

# Times change, so **MUST WE**

## EDITOR'S NOTE

In the last two years, we were forced to accept a new way of living. The world as we knew it will possibly never be the same, but as "change is the only constant in life," we have learned to adapt to this new reality. Our everyday normal has changed forever, and with that change, come realisations of what is resilient and important, and what need not be preserved.

"Times change, so must we" is the 5th instalment of this year's annual Anniversary Supplement. In this segment, we focus on the changing lifestyle in the year 2022.

We start off with "Surviving a pandemic" that highlights the challenges of the times we are going through, and how we still continue with our fight against COVID-19. It zeroes in on our collective suffering, and lessons that can help us mould our future. We look back through haunting photos of the pandemic, changes in lifestyle that were adapted in the face of the pandemic, the effect of the trauma on our mental health, and how many businesses are still struggling to get back their footing, particularly the segments most affected by the

lockdown, like tourism.

"Facets of modern life" deals with the aspects of life in both its lighter and serious notes. From fashion, to our love for the aesthetics in forms of flowers, and food — our take is varied! Just as each individual's lifestyle.

Our last section, "Traveller in your land" takes us on a journey through Bangladesh and its many traditional *haats*, and into the lives of Bangladeshi diaspora, living in a land they have learned to call their own, nurturing parts of their own heritage while melding it with the host's.

Our past defines, in many ways, our present, and takes us through a journey into the future. The lessons for humanity that COVID-19 has to offer will help us reinvent a future that is in harmony with nature, people friendly, and sustainable. That is our sincere hope for the year 2022.

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