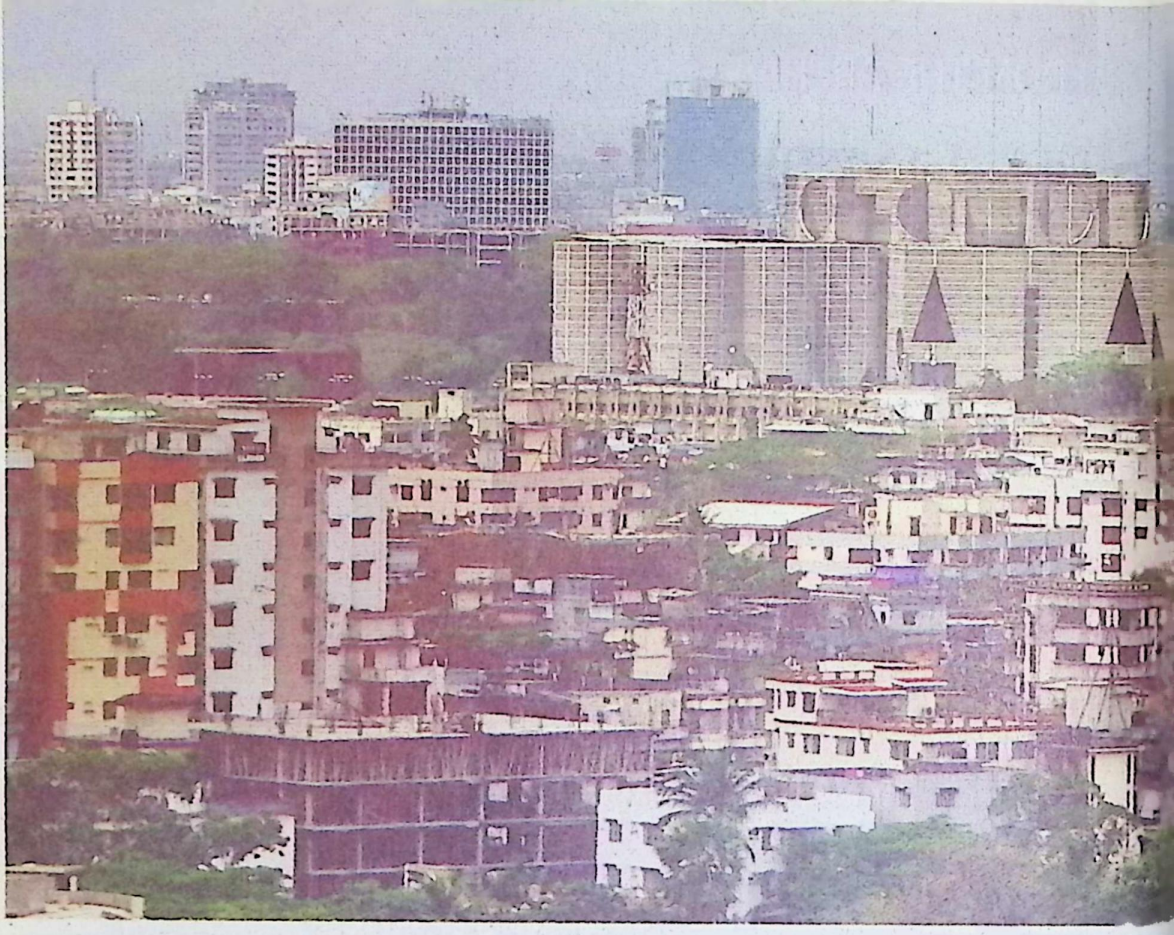


Bangladeshi Constitution: A Good Governance Paradigm

Changes to the Bangladesh Constitution should be well thought through, sustainable and ensure stronger institutions for good governance, says MANZOOR HASAN.

MODERN day constitutions or codes of written laws have antecedents which can be traced back thousands of years. Such historic documents have generally enshrined the legal rights of citizens ranging from issues, such as, the protection of the poor from the usury of the rich to that of non-payment of taxes by widows and orphans. In modern times, states have adopted constitutions which are either written or based on 'usage and conventions' catering for either unitary states or federal or supranational entities. But essentially the constitution of a state guarantees its citizens certain clearly laid down rights and entitlements and that state of affair has to be achieved by the creation of institutions, on the one hand, and the establishment of accountability relationship between institutions of state