2012-2013

Digital Bangladesh

National ICT Act, 2009 passed and ICT Policy, 2009 issued

4501 Union Information and Service Centers established

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Table-1: Successfully Implemented Policies or Programmes
Included in the Last Three Budgets

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62.	Medium term programmes for capital and maintenance dredging adopted
	Overall Education Sector
63.	Education Policy issued
64.	Free books at secondary level distributed
65.	Private University Act, 2009 enacted
66.	Public Universities in Barishal and Gopalganj established
67.	The rate of stipend enhanced to 100 percent in monga/cyclone/river erosion/slum areas
68.	Area wise educational institutions established
69.	The number of male and female stipend raised to 43.38 lakh
70.	Talent hunt programme undertaken
71.	Rules to provide subvention to the registered and community primary school teachers equal to the salary of govt. primary school teachers formulated.
72.	370 primary schools affected by Flood/river erosion reconstructed
73.	School feeding program in poverty-stricken areas launched
74.	Cent percent textbooks at primary level distributed
75.	Prime Minister's Education Assistance Trust Act, 2012 enacted and Prime Minister's Education Assistance Foundation established
	Health and Family Welfare
76.	11,409 Community Clinics launched
77.	5 new medical colleges and 5 Institutes of Health Technology established
78.	Upazila hospitals upgraded to 50 bed and District hospitals to 250 bed
79.	Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council Act, 2010 enacted
80.	National Health Policy, 2011 formulated
81.	Sample survey done in collaboration with foreign experts within three months of the completion of population census
82.	Patients Welfare Fund Policy formulated
83.	e-Health programme introduced

Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority Act, 2012 passed and Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority established
Construction of Pangaon internal container terminal completed
Real Estate Development and Management Act, 2010 passed
Bangladesh National Building Code (BNBC) amended
Colony constructed to resolve housing problems of underprivileged community

Youth and Sports, Culture and Religion

Bangabandhu Krirashebi Welfare Foundation established

85.

Small Ethnic Groups Cultural Institution Act, 2010 passed

International Mother Language Institute Act, 2010 passed

Infrastructure

National Hajj Policy, 2010-14 issued

Bangabandhu Krirashebi Welfare Foundation Act, 2010 passed and

	Industrialization		
93.	Industrial Policy, 2010 approved		
94.	Policy framed to provide group-wise Tk 50,000 SME loan for women entrepreneurs.		
95.	Not less than 15 percent of the total amount of refinancing scheme has been allocated for women entrepreneurs.		

96.	Bank liabilities and certain other liabilities of BJMC paid by the government and jute sector revitalized
97.	EPZ workers Welfare Association and Industrial Relations Act,

98.	Mandatory Use of Jute Package Act, 2010 passed
99.	Facility for refinancing SME sector through four funds continued
100.	Bangladesh Textile University Act, 2010 passed
101.	Policy and Strategy for Public-Private-Partnership (PPP), 2010 issued

102. Bangladesh Rubber Policy, 2010 issued

103.	National Salt Policy, 2011 issued
	Ship-breaking and Recycling Policy, 2011 issued
and the second second second	Jute Policy, 2011 issued
106.	National Skill Development Policy, 2012 issued
107.	Labour Welfare Association and Industrial Relations Act, 2010 passed

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	108.	Bangladesh Tourism Board Act, 2010 passed
2	109.	National Tourism Policy, 2010 issued
	110.	Bangladesh Tourism Reserved Area and Special Tourism Zone Act 2010 passed
	111.	Trademarks Act, 2009 passed

112.	Consumer Rights Protection Act, 2009 passed
113.	Chartered Secretaries Act, 2010 passed
114.	Cash incentive for strategic industries continued
115.	Steps have been taken to write off loans of 279 sick industries o

	115.	Steps have been taken to write off loans of 279 sick industries of RMG sector
	116.	Steps have been taken to write off loans of 69 sick industries of Jute and Textile sector
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	and Textile Sector
117.	Loan repayment time for frozen food industries extended
119	Digital e-Purji introduced for sugar cane farmers and Manthan As

i	118.	Award achieved

i.	Climate and Environment			
119.	Climate Change Trust Act, 2010 passed and Climate Change Trus Fund created			
120.	Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, 2009 issued			
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122.	Effluent Treatment Plant Fund created			
100	Bangladesh Environment Conservation (Amendment) Act, 201			

	passed
124.	Environment Court Act, 2010 passed
125.	Hazardous Waste and Ship-breaking Waste Management Rules, 2011 issued
126.	National Disaster Management Plan 2010-15 approved

National Institute of Bio-Technology Act, 2010 passed

130.	Science and Technology Development Trust Act, 2011 passed					
131.	Rules/regulations/guidelines issued under the digital signature programme					
132.	e-Commerce licensing guidelines, audit guidelines and CPS guidelines formulated and certified company selected					
133.	Programme for bringing all government offices under an integrated					
134.	e-Procurement and e-Monitoring system for all types of government					
135.	- A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A					
136.	National Information and Communication Technology Policy 2009					
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139.	Bangladesh High - Tech Park Authority Act, 2010 passed					
140.	National Museum of Science and Technology Act, 2010 passed					
	Poverty Reduction and Social Security					
141.	One stop service for disabled persons introduced					
142.	The number of beneficiaries of old Age allowance raised from 2 million to 2.48 million					
143.						
144.	The storage capacity for food grains raised from 14.50 lakh to 16.50					
145.	'Ghore Phera' program restarted					
146.	'One house one farm' project initiated					
147.	Shelter homes for the floating population of cities constructed					
148.	Vagrant and Shelter less Persons (Rehabilitation) Act, 2011 passed					
149.	Bangabandhu Rural Development Academy and Poverty Reduction Act, 2012 passed					
150.	Wildlife Victim Compensation Policy, 2010 issued					
151.	Forest Conservation Victim Compensation Policy, 2011 issued					
152.	Cyclone Shelter Construction, Maintenance and Management Policy					
	Employment and Welfare					
153.	National Service introduced and coverage gradually expanded					
154.	Manpower exported to 15 new countries					
155.	Immigration and Skills Development Fund created					
156.	Expatriate Welfare Bank Act, 2010 passed and Expatriate Welfare					

Women and Child Welfare

National Child Labor Elimination Policy, 2010 issued

The bank credit facilities ensured/expanded giving priority to women

The rate of monthly allowance for the freedom fighters enhanced

Medical assistance provided to the nationally honored freedom

Child development center for deprived street children established

Welfare of Freedom Fighters

Policy on provision of ration for freedom fighters issued

Bank established

entrepreneurs

fighters

from Tk 900 to Tk 2000

160.

165.

Women Development Policy approved

Share for women in the budget ensured

Gender-sensitive budget formulated

	Good Governance			
166.	Economic rights over 200 nautical mile in the Bay of Bengal and its continental shelf established following the historic verdict delivered by ITLOS			
167.	Death sentence of 5 convicts of the Bangabandhu murder case executed			
168.	Right to Information Act, 2009 passed			
169.	National Pay Scales, 2009 implemented			
170.	Border Guard Act, 2010 passed			
171.	The Public Interest related Information Disclosure (Protection) Act, 2011 passed			
172.	The Constitution (Fifteenth Amendment) Act, 2011 passed			
173.	The Vested Property Return (Amendment) Act, 2011 passed			
174.	Graffiti Writing and Poster Pasting (Control) Act, 2012 passed			
175.	Human Trafficking Prevention and Control Act, 2012 passed			
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177.	Pornography Control Act, 2012 passed			
178.	Election Commission Secretariat Act, 2010 passed			
179.	Electoral Roll Act, 2009 passed			
180.	National Human Rights Commission Act, 2009 passed			
181.	Mobile Court Act, 2009 passed			
182.	National Identity Registration Act, 2010 passed			
183.	Comprehensive policy for providing books in libraries issued			
184.	Skill Development Fund worth Tk.140 crore created			
185.	Local Government (Union Parishad) Act, 2009, Local Government (Municipality) Act, 2009 and City Corporation Act, 2009 passed			
186.	Balumahal and Soil Management Act, 2010 passed			
187.	Government Jalamahal Management Policy, 2009 issued			
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189.	Rate of tax deduction at source for land registration reduced			
190.	Consistency established in providing rations to different disciplined forces			
191.	National Skill Development Policy, 2011 issued			
192.	Cable Network Operation and Licensing Rules, 2010 issued			
	Tax Administration and Tax Law			

Customs and VAT administration expanded up to Upazila level

194. System of online payment of taxes introduced

195.	Holding tax fair in September each year at all divisional towns introduced			
196.	A two page income tax return form for low income tax payers under the spot assessment programme introduced			
197.	Provision for tax rebate on corporate social responsibility spending introduced			
198.	The remuneration of Ministers, State Ministers and Members of Parliament declared taxable			
199.	Payment of taxes on salary income by the government employees from their own sources introduced			
200.	Tax exemption and tax holiday facilities curtailed			
201.	Tax information and service centers established in Dhaka and Chittagong			
202.	2 new custom houses, 1 bond commissionerate, 4 VAT commissionerates, 3 appeal commissionerates, 56 VAT divisional offices and 146 VAT circles established through administrative reorganization			
203.	Chittagong Custom House (Import and Export) unified			

Sl. No.	Budget Commitments	Implementation Progress
	Bud	get and Planning
1.	Formulating policy for preparation, processing, implementation and evaluation of projects	Policy formulation committee has delivered their recommendations. Now, policy amendments, modifications and revisions are at final stage
2.	Ensuring appropriate use of project aid	Steps have been taken to accelerate implementation of projects and to resolve other attendant problems by holding tripartite meetings among development partners, implementing Ministries and ERD The process is continuing
3.	Overseeing ADP implementation of 10 large Ministries/Divisions	Project monitoring has been given emphasis. Out of 576 projects, already 239 projects have been inspected till March 2012
4.	Drafting of Audit Act	A draft has been prepared.
	Finan	cial Sector
5.	Amendments to the Bank Companies Act and Financial Institutions Act	A committee of 7 members is examining the draft amendments proposed by Bangladesh Bank.
6.	Controlling unethical financial practices	Introduction of penal measures against any banking activity in the name of cooperatives without the approval of Bangladesh Bank. The progress of bringing the multi-leve marketing companies and social organisations under a legal framework is underway.
7.	Installing National Payment Switch	Installation of National Payment Switch is underway in the light of Nationa Information and Communication Policy
8.	Inclusion of buy-back rules in the Companies Act, 1994	Amendment of the Companies Act, 1994 is in progress.
9.	Amendment to the Securities and Exchange Commission Act, 1993	In progress
10.	Amendment to the Securities and Exchange Commission Rules, 1987	In progress
11.	Financial Reporting Act	Draft Financial Reporting Act in place

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11.	Financial Reporting Act	Draft Financial Reporting Act in place
	Business	Environment
12.	Bringing down the time taken for delivering registered documents	Efforts are underway to reduce the time taken for delivery of registered documents to 2-7 days.
13.	Digitization of Land Registration	Initial preparations completed
14.	Automation of Judiciary	Cause lists and results of cases are being electronically displayed to reduce litigants' harassment
15.	Use of modern technology in all units of the customs department for advance cargo declaration and customs clearance as well as auto generation of customs receipts accounts	Procurement of ASYCUDA-World software is in progress.
16.	Digitisation of treasury chalans	Activities are in progress in respect of depositing all kinds of government receipts online and through mobile phones
17.	Finalising the Competition Act, 2012	Competition Act, 2012 has already been placed before the Parliament
18.	Digitised land survey and management	Land survey process is being digitized in 61 districts
	Power	and Energy
19.	Construction of Ruppur Nuclear Power Plant	An agreement has been signed with the Russian Federation to construct Ruppu Nuclear Power Plant
20.	Construction of coal fired power plants	Process is underway to construct several coal fired power plants to produce 2,938

Conducting feasibility study

for small hydraulic power

22. Producing 500 MW of

electricity from paddy husk

Formulation of Coal Policy

exploration in the bay

natural

Updating the National Energy

projects

Policy

Launching

MW of electricity by the year 2016

and would be finalised this year

Updating of the policy is at final stage

A draft feasibility report has been prepared

The final draft of the policy has been

About 10 mncft of gas is being extracted

daily from Sangu Gas Field. A contract has

been signed with Conoco-Phillips for gas

In progress

prepared

exploration