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DSEX	CSCX	Gold	Oil	MUMBAI	TOKYO	SINGAPORE	SHANGHAI	USD	EUR	GBP	CNY
▲ 1.04%	▲ 1.08%	\$1,877.95	\$37.94	▼ 0.34%	▼ 1.52%	▼ 1.1%	▼ 1.47%	83.95	96.72	107.67	12.35
4,896.86	8,310.03	(per ounce)	(per barrel)	39,614.07	22,977.13	2,423.84	3,224.53	84.95	100.52	111.47	12.98

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Banks get more time to disburse loans among small enterprises

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Bangladesh Bank yesterday extended the deadline for CMSME loan disbursements under its Tk 20,000 crore stimulus package until the end of November as some lenders have failed to disburse the funds in time.

Local banks have so far disbursed nearly 29 per cent of the package to beleaguered borrowers in the cottage, micro, small and medium enterprise (CMSME) sector.

The banking regulator instructed the country's lenders and non-bank financial institutions to fulfil their respective loan disbursement target within this month instead of the previous deadline of October, according to a BB notice.

The failure of the lenders has created an impediment in expanding the desired productions and services in the CMSME sector, the central bank said.

This has had an adverse impact on the economy as well. On April 13, Bangladesh Bank announced the stimulus package in order to help the CMSME sector tackle the economic slowdown brought on by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The working capital will be given at a 9 per cent interest rate. Of the interest rate, 4 per cent will be borne by the borrowers and 5 per cent by the government, according to a guideline.

A bank or a financial institution will be able to disburse a maximum 10 per cent of their outstanding loans as of December 31 last year in the CMSME sector in a single fiscal year under the package.

The central bank now provides half of the Tk 20,000 crore stimulus package announced by the government for the sector.

Remittance on a roll

Migrant workers remitted \$2.11b in Oct

AKM ZAMIR UDDIN

Bangladesh received 28.62 per cent more remittance in October as the money sent by the country's migrant workers toiling abroad kept its scintillating growth defying grim predictions.

Migrant workers remitted \$2.11 billion last month, which was way higher than \$1.64 billion flown to the country in the same month a year ago, data from the central bank showed yesterday.

October's receipts were the third-highest monthly flow in history, behind July's \$2.59 billion and September's \$2.15 billion.

The increasing trend of remittances has given a huge respite to the government to

manage its external sector from the ongoing economic hardship.

Experts hope the trend would be maintained in the coming months given the global economic scenario and the initiatives taken by the government.

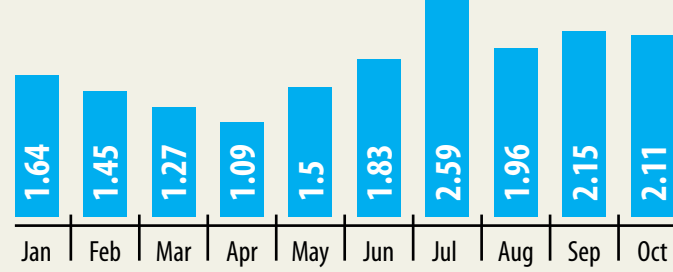
"Along with the migrant workers, some expatriate Bangladeshis, who run businesses abroad, may also have transferred funds to the country as part of their portfolio investment," said Ahsan H Mansur, executive director of the Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh.

A portfolio investment is an ownership of a stock, bond, or other financial assets with the expectation that it will earn a return or grow in value over time, or both.



REMITTANCES OVER THE MONTHS

In billions of \$; SOURCE: BB



It entails passive or hands-off ownership of assets as opposed to direct investment, which would involve an active management role.

"Many countries in North America and Europe have already entered into the deadlock of a zero per cent interest rate. A country usually will take three to four years to get rid of such a situation," Mansur said.

This has also created a deflation in the countries in the two continents. Against the backdrop, they will need several years to make their economic activities vibrant, said Mansur, also a former high official of the International Monetary Fund.

So, Bangladeshi diasporas now send money as the interest rate on deposit products offered by local lenders is much higher than those in the countries they are now based.

Local banks offer 4-6 per cent interest rate on deposits.

Mansur went on to express a hope that the upward trajectory of remittance might continue in the next few years.

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Berger to set up second metal container plant

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Jenson & Nicholson (Bangladesh), a wholly owned subsidiary of Berger Paints Bangladesh, plans to invest Tk 91.48 crore to set up its second unit to produce metal containers at Savar to meet the growing demand.

The project is expected to be completed in 2022 and the company disclosed the info yesterday in a post on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) website.

The company has been producing tin-containers and prints on tin sheets since 1995.

For the last few years, it has been providing metal container



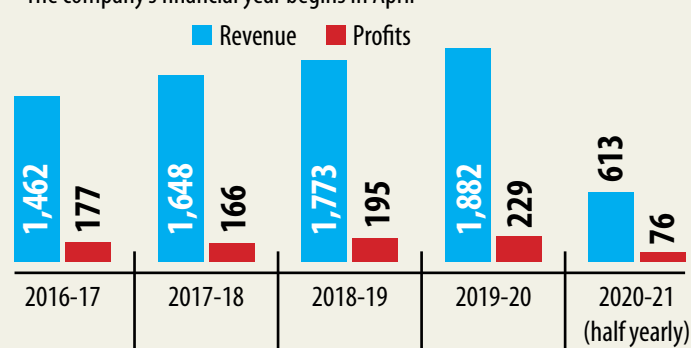
to Nestle, Aarong and some other lubricants companies along with Berger Paints Bangladesh from its Chattogram plant.

A large volume of the containers produced by Jenson & Nicholson is consumed by the Savar plant of Berger, said Khandker Abu Jafar

BERGER PAINTS' REVENUE AND PROFITS

In crore taka; SOURCE: ANNUAL AND HALF-YEARLY REPORTS

*The company's financial year begins in April



Sadique, company secretary of Berger Paints Bangladesh.

"So the decision to establish another container unit was taken to cater for its growing demand as well as to ensure its smooth supply."

The subsidiary has a huge amount of retained earnings, where the necessary fund to set up the plant will come from, he added. The multinational paint maker announced its second quarter earnings. Its consolidated earnings per share (EPS) stood at Tk 14.26 for July-September quarter, up from Tk 9.49 in the same period the previous year.

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61pc poor received no support despite income loss: survey

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

More than 60 per cent of the poor and low-income population who suffered income losses because of the coronavirus-induced economic downturn did not receive any support from the public and private sectors, according to a new survey.

Only 39 per cent of households got some assistance between April and June. But it amounted to 4 per cent of their lost income, said the Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC) and the Brac Institute for Governance and Development (BIGD) in the study report.

"The support hasn't been widespread. Besides, the amount and the adequacy of the support have been fairly limited. And the support from the external sources has not been cited [by the respondents] as a very important crisis-coping mechanism because these were not reliable," said BIGD Executive Director Imran Matin.

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Bashundhara bitumen goes into production this month

JAGARAN CHAKMA

Bangladesh's first dedicated bitumen plant established by Bashundhara Group at a cost of around \$143.7 million is all set to begin commercial production at the end of this month to meet the domestic demand for asphalt.

The plant has the capacity to produce a whopping 9 lakh tonnes of bitumen a year.

However, the factory established on a 65-acre plot at Pangaon in Keraniganj will produce around 2.75 lakh tonnes in the initial phase.

"We hope to bring the product to the market in December this year," said Nafis Intiaz Alam, head of the plant.

The unit was scheduled to start commercial operations in April but the coronavirus outbreak delayed the process, he said.

A 13-member team from the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) led by its Additional Chief Engineer Abdullah Al Mamun visited the plant to examine its quality control measures and equipment setup on Saturday.

Currently, 90 per cent of Bangladesh's annual demand for 5 lakh tonnes of bitumen—a hydrocarbon-based substance used to build roads and highways—is met through imports, which have questionable quality, he said.

Although imported bitumen is quality tested before being used for construction, the items fail to provide the expected result with their performance, Mamun said.

The RHD is the main consumer of locally produced bitumen.

Now, there will be no question about standards as the leading local conglomerate Bashundhara Group will likely to produce high-quality product, he added.

The prospects for the plant, which is a subsidiary of Bashundhara Oil and Gas Company, are bright given Bangladesh's development goals.

With the major construction and repair projects for about 22,000 kilometres of roads and highways under the RHD, local demand for bitumen is on the rise.

Of the 354,000 kilometres of undeveloped roads under the Local Government Engineering

Department (LGED), 105,000 kilometres have already been upgraded to paved streets.

Besides, the government is expanding all national highways from four to six lanes. This includes district level roads, for which the use of bitumen has increased by about 10 to 15 per cent annually.

With the standard requirements set by engineers given utmost priority, the premium quality Bashundhara bitumen product has penetration values of 60/70 and 80/100 and comes in various grades: cut back, emulsified, oxidised and polymer modified.

"We need modified and customised bitumen to ensure the longevity of road construction for flexible pavement," Mamun said.

According to the additional chief engineer, the Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation can provide only 70,000 tonnes of bitumen as a by-product from Eastern Refinery Ltd.

Khandaker Kingshuk Hossain, chief marketing officer of Bashundhara Group, claimed that they will produce high-quality products to ensure the construction of sustainable roads.



The bitumen plant established by Bashundhara Group at a cost of around \$143.7 million at Pangaon in Keraniganj.

JAGARAN CHAKMA



মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী জননেত্রী শেখ হাসিনার প্রতি কৃতজ্ঞতা

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মাননীয় বন্ধু ও পাটমন্ত্রী এবং যমুনা ব্যাংকের প্রাক্তন চেয়ারম্যান জনাব গোলাম দস্তগীর গাজী বীর প্রতীক, এমপি-কে

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JAMUNA BANK

UK extends 80pc wage subsidies as England goes back into lockdown

REUTERS, London

Britain's government will extend by a month its costly coronavirus wage subsidies to ensure workers who are temporarily laid off receive 80 per cent of their pay. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Saturday as he announced a new England-wide lockdown.

Britain introduced the 80 per cent wage subsidy scheme in March and it had been due to expire on Saturday to be replaced with a more targeted and less generous support.

The scheme supported 8.9 million jobs at its peak, and had been forecast to cost around 52 billion pounds (\$67.28 billion) over its eight-month lifespan.

Firms will have to contribute 5 per cent of the employment costs for workers covered by the extension, the finance ministry said.

It also said a mortgage payment holiday scheme would be extended for households and business premises which are required to close because of coronavirus restrictions would get grants of up to 3,000 pounds (\$3,881) a month.

Mortgage borrowers impacted by the pandemic and who have not yet had a payment break will be entitled to a six-month holiday, while those



REUTERS
Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson speaks during a press conference at 10 Downing Street in London, Britain on October 31.

that have already started a payment holiday will be able to top up to six months, the ministry said.

"I have always said that we will do whatever it takes as the situation evolves. Now, as restrictions get

tougher, we are taking steps to provide further financial support to protect jobs and businesses," finance minister Rishi Sunak said.

"These changes will provide a vital safety net for people across the UK."

US judge blocks Commerce Department TikTok order

REUTERS, Washington

A US judge in Pennsylvania on Friday blocked a US Commerce Department order set to take effect on Nov. 12 that would have effectively barred Chinese-owned short video-sharing app TikTok from operating in the United States.

US District Court Judge Wendy Beetlestone enjoined the Commerce Department from barring data hosting within the United States for TikTok, content delivery services and other technical transactions.

Beetlestone said the order would "have the effect of shutting down, within the United States, a platform for expressive activity used by approximately 700 million individuals globally. Over 100 million of these TikTok users are within the United States, and at least 50 million of these US users use the app on a daily basis."

The Commerce Department has acknowledged the restrictions would "significantly reduce the functionality and usability of the app in the US."

Qualcomm, FedEx, auto executives to propose transport policies for world in transition

REUTERS, Washington

A group of business leaders and public policy experts is launching a new body to grapple with thorny questions surrounding the future of transportation including self-driving and electric vehicles.

The Commission on the Future of Mobility, reported earlier by Reuters, was formally unveiled on Friday. The group plans to propose a new regulatory framework to address a global transportation sector "on the cusp of a worldwide transition driven by shared, connected, autonomous, and electric technologies."

Alisyn Malek, the commission's executive director, told Reuters the goal is to tackle tough problems and improve safety.

"Let's bring everybody together to talk about how do we want the movement of people and goods to actually work," Malek said in an interview.

Autonomous cars and delivery trucks, package-carrying drones, air taxis, connected vehicles and Hyperloop systems are among transit advances that could revolutionize travel. Traffic crashes remain a major problem. The World Health Organization estimates 1.35 million people die and 20 to 50 million are injured annually in vehicle crashes.

The commission will be co-chaired by Jared Cohon, president emeritus of

Carnegie Mellon University, former Ford Motor CEO Jim Hackett and Transdev Group CEO Thierry Mallet.

"Progress can only continue if we modernize the way policy and regulation work," Hackett said.

Governments, including the United States, have struggled to adopt regulations to allow for wide-scale adoption of next-generation transportation like self-driving cars amid safety concerns.

Regulators are hiking fuel efficiency requirements, while California and many European countries want to end new gasoline-powered passenger vehicle sales by 2035. The commission says in an overview document that "current regulatory requirements governing fuel economy standards and vehicle safety fail to reflect the transformation occurring in powertrains, autonomy, and models of mobility."

The group wants to recommend in 2022 "a framework for regulations in the American, European, and Asian markets post-2025 that reflects and facilitates the technological transformation taking place" for emissions and safety regulations.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Richard Kramer, FedEx CEO Fred Smith and Qualcomm CEO Steven Mollenkopf will be on the commission, as will Hyundai Motor Chief Operating Officer José Muñoz. It expects to add members before its February kickoff.

Anti Corruption Commission Dhaka, Bangladesh Invitation for Tenders

Memo No. 00.01.0000.103.54.002.20-24767 Date: 01/11/2020

1.	Agency, procuring entity, code & district	: Anti-Corruption Commission, Bangladesh, 6701, Dhaka.
2.	Invitation for	: Supply of Stationery Items for ACC.
3.	Invitation Ref. No. & date	: 00.01.0000.103.54.002.20-24767 Date: 01/11/2020.
4.	Procurement method	: OTM (Under Framework Contract) PG3A.
5.	Budget and source of funds	: Revenue Budget for ACC.
6.	Tender publication date	: 02/11/2020.
7.	Tender last selling date	: 24/11/2020.
8.	Tender closing date and time	: 25/11/2020, Time: 12.00am.
9.	Tender opening date and time	: 25/11/2020, Time: 12.15am.
10.	Selling tender document place & address of the office	: Admin Wing, Anti-Corruption Commission, Head Office, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
11.	Receiving tender document place & address of the office	: Admin Wing, Anti-Corruption Commission, Head Office, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
12.	Opening tender document place & address of the office	: Room No. 101, Anti-Corruption Commission, Head Office, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
13.	Price of tender document	: Each set 2000/- Tk (non-refundable).
14.	Tender security	: Tenderer must submit 80,000/- Tk PO or Bank Draft in favour of DDO, ACC, Head Office, Dhaka. Otherwise tender will be rejected.
15.	Tender validity period	: 120 days from the opening of tender.
16.	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	: (a) Minimum 03 years of general experience; minimum 02 years of experience in supply of similar goods & at least 02 (two) contract(s) successfully completed within the last 03 (three) years, each with a value of at least Tk 25 lac. (b) Tenderer should have latest trade licence, Vat & income tax pay certificate.
17.	Special instruction for the tenderer	: (a) The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings. (b) Tender details are in STD. (c) If tender not received in due time for unavoidable circumstances tender will receive in following day.
18.	Name & designation of official inviting tender	: Mohammad Abdul Awal, Director (Finance).
19.	Address of official inviting tender	: Anti-Corruption Commission, Head Office, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
20.	Contact details of official inviting tender	: Telephone: 02-58316476 d.finance@acc.org.bd

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Chevron, Exxon shrink spending as coronavirus cuts demand

REUTERS

US oil majors Chevron Corp and Exxon Mobil Corp cut spending aggressively in the third quarter in a race to offset weak trends in fuel demand caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, though the former managed a slim profit.

Exxon posted its third straight quarter of losses on Friday and reduced spending plans for the coming year.

In common with others in the sector, the two are laying off a substantial portion of their workforce and expect to cut costs further as they try to reverse years of weak stock performance, worsened by the impact of movement restrictions.

US oil prices have dropped 41 per cent this year as the coronavirus forced billions of people into lockdowns. Demand recovered in the late northern hemisphere summer, but nations including Germany, India and the United States are again tackling a surge in infections, dampening demand for gasoline, diesel and jet fuel.

The outlook for energy consumption "depends on when the world - this country and other countries - get control of the pandemic and those activities resume. We don't know when that's going to be," said Chevron Chief Financial Officer Pierre Breber.

Exxon shares were down 1 per cent to \$32.62 on Friday. Chevron shares gained 1 per cent to \$69.50. Exxon shares have lost half of their value this year; Chevron's are down 40 per cent.

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He said initially they will produce around 3 lakh tonnes of bitumen per annum but it will be later increased to 9 tonnes by the end of 2021 as they plan to export the additional produce.

Hossain said the plant will create 1,000 direct and around 20,000 indirect jobs across the country.

"Our visionary strategy is not only to make Bangladesh self-sufficient in bitumen, but also open our doors to our overseas clients. We expect to export around 4 lakh tonnes of bitumen, reaching the highest production capacity," he said.

Jiangsu Liyang Yunlong Equipment Manufacturing Co. Ltd, which has experience with establishing this type of heavy industry, implemented the plant on a turnkey basis.

In 2019, around Tk 1,721 crore was spent to import bitumen and the value has increased by about 20 per cent annually, according to Hossain.

"As Bashundhara bitumen is capable of meeting the gap, this sum of money will be added to our economy," Hossain added.

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"Actually, our company absorbed the main impact of the Covid-19 outbreak in the first quarter (April-June) when the government-announced general holiday was effective," said Sadique.

In the first quarter, the company's EPS hit Tk 2.32, down from Tk 11.12 during the same period the previous year.

"Our company started recovering in the second quarter with the resumption of construction works," he added.

Berger Paints Bangladesh has a paid-up capital of Tk 46 crore and has a reserve of Tk 900 crore, according to the DSE data.

Its stock rose 2.82 per cent to Tk 1,360 yesterday compared to the previous day.

Berger Paints Bangladesh has two other subsidiaries named Berger Becker Bangladesh and Berger Fosroc and it holds 49 per cent stakes in the first company and 50 per cent in the second.

Banglalink's revenue returns to growth

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In October, Veon Ventures joined Sequoia Capital India and Flourish Ventures as investors in ShopUp, Bangladesh's leading full-stack business to business commerce platform for small businesses, becoming the local company's first strategic corporate investor.

Veon acquired a 13.5 per cent stake in ShopUp, which raised \$22.5 million.

The investment enables Veon Ventures to support ShopUp's fast-growing digital ecosystem for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, said the multinational telecommunication services company headquartered in Amsterdam.

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১৪.	দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য (প্রতিটির জন্য) : ৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা মাত্র।
১৫.	দরপত্র জামানতের পরিমাণ : সকল প্রকারের জন্য কমপক্ষে ২০,০০,০০০/- গ্রুপ ভিত্তিক। গ্রুপ (ক) ৩,৭০,০০০.০০ গ্রুপ (খ) ২,০০,০০০.০০ গ্রুপ (গ) ৪,২০,০০০.০০ গ্রুপ (ঘ) ৪,২০,০০০.০০ গ্রুপ (ঙ) ৩,৫০,০০০.০০ টাকা।
১৬.	দরপত্রের সাথে যে সকল কাগজপত্রাদি সংযুক্ত করতে হবে : দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লিখিত শর্তানুযায়ী।
১৭.	দরপত্রের প্রতি বিশেষ নির্দেশাবলী : দরপত্র সিডিউলের শর্তাবলী পাঠান্তরে যথাযথভাবে অবহিত হয়ে দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।
১৮.	দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য তথ্যাদি জানার জন্য চট্টগ্রাম কেন্দ্রীয় কারা কর্তৃপক্ষের সাথে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে।
১৯.	কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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০১	উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক (জাহাজ মোমেন্ট, ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/নটিক্যাল)	০১টি	৪০	৫২২০০-৫৪২৪০-৫৬৪০০-৬৮৭৩০-৬১০৮০-৬৩৫০০-৬৬০৮০-৬৮৭৩০-৭৪৪০০-৭৪৪০০	প্রথম শ্রেণীর কম্পিউটার সাফটওয়্যার (মাস্টার)/প্রথম শ্রেণীর কম্পিউটার সাফটওয়্যার এবং উন্নতকরণে উচ্চ সার্টিফিকেট প্রাপ্তির পর সমুদ্রগামী জাহাজে ৩ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা।
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Incepta Vaccine of world-class: drug DG

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Incepta Vaccine has achieved the capability of world-class vaccine production, said Maj Gen Md Mahbubur Rahman, director general at the Directorate General of Drug Administration, yesterday.

It has the capability of world-class plants by producing the vaccine according to the infrastructure and Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) standard, he added.

The remarks came while he was visiting the country's first lifesaving international-standard vaccine producing organisation Incepta Vaccine at the company's plant at Zirabo in Savar on October 31.

"I think in the period of Covid infection any other country can use this plant too. Thus, in case of the world health protection the capability of Incepta's vaccine production will play a big role."

Rahman visited the bulk facility, R and D facility, production facility and

animal house of Incepta Vaccine at the plant.

Md Salauddin, deputy director of the drug administration, and Mahbubul Karim, chief operation officer, accompanied him during the visit.

Rahman said Incepta has the capability of producing 180 million doses of vaccine annually. "It is very big, good news for every one of us. When the bulk requirement of the corona vaccine will be created all over the world, we are hopeful that the world community will use this plant," he added.

Incepta Vaccine started its journey in June of 2011.

Established according to the GMP rules and regulations of World Health Organization, the plants are being operated there on separate spaces.

The plant is equipped with many high standard equipment for producing vaccines.

Besides, there is a big animal house where various types of tests are being

done on animals.

To execute all the works related to the vaccine production, there are numerous foreign experts and skilled pharmacists.

To date it has successfully produced and marketed 13 vaccines along with immunoglobulins such as Rabbish, Rabbish-IG, Hepatitis-B, Hepatitis-A, Typhoid, Titenus, Titenus-IG, Mijels-rubela, Antivenum and Meninxities.

The company is maintaining the quality of the produced vaccine from production to distribution all over the country with a strong, effective and controlled cold-supply-chain system.

Incepta Vaccine has established a bulk vaccine manufacturing facility according to the WHO's GMP that is capable of producing both the bacterial and viral antigen.

Thus, Bangladesh has stepped forward in achieving the self-sufficiency in production and marketing of vaccines, says a press release.



Mamoon Mahmood Shah, CEO (current charge) of NRB Bank, opens a branch at Boliyadi Manson of Dilkusha in Dhaka yesterday.

61pc poor received no support despite income loss: survey

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He spoke while presenting the report at a webinar organised by the PPRC and the BIGD on Saturday.

The survey was carried out among 7,638 households in an urban slum, rural areas and hill tracts between June 20 and July 2 to analyse the effects of the pandemic on the livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable people, the way they were coping with it and the recovery during the Covid-19 crisis.

The study found that the resumption of economic activities from June reduced the number of the crisis-caused new poor by 1.1 percentage points to 21.7 per cent as income recovery had been sluggish.

"The overall story is that there have been months of low income," said Matin.

Amid falling income and insignificant external support, the poor and vulnerable people had to depend on savings and cut food consumption. Yet, the non-food expenditure of the poor in urban areas rose because of the deepening burden of house rent and utility expenditure.

And a large number of poor and low-income people had to leave cities because of the income loss

and increased non-food expenditure burden.

"Businesses with lower capital are being forced to shut operations," Matin said.

PPRC Executive Chairman Hossain Zillur Rahman said there was a critical need for a new stimulus package for the micro, small and medium enterprises to be delivered through alternative delivery platforms.

"We have microfinance institutions and other platforms that are more capable of dealing with this sort of clients."

Noted economist Wahiduddin Mahmud said Bangladesh's economy was recovering as activities were returning to the pre-Covid-19 period. "The recovery in Bangladesh is speedy and one of the reasons is Bangladesh's resilience."

The revival would depend on how the country supports small enterprises, said the former adviser to a caretaker government.

"Because small enterprises are the most dynamic in Bangladesh's economy. There has been so much of scaling up," he said.

A large number of small enterprises closed because of the crisis and these

are the enterprises that lost working capital, Mahmud said.

"Replenishing them with working capital is a challenge. Large enterprises will thrive again as a stimulus package is there."

The study recommended increasing social protections for the urban poor. Shantayanan Devarajan, a professor of the Practice of International Development at the Georgetown University, said the pandemic may have a long-term effect.

He suggested giving cash support instead of subsidies and kind transfers.

"There is an opportunity to start a universal social protection and strengthen the health sector," said Fahmida Khatun, executive director of the Centre for Policy Dialogue.

Robin Burgess, a professor of economics and director of the International Growth Centre at the London School of Economics, stressed on training the youth for skill development and providing livelihood and micro-finance support.

Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Tajul Islam said the pandemic was a very new event for the world and the government tried to provide support despite having constraints.

Build skills of the youth for faster economic recovery: experts

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However, he said the youth might be given Tk 5,000 per month as allowance if they receive training in different trades for skill development.

He also stressed on the need to allocate Tk 50,000 crore in the budget for skills development of the youth.

"We need youth friendly initiatives at this moment to address the problems faced by young people due to the Covid-19 fallout," Patwary said.

The government should take the initiative in collaboration with the private sector to build up a skilled workforce, he added.

Keya Akhter, owner of the Care Beauty Parlour in Savar, said her business has fallen on hard times due to the ongoing crisis.

She also said she had no idea about how to avail loans from the government's stimulus packages.

"If I get a loan, then my business will run smoothly," she added.

Md Hasan Ali, president of the Bangladesh Textile and Garment Workers League (BTGWL), alleged that 85 per cent of the garment sector's workforce are youths but they do not get any proper skill training.

Besides, 3 lakh employees of garment industries were sacked due to job cuts amid the Covid-19 fallout, he said.

The BTGWL president also said there is no initiative to develop the skills of garment workers even though they heavily contribute to the economy.

"So, the government should take the initiative to develop the skills of these garment workers," Ali added.

Riaj Uddin Badsha, a youth

skills development programme graduate of UCEP Bangladesh, said technical education is practical since it guarantees an income most of the time.

On the other hand, ICT based technical education may not always be so fruitful, he said.

Talha Rahman, technical officer of ADD International, recommended the introduction of disability friendly education as children with disability generally lag behind other students in the country.

The corporate sector should come forward in this regard and create opportunities for students with disabilities, Rahman said.

Manjuni Chakma, project officer of Kapaeeng Foundation, said most economic activities were halted for a while due to the ongoing pandemic.

Most students of indigenous communities had no opportunity to access the internet due to a lack of knowledge on ICT and technology-based services.

And so, Chakma urged the government to create more opportunities for these students.

Nupur Rani, youth representative from the Dalit community, pointed out that there is no opportunity for Dalit students.

Anika Bushra, central youth volunteer of the Y-moves project of YES BD, said some new opportunities have created though.

Everybody wants to be involved in income generating activities, she said.

Sanjana Islam, a member of Action Aid Bangladesh, said the opportunity to conduct economic activities is declining in rural areas compared to

their urban counterparts due to the Covid-19 fallout.

She urged the authorities concerned to create the scope for young people to raise their voices and share their problems.

Avra Chakrabarty, executive director of Dhruvotara Youth Development Foundation (DYDF), said if a policy is not sufficient, it should not be implemented.

According to Chakrabarty, the government formulated a youth policy four years ago but there has been no move to implement it till date.

He also urged for youth financing to help create start-ups.

Debariya Bhattacharya, convenor of the Citizen's Platform for SDGs, Bangladesh, said youths should be considered separately instead of a united youth community for in-depth realisation of their problems.

He also suggested to take an initiative to bring the youth under an incentive package in the next budget.

Bhattacharya alleged that the problems faced by the youth are not realised properly.

Prof Mustafizur Rahman, a distinguished fellow of the CPD, said there is a wide gap in skills among the youth in rural and urban areas.

"This gap should be addressed to resolve the youth problems," he said.

Moderated by Towfiqul Islam Khan, senior research fellow of the CPD, the webinar was addressed, among others, by Mahmud Hasan, project officer for the governance cluster of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and Rani Chowdhury, youth representative from the third gender community.

Remittance on a roll

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The migrant workers now prefer the banking channel to hundi, an illegal cross-boundary financial transaction system, as they can transfer funds to their near and dear ones on a real-time basis thanks to technologies and through mobile financial services, Mansur said.

The two per cent cash incentive introduced by the government last year has also encouraged the expatriate Bangladeshis to send more money through the formal channel.

Between July and October, remittance hit \$8.82 billion, up from 43.24 per cent year-on-year.

Diversion of remittances from informal to formal channels due

to the difficulty of carrying money under travel restrictions amid the pandemic and damages inflicted by the recent floods helped Bangladesh bring the remittance flow back to the positive territory in 2020, according to a recent statement of the World Bank.

In April, the multinational lender had said money sent by the migrant workers to Bangladesh is projected at \$14 billion for 2020, a fall likely of about 22 per cent because of the fallouts of the pandemic.

The rising flow from May led the WB to forecast on Friday that inbound remittance would accelerate by about 8 per cent to \$19.8 billion this year.

Emranul Huq, managing director

of Dhaka Bank, said the London Interbank Offered Rate (Libor) has declined drastically soon after the recession hit the world. "This has put a positive impact on remittance as well."

The six-month Libor rate stood at 0.25 per cent yesterday in contrast to 1.93 per cent a year ago.

"The declining fund transfer through hundi is playing a major role in retaining the upward trend of remittance," said Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director of Mutual Trust Bank.

The travel restrictions imposed by the countries compelled the hundi cartels to scale back their operation, he said.

Daraz continues growth amid pandemic

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Apart from this, there would be a pre-sale campaign from November 4 to November 10, when select products would be available at prices lower than what it would be during the 11.11 campaign.

Moreover, customers will get a chance to win a Toyota Aqua when they play a "1 Taka Game".

According to Hoq, smartphones, televisions, home appliances and fashion items, including clothing, accessories, watches, perfumes, home decor items and sports items, will be the highest-selling items this year.

Additional discounts are available from Brac Bank, City Bank, Eastern Bank Limited, Mercantile Bank, Standard Chartered Bank and bKash along with cash back offers.

Hoq also shared Daraz's ongoing activities and future plans with The Daily Star.

Daraz is transforming some villages into e-commerce hubs. Those villages would allegedly feature logistics, facility and training to inspire farmers to get involved in online sales of farm produce and local specialties.

It is said to closely resemble

Alibaba's Taobao Villages, which comprise a series of e-commerce shops built in small villages, enabling villagers to both purchase products and sell goods online.

Daraz has set up over 4,500 centres where customers who are lagging behind in technology can order products online as well as introduce various training programmes for sellers.

The integration with Alibaba has mainly brought changes to the technological side.

"Before the acquisition, we thought of ourselves as just a marketplace and after Alibaba's taking over, we are broadening our vision, working on creating a better ecommerce ecosystem in the country as well as building a countrywide logistic infrastructure," said Hoq.

As a part of that vision, in early June, Daraz announced its plans to invest Tk 500 crore by 2021 in Bangladesh to set up logistics infrastructure and hubs that would help expand its footprint to all 64 districts.

"A big chunk of the investment has already been utilised on different purposes, including the purchase of over 100 vehicles, facilitating Daraz

to mail products to 50 districts of the country through its own conveyances. Now we are equipped with the logistic infrastructure that Alibaba uses," said Hoq.

It is also now building a sorting centre which will be 2 lakh square feet in area and a warehouse of the same size with an investment of about Tk 150 crore, making both the largest in Bangladesh and employing around 2,000 people.

Garment jobless crisis deepens in Sep: study

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Therefore, it is urgent to develop a back-up plan for the garment sector to safeguard the workers from a potential second wave, she said.

Country Director of ILO Bangladesh Tuomo Poutiainen, SANEM Chairman Bazlul Hoque Khondker and Executive Director Selim Raihan, Bangladesh Program Officer of Financial Services for the Poor of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Snigdha Ali and Chief Commercial Officer of bkash Mizanur Rashid also spoke at the event.

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All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

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Build skills of the youth for faster economic recovery: experts

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Almost 80 per cent of all households are facing significantly reduced income amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, which subsequently affects education, particularly of young females, according to a recent study.

These findings were released during a webinar styled, 'Covid-19 and Bangladesh: A Youth Agenda for Recovery', organised by the Citizen's Platform for SDGs, Bangladesh yesterday.

Tamara-E-Tabassum, programme associate of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), presented the findings of the online survey at the event.

The survey was conducted from October 18, 2020 to October 27, 2020 with the participation of 1,163 youths.

According to the study, only 12 out of all the respondents reported that their income increased during the pandemic.

THE SURVEY FOUND...

- Income fell in **80%** households of the youths during pandemic
- Covid-19 affected their education, particularly of the female students
- Only **12** out of **1,163** respondents saw a hike in income amid pandemic
- **8%** of the female students dropped out for marriage
- **15%** said online education was not adequate
- **58.3%** not involved in any online education or training
- About **80%** did not get any govt support during pandemic
- Youths demanded Tk **5,000** per month as unemployment allowance

Around 8 per cent of the female respondents had abandoned their studies due to marriage while 15 per cent expressed that online education is not adequate for them.

Almost two-thirds of the respondents reported that they were disheartened about the future scope for earning.

Some 53 per cent of youths in urban cities are disheartened by their potential earnings while the figure is 67 per cent for youths in rural areas.

Meanwhile, only 10 per cent of the younger population are hopeful about their future and career.

Around 58.3 per cent of the respondents informed that they are not involved in any online education or training programmes.

Almost 21 per cent said they were looking for jobs and had re-engaged in online education or training.

Besides, about 50 per cent informed that they do not have the appropriate equipment, such as smartphones or computers, which is a major concern.

Regarding government support, the survey revealed that only 7.5 per cent received support while almost 80 per cent did not get any aid from the government amid the pandemic.

However, the youth demanded Tk 5,000 per month as unemployment benefit from the government.

At the programme, Shameem Haider Patwary, a lawmaker and member of the standing committee on the ministry of law, justice and parliamentary affairs, differed this demand.

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Garment jobless crisis deepens in Sep: study

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Unemployment in the garment sector deepened in September after touching its lowest point in August, raising questions about job security in the industry amid the risk of a potential second wave of coronavirus infections.

About 8 per cent of garment workers reported that they were unemployed in September, up from 5 per cent the previous month, according to a study conducted by the South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) in association with Microfinance Opportunities (MFO).

The results of the survey, carried out among 1,300 garment workers, were released at a webinar on Saturday.

The study found that the percentage of workers that were subject to factory closures, leave without pay, suspension, underemployment or layoffs was 21 per cent in May.

"Although the problems slowly declined over June, July, and August, we saw an uptick in September," said Guy Stuart, executive director of MFO, a global non-profit committed to understanding the economic realities of low-income and marginalised people.

Stuart raised questions over the



Due to the pandemic, there are reasons to be concerned about employment and food security in the garment sector, experts think.

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state of job security in the apparel industry for the next few months and what policies or programmes would be needed to mitigate the potential loss of employment.

"Due to the pandemic, there are reasons to be concerned about

employment and food security in the garment sector," he said in a press release.

Researchers found that the median monthly working hours for women was around 43 hours. For men, it was 42 hours in April.

The scenario started to change from May, when working hours started to increase. During June, July, and September, the median monthly work hours started to resemble the typical work hours of 2019, which were 246 hours

per month, the press release said.

Rubana Huq, president of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), said the rise in exports—which eventually led to an increase in working hours—observed in June-July is solely due to shipments of un-exported orders from previous months.

However, she said there is uncertainty regarding the future in the context of a second wave of coronavirus infections.

In other words, it is the situation in the future that will determine the employment situation in the garment sector, Huq said in the press release.

Kalpona Akter, executive director of the Bangladesh Centre for Workers' Solidarity, said many workers received delayed payments in March and April.

Besides, many factory owners did not provide full bonuses to their workers while many others faced layoffs.

And due to the layoffs, the workload on the remaining garment workers increased.

"Moreover, in case of a second wave of Covid-19 in the importing countries, the livelihood of the garment workers will be heavily impacted," Akter added.

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Banglalink's revenue returns to growth

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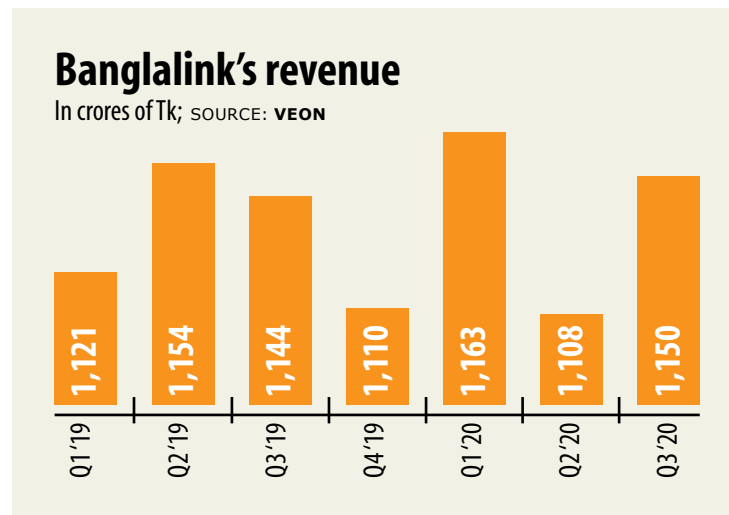
Banglalink's revenue returned to positive territory in the third quarter of 2020 after tumbling in the second quarter, riding on strong growth in data use, said its parent company Veon in a new report.

The third-largest carrier's revenue grew 0.8 per cent to Tk 1,150 crore in the July-September quarter from Tk 1,144 crore in the same period a year ago.

With this, the mobile operator recovered from a sharp fall a quarter ago. It had logged in Tk 1,108 crore in revenue in the April-June quarter, down 4.7 per cent from the previous quarter and 4 per cent from a year earlier.

Revenue totalled Tk 3,420 crore in the three quarters this year, an increase of 0.2 per cent year-on-year, the quarterly report of Veon showed.

Mobile data revenue rose 20.2 per cent year-on-year to Tk 280 crore in the third quarter as people use more internet than in



the past owing to the coronavirus pandemic.

As of September this year, the segment brought in Tk 840 crore for Banglalink, up 23 per cent during the nine-month period a year ago.

"Banglalink's performance in the third quarter is quite satisfactory given the operational

challenges we faced at that time due to the pandemic, floods, rough weather etc," said Erik Aas, chief executive officer of Banglalink.

"Despite the hurdles, we registered an impressive 20.2 per cent year-on-year data revenue growth in the quarter supported by the enhanced 4G network."

"With economic activities resuming across the country, we are gradually trying to recover from the pandemic effects."

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortisation (Ebitda) advanced 8.4 per cent to Tk 510 crore in the July-September quarter. The average revenue per user was Tk 116 crore, an increase of 2.7 per cent.

The number of mobile phone subscribers for the operator went up by 0.8 per cent year-on-year to 3.28 crore in the quarter. Of them, 2.05 crore are internet users, up 5 per cent thanks to the continued efforts to attract new customers, successful targeting of voice-only customers and network expansion, Veon said.

Average users consumed 2.33 gigabytes of data in July-September, an increase of 52.7 per cent from a year ago, the report showed.

As a part of its goal to make top-ups, account management and other services more convenient for customers, the carrier

BANGLALINK IN Q3

- 20.2pc** increase in data revenue
- 107.4pc** jump in 4G users
- 53pc** 4G population coverage
- 2.7pc** rise in ARPU

continuously promoted the use of various digital channels, Aas said.

"Our efforts in this regard resulted in a 33.4 per cent quarter-on-quarter growth in the user base of Banglalink's self-care app and the acquisition of 1.5 million customers of Banglalink's video-streaming app 'Toffee' in nine months."

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Daraz continues growth amid pandemic

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On November 11 last year, online shopping platform Daraz sold Tk 8.5 crore-worth products within the first 45 minutes of a 24-hour shopping event stemming from a marketing idea on encouraging people to spend money on themselves.

However, the sales figure was dwarfed by its parent company, Alibaba Group, which reached \$1 billion for gross merchandise in the first one minute and eight seconds on the unofficial Singles Day, presumed to have been founded by Chinese students.

The figure has then ballooned to \$12 billion after the first hour of the shopping blitz.

As a part of the company's policy, Daraz does not disclose its sales figures, Syed Mostahidul Hoq, managing director of Daraz Bangladesh, told The Daily Star.

But once Alibaba's instruction comes, it will disclose the sales figure, he said.

Alibaba's 11.11 sales figures, which is said to have totalled \$38 billion last year, includes the sales of its subsidiaries, including Daraz.

In the upcoming Eleven Eleven shopping spree, Daraz is set to make more than half a million deliveries, making it the biggest online single-day shopping festival in Bangladesh.

"The orders in the Singles Day sales increased 10 to 12 times that of normal day deliveries. It's a big event for a country where only less than one per cent retail sales comes from e-commerce," said Hoq.

Daraz says it now receives 50,000 orders per day.

Online shoppers in Bangladesh apparently wait eagerly for the event mainly for hefty discounts.

Daraz started the sales event in Bangladesh in 2018, when, in a surprise move, the China-based global e-commerce giant Alibaba, acquired Daraz Group's operations in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Myanmar.

In Bangladesh, Daraz witnessed fourfold growth on 11.11 sales year-on-year in 2019. It anticipates similar trends in growth this year.



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An employee readies a product for delivery at the warehouse of Daraz Bangladesh, a subsidiary of e-commerce giant Alibaba, in the capital's Tejgaon recently.

- ### ATA GLANCE
- Alibaba acquired Daraz in 2018
 - Daraz participated in **11.11** Singles' Day campaign of Chinese e-commerce giant that year
 - Sales soared four times in the 2019 campaign
 - Daraz's sales and delivery grow **100** per cent per year over the last four years
 - It now delivers **50,000** orders to **64** districts per day, up from **25,000** last year
 - Alibaba started **11.11** campaign in 2009
 - It sold **\$38** billion worth of merchandise on the day in 2019
 - In early June, Daraz announced to invest Tk **500** crore by 2021 in Bangladesh to set up logistics infrastructure and hubs

"As Bangladesh has over 10 crore internet users, we have so far explored only just over 10 per cent of the market. So, there is an enormous opportunity for the e-commerce

platform to grow and expand," said Hoq. Daraz have grown 100 per cent annually in the last four years in terms of customer and order numbers as Alibaba counts these two



parameters while measuring growth.

The e-commerce platform was hit hard for a few weeks since late March, when the country went into lockdown. It lost around 5,000 of its import-dependent merchants soon after travel bans were issued around the world in order to curb the spread of coronavirus.

But then in May, the company added more than 10,000 local retailers to its platform.

"As coronavirus has brought a big socio-economic impact around the world, Bangladesh is no exception," said Hoq.

"For lockdowns in March, the number of products on Daraz witnessed a steep fall, coming down to only 3 lakh from 1 crore as most of sellers were unable to source, supply and manufacture products for movement restrictions and the general shutdown," he said.

To combat the changing situation and support buyers and sellers, Daraz increased the number of packaging stations, drop-off and collection points it had.

However, it prioritised home deliveries with the reasoning that customers were reluctant to come out of their homes.

It also stated to undertake some initiatives to benefit sellers. Since May, the number of sellers on the platform started to rebound. Now, it has 33,000 sellers, up from 20,000 in 2019.

Daraz says it regarded the last quarter of a year -- October to December -- as the campaign quarter, starting it off with a 10.10 sales campaign in October resembling the 11.11 on November 11, one marking Black Friday on November 25 and concluding with a year-end sale.

It prepared for Singles Day from early May to the end of August.

As a part of the groundwork for the campaign, Daraz have evaluated customer experience and changes in purchasing habits for the pandemic-induced economic hardship so that it could come up with products and offers that best suits the consumers.

"Since decreased imports of electronic devices created a huge demand for laptops and other gadgets, Daraz is bringing in adequate supply of those products thanks to Alibaba's strong supply chain and Daraz's presence in other South Asian countries," he added.

"Now, we are prepared for the biggest online sales event in the country."

It will launch some exciting products for Eleven Eleven, including two handset models of a new brand and some handsets from Realme and Samsung.

"The pricing would be low so that the pandemic-hit businesses can survive on a great sales volume, helping its sellers to recover from losses incurred in the last couple of months," he added.

During the daylong sale event on November 11, customers will be able to avail large discounts on some 10 million products on the platform.

There will be special attractions such as pre-sale discounts and a "Tk 11 Mystery Box", which is basically an undisclosed item one can purchase as a surprise for Tk 11.

Free delivery offers are also expected from sellers of specific brands and products.

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