the second wave of Covid-19 infections, we might also experience a new wave in the coming winter. Time is running out. If we do not arrange for a vaccine now, we might have to pay a much higher price for them later.

<b>Enlistment of Globe Vaccine</b>	<b>Annex: 5(g)</b>
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**3 Covid-19 vaccine candidates by Bangladesh's Globe Biotech enlisted in WHO draft landscape**

Three Covid-19 vaccine candidates developed by the lone Bangladeshi vaccine company -- Globe Biotech Ltd -- have been enlisted in the draft landscape of the World Health Organization (WHO).

<b>Trial of BANCOVID</b>	<b>Annex : 5(h)</b>
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**Covid Vaccine: Nepali firm likely to buy 2m shots of BANCOVID**

Nepalese drugmaker Anmol Healthcare Ltd might buy two million shots of BANCOVID, the vaccine candidate being developed by Bangladesh's Globe Biotech Ltd.

<b>Aerosol vaccine for Covid 19</b>	<b>Annex: 5(i)</b>
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**Bijon Sil for aerosol vaccine for Covid-19 beside injection**

Before leaving the country for Singapore, eminent scientist Bijon Kumar Sil suggested that the government should choose nasal spray vaccine aerosol for coronavirus treatment alongside injection.

<b>Chinese COVID 19 vaccine safe</b>	<b>Annex: 5 (j)</b>
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**Primary findings show Chinese COVID-19 vaccine candidate safe**

A Chinese COVID-19 vaccine candidate based on the inactivated whole SARS-CoV-2 virus is safe and elicits an antibody response.

<b>5 Global labs to assess Covid-19 vaccines</b>	<b>Annex: 5(k)</b>
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**ICDDR,B chosen among 5 global labs to assess Covid-19 vaccines**

The ICDDR,B, a leading global health research institute based in Dhaka, Bangladesh has been selected as one of the five laboratories across the world to work together as part of a centralised network to reliably assess and compare immunological responses generated by COVID-19 vaccine candidates.

## 6. Corruption

<b>Complain against storekeeper</b>	<b>Annex: 6(a)</b>
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**স্বাস্থ্যের দুষ্টিচক্রে নাজিম**

**আবজাল-মালেকের পর এবার বিশ্বর দুর্নীতির অভিযোগ স্টোর অফিসারের বিরুদ্ধে**

The ACC has received information about the wealth of Nazim Uddin, storekeeper, Health Department.

<b>Death of a mobile X-ray machine</b>	<b>Annex: 6(b)</b>
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**একটি মোবাইল এক্স-রে মেশিনের 'অকালমৃত্যু'**

**বংপুরের সাত হাসপাতালে ৩০ কোটি টাকা লোপাট নেপথ্যে সেই মিঠু সিডিকেট**

After doing X-ray of 14 patients with the new machine, it became crippled. After that the supplier contractor did not activate the machine.

<b>Wealth of a Pressman</b>	<b>Annex: 6(c)</b>
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**স্বাস্থ্যের সালামের শতবিঘা জমি**

**মেডিকেলের প্রশ্ন ফাঁস করে কামিয়েছেন কোটি কোটি টাকা**

Abdus Salam is a fourth class employee of a machineman in the printing press (press) designated by the Health Education Bureau. The total salary is Tk. 30,000. But he owns a lot of wealth.

<b>Irregularities</b>	<b>Annex: 6(d)</b>
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**সোহরাওয়ার্দী হাসপাতাল: যন্ত্রপাতি কেনাকাটায় সাড়ে ৬ কোটি টাকার অনিয়ম**

Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital has been involved in financial irregularities amounting to Tk 6 crore 40 lakh 31 thousand 800 in the purchase of three types of equipments.

<b>Procurement in Health Department</b>	<b>Annex: 6(e)</b>
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**স্বাস্থ্য খাতে কেনাকাটা: করোনার আগেই লোপাট ৩০০ কোটি টাকা**

In the five years from 2014 to 2017, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has identified corruption worth around Tk 300 crore in the procurement of 19 projects and hospitals in the health sector.

**N95 Scam Case****Annex: 6(f)****N95 Scam Case****High Court directs 2 health officials to surrender to lower court**

The High Court directed two health officials accused in fake N95 mask manufacturing and supplying case to surrender to the lower court concerned seeking bail within three weeks.

**Fake masks****Annex: 6(g)****Editorial: Supply of fake masks to hospitals risks lives of staffers****Exemplary action must be taken against corrupt officials**

A shocking report published recently reveals the greed and audacity of several health officials. We have already lost many doctors and nurses to the virus and we simply cannot afford to lose any more – that too, to officials' greed.

**NIDCH official****Annex: 6(h)****Suspended DGHS staff Abzal sent to jail**

A Dhaka court sent to jail Abzal Hossain, a suspended staff of Directorate General of Health Services, in two cases lodged over amassing illegal wealth of Tk 36 crore.

**Want to quit****Annex: 6(i)****Two PDs involved in health purchase want to quit**

Two project directors of the World Bank and Asian Development Bank funded projects on purchasing medical supplies for tackling COVID-19 have applied to the health ministry to relieve them of their duties amid allegations of massive irregularities in the health sector..

**7. Mental Health****Mental health for all****Annex: 7(a)****WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY****'Mental health for all' during the Covid-19 pandemic**

Governments and development partners must ensure that mental health is prioritised during this time, and psychosocial support and mental health interventions are provided to all individuals, everywhere.

**Grossly neglected****Annex: 7(b)****Mental healthcare is grossly neglected****More investment in increasing capacity of hospitals is needed**

The pandemic has exposed the neglect with which this crucial area of healthcare has been treated, and should prompt the government to make the investments needed to improve existing facilities and increase the number of medical graduates who will become therapists and psychiatrists and be recruited to mental health hospitals and wards.



**Mental health & SDGs****Annex: 7(c)****Mental health services essential to achieve SDGs****Says Saima Wazed Hossain at webinar**

Bangladesh National Advisory Committee on Autism and Neuro developmental Disorders Chairperson Saima Wazed Hossain said mental health services are essential to achieve SDGs, and such ailments should be treated with care.

**Treatment of Mental Health****Annex: 7(d)****মনের রোগের চিকিৎসা**

October 10 is World Mental Health Day and theme of this day is 'Mental Health for All'. This article said about When will you need counseling for mental illness, when will you need medicine or will you have to go to the hospital.

**8. Migrant Workers****Visa Renewal for Returnees****Annex: 8(a)****Visa Renewal for Returnees: Saudi sponsors now out to milk them**

Many migrant workers, who got stuck after coming from Saudi Arabia on vacation, are having to ask their employers to get their visas and residence permits renewed. They are paying additional money to the employers in many cases, the workers alleged.

**Fresh migrants****Annex: 8(b)****New hurdle for fresh migrants*****25,000 Saudi-bound workers spending additional money as they need to submit all papers again for reissuance of visa expired amid pandemic***

Around 25,000 aspiring migrant workers are facing new hassles as Saudi Arabia asked them to resubmit documents for reissuing their visas, expired amid coronavirus pandemic.

**Syndicate cashing in on ticket crunch****Annex: 8(c)****Return to Saudi Arabia: Syndicate cashing in on ticket crunch*****KSA extends visa validity till Oct 30: FM***

A syndicate of travel agents and a section of officials of Biman Bangladesh Airlines are cashing in on this crisis and taking money from the workers in return for confirming their tickets back to the gulf country, several workers alleged.

**Migrant workers stranded****Annex: 8(d)****Editorial: Bangladeshi migrant workers stranded at home****Govt should make alternative arrangements**

We believe that the administration ought to go on overdrive to ensure that the migrant workers can rejoin their work in due time. The Civil Aviation Authority should be more proactive and get more airlines to resume their Bangladesh operations quickly, instead of vice versa.

**Troubles over Covid tests****Annex: 8(e)****Saudi Returnees: Troubles over Covid tests add to woes*****Many struggle to get test reports before scheduled flights to KSA***

Rush for tickets to Saudi Arabia went down to some extent after the number of flights was increased, but Bangladeshis seeking to go to the Arab country are not getting enough time to get tested for Covid-19 due to tight flight schedule. In this situation, many fear that they might miss their flights.

**Mental Pressure****Annex: 8(f)****৭৪ শতাংশ অভিবাসী কর্মী মানসিক চাপে থাকেন: ব্র্যাক**

According to a survey conducted by BRAC Migration Program on 558 migrants returning from abroad during the Corona Crisis, 74% of the expatriates are suffering from severe anxiety, stress, anxiety and fear.

**9. Worst affected groups****Annex: 9****Worst-affected by pandemic****Students, labourers worst-affected by pandemic****Govt must take steps to ease their financial hardships**

According to a Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) survey conducted between September 13 and 19, students, rickshaw pullers and labourers have been hardest hit by the economic downturn created by the coronavirus pandemic.

**10. Economy****On the way to recovery****Annex: 10(a)****করোনাকাল: পুনরুদ্ধারের পথে অর্থনীতি**

The macroeconomic indicators are getting better. As a result, the economy is also moving by overcoming the fear of COVID 19. However, the main challenge is to create employment.

**Poverty status****Annex: 10(b)****করোনায় দারিদ্র্য দ্বিগুণ**

According to a BRAC survey of lower income people across the country in April, the income of that group in COVID pandemic has declined by 75 percent. 89 percent of the poor have fallen into extreme poverty. Food crisis in 14 percent of people's homes.

**11. Business****Closed for good****Annex: 11(a)****Hundreds of restaurants in Dhaka closed for good*****More than 1,000 are still at risk of closure due to the pandemic***

Hundreds of restaurants in the capital have already been permanently closed as the owners are unable to cover operational costs while suffering from decreased revenue amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

<b>MSMEs close down</b>	<b>Annex: 11(b)</b>
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**21pc MSMEs close down amid outbreak**

IFC study says 94pc of firms saw decline in sales

According to IFC survey, Twenty-one per cent of the country's micro, small and medium entrepreneurs has temporarily shut their business due to the coronavirus outbreak.

<b>Loan for Covid hit companies</b>	<b>Annex: 11(c)</b>
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**IFC gives \$35m loan to Prime Bank to help Covid-hit cos**

The International Finance Corporation will provide \$35 million in loan to Prime Bank Ltd to support small and medium enterprises and companies affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

<b>Covid grant</b>	<b>Annex: 11(d)</b>
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**Ansar-VDP Bank receives Tk 500cr Covid grant**

Bangladesh Bank and Ansar-VDP Development Bank signed a participation agreement for disbursing special grants allocated for braving coronavirus crisis. The deal was signed at the conference room of the agricultural credit department at the central bank head office.

<b>Stimulus for foreign companies</b>	<b>Annex: 11(e)</b>
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**Stimulus for foreign cos hiked to Tk 7,000cr**

The Bangladesh Bank enhanced the size of the stimulus package meant for large industries and service sectors as working capital loan by Tk 7,000 crore in an attempt to support foreign companies operating in Bangladesh to tackle the impacts of the coronavirus outbreak.

<b>Status of Financial Institutions</b>	<b>Annex: 11(f)</b>
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**আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠান: করোনায় আমানতে টান**

Deposits in financial institutions declined at the end of last June. And the status of the loans recovered has also decreased due to non-issuance of new loans. Such a scenario has been found in the June-based data review of banks and financial institutions

<b>Prospects for economy</b>	<b>Annex: 11(g)</b>
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**অর্থনীতি: করোনা খুলে দিয়েছে সম্ভাবনার দ্বার**

The foreign exchange reserves in the central bank are increasing now. Bangladesh's exports has increased a lot during the Corona period. On the other hand, imports have declined significantly. The result is additional reserves.

## **12. Garments Industry**

<b>Struggle to feed family members</b>	<b>Annex: 12(a)</b>
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**COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

**77pc RMG workers struggle to feed family members: survey**

Seventy-seven percent of the readymade garment factory workers in Bangladesh found it difficult to feed everyone in their household because of job loss or wage cut amid the coronavirus outbreak in the country, according to a recent survey.

**Exporters fear new crisis****Annex: 12(b)****Bangladesh apparel exporters fear new crisis amid second virus wave**

Bangladesh's apparel exporters fear a fresh setback due to the second wave of the coronavirus pandemic in the western countries and sought support from the government to face the imminent shock.

**Preparation for Second wave****Annex: 12(c)****করোনায় পোশাকশিল্প****দ্বিতীয় ঢেউ সামলানোর প্রস্তুতি**

Garment owners are preparing to deal with the second wave of infection. BGMEA and BKMEA, two garment owners' organizations, are running their factories to abide by the health safety code of conducts in the coming weeks.

**13. Masks****Wear masks****Annex: 13(a)****No mask no service****Preventing second wave: No mask no service**

*Govt asks public, private organisations not to provide services to those without face coverings*

A "no mask, no service" policy will be implemented and all organisations will be monitored because the government made masks mandatory in all institutions, markets, schools, and social and religious gatherings.

**Mandatory mask use ignored****Annex: 13(b)****Mandatory mask use mostly ignored across Bangladesh**

The government instruction for the mandatory use of face masks to get services at both public and private offices and at any gathering is largely ignored despite the fear that the country may face a second wave of COVID-19 infections in the coming winter.

**Mask can protect from virus infection****Annex: 13(c)****গোলটেবিল আলোচনা: মাস্কে সুরক্ষা: চ্যালেঞ্জ ও করণীয়****মাস্কেই সুরক্ষা, বিপদ ডেকে আনবে শিথিলতা**

There is no substitute for a mask to protect against coronavirus. Relaxation in the use of masks can bring danger. Corona can even kill someone. So you have to use the mask according to the right rules. And this will ensure safety.

**14. Education****A Level Exams****Annex: 14(a)****A-Level Exams Today: Covid worries weigh on many students, parents**

Advanced Level examinations of the October and November session are set to begin on 1 October amid the coronavirus pandemic, leaving many candidates and their guardians in utter dismay and anxiety.

**Extend school closure****Annex: 14(b)****Govt to extend school closure due to Covid****Decision on HSC exams by next week**

School closure due to the pandemic will be extended and the decision on holding the postponed Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and its equivalent examinations will be announced on Monday or Tuesday.

**HSC grading****Annex: 14(c)****HSC grading based on SSC, JSC marks**

*Evaluation by Dec, govt decides after cancelling this year's HSC exams amid pandemic; mixed reaction among students, parents, educationists*

The Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and its equivalent examinations of this year have been cancelled due to health-safety concerns. Instead, candidates would be evaluated based on their results in Junior School Certificate (JSC), Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and their equivalent tests.

**Medical colleges hold exams****Annex: 14(d)****Medical colleges hold exams amid COVID-19 outbreak**

Thirty-six public and 68 private medical colleges across the country are holding supplementary examinations of the final-year students of the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery courses amid the COVID-19 outbreak.

**DU cuts****Annex: 14(e)****DU cuts dev fee, reduces holidays**

The Dhaka University authority decided to cut development fee of the students by 50 percent and reduce holidays to make up for the academic losses due to the ongoing closure of the institution during the coronavirus outbreak.

**Stimulus Package****Annex: 14(f)****করোনাকালে শিক্ষা খাতে রাষ্ট্রীয় প্রণোদনার দাবিতে মানববন্ধন**

There have been rallies and human chains in Narayanganj demanding one year tuition fee waiver for students, reduction of mess (private hostel) rent, reduction of internet prices and announcement of state incentives for those working in private educational institutions.

**Digital Education System****Annex: 14(g)****বিশেষ সাক্ষাৎকার: মনজুর আহমেদ****ডিজিটালে শিক্ষার্থীদের যুক্ত করতে অনেক কিছু করা উচিত**

Dr. Manzoor Ahmed, a veteran academician is now an Emeritus Professor at BRAC University and Vice President of the Mass Literacy Campaign. He spoke to Prothom Alo about the current state of the education system in the country and the new challenges

**Online Device****Annex: 14(h)****বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে অনলাইন শিক্ষা: ৪২ হাজার শিক্ষার্থীর ডিভাইস নেই**

41,997 students from 39 government and autonomous universities of the country are not well off, who do not have the necessary devices to take classes online or have the opportunity to run

internet. The universities have given this list of financially indigent students to the University Grants Commission (UGC).

## **15. Govt. Directives**

**Annex: 15**

### **Remain cautious about spending**

*PM directs officials to avoid unnecessary expenditure as Covid situation may worsen*

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina directed government officials to refrain from the unnecessary expenditure of public money as she feared a second wave of Covid-19 in the coming days.

## **16. Local health tech startup**

**Annex: 16**

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

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

## **17. Herd Immunity**

### **Herd immunity in city areas**

**Annex: 17(a)**

#### **IEDCR Survey on Covid-19: Herd immunity in some city areas?**

*Experts think it may be the case but warn against slackening of health rules*

The epidemiological study which found 45 percent of the respondents in the capital to be carrying Covid-19 antibody, indicates that residents in some parts of the city may have developed herd immunity.

### **Dangerous fallacy**

**Annex: 17(b)**

#### **Herd immunity approaches to COVID-19 control are a 'dangerous fallacy'**

A group of researchers warn that a so-called herd immunity approach to managing COVID-19 by allowing immunity to develop in low-risk populations while protecting the most vulnerable is "a dangerous fallacy unsupported by the scientific evidence".

### **Long road to COVID 19 immunity**

**Annex: 17(c)**

#### **On a long road to COVID-19 immunity even with vaccines**

We would also have been able to discuss how to create the global and national infrastructure for all countries and all people to be safe. Instead, we see the ugly face of 'vaccine nationalism,' with each country for itself, which will protect neither the nations nor their people.

## **18. Covid patient Management**

**Annex: 18**

### **Covid patients have to spend Tk 12,000 each for medicine**

*Shows a study*

A study conducted by Bangladesh Health Watch (BHW) reported that coronavirus patients spent Tk 12,000 each on average as medicine cost. The respondents of the survey said specific medicines were not available in the pharmacies and they had to procure it from alternative sources.

## 19. Women

### Child marriage risks

Annex: 19(a)

#### **Pandemic Fallout: Child marriage risks skyrocket**

*Reports Save the Children*

An estimated 5,00,000 more girls are at a risk of being forced into child marriage and as many as one million more are expected to become pregnant this year as a result of the economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

### Women farmers at most risk

Annex: 19(b)

#### **Women farmers at most risk from COVID-19 food crisis**

ActionAid, Bangladesh urged the government to prioritise investment in sustainable, climate-resilient local food systems as part of COVID-19 recovery plans.

## 20. Counterfeit goods

### Counterfeit goods in pandemic

Annex: 20(a)

#### **বিশ্ব মান দিবস আজ: করোনায় বেপরোয়া নকল পণ্যের কারবারিরা**

Counterfeit goods traders have become reckless during COVID-19 situation. They are embezzling crores taka with counterfeiting and adulterating daily necessities, cosmetics, medicines and medical equipment using fake certificates.

### Toxic hand-sanitizer

Annex: 20(b)

#### **বাজার থেকে হ্যান্ড স্যানিটাইজার প্রত্যাহারের আদেশ, কোটি টাকা জরিমানা**

ACI has been fined Rs 1 crore for the presence of toxic methanol in their hand-sanitizer. The RAB's mobile court has also ordered the withdrawal of methanol-mixed hand sanitizers from the market within the next 48 hours.

## 21. Post COVID 19 world

Annex: 21

### Post COVID-19 world

#### **Webinar held on social emotional skills for post COVID-19 world**

To review education strategies and explore ways to integrate Social Emotional Learning into literacy teaching-learning in the newly defined pedagogy of COVID-19 context and to clarify roles in SEL, Room to Read Bangladesh and #NextGenEdu jointly organised a webinar focusing Social and emotional skills to read the new normal world and the newly defined literacy.

## 22. Private Hospitals

Annex: 22

### **8,627 pvt hospitals without licence, apply for first time**

DGHS says many yet to apply

At least 8,627 private health facilities that are operating without licence across the country applied for licence for the first time after the government recently warned of punishment for the unlicensed private hospitals, clinics, diagnostic centres and blood banks. The Directorate General of Health Services believes still many errant private health facilities have not applied.

### 23. Digital Healthcare

#### Digital Healthcare Solutions support

Annex: 23(a)

#### DHS to support IEDCR for handling COVID-19 hotline

Digital Healthcare Solutions will support Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research for handling the COVID-19 hotline to strengthen Covid-19 containment activity of government of Bangladesh, said a press release.

#### Digital Hospital

Annex: 23(b)

#### Digital Hospital treats with empathy

Digital Hospital has provided over 800,000 digital medical consultations over calls, chat and video consultation by its trained team of over 120 doctors placing empathy at the heart of their healthcare advice.

### 24. PPE

Annex: 24

#### IMPORT OF PPE, OTHERS

#### Duty benefits extended till December

The National Board of Revenue has extended the duty benefit on import of 17 types of products, including personal protective equipments and its raw materials, required to fight the coronavirus outbreak till December 31 to ensure availability of the items amid the outbreak.

### 25. Health Professionals

Annex: 25

#### Doctors protest at deputation of admin service officers to health agencies

Bangladesh Medical Association and Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad (Swachip) in a joint statement protested at the recent deputation of Administrative Service cadre officers to health service providing agencies.

### 26. Violations of Health guidelines

Annex: 26

#### Infection risk rises as people flout health guidelines

No actions visible for not wearing masks

People are increasingly ignoring the health practices like wearing masks and maintaining distance despite the looming threat of a second wave of Covid-19 infections in the coming winter.

### 27. Infection in Rohingya

Annex: 27

#### বোহিঙ্গাদের মধ্যে করোনা সংক্রমণ কম কেন

The level of infection in Rohingya camps has not yet been seen to be acute. The same situation is in slums of the capital. But why? So far no specific scientific explanation has been found. However, experts are making some assumptions.

### 28. Local Govt. Institutions

Annex: 28

#### করোনাকালে ত্রাণে অনিয়ম: স্বপদে ফিরছেন অভিযুক্ত জনপ্রতিনিধিরা

Many Local Government elected representatives who were sacked for irregularities in the distribution of relief to the poor during the Corona pandemic have returned to their jobs.



## 29. Medical Waste Management

Annex: 29

### চিকিৎসা বর্জ্যের ৯৩ ভাগই সঠিক ব্যবস্থাপনার বাইরে: ব্র্যাক

In Bangladesh, only 6.6 percent of medical waste related to Covid-19 is properly managed. The remaining 93.4% of the waste is not under proper management. A study report of BRAC Climate Change Program on 'Effective Medical Waste Management in the Covid-19 Epidemic' disclosed that.

## 30. Covid 19 Medicine

Annex: 30

### যুক্তরাষ্ট্রে আনুষ্ঠানিক অনুমোদন পেল রেমেডেসিভির

The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has officially approved Gilead Sciences' anti-viral drug Remdesivir. The FDA formally approved the drug for use in hospitalized patients with Covid-19 disease.

## 31. What we need to do

### Vaccine race

Annex: 31(a)

#### Lagging behind in vaccine race

*Sinovac trial uncertain after govt refusal to co-financing; experts point out slow, lackluster efforts to get vaccine*  
Prof Nazrul Islam, member of the National Technical Advisory Committee (NTAC), said, 'The government has allocated funds, which is good. But we do not know the exact progress made in getting the vaccine'.

### Patient care systems

Annex: 31(b)

#### Locally tailored policies and improved patient care systems are necessary next steps for Bangladesh during the pandemic

There is no alternative to working together as "No one is safe, unless everyone is safe" in this pandemic. As we move forward together, we will learn more about the disease, treatment, vaccine, policies and healthcare guidelines. The future will depend on how we can leverage these learnings to save peoples' lives.'

### Development challenges

Annex: 32(c)

#### Eight new development challenges triggered by Covid-19

Covid-19 involves not only pandemic-related health issues but also a deep socioeconomic crisis triggered by large-scale job losses, a sharp rise in poverty and vulnerability, and widening inequality. What makes the effects of Covid-19 different from those of past pandemics? What development challenges has it brought about?

### Covid 19 disruption to essential health services

Annex: 32(d)

#### Overcoming the Covid-19 disruption to essential health services

The disruptions to healthcare systems caused by Covid-19 can be overcome. Crucially, countries need to reassess their delivery strategies and make targeted investments in essential health services. Doing so will strengthen their resilience against similar health crises in the future.

**Ferdousi Qadri : The Saver people from Cholera****Annex: 32(e)****অর্জন: মহামারির বিরুদ্ধে লড়াইয়ে নায়ক ফেরদৌসী কাদরী**

Ferdousi Qadri is the head of the immunology department at ICDDR, B. She has saved millions of lives from Cholera through her research and making availability of affordable vaccines. Bill Gates, Co-founder has written about her in his blog.

**Health consequences****Annex: 32(f)****COVID-19: Unintended health consequences**

At the same time, we either forget or overlook many more serious health issues in our everyday life. There can be no denying that we are facing many unintended consequences and paying prices for them in one way or the other – for instance, loneliness, depression, family stress, child safety, violence against women, cybercrimes, sexual and reproductive health of youth etc.

**Need more attention****Annex: 32(g)****ঝুঁকি কমেছে, এমনটা ভাবার সুযোগ নেই**

Research on swine flu has shown that the actual number of patients infected with the virus was up to 40 times higher than the number of patients identified. Four months ago, I feared that this could happen in the case of coronavirus (Covid-19). In fact, more people have been infected than feared, according to the latest study.

**Integrated efforts****Annex: 32(h)****Integrated efforts to face COVID-19 stressed**

Integrated efforts of all government and non-government entities concerned have become an urgent need to face the adverse impacts being triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic situation.

**Govt must mend its ways****Annex: 32(i)****Govt must mend its ways to fight further COVID-19 wave**

The government must, therefore, learn from the mistakes it made in facing the COVID-19 outbreak that is still wreaking havoc on public health and the economy. It must also make a course correction in taking and implementing containment measures.

**B. Other Health Issues****1. Health Services****Annex: 1****Healthcare within reach, yet distant****140 mother and children welfare centres empty as no doctors, staffers appointed yet**

.In the last one month, at least three women from Datiapara village in Dakshin Bongshikunda union experiencing complications during labour were taken to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

## 2. Polio

Annex: 2 (a &b)

### Win against polio

#### 'A win against polio is a win for global health'

Rotary Bangladesh National PolioPlus Committee said about a hundred children in only two countries in the world are now affected with this disease, while Bangladesh was certified as a polio-free country since 2014.

### Polio Vaccine

#### ফরিদপুর সদরে গাফিলতিতে নষ্ট ৭ হাজার ভ্যাকসিন

About 7,000 polio vaccines in the store of Faridpur Sadar Upazila Health and Family Welfare Officer's Office has been destroyed due to negligence in maintenance and supervision. Based on the recommendation of the investigation committee, three health workers have been asked to show cause.

## 3. Dress code circular

Annex: 3

### IPH scraps dress code circular

#### Under fire, IPH scraps dress code circular

The Institute of Public Health issued a circular asking Muslim women employees to wear hijab and to make sure that their clothes cover their ankle joints. After widespread criticism on social media and a show-cause notice from the health ministry yesterday, the institute's director withdrew the order.

## 4. Vitamin 'A' plus campaign

Annex: 4

### Nationwide vitamin 'A' plus campaign from Oct 4-17

The nationwide vitamin 'A' plus campaign will be held from October 4 to 17 for feeding vitamin A plus capsules to 2.20 crore children aged between six and 59 months. Health minister Zahid Maleque came up with the information at a press conference on Thursday.

## 5. Independent institution on Drug Abuse

Annex: 5

### Stopping Drug Abuse: Govt to set up independent institution

#### *It'll test public transport drivers and people before joining jobs, enrolling for higher edu*

As a part of intensifying and strengthening narcotics control across the country, the government has taken steps to form an independent institution to carry out dope tests in a structural manner.

## 6. Hearing loss

Annex:6

### Hearing loss in ageing population

It is projected that the proportion of elder people, 60 years and above, will be about 22 percent, or 36 million, of the total population in Bangladesh by 2050 from the current 8 per cent or 13 million. Life expectancy will be 78.11 years for males and 81.45 years for females in 2050. This implies that people will live about eight years longer in 30 years.

## 7. Cancer Treatment

Annex: 7

### GK adds modern e-brachytherapy to its cancer centre

Gonoshasthaya Kendra added modern electronic brachytherapy equipment to its cancer centre to offer sophisticated cancer care to patients. GK in a release said that the electronic brachytherapy machine mitigates radiation and the patients do not feel vomiting. The machine also reduces other problems.

## 8. New born baby controversy

Annex: 8(a&b)

### NEWBORN'S RETURN FROM DEATH

#### DMCH finds no negligence of docs, but fault

Dhaka Medical College Hospital authorities said that they found no negligence of doctors in declaring a newborn baby dead, but the fault was unintentional..

#### DMCH regrets declaring newborn dead

Dhaka Medical College Hospital authorities on Saturday expressed regrets declaring dead a newborn girl who was found alive minutes before her burial in the capital on Friday. The newborn was in critical condition and undergoing treatment in the neonatal intensive care unit of the hospital on Saturday.

## 9. Dengue patients

Annex: 9

### 24 dengue patients undergoing treatment at hospitals: DGHS

A total of twenty-four dengue patients are currently taking treatment at different hospitals across the country. Three new dengue cases were reported in the past 24 hours, the Directorate General of Health Services said in a media release.

## 10. Full length of medical services

Annex: 10

### সামেক হাসপাতালে জরুরি বিভাগ চালুর দাবি ইন্টার্ন চিকিৎসকদের

Interns of Satkhira Medical College (SAMEC) Hospital were demanding full operation of medical services including opening of emergency unit.

## 11. Malpractices

Annex: 11

### তিন হাসপাতালে অভিযান, ২টি সিলগালা, ৬ জনের কারাদণ্ড

RAB's mobile court has raided three private hospitals in the capital's Mohammadpur area on charges of various irregularities including malpractice. During the operation, six people have been imprisoned for different terms. Two hospitals have been sealed.

## 12. Human Resources Crisis

Annex: 12

### জনবল সংকটে ধুকছে নীলফামারীর কুঠ হাসপাতাল

There was a crowd of thousands of patients in the outdoor. But due to shortage of manpower and doctors, now an average of 50-60 patients come to the outdoor of the hospital for treatment. On an average, 12-13 patients are admitted indoors. Locals are blaming doctors and manpower crisis for such a situation.

**13. Breast Cancer****Annex: 13****শুন ক্যানসারের ঝুঁকি, ভুল ধারণা ও প্রতিরোধ**

About 15,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer in Bangladesh every year. For every 1,000 women, 22.5 percent are at risk for breast cancer.

**14. Keep blood pressure under control****Annex: 14****রক্তচাপ থাকুক নিয়ন্ত্রণে**

Abdul Malik, a cardiologist and founder of the National Heart Foundation, wrote about high blood pressure and its control.

**15. Kidneys****Annex: 15****কিডনি সুস্থ রাখার উপায়**

Kidneys are damaged and sometimes crippled by various diseases and problems. The incidence of kidney disease is increasing day by day due to various reasons. But with a little awareness we can keep the kidneys healthy.

**16. Seasonal Fever****Annex: 16****ঋতু বদলের ঝরজারি**

The warm nature farewell bell is ringing. The mixed weather of late autumn is now. This is a warm morning, then a rainy afternoon, and last night a mild winter. Many are experiencing seasonal fever at this time of the season. You must be careful during Corona pandemic.

**2. Publication Overview****Coverage of Health Issues**

- Prothom Alo presented a report on assessment of seven months actions of health department on Covid management , where we found experts' unhappiness and they are facing difficulty for forecasting coming days. They also published a report on Oxygen supply system update in hospitals. According to that report, situation didn't able address that need. Talking about second wave they also published a full length guideline on how to deal that.
- Prothom Alo published a report on infection in Rohingya camp, they talked about issues related to less infection in this camp like slums in Dhaka city.
- They also published a report on the way to recovery of economy. The macroeconomic indicators are getting better. As a result, the economy is also moving by overcoming the fear of coronavirus. However, the main challenge is to create employment. Bangladesh's export trade will suffer if the second possible impact of Covid-19 is manifested in the western countries. The country's foreign exchange reserves are also on the rise due to record amount of remittances, low growth in exports, low import costs and increased foreign aid. But a Daily Star report said, " Hundreds of restaurants in Dhaka closed for good'-situation analysis of restaurant business during pandemic related holidays and present.

- Along with other newspapers, Daily Star published an analytical report on 'IEDCR study report on Covid 19 and Herd immunity. According to that report, 45 percent of the respondents in the capital to be carrying Covid-19 antibody, indicates that residents in some parts of the city may have developed herd immunity'. But Virologist Prof Nazrul Islam said, 'The sample size is not representational. It can be said, but not surely, that some pockets such as slums may be approaching herd immunity. We need to conduct further study with a representative number of samples to know the reality.'
- Daily Star published a write up titled 'Locally tailored policies and improved patient care systems are necessary next steps for Bangladesh during the pandemic', where we learnt an analysis on Covid 19, measures, impacts and what need to do for handling this. We have a long journey ahead with Covid-19 and "trust" is our safest and strongest boat to sail'.
- Daily Star said in a report on Mental Health issue, which has identified one the major concerns now, 'to improve existing facilities and increase the number of medical graduates who will become therapists and psychiatrists and be recruited to mental health hospitals and wards'.
- Samakal published an article by a Chartered Accountant, in that article titled 'Corona has opened the door to possibilities'. New Age said in a report, Mandatory mask use mostly ignored across Bangladesh'. which is alarming. Samakal also published a detailed report 'The capacity of the health department to handle the challenges has increased. Despite limitations, Bangladesh's success in tackling corona is promising. Bangladesh has a lower incidence and mortality rate than many developed countries in the world. The recovery rate is also high'.
- Other issues covered by all six newspapers in October are, High Recovery Rate, Deaths from Covid for comorbidity, Asymptomatic case, Antigen test kit, More laboratory for Air Travellers, Vaccine (Trial, co financing for trial, Govt Vaccines scheme, Globe Vaccine in WHO list, BANCOVID in Nepal), Corruption and Irregularities, Mental Health (Treatment and Mental health & SDGs), Migrant Workers (Covid test, uncertainty Mental Pressure and Visa), Fear and Preparation for Second wave, Stimulus Package for education institutions and availability of Devices for online education, Pandemic Fallout and Child marriage risks skyrocket, insufficient efforts for Medical Waste Management, withdrawal of Toxic hand-sanitizer and penalty for that company and digital health services.
- Three study reports released by Bangladesh Health Watch, which are: 1. A Quick Assessment of Medicines and other Food items Used by COVID-19 Positive (+ve) Persons at home,' 2. 'Opportunities and Challenges of COVID-19 case handling in Bangladesh,' and 3. 'Sample Collection and Sample Testing for SARS-Co-2 in Bangladesh. Daily Star and Protom Alo highlighted findings of one report with similar title which is. 'Covid patients have to spend Tk 12,000 each for medicine'.

- New Age published a joint statement of Bangladesh Medical Association and Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad (Swachip) on their position related to recent deputation of Administrative Service cadre officers to health service providing agencies.
- Integrated efforts to face COVID-19 is necessary for facing challenges and it also said 'There is no chance to think that the risk has decreased'.
- Prothom Alo broadcasted live health awareness programmes under sponsorships of different pharmaceuticals and local and international development agencies, majority of those programmes were on female health issues which were menopause, complexities of adolescent pregnancy, women health during corona pandemic, reproductive health of garments workers, birth control after delivery, breast cancer, impact of hypothyroidism on women's health and child marriage; Other issues were safe heart and blood pressure, mental pressure, headache of students, fever during present weather, vaccine, causes of Osteoporosis and prevention, Bangladesh is at the lowest position related to corona test, stroke prevention and suggestions, and free treatment with medicine.
- Prothom Alo published health tips under a section 'Bhalo Thakun (stay well) along with Sushasto (Good Health) and Q &A section on health issues by engaging different experts. Pro Sastho is their weekly special publication on health issues. One of section of this publication was covered readers queries and experts answers on those queries. Issues covered in this month were Heart Disease, Hormone, Ulcers, Arthritis pain, Thyroid, ENT, Digestive system, Gynecology, skin disease, medicine, allergy and urine complexities.
- Bangla Tribune organised and broadcasted on 3 October 2020 a live programme on Family Planning in post delivery situation and maternal health during Covid -19 under a programme titled 'Boitaki' (Discussion Programm). Maternal services did not stop even during the pandemic. Rather, emphasis has been laid on discouraging pregnancy at this time.
  - Abu Jamil Faisal, a member of COVID-19 advisory committee said, 'Before, 50 percent delivery were done at home, now about 80 percent are being done at home.'
  - Professor Farhana Dewan, Deputy National Co-ordinator of the OGSB Figo PPIUD project said, 'due to the corona, doctors have access to private practice in two ways: One is telemedicine and another is post delivery treatment for those who are giving birth child now'.
  - United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA) SRHR Program Specialist Dr. ASM Hasan said, 'An increase in unwanted pregnancies during the Covid-19 could lead to maternal and child mortality.'

- Professor Parveen Fatima, National Co-ordinator of the Figo PPIUD Project at the Gynecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB) said, 'At the moment, however, we can no longer stop the treatment. Our main target is to make everyone aware'.
- Daily Star's weekly publication 'Health' covered issues like as Dengue outbreak, a symptom of Covid-19, prostate cancer surgery, weight-loss and standard meals, Scope for massive scale-up of investment in mental health, The adverse effect of overuse of hand sanitizer, Early physical therapy for acute back pain and sciatica improves disability, lifesaving micronutrient to children, incidence of cancer, New electronic survey manual supports countries to combat micronutrient deficiencies, Bariatric surgery tied to longer life expectancy among obese, hope with once-weekly treatment of diabetes, Narcolepsy drugs tied to increased risk for birth defects and updated its guidelines on treating COVID-19.
- Doktor Bari ( weekly publication of Samakal on health issues) mainly focused on health tips, issues covered in this month were Chest pain, How to control cholesterol, Unbearable sneezing, How to avoid risks related to cancer, Scabies is a contagious disease and Dental problems of children. In this month they published three issues instead of four.
- Dakatar Achen ( weekly publication of Kalerkantho on health issues) also provided mostly health tips which covered Prevention and control of diabetes, Foods to control thyroid, Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children, Maternal cardiomyopathy, Blood pressure control is important to prevent stroke, Causes of lung problems, lung cancer and Diagnosis of heart problems in the womb.
- Other than Coronavirus issues covered by newspapers, which are, polio vaccines redundant due to negligence, mother and children welfare centres empty as no doctors, staffers appointed yet, controversy related to dress code of Muslim employees in the Institute of Public Health, demanding for independent institution for stopping drug uses, Controversy on New Born Baby in DMCH, where fact was like that doctor declared a baby was dead but later parents found that baby was alive and but DMCH termed this incident as 'no negligence of doctor, but fault', Seasonal fever and Breast cancer risk, misconceptions and prevention.
- Many opinions have been published in October, some opinion leaders are: *Md Anik Alam*, Senior Scientist, R&D at Pfizer, USA, *Dr Selim Raihan*, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, and Executive Director, South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM), *Anatole Manzi*, Deputy Chief Medical Officer in charge of Clinical Quality and Health Systems Strengthening at Partners In Health, *Dr Muhammad Morshed*, clinical microbiologist and programme head, zoonotic diseases and emerging pathogens, at BC Centre for Disease Control and clinical professor, department of pathology and laboratory medicine, University of British Columbia, *Mushtaq Hossain*, Consultant, IEDCR, *Mahfuz Anam*, Editor, Daily Star, Professor *Dr. ABM Abdullah*, Medicine Specialist and UGC Professor, *Dr. Md Nazmul Huda*, Public



Health Researcher and *Prabir Purkayastha*, founding editor of Newsclick-a digital media platform. *Hasnat M Alamgir*, Professor of pharmacy, East West University, Bangladesh, *Abdul Malik*, a cardiologist and founder of the National Heart Foundation and *Sabbir Ahmed*, Chartered Accountant.

### **3. Summary Observations**

- High Recovery rate from infection, Deaths from Covid for comorbidity and Asymptomatic case and Antigen test kit are issues to present Covid Scenario of different newspapers.
- Need of Antigen tests and increase testing capacity for minimizing risks of infection by second wave.
- Vaccine, Second wave of infection and Mandatory mask use mostly ignored across Bangladesh were got more coverage priority in this month.
- Issued cover under vaccine were Trial, Co-financing for trial, Govt Vaccines scheme for arranging finance, enlisted Globe Vaccine in WHO list and trial of BANCOVID in Nepal.
- Fear and Preparation for Second wave were discussed in different reports
- Experts' are unsatisfied on seven months actions for Covid-19 Management but Prime Minister and Health Minister expressed their satisfaction in this regard. According to Samakal report, 'capacity of the health department to handle the challenges has increased'.
- Didn't able to make available Oxygen supply system as planned.
- Reasons behind Less infection in Rohingya camp like as Dhaka slums
- IEDCR study report on Covid 19 and Herd immunity created controversy, experts are not agree with conclusions of that report
- More reports on Mental Health issue; and improvement of existing facilities and increase number of professionals in this field were highlighted.
- As earlier, information on Corruption and Irregularities related to procurement of health department were also available in this month.
- Uncertainties of Migrant Workers related to Covid test, tickets and Vis; and mental pressure were issues of different reports.

- Reopening plan of education institutions and implementation of that plan simultaneously demand for stimulus package for institutions and availability of devices for online education for students were issues in different reports.
- Digital health services and good number of enrolment in this system for getting services were presented.
- Two issues i.e. Child marriage risks skyrocket and Medical Waste Management were also presented in this month
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## **ANNEXURE**

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

## A. List of issues related to Coronavirus

### 1. Health Update

#### a) Recovery Status

**Over 3 lakh recovered from Covid**

*Shows DGHS data; 15 die, 1,527 test positive in a day*

<https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/over-3-lakh-recovered-covid-1979393>

#### b) E-mentoring initiative

**New e-mentoring initiative launched for Covid-19 doctors**

<https://www.thedailystar.net/city/news/new-e-mentoring-initiative-launched-covid-19-doctors-1980293>

#### c) Deaths from Covid

**Deaths from Covid: 80pc of the victims had comorbidity**

**Govt study identifies diabetes, lung diseases, hypertension as top 3 comorbidity factors**

<https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/deaths-covid-80>

#### d) Asymptomatic case

**82pc of cases asymptomatic in Dhaka**

22 more die, death toll 5,577

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/118845/82pc-of-cases-asymptomatic-in-dhaka>

#### e) Fatality rate highest

**COVID-19**

**Case fatality rate highest in Ctg, Barishal, lowest in Dhaka**

14 more die, 1,586 new cases found

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/119767/case-fatality-rate-highest-in-ctg-barishal-lowest-in-dhaka>

#### f) Active COVID-19 patients

**77,000 active COVID-19 patients in Bangladesh**

Cases top 4.01 lakh, death toll 5,838

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/120120/77000-active-covid-19-patients-in-bangladesh>

#### g) Rate of infection

**করোনাভাইরাস**

**এক মাসে রাজধানীতে রোগী বেড়েছে ২০%**

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

#### h) Seventh month of infection

**করোনা সংক্রমণের সাত মাস**

## পরিস্থিতি স্বাভাবিক হবে কবে, অজানা

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE>

### i) Diabetes situation

#### চট্টগ্রামে গবেষণা

#### ১% কোভিড রোগী সুস্থ হয়ে ডায়াবেটিসে আক্রান্ত

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A7%A7-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A1-%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%80-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A7%9F%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%A1%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4>

### j) Maturation rate

#### ‘দেশে করোনার মিউটেশন হয়েছে ৪১৬০ বার’

<https://www.banglatribune.com/national/news/647522/%E2%80%98%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%89%E0%A6%9F%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%A8-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A7%9F%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87-%E0%A7%AA%E0%A7%A7%E0%A7%AC%E0%A7%A6-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E2%80%99>

### k) Local ventilators

#### সংকটাপন্ন রোগীদের জন্য চার তরুণের ভেন্টিলেটর

#### করোনাভাইরাস

<https://samakal.com/todays-print-edition/tp-khobar/article/201062719/%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%82%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A8-%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF-%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%A3%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AD%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%B0>

## 2. Testing Facilities

### a) Antigen kits

#### i) Experts urge govt

#### Act fast to get WHO-okayed antigen kits

#### Experts urge govt

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/act-fast-get-who-okayed-antigen-kits-1970257>

#### ii) Antigen kits can make a big difference

#### Step up efforts to procure antigen kits under the WHO plan

<https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/antigen-kits-can-make-big-difference-1971385>

### iii) Rapid testing in 36 districts

#### Covid-19 Antigen Tests: Govt to start rapid testing in 36 districts

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/covid-19-antigen-tests-govt-start-rapid-testing-36-districts-1978725>

### b) Ten pvt labs for Air Travellers

#### Air Travellers: Ten pvt labs can give them Covid reports

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/air-travellers-ten-pvt-labs-can-give-them-covid-reports-1981465>

### c) DU Admission tests

#### Admission for 2020-21: DU to hold tests in divisional cities

*No online exams; marks halved*

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/admission-2020-21-du-hold-tests-divisional-cities-1981485>

## 3. Second wave

### a) Guidelines on Second Wave

#### করোনার দ্বিতীয় ঢেউ আসলে কী

<https://www.prothomalo.com/feature/pro-health/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%80%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%A2%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%89-%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%80>

### b) Tests in view of a second wave

#### Expand tests in view of a second wave

#### Govt must expand tests in view of a second COVID-19 wave

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/120127/govt-must-expand-tests-in-view-of-a-second-covid-19-wave>

## 4. Health Services

### a) Facilities expanded in Cox's Bazar hospital

#### Facilities expanded for Covid-19 patients in Cox's Bazar hospital

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/119391/facilities-expanded-for-covid-19-patients-in-coxs-bazar-hospital>

### b) Oxygen Supply System

#### করোনা চিকিৎসা

#### নিশ্চিত হয়নি নিরবচ্ছিন্ন অক্সিজেন সরবরাহ

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A4-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A7%9F%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%9A%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%9B%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A8-%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%9C%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A8-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B9>

## 5. Vaccine

### a) Clinical Trial of Vaccine

#### Clinical Trial of Vaccine: Globe Biotech plans to start it this month

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/clinical-trial-vaccine-globe-biotech-plans-start-it-month-1970857>

## **b) Wants co financing**

### **Chinese Vaccine Trial in Bangladesh: Sinovac now wants co-financing**

*Dhaka yet to reply to its proposal*

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/chinese-vaccine-trial-bangladesh-sinovac-now-wants-co-financing-1971417>

## **c) Vaccines scheme**

### **Getting Vaccines: Govt working on a \$550m scheme**

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/getting-vaccines-govt-working-550m-scheme-1971857>

## **d) Vaccine priority**

### **Govt hopes to get vaccine on priority basis**

*March 7 declared 'Historic Day'*

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/govt-hopes-get-vaccine-priority-basis-1974129>

## **e) Fund for vaccine**

### **Procuring Covid Vaccines: Dhaka scrambles to secure funds**

*Seeks \$500m from World Bank, approaches other donors to meet its target of \$1.65b-\$2b to ensure vaccines for all*

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/procuring-covid-vaccines-dhaka-scrambles-secure-funds-1983725>

## **f) Decision on Covid-19 vaccines**

### **Govt needs to make a decision on getting Covid-19 vaccines**

**We have the funds, what is stopping us?**

<https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/govt-needs-make-decision-getting-covid-19-vaccines-1979317>

## **g) Enlistment of Globe Vaccine**

**Annex: 5(g)**

### **3 Covid-19 vaccine candidates by Bangladesh's Globe Biotech enlisted in WHO draft landscape**

<https://www.thedailystar.net/country/news/3-covid-19-vaccine-candidates-bangladeshs-globe-biotech-enlisted-who-draft-landscape-1979621>

## **h) Trial of BANCOVID**

### **Covid Vaccine: Nepali firm likely to buy 2m shots of BANCOVID**

<https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/covid-vaccine-nepali-firm-likely-buy-2m-shots-bancovid-1982753>

## **i) Aerosol vaccine for COVID 19**

### **Bijon Sil for aerosol vaccine for COVID-19 beside injection**

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117942/bijon-sil-for-aerosol-vaccine-for-covid-19-beside-injection>

## **j) Chinese COVID 19 vaccine safe**

### **Primary findings show Chinese COVID-19 vaccine candidate safe**

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/119200/primary-findings-show-chinese-covid-19-vaccine-candidate-safe>

## **k) global labs to assess COVID-19 vaccines**

### **ICDDR,B chosen among 5 global labs to assess COVID-19 vaccines**

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117890/icddrb-chosen-among-5-global-labs-to-assess-covid-19-vaccines>

## 6. Corruption

### a) Complain against storekeeper

স্বাস্থ্যের দুষ্টচক্রে নাজিম

আবজাল-মালেকের পর এবার বিশ্বর দুর্নীতির অভিযোগ স্টোর অফিসারের বিরুদ্ধে

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### b) Death of a mobile X-ray machine

একটি মোবাইল এক্স-রে মেশিনের 'অকালমৃত্যু'

রংপুরের সাত হাসপাতালে ৩০ কোটি টাকা লোপাট নেপথ্যে সেই মিঠু সিল্ডিকেট

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### c) Wealth of a Pressman

স্বাস্থ্যের সালামের শতবিঘা জমি

মেডিকেলের প্রস্ন ফাঁস করে কামিয়েছেন কোটি কোটি টাকা

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### d) Irregularities

সোহরাওয়ার্দী হাসপাতাল

যন্ত্রপাতি কেনাকাটায় সাড়ে ৬ কোটি টাকার অনিয়ম

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

### e) Procurement in Health Department

স্বাস্থ্য খাতে কেনাকাটা

করোনার আগেই লোপাট ৩০০ কোটি টাকা

[https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/crime/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%87-](https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/crime/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%87-%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%9F%E0%A6%AE)



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#### f) N95 Scam Case

##### N95 Scam Case

##### High Court directs 2 health officials to surrender to lower court

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/118355/n95-scam-case-high-court-directs-2-health-officials-to-surrender-to-lower-court>

#### g) Fake masks

##### EDITORIAL

##### Supply of fake masks to hospitals risks lives of staffers

##### Exemplary action must be taken against corrupt officials

<https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/supply-fake-masks-hospitals-risks-lives-staffers-1970513>

#### h) NIDCH official

##### Suspended DGHS staff Abzal sent to jail

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/119403/suspended-dghs-staff-abzal-sent-to-jail>

#### i) Want to quit

##### Two PDs involved in health purchase want to quit

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/118408/two-pds-involved-in-health-purchase-want-to-quit>

### 7. Mental Health

#### a) Mental health for all

##### WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

##### 'Mental health for all' during the Covid-19 pandemic

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/mental-health-all-during-the-covid-19-pandemic-1975269>

#### b) Grossly neglected

##### Mental healthcare is grossly neglected

##### More investment in increasing capacity of hospitals is needed

<https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/mental-healthcare-grossly-neglected-1975849>

#### c) Mental health & SDGs

##### Mental health services essential to achieve SDGs

##### Says Saima Wazed Hossain at webinar

<https://www.thedailystar.net/city/news/mental-health-services-essential-achieve-sdgs-1981157>

#### d) Treatment of Mental Health

##### মনের রোগের চিকিৎসা

<https://www.prothomalo.com/feature/pro-health/%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%8E%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BE>

## 8. Migrant Workers

### a) Visa Renewal for Returnees

#### Visa Renewal for Returnees: Saudi sponsors now out to milk them

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/visa-renewal-returnees-saudi-sponsors-now-out-milk-them-1973057>

### b) Fresh migrants

#### New hurdle for fresh migrants

*25,000 Saudi-bound workers spending additional money as they need to submit all papers again for reissuance of visa expired amid pandemic*

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/new-hurdle-fresh-migrants-1980349>

### c) Syndicate cashing in on ticket crunch

#### Return to Saudi Arabia: Syndicate cashing in on ticket crunch

*KSA extends visa validity till Oct 30: FM*

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/return-saudi-arabia-syndicate-cashing-ticket-crunch-1974141>

### d) Migrant workers stranded

#### Bangladeshi migrant workers stranded at home

#### Govt should make alternative arrangements

<https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/bangladeshi-migrant-workers-stranded-home-1974317>

### e) Troubles over Covid tests

#### Saudi Returnees: Troubles over Covid tests add to woes

*Many struggle to get test reports before scheduled flights to KSA*

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/saudi-returnees-troubles-over-covid-tests-add-woes-1975297>

### f) Mental Pressure

#### ৭৪ শতাংশ অভিবাসী কর্মী মানসিক চাপে থাকেন: ব্র্যাক

<https://www.banglatribune.com/others/news/646726/%E0%A7%AD%E0%A7%AA-%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%82%E0%A6%B6-%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%80-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%80-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95-%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A8-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9>

## 9. Worst affected groups

### Worst-affected by pandemic

#### Students, labourers worst-affected by pandemic

*Govt must take steps to ease their financial hardships*

<https://www.thedailystar.net/editorial/news/students-labourers-worst-affected-pandemic-1974297>

## 10. Economy

### a) On way to recovery

করোনাকাল

পুনরুদ্ধারের পথে অর্থনীতি

<https://www.prothomalo.com/business/analysis/%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A7%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%A5%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF>

### b) Poverty status

করোনায় দারিদ্র্য দ্বিগুণ

<https://samakal.com/todays-print-edition/tp-first-page/article/201061603/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%A3>

## 11. Business

### a) Closed for good

Hundreds of restaurants in Dhaka closed for good

*More than 1,000 are still at risk of closure due to the pandemic*

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/hundreds-restaurants-dhaka-closed-good-1975961>

### b) MSMEs close down

21pc MSMEs close down amid outbreak

IFC study says 94pc of firms saw decline in sales

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/119553/21pc-msmes-close-down-amid-outbreak>

### c) Loan for COVID hit companies

IFC gives \$35m loan to Prime Bank to help COVID-hit cos

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/119716/ifc-gives-35m-loan-to-prime-bank-to-help-covid-hit-cos>

### d) COVID grant

Ansar-VDP Bank receives Tk 500cr COVID grant

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/119464/ansar-vdp-bank-receives-tk-500cr-covid-grant>

### e) Stimulus for foreign companies

Stimulus for foreign cos hiked to Tk 7,000cr

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/120321/stimulus-for-foreign-cos-hiked-to-tk-7000cr>

### f) Status of Financial Institutions

আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠান

করোনায় আমানতে টান

<https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A7%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%95-%E0%A6%96%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BF->

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117824/77pc-rmg-workers-struggle-to-feed-family-members-survey>

## g) Prospects for economy

অর্থনীতি: করোনা খুলে দিয়েছে সম্ভাবনার দ্বার

<https://samakal.com/todays-print-edition/tp-editorial-comments/article/201061445/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%96%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%9F%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0->

## 12. Garments Industry

### a) Struggle to feed family members

COVID-19 OUTBREAK

77pc RMG workers struggle to feed family members: survey

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117824/77pc-rmg-workers-struggle-to-feed-family-members-survey>

### b) Exporters fear new crisis

Bangladesh apparel exporters fear new crisis amid second virus wave

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/120305/bangladesh-apparel-exporters-fear-new-crisis-amid-second-virus-wave>

### c) Preparation for Second wave

করোনায় পোশাকশিল্প: দ্বিতীয় ঢেউ সামলানোর প্রস্তুতি

<https://www.prothomalo.com/business/industry/%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%80%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%A2%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%89-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF>

## 13. Masks

### a) Wear masks

No mask no service

Preventing second wave: No mask no service

Govt asks public, private organisations not to provide services to those without face coverings

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/no-mask-no-service-1984201>

### b) Mandatory mask use ignored

Mandatory mask use mostly ignored across Bangladesh

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/120236/mandatory-mask-use-mostly-ignored-across-bangladesh>

### c) Mask can protect from virus infection

গোলটেবিল আলোচনা: মাস্কে সুরক্ষা: চ্যালেঞ্জ ও করণীয়

মাস্কেই সুরক্ষা, বিপদ ডেকে আনবে শিথিলতা

<https://samakal.com/todays-print-edition/tp-goltable-alochona/article/201061479/-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%87-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%A6-%E0%A6%A1%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE>

## 14. Education

### a) A Level Exams

A-Level Exams Today: Covid worries weigh on many students, parents

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/level-exams-today-covid-worries-weigh-many-students-parents-1970265>

### b) Extend school closure

Govt to extend school closure due to Covid

Decision on HSC exams by next week

<https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/govt-extend-school-closure-due-covid-1970329>

### c) HSC grading

HSC grading based on SSC, JSC marks

Evaluation by Dec, govt decides after cancelling this year's HSC exams amid pandemic; mixed reaction among students, parents, educationists

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/hsc-grading-based-ssc-jsc-marks-1974137>

### d) Medical colleges hold exams

Medical colleges hold exams amid COVID-19 outbreak

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/120158/medical-colleges-hold-exams-amid-covid-19-outbreak>

### e) DU cuts

DU cuts dev fee, reduces holidays

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/120278/du-cuts-dev-fee-reduces-holidays>

### f) Stimulus Package

করোনাকালে শিক্ষা খাতে রাষ্ট্রীয় প্রণোদনার দাবিতে মানববন্ধন

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## g) Digital Education System

বিশেষ সাক্ষাৎকার: মনজুর আহমেদ

ডিজিটালে শিক্ষার্থীদের যুক্ত করতে অনেক কিছু করা উচিত

<https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/interview/%E0%A6%A1%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%95-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%81-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%89%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A4>

## h) Online Device

বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে অনলাইন শিক্ষা

৪২ হাজার শিক্ষার্থীর ডিভাইস নেই

<https://www.prothomalo.com/education/%E0%A7%AA%E0%A7%A8-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%A1%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%87%E0%A6%B8-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%87>

## 15. Govt. Directives

**Remain cautious about spending**

*PM directs officials to avoid unnecessary expenditure as Covid situation may worsen*

<https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/remain-cautious-about-spending-1976445>

## 16. Local health tech startup

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

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

## 17. Herd Immunity

**a) Herd immunity in city areas**

**IEDCR Survey on Covid-19: Herd immunity in some city areas?**

*Experts think it may be the case but warn against slackening of health rules*

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/iedcr-survey-covid-19-herd-immunity-some-city-areas-1977493>

**b) Dangerous fallacy**

**Herd immunity approaches to COVID-19 control are a 'dangerous fallacy'**

<https://www.thedailystar.net/health/news/herd-immunity-approaches-covid-19-control-are-dangerous-fallacy-1979685>

**c) Long road to COVID 19 immunity**

**On a long road to COVID-19 immunity even with vaccines**

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/118304/on-a-long-road-to-covid-19-immunity-even-with-vaccines>

## 18. Covid patient Management

Covid patients have to spend Tk 12,000 each for medicine

*Shows a study*

<https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/covid-patients-have-spend-tk-12000-each-medicine-1978769>

## 19. Women

### a) Child marriage risks

**Pandemic Fallout: Child marriage risks skyrocket**

*Reports Save the Children*

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/pandemic-fallout-child-marriage-risks-skyrocket-1980325>

### b) Women farmers at most risk

**Women farmers at most risk from COVID-19 food crisis**

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/119180/women-farmers-at-most-risk-from-covid-19-food-crisis>

## 20. Counterfeit goods

### a) Counterfeit goods in pandemic

**বিশ্ব মান দিবস আজ: করোনায় বেপরোয়া নকল পণ্যের কারবারিরা**

<https://samakal.com/todays-print-edition/tp-khobor/article/201061025/->

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### b) Toxic hand sanitizer

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[https://www.banglatribune.com/others/news/647027/%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-](https://www.banglatribune.com/others/news/647027/%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%A5%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A1-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%87%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6)

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## 21. Post COVID 19 world

**Post COVID-19 world**

**Webinar held on social emotional skills for post COVID-19 world**

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117847/webinar-held-on-social-emotional-skills-for-post-covid-19-world>

## 22. Private Hospitals

**8,627 pvt hospitals without licence, apply for first time**

**DGHS says many yet to apply**

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117925/8627pvt-hospitals-without-licence-apply-for-first-time>

## 23. Digital Healthcare

### a) Digital Healthcare Solutions support

DHS to support IEDCR for handling COVID-19 hotline

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/118229/dhs-to-support-iedcr-for-handling-covid-19-hotline>

### b) Digital Hospital

Digital Hospital treats with empathy

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/119653/digital-hospital-treats-with-empathy>

## 24. PPE

IMPORT OF PPE, OTHERS

Duty benefits extended till December

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/118470/duty-benefits-extended-till-december>

## 25. Health Professionals

Doctors protest at deputation of admin service officers to health agencies

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/119531/doctors-protest-at-deputation-of-admin-service-officers-to-health-agencies>

## 26. Violations of Health guidelines

Infection risk rises as people flout health guidelines

No actions visible for not wearing masks

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/119524/infection-risk-rises-as-people-flout-health-guidelines>

## 27. Infection in Rohingya

রোহিঙ্গাদের মধ্যে করোনা সংক্রমণ কম কেন

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%99%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%97%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%A7%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%82%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%A3-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%AE-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A8>

## 28. Local Govt. Institutions

করোনাকালে ত্রাণে অনিয়ম

স্বপদে ফিরছেন অভিমুক্ত জনপ্রতিনিধিরা

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/district/%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AB%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A8-%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4-%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A7%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE>

## 29. Medical Waste Management

চিকিৎসা বর্জ্যের ১৩ ভাগই সঠিক ব্যবস্থাপনার বাইরে: ব্র্যাক

<https://www.banglatribune.com/others/news/645849/%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%8E%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%9C%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A8>



[%E0%A7%AF%E0%A7%A9-%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%97%E0%A6%87-  
%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%A0%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95-  
%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6  
%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%87%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87](#)

### 30. Covid 19 Medicine

#### মুক্তরাষ্ট্রে আনুষ্ঠানিক অনুমোদন পেল বেমডেসিভির

<https://www.prothomalo.com/world/usa/%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B7%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%9F%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B7%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A0%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95-%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%A8-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B2-%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%A1%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B0>

### 31. What we need to do

#### a) Vaccine race

##### Lagging behind in vaccine race

*Sinovac trial uncertain after govt refusal to co-financing; experts point out slow, lackluster efforts to get vaccine*  
<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/lagging-behind-vaccine-race-1978129>

#### b) Patient care systems

##### Locally tailored policies and improved patient care systems are necessary next steps for Bangladesh during the pandemic

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/locally-tailored-policies-and-improved-patient-care-systems-are-necessary-next-steps-bangladesh-1972981>

#### c) Development challenges

##### Eight new development challenges triggered by Covid-19

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/eight-new-development-challenges-triggered-covid-19-1974181>

#### d) Covid 19 disruption to essential health services

##### Overcoming the Covid-19 disruption to essential health services

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/overcoming-the-covid-19-disruption-essential-health-services-1985213>

#### e) Ferdousi Qadri: Saver People from Cholera

##### অর্জন: মহামারির বিরুদ্ধে লড়াইয়ে নায়ক ফেরদৌসী কাদরী

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/coronavirus/%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A7%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%A1%E0%A6%BC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%87%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BC%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F%E0%A6%95-%E0%A6%AB%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%8C%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%80-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%80>

## f) Health consequences

COVID-19

**Unintended health consequences**

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/118714/unintended-health-consequences>

## g) Need more attention

**ঝুঁকি কমেছে, এমনটা ভাবার সুযোগ নেই**

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/%E0%A6%9D%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%81%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%8F%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%88%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%97-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%87>

## h) Integrated efforts

**Integrated efforts to face COVID-19 stressed**

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/119811/integrated-efforts-to-face-covid-19-stressed>

## i) Govt must mend its ways

**Govt must mend its ways to fight further COVID-19 wave**

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/118453/govt-must-mend-its-ways-to-fight-further-covid-19-wave>

## B. Other Health Issues

### 1. Health Services

**Healthcare within reach, yet distant**

**140 mother and children welfare centres empty as no doctors, staffers appointed yet**

<https://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/news/healthcare-within-reach-yet-distant-1983317>

### 2. Polio

**a) Win against polio**

**'A win against polio is a win for global health'**

<https://www.thedailystar.net/city/news/win-against-polio-win-global-health-1983381>

**b) Polio Vaccine**

**ফরিদপুর সদরে গাফিলতিতে নষ্ট ৭ হাজার ভ্যাকসিন**

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/district/%E0%A6%AB%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%97%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AB%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%B7%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%9F-%E0%A7%AD-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%AD%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A8>

### 3. Dress code circular

**IPH scraps dress code circular**

**Under fire, IPH scraps dress code circular**

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/under-fire-iph-scraps-dress-code-circular-1986385>

#### 4. Vitamin 'A' plus campaign

Nationwide vitamin 'A' plus campaign from Oct 4-17

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117798/nationwide-vitamin-a-plus-campaign-from-oct-4-17>

#### 5. Independent institution on Drug Abuse

Independent institution

Stopping Drug Abuse: Govt to set up independent institution

*It'll test public transport drivers and people before joining jobs, enrolling for higher edu*

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/stopping-drug-abuse-govt-set-independent-institutes-1971853>

#### 6. Hearing loss

Hearing loss in ageing population

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/119137/hearing-loss-in-ageing-population>

#### 7. Cancer Treatment

GK adds modern e-brachytherapy to its cancer centre

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/117977/gk-adds-modern-e-brachytherapy-to-its-cancer-centre>

#### 8. New born baby controversy

a) No negligence of docs, but fault

NEWBORN'S RETURN FROM DEATH

DMCH finds no negligence of docs, but fault

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/119497/dmch-finds-no-negligence-of-docs-but-fault>

b) DMCH regrets

DMCH regrets declaring newborn dead

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/119280/dmch-regrets-declaring-newborn-dead>

#### 9. Dengue patients

24 dengue patients undergoing treatment at hospitals: DGHS

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/120085/24-dengue-patients-undergoing-treatment-at-hospitals-dghs>

#### 10. Full length of medical services

সাম্মেক হাসপাতালে জরুরি বিভাগ চালুর দাবি ইন্টার্ন চিকিৎসকদের

<https://www.banglatribune.com/country/news/647544/%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%95->

<https://www.banglatribune.com/country/news/647544/%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF->

<https://www.banglatribune.com/country/news/647544/%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%97->

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## 11. Malpractices

তিন হাসপাতালে অভিযান, ২টি সিলগালা, ৬ জনের কারাদণ্ড

<https://www.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/capital/%E0%A4%E0%A6%BF%E0%A8-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8-%E0%A7%A8%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%97%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A7%AC-%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%A3%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A1>

## 12. Human Resources Crisis

জনবল সংকটে ধুকছে নীলফামারীর কুর্ষ হাসপাতাল

<https://www.banglatribune.com/country/news/646927/%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%AB%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%8F%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B7%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A0-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%BE>

## 13. Breast Cancer

শ্বন ক্যানসারের ঝুঁকি, ভুল ধারণা ও প্রতিরোধ

<https://www.prothomalo.com/feature/pro-health/%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%A8-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%9D%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%81%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%AD%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B2-%E0%A6%A7%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%A3%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%93-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A7>

## 14. Keep blood pressure under control

রক্তচাপ থাকুক নিয়ন্ত্রণে

<https://www.prothomalo.com/feature/pro-health/%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AA-%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%95-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%9F%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%A3%E0%A7%87>

## 15. Kidneys

কিডনি সুস্থ রাখার উপায়

<https://www.prothomalo.com/feature/pro-health/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A1%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A5-%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%96%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%89%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%9F>

## 16. Seasonal Fever

ঋতু বদলের ঝরজারি

<https://www.prothomalo.com/feature/pro-health/%E0%A6%8B%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%81-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%9C%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF>