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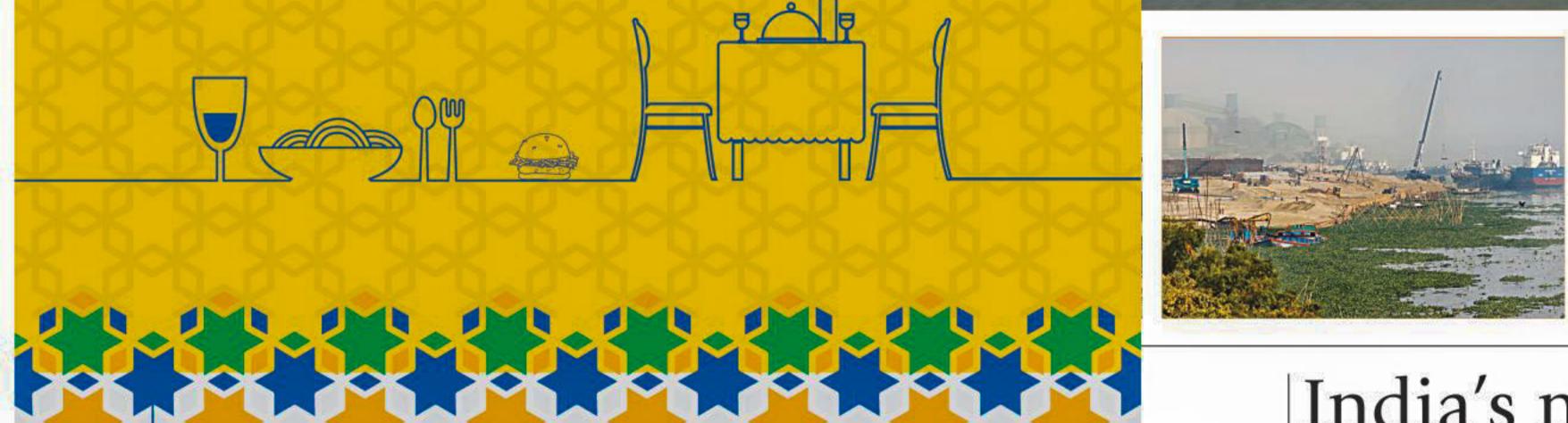
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A vessel is being built on a swathe of the Meghna river filled up for the shipyard. Illegal encroachment on the river is going on unabated. The photos were taken recently at different places in Narayanganj's Sonargaon.

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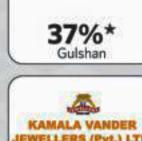
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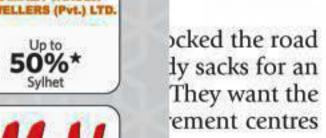
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## India's marathon polls end today

Opposition effort on to form a mega alliance against BJP

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After a bitter campaign, India's marathon election closes today after almost seven weeks awash with insults, violence

India today votes in the seventh and concluding phase for the remaining 59 seats that included Varanasi where Prime Minister Narendra Modi is seeking to retain the seat. The Indian Lok Sabha has 545 seats. Polling is going

on for 543 seats and an additional two seats are filled by nominees from the Anglo Indian community. On the eve of the final day of voting in the world's biggest democratic exercise, local media reports said Modi,

68, would also spend some time in a "mediation cave". Having addressed more than 140 election rallies across the country, Modi yesterday arrived in Dehradun, the capital of the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand famous for its Hindu pilgrimage sites.

Modi's hectic campaign which started in March has seen him address three rallies a day on average, criss-crossing the length and breadth of the geographically diverse nation of 1.3 billion people.

From Dehradun, the Hindu nationalist premier travelled to Kedarnath and was due to go on to Badrinath to pay his SEE PAGE 2 COL 1 Beware of going overboard



AL-AMIN

The long wait is over. Bangladesh won a multi-nation tournament after six abortive attempts when they beat West Indies by five wickets at The Village in Dublin in an extraordinary final where the pendulum swung from one end to the other after rain intervened.

The rasping drive for four through the covers that Mahmudullah hit for the winning runs was icing on a proverbial celebratory cake that the Tigers had been preparing over their six previous attempts since 2009, somehow spoiled each time by their opponents.

The bitter memories of those near misses, marked by famously hysterical sobs, collective brain-freeze moments and emotional breakdowns that led to

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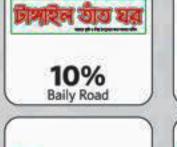
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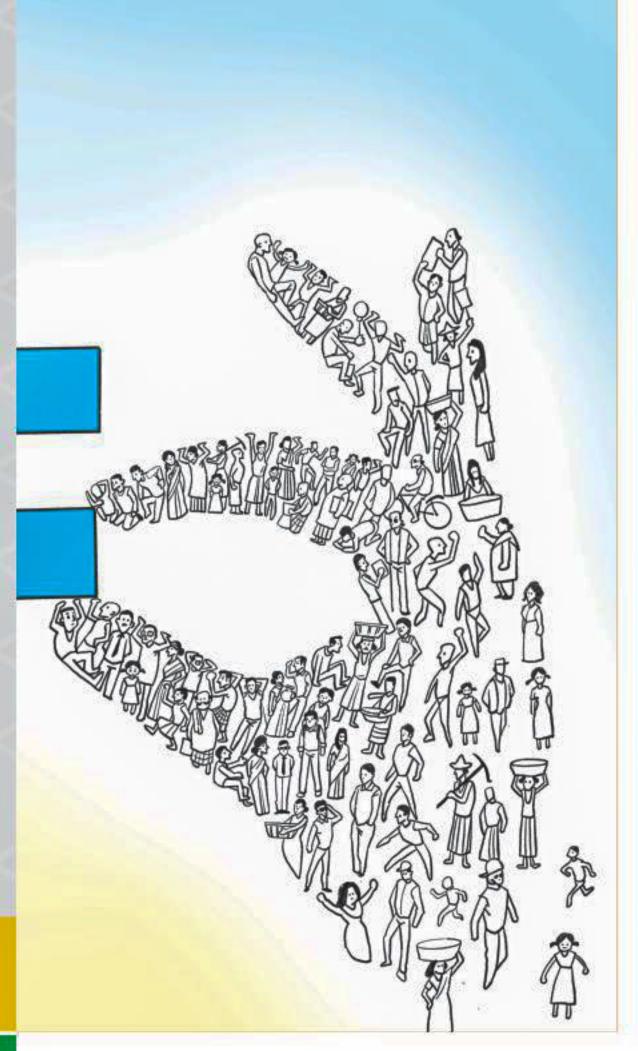






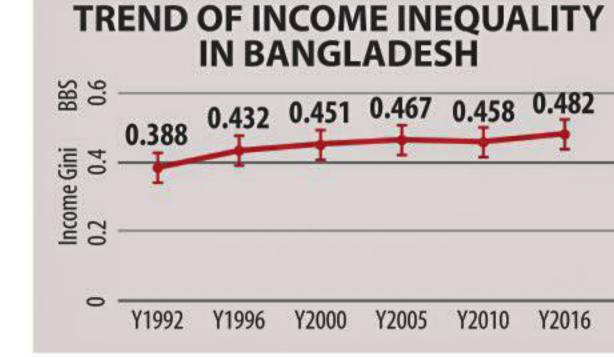






## Inequality at all-time high

Finds BBS survey; rich-poor gap way out of proportion; appears as a puzzle to fast-paced GDP growth



REJAUL KARIM BYRON and SOHEL PARVEZ

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi once said that growth that is not inclusive is not meaningful but just economic figures. And this proclamation seems to be gradually becoming relevant for Bangladesh.

Bangladesh has become the toast of the development world for its stellar growth momentum that is expected to place it amongst the top three fastest growing economies in the world by next year.

And yet, inequality in the country is at an all-time high. As per the latest Household Income and Expenditure

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