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## SNAPSHOT

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“Surrealism is destructive, but it destroys only what it considers to be shackles limiting our vision.”

— Salvador Dali

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## Procession of funerals on the highways continue

Hardly a day goes by now without fatal street accidents taking place in some part of the country where innocent people are the victims. The lives of people have become so cheap in our country, that if a dozen people die in a road accident there is no one to ensure future road safety and compensation. For those perishing on the highways, we can definitely blame the vehicle drivers but how well have our law enforcers been able to ensure punitive action against traffic rule violators? Despite having ample evidence of neglect and violation of traffic rules, the authorities concerned turned a blind eye and a deaf ear to the mismanagement which leaves the lives of thousands at stake.

I would like to remind the authorities that road safety is not a privilege, it is a right of citizens. So, it is necessary to enforce stern action by showing political goodwill and force relevant stakeholders to comply with the directives of the prime minister to stop the procession of funerals on the highways.

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## Going to the post office

Certificates of savings schemes are sold and encased in the post offices in Bangladesh. At present, it has become a source of secured income for many middle-class families including senior citizens and pensioners. Though the government has decided to lower the interest rate, it is still on the rise. People are compelled to visit the post office to get them and a person has to wait for at least a month before he could have his certificate for which he has already paid a pay order to the post office. Then, he has to pass through a similar ordeal before he can collect his voucher for income tax return.

This is not the end of the ordeal in a digitally advanced country, one has to stand in a long queue outside for hours. The queue extends to the adjacent footpaths. With a digital token system, anybody can go to the respective booths once they have taken their token. This could stop the clash of clients' trying to go one before the other. As we all know in the era of emails, social media, and mobile phones, the work load

of post office workers has reduced drastically except posting a few parcels and letters. It is evident that all the hustle and bustle go around the savings certificate cash booth all day long. We only see one or two booths doing these transactions, if these could be raised to a few more the long wait for the masses could be averted, saving precious time. It is a pity to see aged persons competing for their place along with the young. At times, these waiting times compel people to take shortcuts and act unjustly with others. It is very unfortunate that the senior citizens' issue is not being addressed.

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## Upward trend of DIVORCE

Divorce severs long-lasting family ties. Marriage registrars, psychologists, and gender experts have noted that economically empowered women are opting out of marriages following mental and physical torture, leading to increasing divorces and separations.

Experts believe that the rise of divorce in Dhaka is a positive trend because more and more women are speaking up against marital abuse. In a patriarchal society like ours, women are held primarily responsible for keeping their families together—even at the cost of their own happiness and well-being. But this is a flawed concept, because a husband and a wife are equally responsible for their family's knot. Nowadays, women are more conscious about their rights. Every person would like to see their life be meaningful.

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