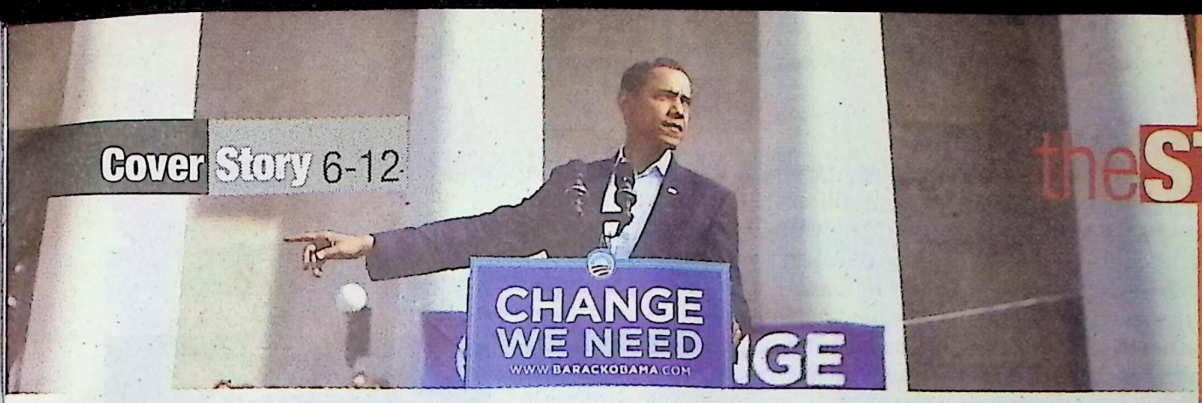
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The Obama Era

He has been compared to Franklin Delano Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy, but for the time being the world is celebrating the fact that he is not another George W. Bush. In these dark times the Obama star shines bright and for many it has always done so.

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A Grim but Not Necesarily Hopeless Picture

Dr. Rajendra Kumar Pachauri is credited with bringing the effects of climate change home to the masses. As head of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, he has led an intense effort by the scientific community to better understand climate change and global warming. The IPCC, along with Al Gore, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007 for their work. The Star Magazine catches up with him at the DCCI International Business Conference where he was one of the keynote speakers.

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Nagging Questions about Milk



After a month people are still confused about the great milk scandal. The controversy regarding melamine detection in powdered milk continues as different testing laboratories detected different levels of the chemical substance. The government's hide and seek game on the issue of not disclosing the BAEC test for a whole week and it's unexplained dilly-dallying over the issue raised further questions. The milk scandal in Bangladesh has revealed the bureaucratic tangle in the government and it's interest to serve only the multinational companies at the cost of public health.

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