

Introduction

The 'Bangladesh Economic Review' is a regular annual publication of the government. The review is published during the budget session along with other budget documents. The publication of this year's Review has been delayed due to the difficulty in collecting data from different organisations in response to COVID-19 pandemic. The Review contains the overall macroeconomic scenario of the country and the up to date progress in socio-economic sectors.

2. The review consists of 15 chapters in 3 parts. The macroeconomic situation of the country is described in detail in the first part. The first part contains a detailed discussion of the macroeconomic situation of the country. This includes gross domestic production; consumption, savings and investment; prices, wages and employment; fiscal and monetary management and external sector in details. A detailed discussion of various sector-based issues is made in the second part. The productive sectors of the economy for instance agriculture, industry, power and energy, transport and communications have been described in this section. Discussion on state owned enterprises have also been included here. The last part details various initiatives and activities of the government on human resource development, poverty alleviation, private sector development and environment development and climate change as priority sectors. In addition, the review has 62 statistical appendices which make the review more informative.

3. Considering the fact that the review has been drafted amidst various difficulties during COVID-19, it may contain some errors. All are requested to provide thoughtful feedback/advices on the quality of the publication, including the correction of these unintentional and unwanted errors. I hope that the review will be considered as an important and informative document for countless readers, researchers, policy makers and students.

4. Finally, I want to express my deep gratitude to all officials of the Economic Adviser's Wing of the Finance Division for their sincere endeavours to publish this document. I thank all concerned ministries/divisions/agencies for providing valuable data and information that has made this publication more comprehensive and informative.


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