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Being Responsible

I very much appreciate the cover story for its fresh perspectives toward corporate social responsibility. I particularly enjoyed reading about how BSRM group started doing CSR inspired by a personal experience of its CSR chief. Stories like these prove that CSR is not entirely a hoax as many cynics would like to believe.

Tahnuma Khan
DOHS, Dhaka

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Many large companies in our country are not compliant with the rules, regulations and laws of the land. Garment factories, for example, need to do a lot more to make the working conditions better for their workers. If companies do not pay workers enough, if employees do not have healthcare and they cannot send their children to school, all the talk about social responsibility will be nothing but lip-service.

Nurul Huda
Badda, Dhaka

An Irony

Like always, last week's Chintito was a fun read. I would like to thank him for pointing out an irony: we trust our maids with our children but not with our valuable possessions!

Safiur Rahman
Lalbag, Dhaka

A Lone Bird Called Das

I don't recall the last time I read such a powerful piece about a poet. A tribute to one of the finest poets in the world, the article is written in an unusual style through which the writer makes the reader have a conversation with a poet who is long gone but whose work still resonates in the world. Articles like these make the *Star* especial in our hearts and minds.

Jenifer Huq
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Why Immunise?

Although it's true that newborn babies are immune to many diseases because they have antibodies they got from their mothers, the duration of this immunity may last only a month to about a year. Further, young children do not have maternal immunity against some vaccine-preventable diseases, such as whooping cough. If a child is not vaccinated and is exposed to a disease germ, the child's body may not be strong enough to fight the disease. Before vaccines, many children died from diseases that vaccines now prevent, such as whooping cough, measles, and polio. Those same germs exist today, but babies are now protected by vaccines, so we do not see these diseases as often. I hope the article will help raise awareness to popularise vaccination in our country.

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Via Email

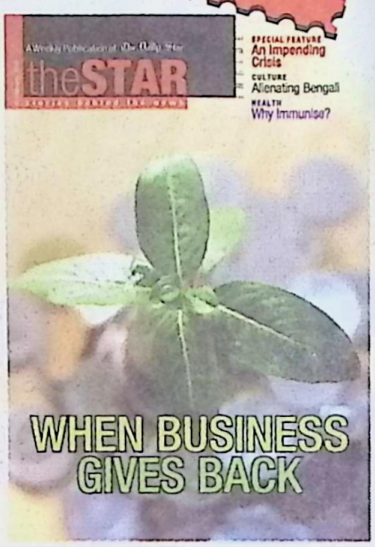




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