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All the equipment bought for the 210 crore taka underground tunnel project to help cattle safely cross the road. The tents saved much taxpayer money by being under-budget while still having Wi-Fi.

Tk 6cr govt project to buy free Instagram filters for employee training on better selfies

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Last week Anila Torun, junior project supervisor of the Gabtoli Subterranean Tunnel for Cattle Rehabilitation, took a selfie with a cow. This is all fine because people like Ms Torun, inside Gabtoli bus stand, always take pictures with cows and trucks as an excuse to not show up to work. It's easy to say they got run over or casually mutilated

by a runaway bull/truck. Gabtoli is known for being the place with the second highest cow-related human casualties after India. While Ms Torun's selfie was perfectly framed to show her new dental surgery from Thailand, it also showed part of the Tk 210 crore project to build the tunnel. This revolutionary tunnel is designed to make it easier for cattle to cross the road by going under the road. The road is a very dangerous 20-foot wide portion where police stop trucks to exchange friendly little

notes asking how the fam is doing at home. Many cattle have been psychologically injured while crossing this road. Showing the project was a no-no, or rather a 'Nyet' because it is being funded by Russian donors who process 'uplifting energising spirits', whatever that is. Why the nyet, then? Abu Share Ryuz, Head Data Consultant for the cattle crossing project, shared with us that he doesn't really know because no one shares with him. "I'm just a guy who makes

infographics." Ms Torun gave a press briefing later to apologise for her indiscriminate selfie-taking. The real reason is to avoid the 'evil eye' from neighbouring nations. "We have even put small black dots on the foreheads of all the cattle there," she added. To combat this poor photography, another project was undertaken costing Tk 6 crore to buy Instagram filters for a training project on how to take aesthetic selfies that improve

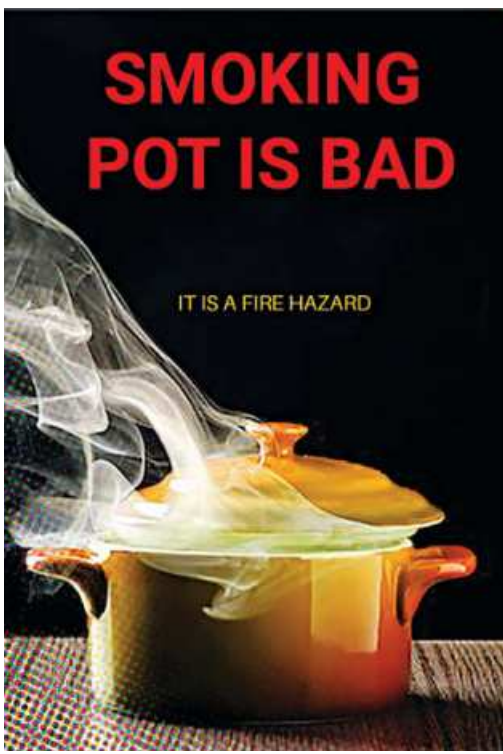
the image of the country. Only iPhones can be used for these filters, so they ordered 27 brand new Toyota Land Cruiser V8 SUVs for the project personnel at a cost of 4.6 crores each. They avoided the heated leather seats as a show of respect to the cattle. Some say the ban on photography of special projects is that photos show no work is being done, yet donor money is all gone. But we know that is a blatant pile of buffalo... well, you know.

Addicts rejoice as narcotics' prices stabilise after Covid-22 supply crunch

Grass sellers condemn jailing of fellows implicated for selling pills

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Drug addicts in the capital smoked a sigh of relief as prices of their favourite narcotics began to fall, thanks to some stabilisation in the supply chain which was disrupted following the outbreak of Covid-22. "First of all, I only smoke dry leaves. I am not even a drug addict," said an addict when asked about the prices. "Look, grass is not really a drug. It's more of a mood stabiliser," he added when prodded some more to speak on the prices. With not much progress in conversation with members of addicts anonymous, this correspondent decided to try and reach famous drug lord and now owner of a bus to make his deliveries, Buslam, to learn a little of their pandemic woes. "They killed a lot of us during this lockdown. Can you please write about that instead of our prices, which are low by the way?" Buslam, visibly fuming said. "My beef isn't with the grass, but more with the pill. That is concerning. This is just for relaxation. Why isn't the crackdown targeting more of that?" he added. Buslam's comment on deaths is valid. The numbers show that 35 people had been killed so far in "shootouts" till July 26. Not just that, many are languishing in jail over false cases



Professional Smoker E Gaza pointed out that a lot more needs to be done than just killing drug dealers. "This eulogising of killing drug dealers needs to stop. This war against drug is wrong. Just look at our prison system. It's about punishment and not rehabilitation. That needs to change. This baying for blood is symptomatic of a bigger problem in our society," he said while smoking. The more E Gaza consumed, the more complex his thoughts became. "We need to look way back into our history. We, as a people, have always been subjugated. If it wasn't the Aryans, it was the Mughals, the Brits...it was always somebody and maybe that's something that has become inherent in us. We want to conquer drugs, instead of taxing it," he said. At the mention of tax, an official from the international board of revenue appeared on the scene and proceeded to institute a tax on drugs. "It's like black money at the end of the day. And that's kind of what the country runs on. Please don't ask any questions about black money," he said before disappearing. As for the supply situation, which was the original point of the article, it's pretty stable, sources say.



Virus loses all power inside buses

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The Chapasthan health ministry has caused a minor sensation by announcing that the highly transmissible virus Covid-22 loses all viability inside public buses. "Our scientists have found that there is something inside public buses that overpowers the Covid-22 virus. This is very fortunate as people can now go to their jobs and get the economy running again," said health minister Mahid Zalek. When asked what jobs, Zalek seemed not to listen. "Anyway, this proves what I have been saying all along - Covid-22 will go away on its own. Drumpf has been saying the same thing, and he must know something as leader of the free world." The transport minister, who was sitting beside the health minister during the press conference, had his own take on the matter, which was also attended en masse by members of the bus owners' collective. "It has been seen that the tickets passengers buy for the buses work as kind of a vaccine," Transport Minister

Omaigo Bader said. "In fact, we noticed with wonder that the higher the ticket price, the greater the effect. That is why we are no longer reducing the prices of tickets to the pre-pandemic rates." There were some snickers from the collective around this time, but whether it was coincidental is anyone's guess. This announcement also had the effect of pedestrians rushing to get inside buses, especially those already infected with Covid-22. "Scientists at the ministry also think that the tickets work as a cure," a bus owners' collective member told this correspondent under condition of anonymity. There were several attempts to contact the health experts and scientists at the ministry, but none could be reached. The health secretary said that they had all taken the bus. An independent scientist, meanwhile, told this correspondent that Covid-22 was overpowered by the body odour that is common inside public buses. In other news, soap manufacturers have written to the government asking for a stimulus package.

