Changes for Good

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EVERYONE is talking about a change. Everybody wants change, a change that will be good. A new government is now in power. Things are starting to change. We are also looking forward to positive changes in ourselves and in our country, something that will benefit us.

Firstly, if we want to bring out changes around us, we have to change ourselves from inside. We have to think positively and be optimistic. Only a positive mind can foster a positive change.

In our country, many things need to be changed for good. The political parties should practice fair politics having no student wings, corruption, irregularities and nepotism. Steps should be taken to reduce traffic jam in Dhaka.

Vehicles older than 20 years should be taken off the roads and more double decker buses should be introduced. Trained drivers with valid driving licenses should be allowed to drive and proper implementation should be ensured.



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The education system should be changed with more practical learning rather than theoretical learning. The curriculum for learning English in schools should be newly devised following American or British standards.

3G networks must be introduced in the country as soon as possible. High-speed internet services should be made more affordable. Modern audio-visual means should be used in the media to improve standards.

Proper waste management across the country must be ensured and more trees must be planted to save the environment. Laws must be enacted to abolish dowry system during marriages.

A positive change is always good. Now we all need to work together to bring out changes in our country, because positive changes can make our country a better place to live.

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Freedom of youth

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BANGLADESH has seen a rapid boom in private universities in the past decade. In addition to providing excellent education with practical degrees suited for the job market, the reputable private universities have been consistently drawing some of the most talented students of our country. However, in spite of all their success in most areas, these universities have deprived their students of a fundamental need An Open Campus.

A university is about freedom; it's about exploring and meeting people. But unfortunately, in most private universities, the campus environment is not seen as an essential element in learning. Whenever private universities are mentioned, we visualize a modern high-rise building in the heart of Dhaka.

This trend of small one-building (or in some cases one floor) universities cannot continue. A change for the better is needed. And for the good part, a change has indeed started. For some years now, Brac University has been running a beautiful lush-green campus in Savar, in addition to its main building. NSU has recently completed building a huge, open, state-of-the-art campus in Bashundhara for its students and IUB is building its own super campus near the NSU building.

So if more and more private universities can provide a healthy campus life to their students in addition to quality education, we may indeed see revolutionary improvement in the private educational system of our country.

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