



Languishing in BCS LOOP

Govt jobseekers see crucial years eaten up by long-drawn-out process

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Imam Hossein had applied for the 41st Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) exams in November 2019, just months after completing his master's from Jagannath University.

He prepared himself well and passed the MCQ-based preliminary test, held in March 2021. He also came out successful in the written test held later that year, and started waiting for the viva. The viva, held two years later in 2023, went well and he passed the final examination.

But Imam, who studied political science, could not make it to the cadre service, one of the most coveted jobs in the country. He

was recommended for a non-cadre post instead. But he could not get one, as jobs in non-cadre posts are subject to requisitions from different ministries.

"The long delay took a heavy toll on me. It cost me more than four years of my life. I cannot apply for a government job anymore because I have crossed the 30-year age limit by this time," said Imam, who recently joined a primary school after waiting for several months for a non-cadre post.

Such long delays at every stage of BCS exams -- starting from the circular to gazette notification -- are not isolated incidents.

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CELEBRATING MOTHERHOOD ... Since her daughter was just six months old, Shefali Begum, 35, has been bringing her bundle of joy to work with her every day as there is no one at home to look after her. After she and her day-labourer husband set out for duty every morning, Shefali carries Sohana, now just over a year old, in one arm and uses the other to row a boat and help people cross a canal near the Kirtankhola river. The photo was taken near Barishal city's Rasulpur area yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Won't approve unnecessary projects: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday made it clear that she would not approve any unnecessary projects, which are taken just for the sake of construction without calculating their benefits for the country and its people.

"There must not be any construction just for the sake of construction. This is my request. If I see any unnecessary project, I will not approve it," she said.

The PM made the comment while



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TIMELINE OF FIVE EXAMS

The 42nd exam was a special one held in February 2021 only for the doctors to tackle the medical emergency during the Covid-19 pandemic.

BCS	CIRCULAR	PRELIMINARY	WRITTEN	VIVA	FINAL RESULT	GAZETTE
41st	Nov 2019	Mar 2021	Nov-Dec 2021	Mar-Jun 2023	Aug 2023	Mar 2024
43rd	Nov 2020	Oct 2021	Jul-Aug 2022	Oct-Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Not yet published
44th	Nov 2021	May 2022	Dec 2022-Jan 2023	May-Jul 2024	Not yet published	N/A
45th	Nov 2022	May 2023	Jan 2024	Not yet held	Not yet published	N/A
46th	Nov 2023	Apr 2024	Not yet held	N/A	N/A	N/A

'Govt meddling in airlines monitoring'

ICAO finds during inspection

ZYMA ISLAM

The inspection and monitoring of flight operations of carriers, especially Biman, is hindered by "government involvement", the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) has found during a recent inspection.

The global civil aviation watchdog provided training to the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) on March 10-21 as part of its Southeast Asia-specific programme that focuses on developing airworthiness of these



countries.

The training aimed to help CAAB in preparation to an audit by ICAO scheduled for later this year.

The ICAO audit assesses the aviation safety and aviation security oversight capacities of its member states, and rates them according to how compliant they are. Bangladesh's last audit was carried out in 2017.

Inspecting the civil aviation department, the training team found

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Of true grit and a mother's love from 6,000km away

NILIMA JAHAN

As the sun sets every evening in the Mauritian capital of Port Louis, Monoara reaches her workplace, a tuna processing company, and disconnects from the world by switching off her phone's internet.

Her mind, however, wanders some 6,000

kilometers away in Dhaka, with her son Md Yasin, 20-years-old and suffering from intellectual disabilities; 24-year old daughter Sultana Akter, who takes care of her brother; and her elderly

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