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80 lakh Covid shots in a single day!

Special vaccine campaign to mark PM's birthday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will run a special campaign tomorrow to inoculate 80 lakh people with the first dose of Covid-19 vaccines and mark the birthday of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Health Minister Zahid Maleque said yesterday.

"Those who have been waiting to get vaccines after registration will get priority in the campaign. Only the first dose, mainly the Sinopharm vaccines, will be administered on that day," he said while announcing the programme in an online briefing.

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PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

The premises of a vaccination centre in Khulna Sadar Hospital is crammed with people waiting for their Covid shot. Volunteers at the centre said it is almost impossible to maintain social distancing when the crowd is so large.

Turnout in class dropping off

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

The number of students in classrooms of secondary schools has been dropping since September 12, when the schools reopened after over one and a half years.

According to Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE) data, absenteeism has been growing in secondary schools for the last two weeks.

On September 12, 67 percent of the 43.31 lakh students of 14,817 schools attended classes. On September 18, 48.01 lakh students of 16,690 schools attended classes, and on Saturday, 56 percent of 42.33 lakh students of 15,860 attended classes. The number of schools vary because not all the schools report to the DSHE every week.

Educationists attributed the growing absenteeism to families needing the children to work, parents unwilling to

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DECLINING ATTENDANCE



September 12

43.31 lakh students of 14,817 schools (67%)

September 18

48.01 lakh students of 16,690 schools (58%)

September 25

42.33 lakh students of 15,860 schools (56%)

'They sold off the cattle I bought online'

Tipu Munshi recounts how he got duped

STAR REPORT

Amid widespread criticism of authorities' lacklustre monitoring of errant e-commerce companies, Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi yesterday described how even he was once cheated by an online company.

Back in 2020, he

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BANGLADESH PARJATAN CORPORATION

In the throes of pandemic

"I worked for 15 days and was paid for those days. Then, a colleague did the same work and my turn came after the rotation of other colleagues."

AN EMPLOYEE OF THE BANGLADESH PARJATAN CORPORATION DESCRIBES HIS HARDSHIP AMID THE PANDEMIC-INDUCED CLOSURE

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY and RASHIDUL HASAN

Jewel Mia, a temporary employee of Motel Sylhet, has been working for the Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation for the last four years.

Although not a permanent staffer yet, he had a decent life with a regular monthly salary and some extra money he got after the motel fulfilled its monthly target.

All that changed suddenly when the Covid-19 pandemic hit the country

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ARREST OF GOVT OFFICIALS

HC questions legality of prior permission

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday questioned the legality of the provision in a law that requires police to take the authorities' permission before arresting civil service officials on charges relating to their jobs.

According to section 41 of the Government Service Act, 2018, until a court accepts the charges against a civil servant, law enforcers cannot arrest the individual without the approval from the ministry concerned.

The HC issued a rule asking authorities concerned of the government to explain

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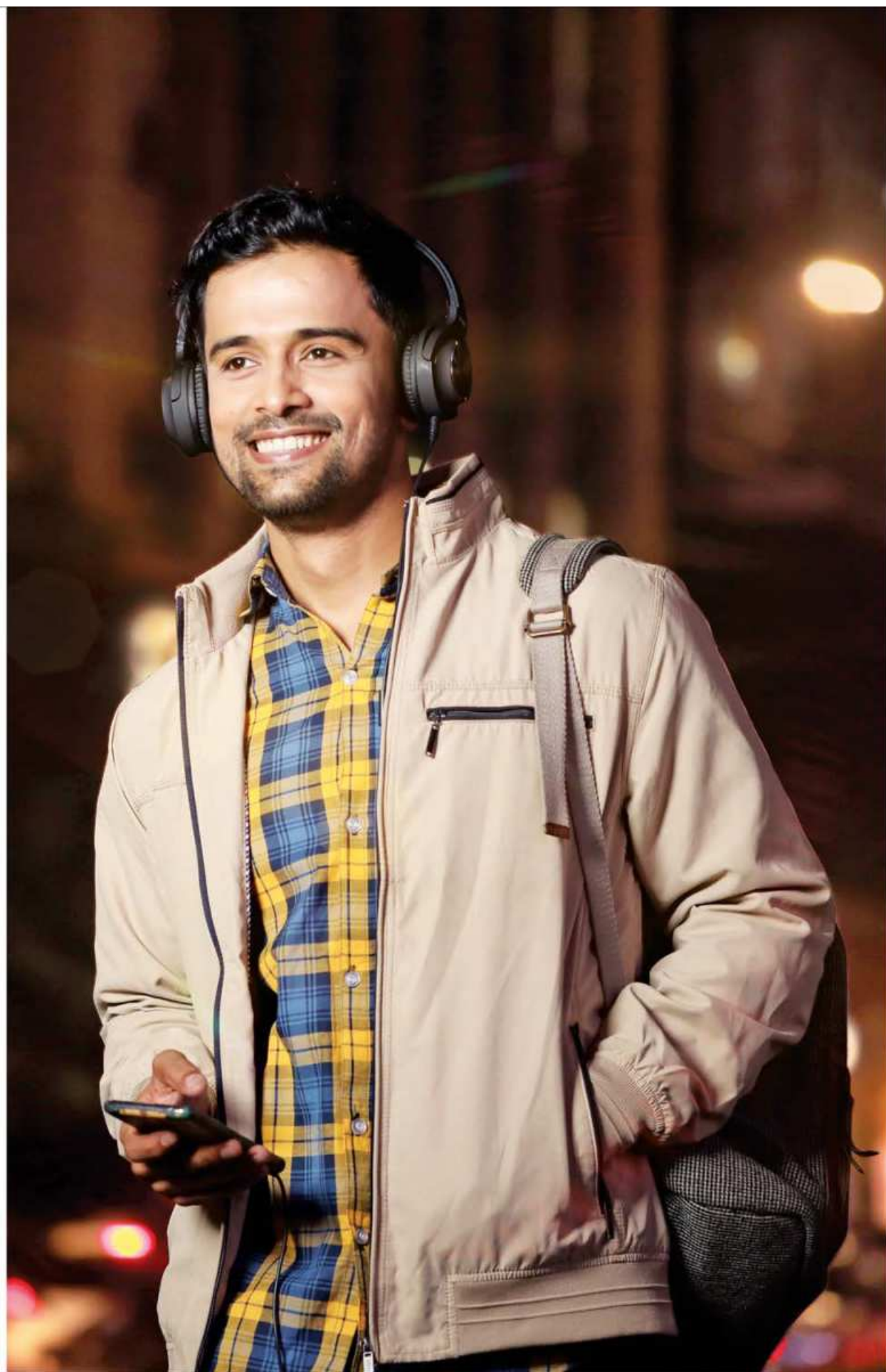
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