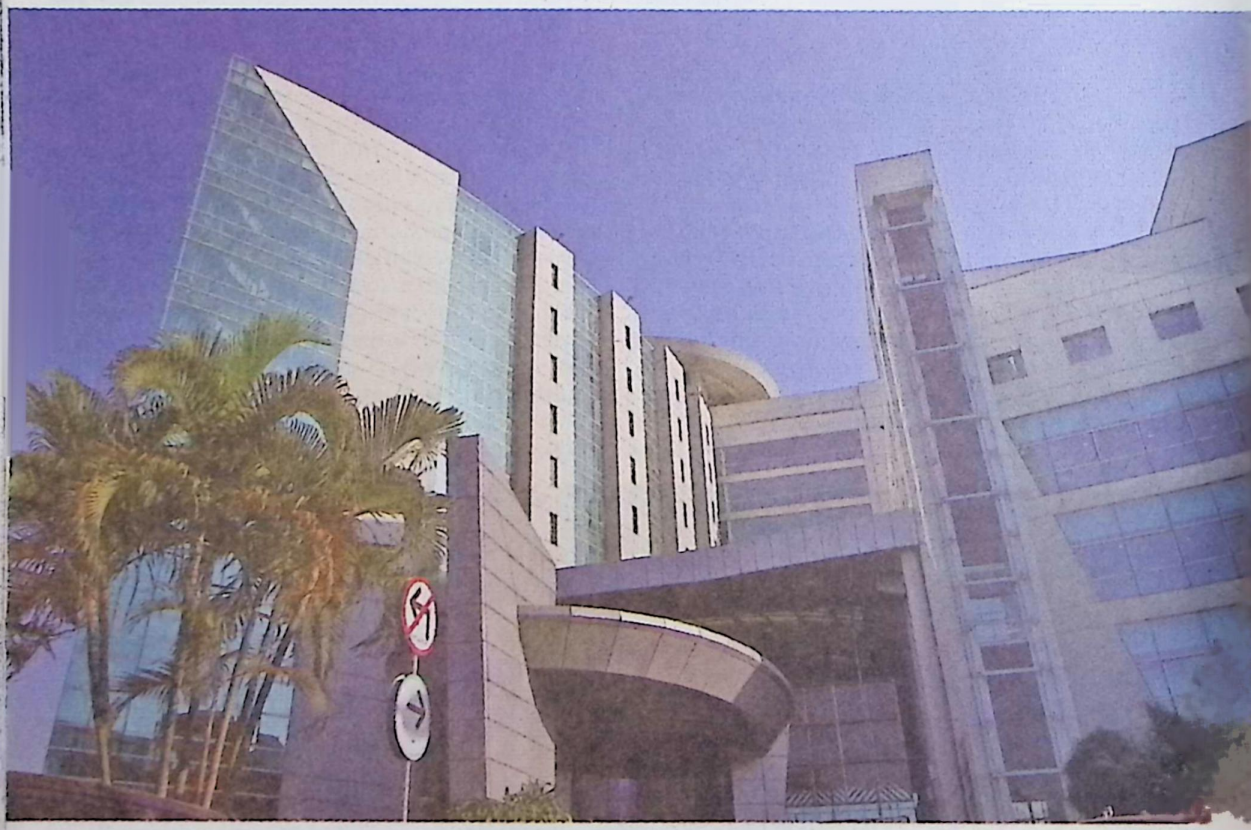
Another Feather In the Cap

While many complain that local hospitals are inept at handling complicated ailments, Apollo Hospitals Dhaka has performed a lifesaving surgery that only a few surgeons across the world can

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Apollo Hospitals Dhaka. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

January 21, 2013 started just like another usual Friday for Mohammed Mir Gulzar. As it was the weekend, he did not have to rush to his electronics shop and worry about selling appliances to customers. Gulzar lives in Qatar, far away from his family who lives in Bangladesh. Over breakfast with his nephew and brother who lived in Qatar with him, Gulzar suddenly started to feel numb in his face, along with dizziness and a loss of balance. "Take me to emergency," those were the last words he said before ending up in the intensive-care ward, hooked up to a life-support machine in a land far away from home.

Gulzar was unconscious for two months, existing between life and death. After he regained his senses, he found that he was unable to breathe on his own. His treatment included artificial ventilation in the ICU of a hospital in Qatar. As he found it difficult to breathe, he had to undergo surgeries twice on his trachea (windpipe) to create a hole, a surgical procedure called tracheostomy. But unfortunately the operations led to tracheal ste-