

Electoral campaign continues

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Joye Banglar Joy". Videos produced by these pages have been shared hundreds of times.

Public figures of sports and entertainment industries are also active in political campaigns on the social media.

The ruling alliance has also composed and released lots of songs that are playing round the clock on several channels, and in some cases, these songs are now being used as welcome tunes and ringtones on cell phones. This form of campaigning may continue even after the election ends.

Relatively younger contenders in the national polls are using the digital campaigning tools, like Zunaid Ahmed Palak, the youngest state minister in the current cabinet and an Awami League contender in Natore 3.

"This is a new campaign strategy from us, and now more than 30 percent electioneering is being done on

digital platforms," said Palak.

"It is impossible to meet all voters in my constituency face-to-face within the limited time, but digital platforms are giving me the opportunity to reach out to all of them," he said.

"Voters also feel that I'm in touch with them when they find me on Facebook or YouTube. This show will continue up to the voting time," Palak added.

Adam Tamizi Haque, managing director of Haque Group of Industries and chairman of Manobik Dhaka, is not participating in the election, but is spending a huge sum of money in digital campaigns for Awami League's "boat" symbol across the country.

On the other hand, several channels and pages are now active during the last-minute campaigning of the opposition alliance Jatiya Oikyafront, including its own official page, said

Facebook users.

Of these, some are even operating from outside the country.

Top-listed Facebook pages and channels of the Jatiya Oikyafront are "Stand Up", "I am Bangladeshi", "Demo Crazy", "Tholer Biral" and "Shomoyer Shakhi.com".

BNP's acting chairman Tarique Rahman is running his party's campaign using Andolon News, a channel that is being moderated from outside the country.

However, the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) is yet to re-open the official website of BNP, which was blocked in the second week of December.

A market insider said in the last few months, hundreds of new websites were opened, and several hundreds of Facebook pages also started campaigning, which are now playing a significant role in the last few days.

Candidates are also using

platforms such as WhatsApp, Twitter and Instagram alongside Facebook and YouTube.

3G, 4G BLOCKED AND RESTORED AGAIN

After blocking 3G and 4G mobile internet services at 10pm on Thursday to downgrade internet speed, BTRC again restored the speed at 8am yesterday.

High-speed mobile internet services may be throttled again before the election, said insiders at BTRC.

If and when the service is blocked, mobile internet users will be unable to stream or upload videos or pictures. Use of communication apps would also be nearly impossible with low-speed 2G mobile internet.

As of November, over 6 crore mobile SIMs are connected to 3G or 4G internet, while total active internet connections stand at 9.18 crore, according to BTRC.

Earlier on December 26, in a meeting with International Internet Gateways (IIGs), the telecom regulator told them if necessary, they will issue orders to block social media sites, especially Facebook, and some other communication applications depending on the situation, and asked the IIGs to take preparations for it.

Trajectory to a healthy future

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educational performance, low adult wages, lost productivity and, when accompanied by excessive weight gain later in childhood, an increased risk of nutrition-related chronic diseases in adult life, according to WHO.

"Stunting also has long-term effects on individuals and societies, including diminished cognitive and physical development, poor health and a risk of degenerative diseases such as diabetes," added Dr Shah Nawaz.

Dr Sanjoy Kumar Dey, an associate professor of neonatology at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, said, "This kind of malnutrition often begins in the womb with a mother who herself is malnourished and is not getting enough nutritious food she needs to support her baby's growth and development during pregnancy."

"It can continue after birth as a result of poor feeding practices, repeated infections and diets that do not give children the nutrition they need to grow and develop properly," he said.

Dr Sheikh Shahed Rahman, director of Save the Children's Suchana programme, said, "The Damage, due to chronic malnutrition during that period, is irreversible. There is no way someone can rectify it after growing up."

"So, ensuring proper nutrition during that time [1,000 days] is a must or else no matter how powerful vitamins or proteins are provided to the child, it will not work for their development as it should be in their first two years," he said.

PRESENT SCENARIO

According to Bangladesh Demographic and Health Survey (BDHS) 2014, stunting rate among children under 5 years

old is 36 percent in the country. It was 41 percent in 2011, 43 percent in 2007 and 51 percent in 2004.

Worldwide, it was 22 percent (151 million children under 5) in 2017, according to WHO.

Although the rate decreased over the years, it is still above WHO's cut-off rate, which is 30 percent, according to WHO.

It said Sylhet division has the highest rate of stunting among all divisions. There are multiple reasons behind it, said Dr Shahed Rahman, adding, "High food insecurity, poor practice in child feeding and care, cultural barriers to follow optimal practices and low literacy are some of those."

REASONS BEHIND STUNTING

According to experts, poor diet, hygiene and sanitation practices are some of the major reasons behind child stunting. Also, poverty and food insecurity play an important role in this regard.

They said special attention should be given to mothers during pregnancy because a mother's nutrition carries over to her newborn.

PREVENTION

Awareness is a must when it comes to prevent stunting among children. Also, food security, childcare practices, maternal education, financial ability, access to health services and water, hygiene and sanitation conditions are some other vital issues.

Coordinated and concentrated efforts to address issues such as illness and food intake as well as access to quality health care, education and poverty reduction are essential, said health experts.

GOVT MEASURES

The government works on a priority

basis and takes an overall approach to ensure nutrition for children, thus leading to reducing stunting, according to Dr Shah Nawaz.

It also follows an "Infant and Young Child Feeding" strategy, where infants, mothers and adolescent girls are given the precedence.

Moreover, there is also a ten-year "National Plan of Action for Nutrition" (2016-25), under which government and non-government bodies are working together, he said. "We have a target to reduce stunting by 1 million within 2025 or within the targeted span of SDG," he added.

NON-GOVT INITIATIVES

In addition, non-government organizations are also working in different areas of the country on nutrition.

Save the Children, through "Suchana: Ending the Cycle of Undernutrition in Bangladesh (2015-2022)", is engaged in 20 upazilas of Sylhet and Moulvibazar with an aim to prevent stunting among children under two.

"Our target is to reduce stunting by additional 6 percent from the national rate in Sylhet division," said Dr Shahed Rahman. He said their programme supports poor families with women of reproductive age (15-45), who are vulnerable to malnutrition.

"We are working to raise awareness among them and also helping them in income-generating activities so that they don't lag behind in giving nutrition to their child due to poverty," he added.

Suchana is implemented by eight NGOs, spearheaded by Save the Children. A total of eight ministries are involved with the programme, said Dr Shahed Rahman.



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chamber, which is then turned upside down. A traditional method is then followed to slaughter it.

The blood, collected in a tank through a drainage system, is later used for commercial purposes.

The carcass is then hung onto an overhead conveyor belt. After deskinning the carcass, chainsaws are used to split it into sizeable portions. The meat trader then takes the portions to the butcher shop and processes the meat according to customer's requirement, Tanveer said.

Regarding the pro-environment features, he said the risk of biohazard will be reduced by ensuring that the animal waste is not released in the environment without getting treated in an on-site effluent treatment plant (ETP).

Besides, each slaughterhouse will also have a biogas plant that will use animal faeces collected there.

The management of the new slaughterhouses might be placed under private firms as "there are many local companies that now work in the field," the DSCC executive engineer also said.

Out of the three new slaughterhouses in DNCC area, the one near Mohakhali bus terminal was already opened in the first week of December after renovation.

Renovation work of the slaughterhouse near Mohammadpur Krishi Market will start shortly while the one at Gabtoli will be rebuilt.

Both of these are now in designing phase, said Wasik Edaaf, an architect at Vitti Sthapati Brindo Ltd, the firm tasked with designing the slaughterhouses for DNCC.

Humane treatment of animals was not possible at conventional slaughterhouses where animals were slaughtered in front of other animals in queue, he said, adding that the modern slaughterhouses will have separate enclosures from where the slaughtering process will not be visible.

At a conventional slaughterhouse, even an expert butcher would take around an hour to complete the entire process of slaughtering, deskinning and sizing up of a cow, while it will be around 20 to 30 minutes at the modern facility, Wasik said.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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The bill of the civil work will be paid after the availability of fund.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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