



Success story: Bangladesh's emergence as big garment exporter in the world

Textile Industry: B'desh far ahead of most countries, ranks 2nd, just after China.



Economy grows in size, poverty goes down

Ever since its formation, the country has seen major challenges.

In 2024, Bangladesh is estimated to have a population of 175 million, which is much more than a huge country like Russia. The fast pace of economic progress has indeed brought a transformation in the society.

The poverty rate has gone down and the country is now termed as a developing economy. From a country that had a high level of poverty, Bangladesh has recorded consistent growth and even the period of pandemic, didn't affect the country much.

The GDP has increased and the experts see consistent growth and a further dip in poverty rate in the near future. Challenges like industrial safety, demand for higher wages, cotton T-shirts, women's apparel and children's clothes produced here are also flooding the markets in US, Europe & other parts of world.

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Government's positive and active support in different forms must be given due credit. It is good policy, focus and support system--from low tax & duty on equipment, facilitating production that must be mentioned when this inspiring growth story is told.

India affects major change in criminal justice system, new laws introduced

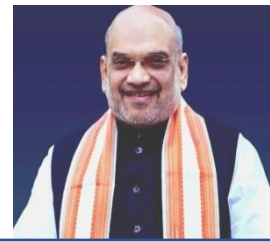
Opposition upset, concerns over possibility of misuse

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In a major move, India has overhauled its criminal justice system with the introduction of new laws. The colonial era's laws have been renamed and changed. The Indian Penal Code, Criminal Procedure Code and the Evidence Act, have been renamed.

Now, the IPC would be known as Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita i.e. BNS. From July 1, the police will register fresh cases under the newly brought BNS, instead of the old British era IPC.

BNS has lesser sections compared to IPC, though some new crimes have been



included. Opposition has expressed worries about possible misuse. Govt says aim is to ensure speedy justice, ease in registering FIR with online complaint rather than visiting the police station & zero FIR at any police station that can later be transferred to other police station.

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A small nation as far as area is concerned, Bangladesh has over the years, become a giant in garment export in the world.

Step into any swanky mall in India or Europe, the familiar sight of 'Made in Bangladesh' welcomes you in the apparel section.

Such is the success story of Bangladesh in textile export that the world's top brands get maximum supplies from China & Bangladesh.

Surely, an achievement that it is today much ahead of a country that's its neighbor and is nearly eight times bigger in population--India. In 2022, China was the biggest textiles' exporter country in the world--its trade valued at 303 billion dollars. Bangladesh was close to 58 billion dollars and was ranked second. Vietnam was a close third, just near 49 billion dollars and India was fifth at 41 billion dollars.

Germany, Italy and Turkey follow them, USA too in the list but Dhaka got ahead.

Direct, cost-effective and standard manufacturing, high skilled workers and state support are among the reasons for the business boost.

It is pertinent to mention that in just one decade, Bangladesh saw its exports of garments increase by nearly 70%. But the growth in the case of India was just 4.6%.

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Such is the dominance that the country manufactures 20% of cotton t-shirts exported in the world. Historically this region was known for silk and muslin clothes.

During the Mughal period, Dhaka was an important center of business, trade and commerce.

But after the East India Company [EIC] and the subsequent British rule in the Indian sub-continent [post 1857], Bengal suffered in a big way.

It's business and industry collapsed. One of the biggest lessons from Bangladesh is that as the business boom came, the country managed to expand its exports, kept supply up & the overall economy got a push.

In the European Union, countries like Germany, France, Spain, Italy are known for getting apparel from here.

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At present, the industry generates employment and women form a large portion of workforce in this sector.



Tajikistan bans Hijab in the Muslim majority nation, penalty on failure to comply with law

Emomali Rohman who has been President for three decades, calls hijab an 'alien garment'

Tajikistan, a country in Central Asia, has taken a surprising decision and announced a ban on the use of hijab in the country. The president Emomali Rahmon reiterated that Tajikistan would see promotion of the Tajik culture in future. The country that was earlier part of Russia, has nearly 97.5% Muslims. It is no wonder that the announcement came as a shock to people in the country, and also outside. Rahmon has also reportedly said that the influence of 'alien' culture from outside the country was not needed. For the last three decades, Rahmon has been heading the land locked central Asian nation.

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Over the last thirty years, he has tried to curb the Islamic influence and culture in the country. Further, a decision had been made that the kids who get routine amount from elders and relatives, have been asked to no longer get the money i.e. 'Eidee'. Rohman has vowed that the Tajik culture must be preserved instead of the existing Islamic culture and traditions. Anything that covers head or face, including the hijab and headscarf would be prohibited from wearing in public. The central Asian republic is landlocked and has a capital of nearly 10 million. Rohman feels that Tajik culture, dress and traditions should be followed. Meanwhile, the activists have opposed the decision and termed it a violation of the right to choice. Earlier, many mosques have been closed in the country in recent years.

Asia

Afghan refugees to be sent back, Pakistan to resume exercise

Islamabad is all set for deportation exercise again

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Islamabad is likely to resume the deportation of citizens from adjoining Afghanistan who came to Pakistan without proper documents.

A large number of Afghans were expelled from Pakistan, a few months ago. After the process was stopped, the second phase is about to begin soon, say reports.

The government has maintained that there were nearly 4.5 million Afghan refugees in the country and almost 1.7 million or 17



lakh among them, were not even documented. Despite human rights agencies and leading activists calling the expulsions as inhuman, the Pakistan government has justified the move.

Activists say that these Afghan refugees who were living in Pakistan for a long time after the strikes

allegedly had links with militants.

The Proof of Registration i.e. POR cards' validity period that had been slightly extended earlier, would no longer be valid after June 30. Kabul is not happy with the Islamabad stance.

As the period expires, the anxiety among families have increased. Emotional scenes were witnessed when Afghan children born in Pakistan were sent back and they had parted ways, hugging their classmates while leaving the country and going to ancestral land they had never seen.

South Asia

Hundreds of foreigners arrested for online frauds In Sri Lanka



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UK, India and UAE.

The Sri Lanka police have arrested more than 200 foreigners for online frauds. Most of those arrested were engaged in financial scams through internet.

According to the sources, a large number of people who have been caught, belong to India. The funds that were cheated & siphoned off, were deposited to banks in

Over 55 Indians were arrested from the Colombo suburbs alone. In all, 400 computers were seized. The tip came from a victim who said that he was cheated after scamsters promised him cash for social media posts. Lured due to the conversations in WhatsApp groups, he fell in the trap and lost money.