



How unnecessary items get into our monthly budget

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Zarin states, "Before the pandemic, my fare on a ride sharing bike would be similar to a rickshaw, so I used them more often as they would save me more time. My monthly transport expenses were usually around Tk 7,000. After the pandemic, there has been a noticeable hike in fares, and rickshaws have also raised their fares."

"While I understand their side of the story, it does not change the fact that now, I need to spend Tk 11,000 plus just on commute. I am a new applicant and a fresh graduate, so my salary isn't that high, to begin with. I have finally resorted to using the bus to commute. It's a hassle for sure, but I have brought down my commute to Tk 2,000. That's a huge saving even compared to pre-pandemic times."

Dhaka is quite an expensive city to live in, and with rising inflation, the situation is only going to get tougher. In order to survive this, we need to start getting drastic with the cost-cutting, because salaries will not rise enough to meet increasing costs. In order to cope, it is time to start cutting out the luxuries that lie hidden in our daily necessary spending. And the sooner we take action, the easier the coming days of hardship will be.

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ঢাকা ব্যাংকে এখন সঞ্চয় করুন সহজেই

ছোট ছোট সঞ্চয় মাঝে মাঝে বিশাল ভরসা হয়ে
দাঁড়ায়। তাই **বিকাশ অ্যাপের** সেভিংস থেকে
ঢাকা ব্যাংকের ন্যানো সেভিংস এ (ডিপিএস)
টাকা রাখুন নিরাপদে।

*মাसे ৫০০, ১০০০, ২০০০ এবং ৩০০০ টাকা করে সঞ্চয় করুন

*সঞ্চয়ের মেয়াদকাল ২, ৩ ও ৪ বছর

*সঞ্চয়ের মেয়াদ শেষে বিকাশ ওয়ালেট থেকে টাকা তোলা যাবে সম্পূর্ণ বিনা খরচে



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