

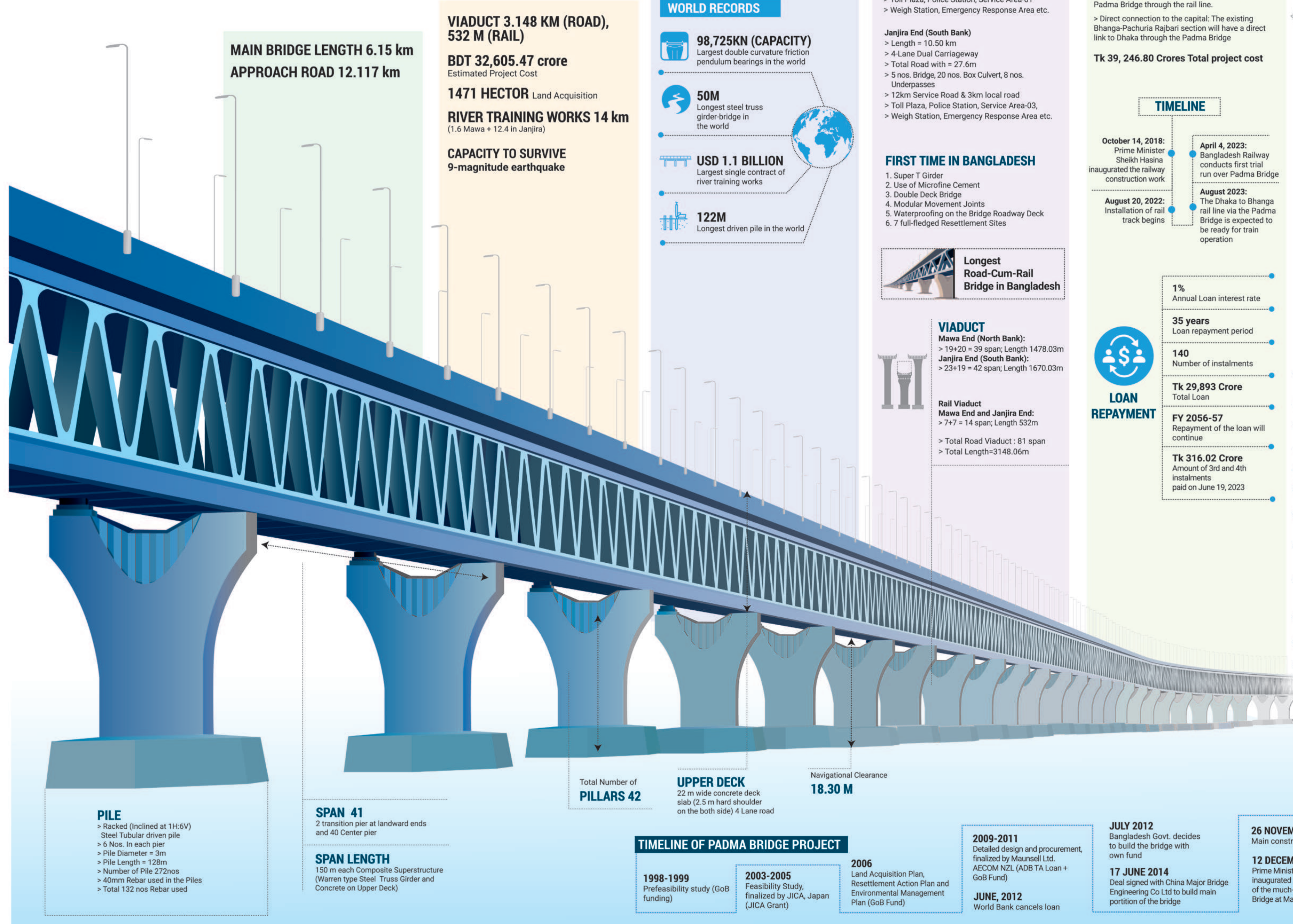
PRIDE OF THE NATION: CELEBRATING ONE YEAR OF THE MAJESTIC PADMA BRIDGE

The Padma Bridge, an iconic marvel of infrastructure, completes its first year of successful operation today, signifying a momentous milestone in our nation's history. This magnificent bridge has not only connected previously isolated regions but has also sparked a wave of socio-economic development. This iconic

bridge, made possible by the visionary leadership of our esteemed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, stands tall as a testament to her unwavering determination and transformative vision. We extend our deepest gratitude to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her exceptional commitment to our nation's advance-

ment. We also express heartfelt appreciation to all the dedicated individuals involved in the planning, construction, and operation, whose tireless efforts have turned this grand vision into a tangible reality. Moreover, we acknowledge the invaluable support and trust of the people of Bangladesh, who have been

instrumental in driving the success of this remarkable endeavor. Together, we will continue to amplify the bridge's impact, propelling our beloved country towards boundless opportunities and a prosperous future.



PROGRESS OF THE PADMA BRIDGE RAIL LINK PROJECT

Key Goals

- > Development of national and inter-country rail connectivity: Construction of a 169 km broad gauge railway line from Dhaka to Jessore via the Padma Bridge.
- > Newly linked districts: Munshiganj, Shariatpur, Madaripur, and Narail will be connected via the Padma Bridge through the rail line.
- > Direct connection to the capital: The existing Bhanga-Pachuria Rajbari section will have a direct link to Dhaka through the Padma Bridge

Tk 39, 246.80 Crores Total project cost

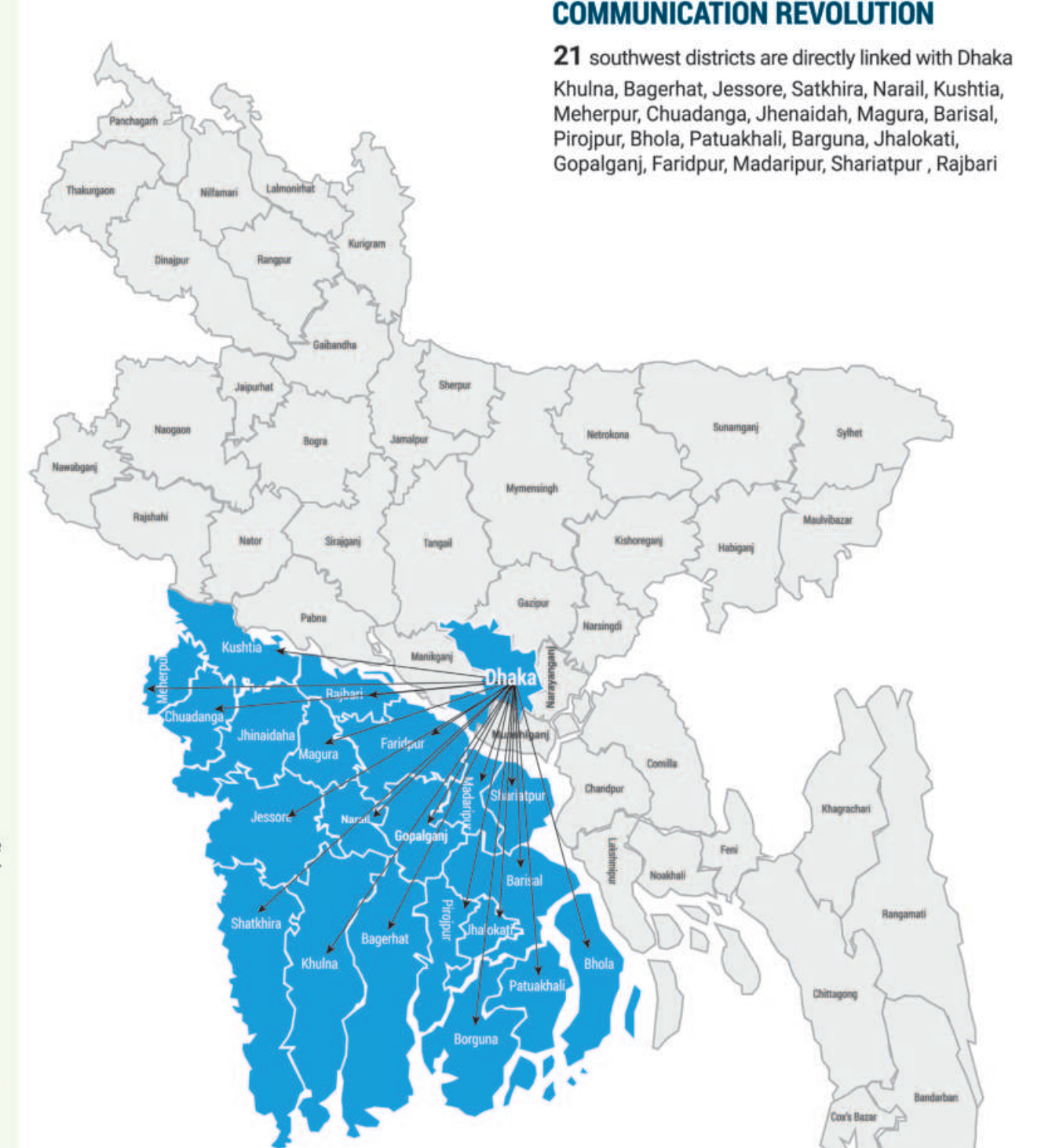
TIMELINE

- October 14, 2018:** Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the railway construction work
- April 4, 2023:** Bangladesh Railway conducts first trial run over Padma Bridge
- August 2023:** The Dhaka to Bhanga rail line via the Padma Bridge is expected to be ready for train operation
- August 20, 2022:** Installation of rail track begins



LOAN REPAYMENT

- 1%** Annual Loan interest rate
- 35 years** Loan repayment period
- 140** Number of instalments
- Tk 29,893 Crore** Total Loan
- FY 2056-57** Repayment of the loan will continue
- Tk 316.02 Crore** Amount of 3rd and 4th instalments paid on June 19, 2023



EXPECTED OUTCOME OF THE PADMA BRIDGE

- **\$18.5 billion** revenue is projected in the next 31 years from Padma Bridge (5.5 times construction cost).
- **\$25 billion** social progress contribution to the economy.
- **Tk 1,400 crore** Value of protected land by river governance
- **Tk 2,400 crore** Savings from electricity, gas, and internet lines
- **70 km** Distance shortened between Dhaka and Kolkata
- **100 km** Distance shortened between Mongla and Dhaka
- Travel time between the capital and the southwest region to be reduced by one-fourth; tourism to get a boost
- Being part of the proposed Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway Network, the bridge will facilitate regional connectivity
- **29%** growth in construction sector, **9.5%** in agriculture, **8%** in manufacturing and transport
- Poverty to drop by **1%** in the region, **0.8%** nationally
- GDP to grow by **1.7%** in southwest region, **0.56%** countrywide
- River training to save 9,000 hectares of land worth **\$156 million** from erosion and flooding
- **\$400 million** ferry service cost on Mawa-Janjira route to be saved



TRAFFIC

Daily traffic forecast

Year	Forecast
6,451 first year	7,898 second year
11,841 third year	

1 YEAR AFTER INAUGURATION

- **2.5 times more** vehicles used the bridge daily than predicted for the first year
- **15,000 vehicles** are using the bridge daily
- **56.54 Lac** total number of vehicles passed through the bridge till June 2023



TOLL

TK 794.53 CRORE
Total Toll Collection till June 23, 2023

TK 4.19 CRORE

Record-breaking toll collection in a single day since opening.

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