



Local Government Division

- Two Organisational Units, the Dhaka South City Corporation and the Dhaka North City Corporation have been created with a view to decentralize the administration and improve the quality of public services.
- Narayanganj and Comilla Municipalities have been upgraded to City Corporations to render better services to its people.
- District Administrators in 61 Zila Parishad were appointed as per provisions of Zila Parishad Act 2000 and constitutional bindings. This will ensure peoples' participation at every level of local government.
- The newly formed Rajshahi WASA has started functioning since 01 August 2010 to ensure supply of safe water and provide better drainage facilities to its people in Rajshahi Metropolitan City.
- Upazila Governance Project (UZGP) has been taken up at a cost of 19.31 million US dollar equivalent to BDT 156.44 crore to strengthen the Upazila Parishads and Union Parishad Governance Project (UPGP) at a cost of about BDT141 crore to strengthen the Union Parishads Taking financial and technical assistance from UNDP, UNCDF, European Union and SDC.
- "Activating Village Courts in Bangladesh Project" under Local Government Division since 01 January 2009 with support from UNDP. Through this project, efforts are being made to strengthen the judiciary system at community levels through formation of effective village courts at the Union Parishads with the objective of improving human rights issues in Bangladesh including simplification of judiciary system for the marginal people. Under this project, formation of village courts are activated primarily in 350 Union Parishads under 77 upazilas in 17 districts of 6 divisions in the country.
- World Bank supported Local Government Support Project (LGSP), is implemented over the period 2006-2011 with on objective of strengthening the Union Parishads, the grassroot level organizations. Under this project, Basic Block Grants (BBG) were disbursed directly to the Union Parishads, who selected and implemented schemes through people's participation weighing most the local demand. During the last three years, an approximate amount of Taka 1034.00 crore had been disbursed directly to the Union Parishads as block grants under LGSP. World Bank can forward to support the Second Local Governance Support Project (LGSP-2), with an estimated cost of about BDT 3912.00 crore, which is earmarked implemented over the period from July 2011 to December 2016.
- Employment opportunities for 12 thousand 804 distressed women have been created in 388 unions (33 women in each union) under 41 upazilas of Serajganj, Satkhira, Barguna, Habiganj, Narsingdi and Feni districts and maintenance of 11, 640 kilometers of rural earthen roads has been done under Rural Employment Opportunities for Public Assets (REOPA) Project. It has also repaired and maintain significant portion of road at UP level.
- Under Second Urban Primary Health Care Project (2nd UPHCP), health care services are provided especially to poor mothers and children, through 24 urban maternities, 161 urban health centers and 644 satellite clinics. Nearly 60% employees of the project are women.
- Urban Public and Environmental Health Sector Development Project, has been working to achieve Millennium Development Goals (MDG-4, 5 and 6) concerning mother and child health care and contagious diseases; reduction of children's death rate and child sickness through curbing water-borne and food related diseases, increase of productive capacity of the citizens by reducing sickness syndromes, improvement of living standard and health related issues of the poverty stricken people and to implement urban public health system development (MDG-7). The Project is scheduled for the period from January 2010 to December 2014.
- WASA and Public Health Engineering Department have been implementing WSSPS-II Programme, funded by GOB and DANIDA, to ensure Safe Water and Sanitation for all. The prime objective of this Programme is to raise the standard of living of the target people through ensuring improved and sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene services. The project is also taking up adequate programmes on research works, trainings and plannings in water sector including establishment and stigmatization of safe water sources.
- Under Souharda Programme (2nd Phase), funded by GOB and CARE, a five-year programme of an estimated cost of about BDT 822.77 crore taka is being implemented to ensure long-term and short-term food security and capacity building of 3.70 lakh distressed families of 171 unions of 30 upazilas of chars, haors and islands surrounded districts of Kurigram, Nilphamari, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Bogra, Serajganj, Pabna, Jamalpur, Mymensingh, Sunamganj and Cox's Bazar.
- Programmes under Digital Bangladesh:

Local Government Division with active collaboration of the Prime Minister's Office and financial assistance from "Local Governance Support Project", funded by UNDP and World Bank, Access to Information (A21) Programme Union Information Service Center (UISC) has been established in all the UPs of the country to cater information services at the doorsteps of the grassroot people. Honourable Prime Minister inaugurated the UISC Programme through video-conferencing from her office on 11 November 2011 taking to former New Zealand Prime Minister and the then UNDP Representative Miss Helen Clarke from the remote Charkukri Mukri Union Parishad in Bhola district and with Syed Ashrafur Islam, Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives, from Jashodal Union Parishad in Kishoreganj district.

- With a view to implement Digital Bangladesh, one laptop (including modem) and necessary training has been provided to all Upazila

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina laid the foundation stone of Kotalipara Upazila Parishad Complex Bhaban on 16 November 2011.

Parishad/Chairman under Access to Information Programme from the Prime Minister's Office. Honourable Prime Minister inaugurated the programme on 12 April 2010. Besides, permission has been given to upazilas for internet connections from the revenue budget.

- Apart from catering various information services to the people through UISC, five tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) have so far been signed between Local Government Division, A 21 project and different financial institutions (Trust Bank Ltd, Mercantile Bank Ltd, Jiban Bima Corporation, Dutch Bangla Bank Limited, and Practical Action Bangladesh) to give the grassroot people access under Mobile Banking services.
- To realize the commitments of a Digital Bangladesh and to cater services to the common people LGED's Dynamic Web Portal (www.lged.gov.bd) has been commissioned. Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated all the district and upazila maps of the country on this website on 12 June 2011. All the maps could be downloaded from this website. Besides, Disaster Database and Mapping for the upazilas prone to floods and disasters are in progress.
- Tender advertisements and various online information are being regularly flashed in the website of Dhaka South City Corporation, holding tax for Region-1 has been brought under automation and the holding owners are being supplied with computerized bill books, Birth Registrations are also going on in the computerized system. As result citizens get services at a quicker pace.
- Comilla City Corporation have been providing tax receipts, water bills and Birth Registration Certificates in a digitised way and in their Accounts Department, 100% of the income and expenditure statements are being accomplished through softwares.
- "National Birth Registration Day 2011" with the theme - "Digital Birth Registration makes our life easy" was observed on 03 July 2011 keeping in view the objective of creating awareness on birth and death registration. Under the project, about 3.07 crore birth registrations have so far been digitised and the effort is still going on.
- The use of website and e-mail by the Municipalities has been ensured. Officers/employees of all the municipalities are being trained on computer technology to ensure better handling of computer and all related softwares including internet.

Zila Parishad

Revenue Income and ADP Allocation of the District Councils during the last three years:

FY	Revenue Income (in crore Taka)	FY	ADP Allocation (in crore Taka)
2008-2009	298.53	2009-2010	200.00
2009-2010	345.64	2010-2011	283.00
2010-2011	477.47	2011-2012	300.00

Important projects implemented by 61 District Councils are as follows:

- Construction of Liberation War monument in front of Officers' Club at Bailey Road in Dhaka.
- Construction of Liberation War sculpture at Dohar Upazila under Dhaka district.
- Construction of a travellers' shed by Dinajpur District Council.
- Distribution of gratis rickshaws to the distressed and helpless able-bodied youths by Lakshmipur District Council with the objective alleviate poverty and improve standard of living.
- Establishment of a computer training centre by Chittagong District Council in an attempt to reduce poverty and improve living standard.
- Construction of an auditorium by Naogaon District Council.
- Construction of a temple by Jessore District Council.
- Construction of a Dak Banglow by Manikganj District Council.
- Construction of a Non-govt. Primary School by Sylhet District Council.
- Construction of a sculpture ley the Joypurhat District Council in memory of the aboriginal people who contributed to Liberation War.

Upazila Parishad

In order to facilitate the accomplishment of tasks properly by the Upazila Parishads Local Government Division has taken following measures and given directives and counseling as and when required:

- Formulation of Upazila Parishad Act 1998 (amended till 30 June of 2009 through promulgation of Act No. 27 of 2009) and later Upazila Parishad (Amendment) Act 2011 has been formulated in order to amend the said Act further.

- Framing of Upazila Parishad Revenue Budget Application Guide, 2009.
- Framing of Upazila Parishad (Programme Implementation) Rules, 2010.
- Framing of Charter of Duties for the executives of the offices handed over to Upazila Parishad.
- Formulation of Upazila Parishad Chairman and Vice-Chairman (responsibilities, duties and financial privileges) Rules, 2010.
- Formulation of Upazila Parishad Fund Utilization Guide, 2010.
- Issuance of Circular related to use of Upazila Parishad's vehicles and supply of fuel.
- Formulation of Upazila Parishad Budget (Formulation and Approval) Rules, 2010.
- Formulation of Upazila Parishad Employees (Service) Rules, 2010.
- Formulation of Upazila Parishad (Contracts) Rules, 2010.
- Formulation of Upazila Parishad (Leaves for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Members and Women Members) Rules, 2010.
- Formulation of Upazila Parishad (transfer, maintenance and management of properties) Rules, 2010.
- A national Committee consisting of the Secretaries of the concerned ministries has been formed with the Cabinet Secretary in the chair to review, counsel and issue directives on the activities of the Upazila Parishads as per clause 24(3) of the Upazila Parishad Act, 1998 (Act No. 24 of 1998). The 8th meeting of the committee was held on 04 December 2011.
- Brand new Pajero jeeps have been supplied for official use of the Upazila Parishad Chairman/Vice-Chairman to monitr and supervise development activities within the Upazila Parishads area.
- The e-mail addresses of all Upazila Parishad Chairmen have been incorporated in the website of the Local Government Division.
- During the last three years, three new upazilas (Bijoynagar in Brahmanbaria district, Kalukhali in Rajbari district and Rangabali in Patuakhali district) have been created.
- One stenographer-cum-computer operator, one jeep driver and two MLSS posts have been created in each upazila parishad and those have been included in the organogram of 481 Upazila Parishads. Moreover, for 10 Upazila Parishads surrounded by haors/waterbodies, are given drivers of marine vehicles which has been included in the organogram. Local Government Division would provide the pay and allowances to the employees which would ensure employment to one of a family.

Union Parishad

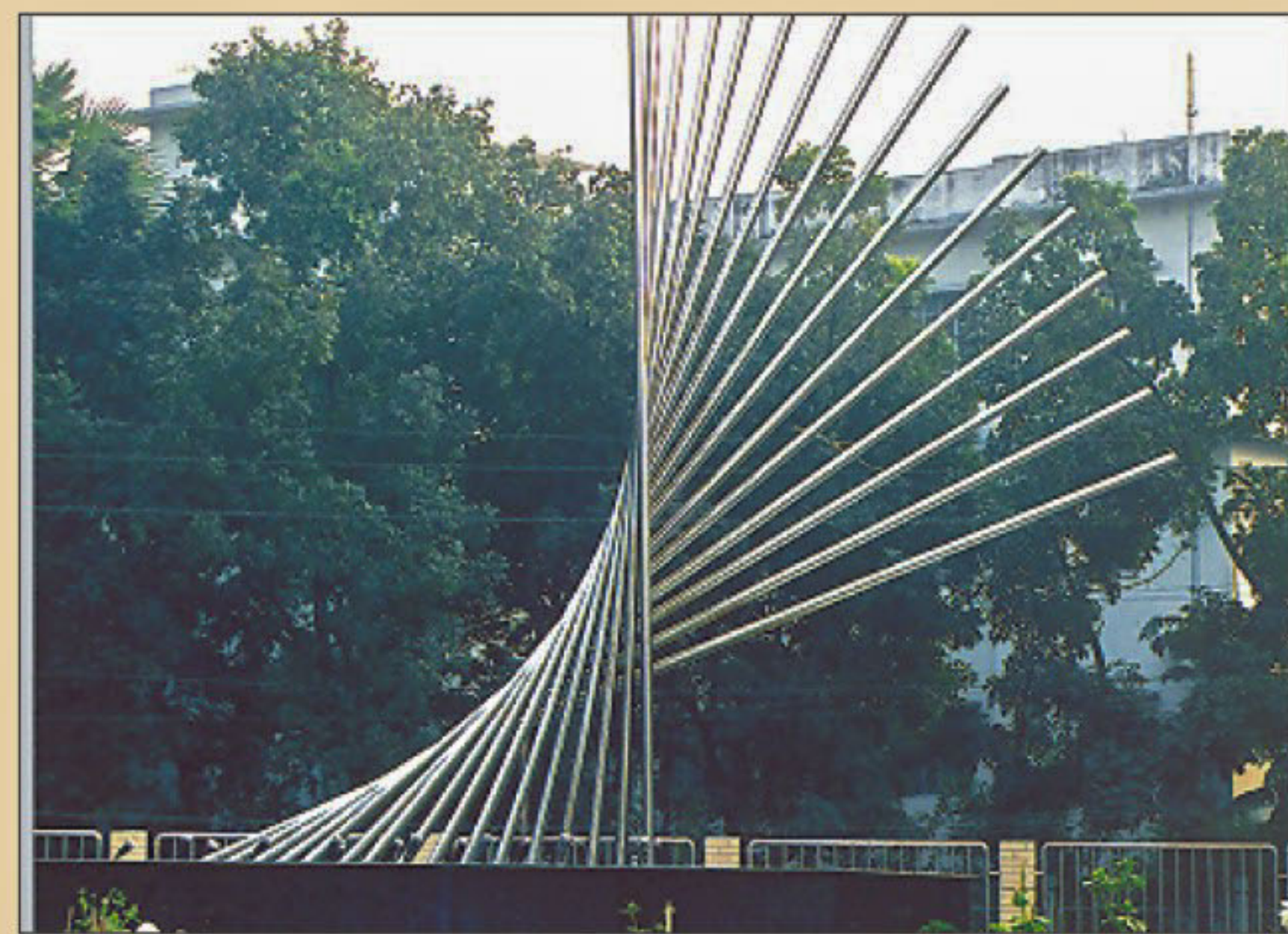
- Local Government (Union Parishad) Employees Service Rules, 2011 have been published in a gazette.
- Under Union Parishad Act, 2009, 14 Draft Rules/Regulations [Local Government Union Parishad (contracts, functions, ideal tax schedules, properties, specimens, budgets, oaths, custodies, accounting, development planning, tax, resignation and dismissal, appointment, honorariums) Rules, 2011] have been prepared.
- Pay of Village Police (Dafadars and Mahalladars) has been increased in addition to the enhancement of honorariums for the Upazila Parishad Chairmen and Members/Women Members.
- 2436 Union Parishad Complex Bhabans have so far been constructed to provide One Stop Service to inhabitants.
- BDT 289.00 crore has been disbursed to Union Parishads under Annual Development Fund.
- About 571.00 crore taka has been disbursed as honorarium to Union Parishad Chairmen and Members and pay/allowances to Union Parishad Secretary and Village Police.
- "Birth and Death Registration (2nd phase)" Project is being implemented with the assistance of UNICEF since 2001 in consideration of the significance of birth and death registration to ascertain the real population of the country and to chalk out a proper development planning. The project was supposed to be completed by June 2011 which has been extended upto December, 2011 in order to digitize the information gathered and to begin the Birth Registration process through online.

Municipalities

- Local Government (Municipality) Act, 2009 has been formulated with due approval by the 9th Jatiyo Shangshad after repealing Municipality Ordinance, 1977 and Local Government (Municipality) Ordinance, 2008 to ensure further municipal services to the inhabitants.
- In accordance with Local Government (Municipality) Act, 2009, a circular on the formation of Municipal Police for the Municipalities (1 Deputy Municipal Police Supervisor; 3 Assistant Deputy Municipal Police Supervisors; 27 Municipal Police Constables) has been issued.
- The honorariums for Mayors and Councillors have been increased manifold for effective discharge of duties by the Municipal Council.
- Under District Urban Infrastructure Improvement Project of LGED formulation of the master plan of 23 municipalities and under LGED's Upazila Urban Infrastructure Improvement Project the formulation of master plan of 223 municipalities are in the process. The preparation of master plan of Kuakata Municipality has been completed.
- In order to fulfil the commitment of the government regarding reduction of unemployment, 509 persons have been appointed at the Municipalities in Class-I and Class-II posts (292 in Class-I and 217 in class-II).
- In tune with the present government's election manifestoes and Vision-2021, nine new municipalities have been established in a bid to develop upazila sadars and growing industrial belts as towns and satellite towns.
- 14 B-grade Municipalities and 28 C-grade municipalities have been upgraded to A-grade and B-grade respectively. Such upgradation of municipalities helps increased quality municipal services. At present, there are 105 A-grade, 106 B-grade and 101 C-grade municipalities in a total number of 312.
- Various training programmes are imparted both at home and abroad to improve the skill of the municipal mayors.



Participatory Planning at Union Parishad Level



Liberation War Monument constructed by Zila Parishad, Dhaka.



Union Parishad Complex Bhaban.