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From digital to smart: Bangladesh on the growth path



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key rallying motto of this vision was the promise of a "Digital Bangladesh", which established a narrative of digitally supported socioeconomic growth. According to an e-government master plan for Digital Bangladesh published by the Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC), which is a government organisation operating under the auspices of the Information

citizens, and the promotion of the ICT industry. For many, this promise was a panacea for many economic ills—the initiatives laid out by the government would be a harbinger for a better Bangladesh.

Others criticised what they deemed an unrealistic and misleading digital utopianistic view, especially in a country where digital penetration,

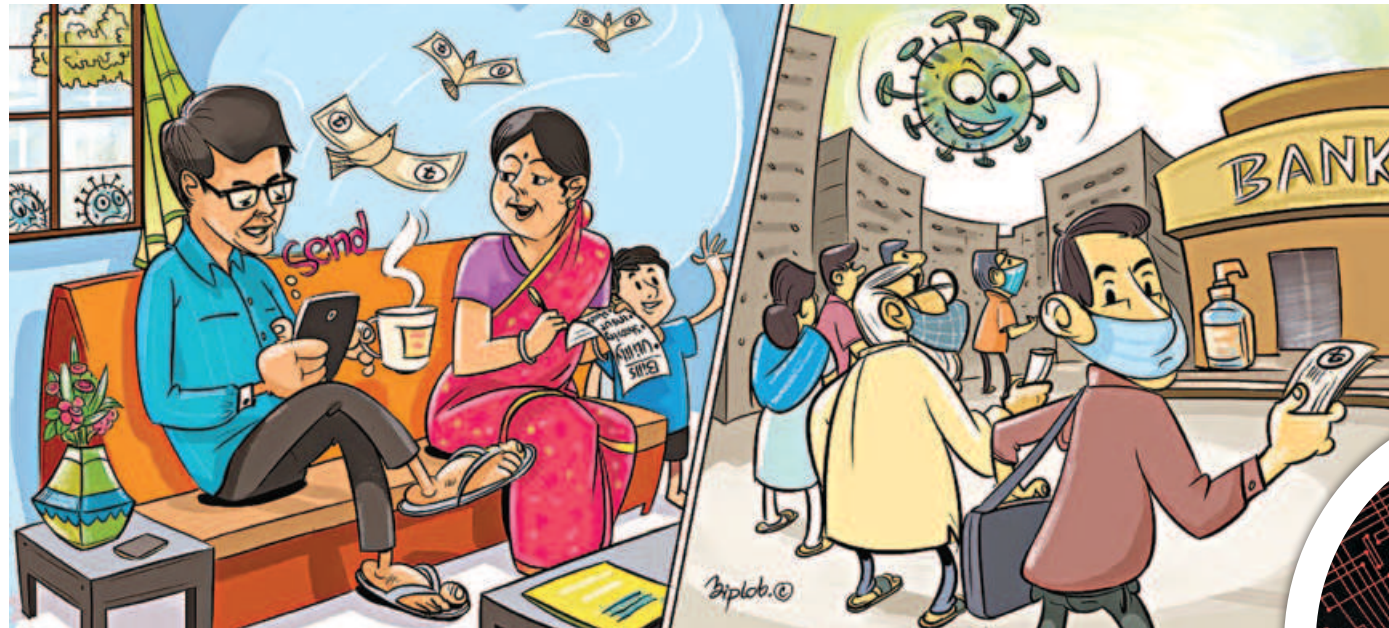
often concurrently and by the same group of people. Regardless of public reaction and perception, Bangladesh has progressed dramatically in its efforts to drive growth through digitisation and the implementation of emergent technologies. As we step into 2024 and are well on our way to the promised land of a Smart Bangladesh as detailed by the

Although petty corruption, bureaucratic red tape, and the glacial pace at which services are provided in many government sectors remain largely a staple in most circumstances, progress has been made to digitise various processes at a central government level. Services that were previously frustratingly on-site have gradually made a transition online. These include,

permits by the Office of the Chief Controller of Imports & Export (CCI&E), investment registrations by the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), and land title mutation by AC Land Offices. These changes have also improved Bangladesh's ranking in the World Bank's "Ease of Doing Business Index". Government agencies have also

That Bangladesh is a growth superstar of Asia looms large in any global economic forum, be it the World Economic Forum or the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. This sustained growth has been largely fuelled by the government's unapologetic push for digitising all government services to citizens, building an ecosystem for technology startups and incentivising the ICT services industry over the last decade and a half.

Leading up to the national elections of 2008, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Vision 2021 laid out the roadmap to a dream—the dream of a Bangladesh that was an echo of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's utopic Shonar Bangla, a Bangladesh that was thriving, literate, connected, and empowered. A



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and Communication Technology (ICT) Division, this growth narrative was going to be bolstered by four interconnected and symbiotic pillars—digital government, human resource development, connecting

literacy, and connectivity were still in its fledgling states. In the decade and a half since its conception, the term and the promise of Digital Bangladesh has been celebrated, memed, consecrated, and upbraided,

government's Vision 2041, how has the journey of digitisation factored into the multifaceted growth in Bangladesh? To what extent has the promise of a Digital Bangladesh been fulfilled?

but are not limited to, e-Passport registration from the Department of Immigration and Passports, construction permits of Rajuk, import

As a result of various digital tools, the disbursement of public service salaries and pensions in Bangladesh have mostly transitioned to electronic platforms.

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