

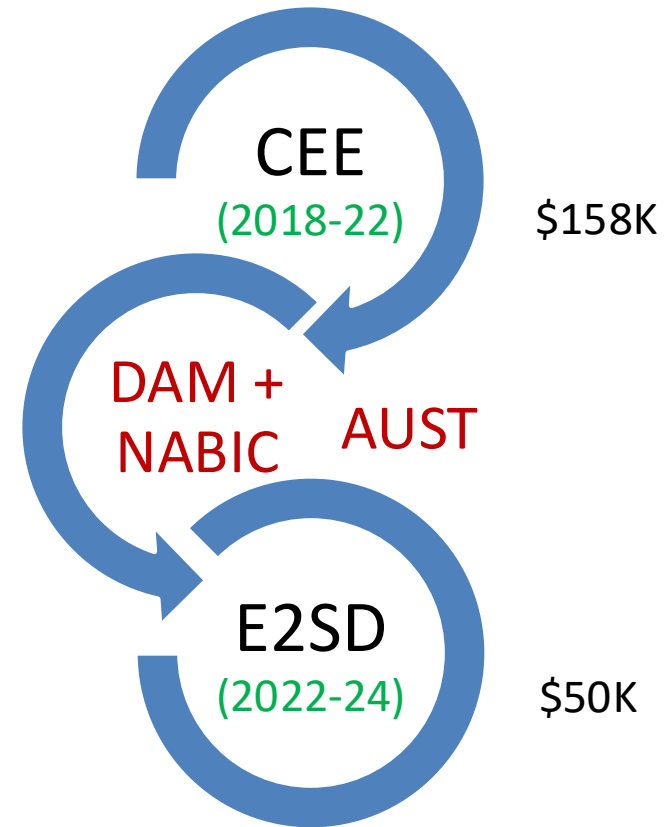
# Ethical Framework in Practice





# A bit about NABIC

- ❖ 34 Years (Established, 1990).
- ❖ Partners in both US and BD.
- ❖ 30+ Programs in BD (Health, **Ethics**, Climate, Technology Support, Emergency, ...)
- ❖ US Programs (Scholarships, Food Pantries, Clinics)
- ❖ ~ \$1M a year.



## BD Narrative

**PRIOR TO JULY 15, 2024**

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**Our GDP growth is  
high enough**

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**Our per-capita income  
is rising**

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**BD is about to become  
Singapore**



## PER CAPITA GDP FORECAST BY IMF IN DOLLARS



BANGLADESH

INDIA



মাথাপিছু আয়ে  
ভারতের ওপরেই থাকছে বাংলাদেশ

The Truth  
Happens To Be.....



# STATE OF INCOME DISPARITY

In 1973-74, if the national income was Tk 100, the richest 10 per cent had Tk 28.4. It increased to Tk 40.92 in 2022.

## Country's income share between the rich and the poor

Rich-Poor	1973-74	2022
Richest 10per cent	28.4	40.92
Next 10per cent	16.0	14.62
Next 10per cent	12.8	10.49
Next 10per cent	10.0	8.36
Next 10per cent	8.0	6.92
Next 10per cent	7.1	5.81
Next 10per cent	5.9	4.82
Next 10per cent	5.4	3.88



## Inequality in Gini coefficient \*

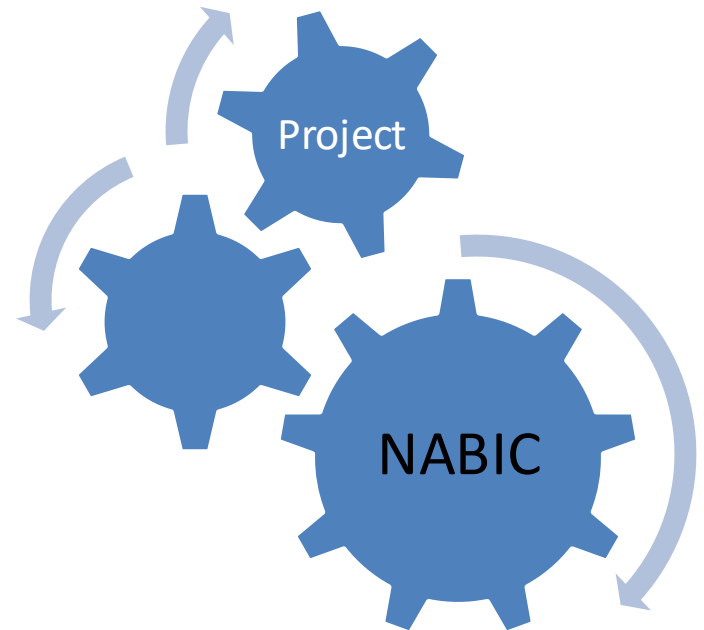
Year	Gini coefficient
1973-74	0.36
1988-89	0.37
2010	0.458
2022	0.499

- Those surpassing a Gini coefficient of 0.500 are considered countries with high income inequality

# Declining Public Investment 2019-2020 (as share of GDP)

- ❖ **Education (1.99%)**
- ❖ **Health (2.37%)**
- ❖ **Social Protection (2.57%)**

26,000 NGOs in 56,000 sq. ml.

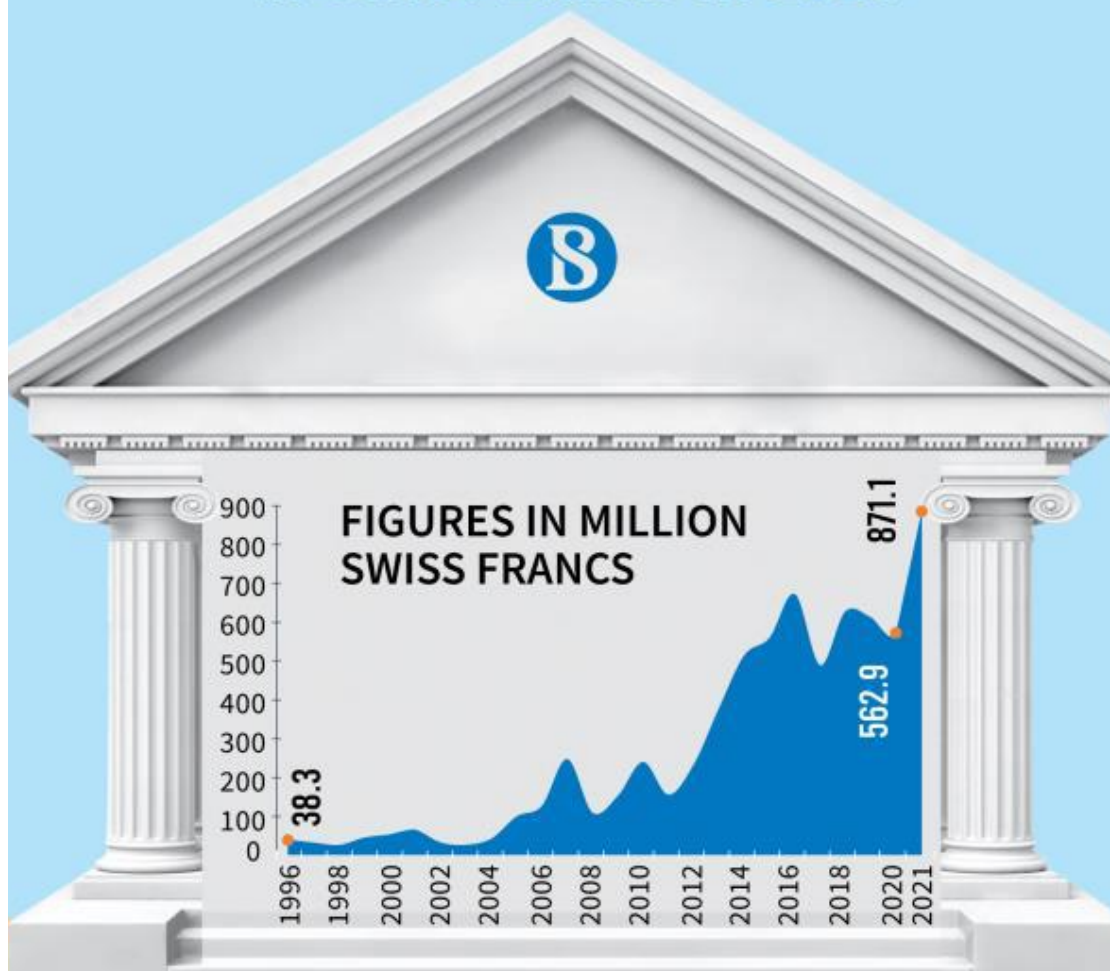




## The Game of Wealth in Bangladesh



## BANGLADESHIS' TOTAL DEPOSITS IN SWISS BANKS IN 2021



- ❖ Bangladesh amount **increased by 55%** in 2021.
- ❖ Growth rate of Deposits was the **highest** for Bangladesh in South Asia.
- ❖ In terms of Total Deposit, Bangladesh was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest behind India.

Source: Swiss National Bank

# THE 2023 BRIBERY RISK MATRIX



GLOBAL RANK  
(Out of 194 countries)

## Business bribery risk in South Asia

Overall score out of 100, a higher score indicates a higher risk of business bribery



## BRIBERY RISKS FOR BANGLADESH



High expectation of bribes in business interactions with govt



Medium quality of anti-bribery dissuasion



Low quality of anti-bribery enforcement



Poor transparency of financial interests



Low degree of media freedom/quality and civil society engagement

Source:  
TRACE  
International

BE A GREAT THINKER

# SOCRATES

MAN, MYTH AND TEACHER



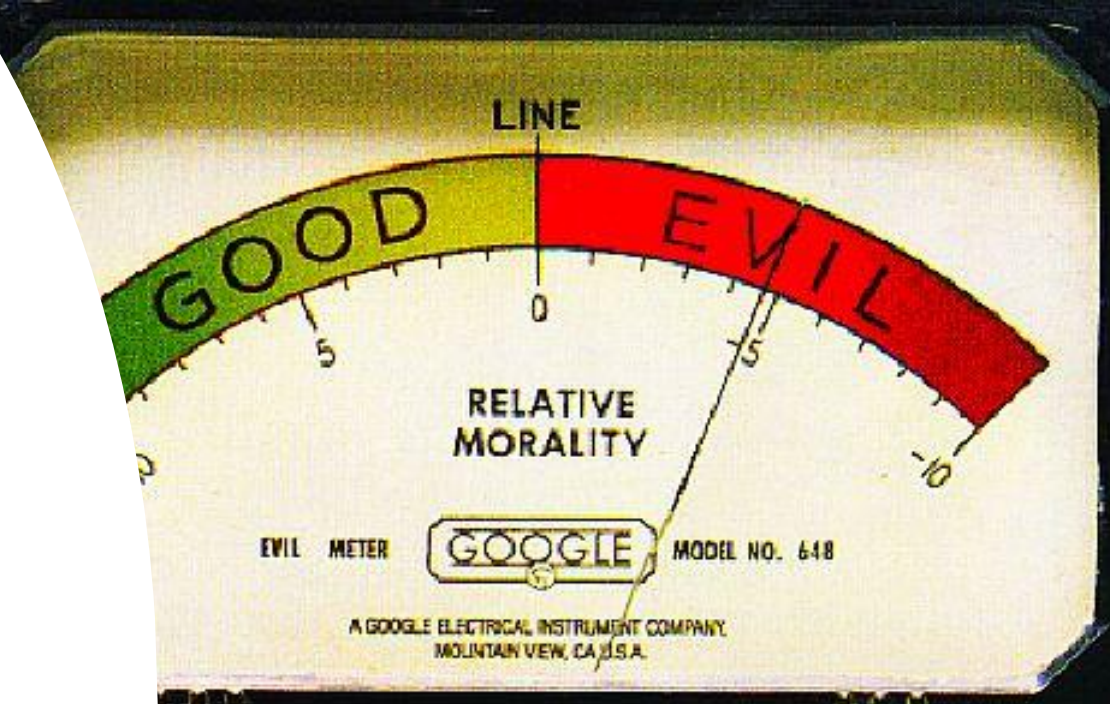
ADRIENNE ROTH | MATTHEW ROTH

## Back to Socrates

- Ethics is teachable.
  - Almost 2500 years ago, the philosopher Socrates debated the question with his fellow Athenians.
  - Socrates' position was clear: *Ethics consists of knowing what we ought to do, and such knowledge can be taught.*
- Deliberate educational attempts to influence awareness of moral problems and to influence the reasoning or judgment process have been demonstrated to be effective.



**Ethical Relativism** is the belief that **there are no universal standards for what is right and wrong**; something that may be considered “right” in one society could be considered “wrong” in another.



**Ethical Relativism**



When in Greece ...  
do as the Greeks do



.. and what about Bangladesh?





Source: Times of Assam, August 17, 2018





## Report of Plagiarism: HC questions PhD conferring process of Dhaka University



State of PhD Industry in BD:  
The Case of Dhaka University



**BD People were played  
for being fools**









## Which victims of enforced disappearance drowned in the Mediterranean?



Source: Kamal Ahmed, *Prothom Alo*, 11 Feb 2022.



Bangladeshis in paradise compared to others: Momen



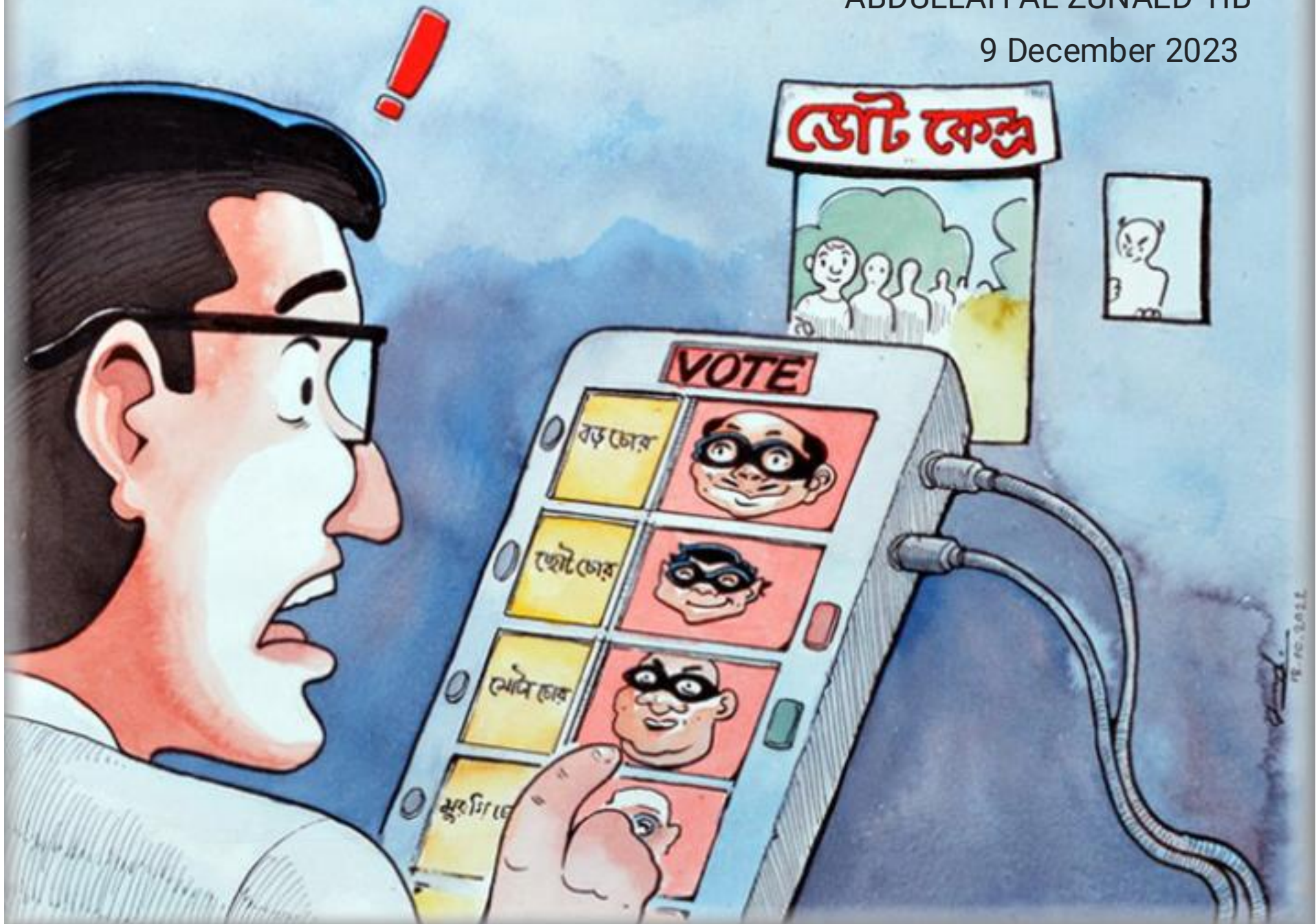
Source: *New Age*, 12 August, 2022.

Is Bangladesh a one-party state?  
| Head to Head

Source: *Al Jazeera*, March 1, 2019

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9 December 2023





# Long Road to CEE to E2SD



NABIC Board Retreats (St. Louis: 2010, Memphis: 2018)



RFP for both Universities and Foundations (2012)



Visited TIB and multiple Universities



Private University ~2 years before giving up (because of BOT opposition)



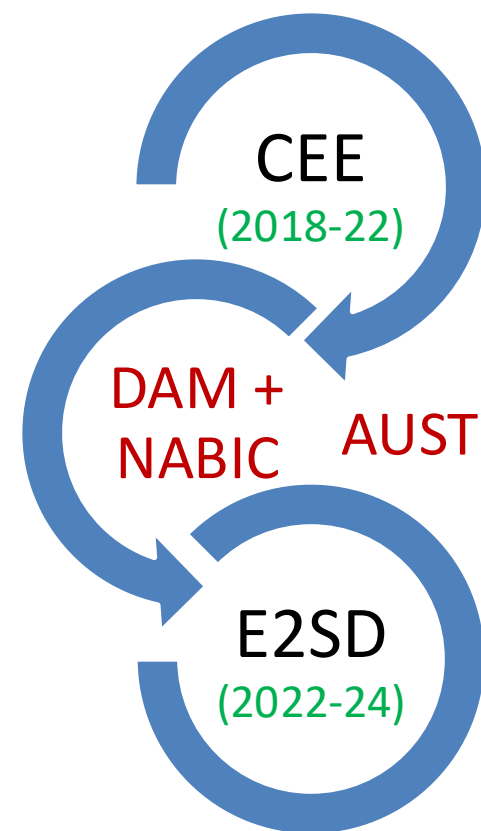
Hooked up with DAM and then with AUST



Scope refocused to try High Schools



	Levels			No of Classes			Total No of		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Ahsania Mission College	VII	VII & VIII (Both Boys & Girls)	VII & VIII (Both Boys & Girls)	2	4	4	81	163	200
Prothom Alo Model High School	VIII+ IX	VI to X	V to X	1	2	2	50	110	100
Dhaka Ahsania Mohila Mission High School	VI, VII + IX	VI To X	VI To X	3	5	5	146	210	300
Ideal Commerce College	XI	XII	XII	2	2	2	120	110	150
Bir Muktijoddah Abdul Mannan Khan Memorial School	VI to VIII	VI to VIII	VI to VIII	1	1	1	25	32	50
Ahsania Information and Communication Technology	Graduate level	Graduate level	–	1	1	–	40	40	–
Institute of Health Economics, DU	Graduate level	Graduate level	–	1	1	–	50	60	–
Hazrat Shah Ali Model High School	–	X	VII & VIII (Both Boys & Girls)	–	1	4	–	50	400
CCR Model College	–	XI	–	–	1	–	–	50	–
Anwara-Mannaf Girls School & College	–	–	VI, VII, IX	–	–	1	–	–	100
<b>Total Sessions /</b>				<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>1300</b>



# E2SD Agenda

## Ten (10) Topics

- **Morality**
- **Religion**
- **Education**
- **Law**
- **Health**
- **Environment**
- **IT**
- **Business**
- **Professional Ethics**
- **Review**

- **Workbook for Participants**
- **Training of Teachers**
- **Public Seminars**  
(Business, Education, Environment, Health, Research; Science)
- **Ethics Olympiad**
- **20+ High Schools**
- **800+ Students**
- **A required Ethics course as part of Gen. Ed. @ AUST**



# Just Two Bangladesh Ethics Cases

Used in the Public Symposiums

Long before July 36<sup>th</sup>, 2024

1,138 workers lost lives on April 23, 2013 in the world's worst garment factory disaster.







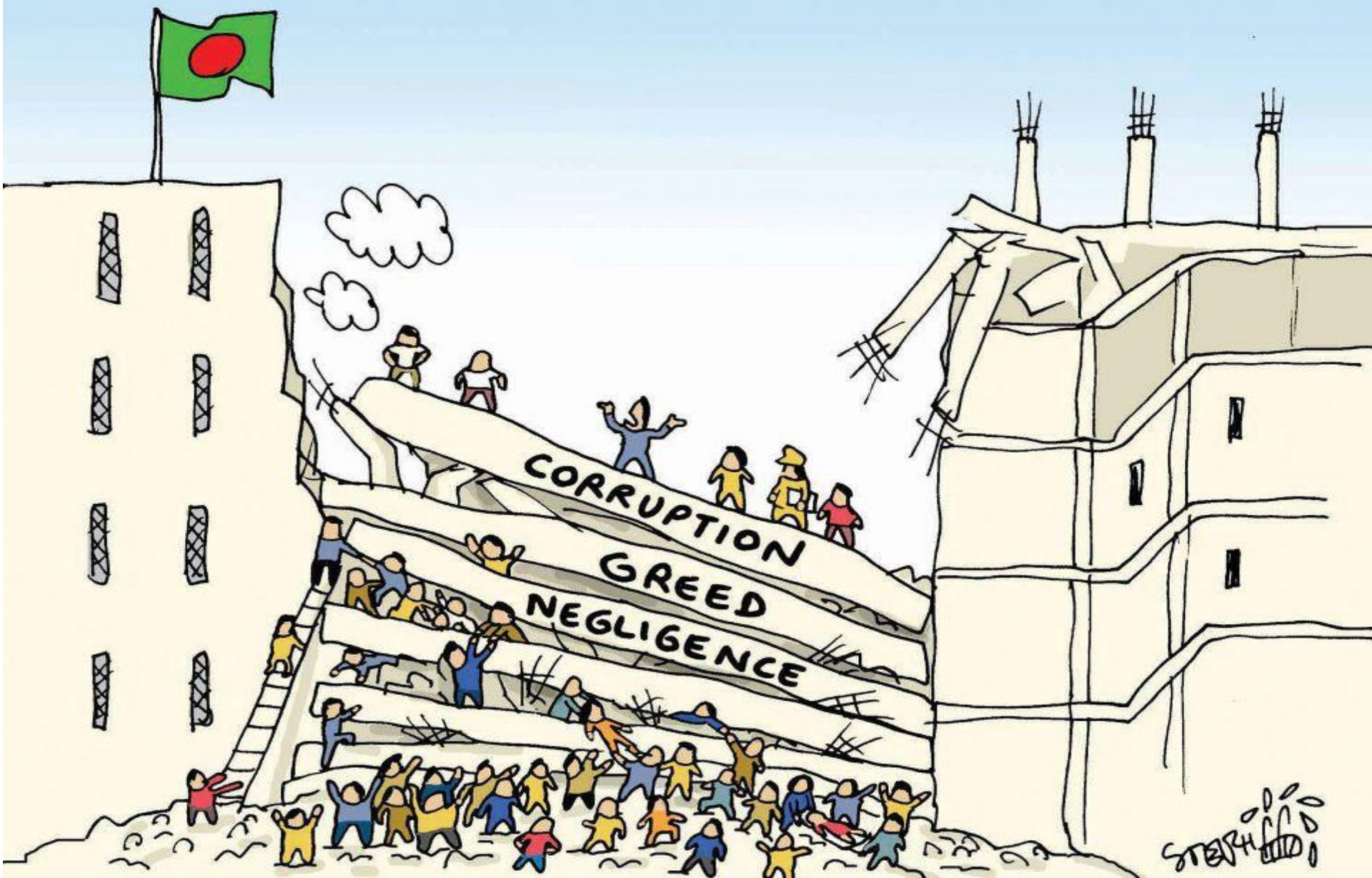
Source: <https://www.ionajournal.ca/exchange/2020/1/28/is-fashion-killing-the-planet>

# How many things went wrong?

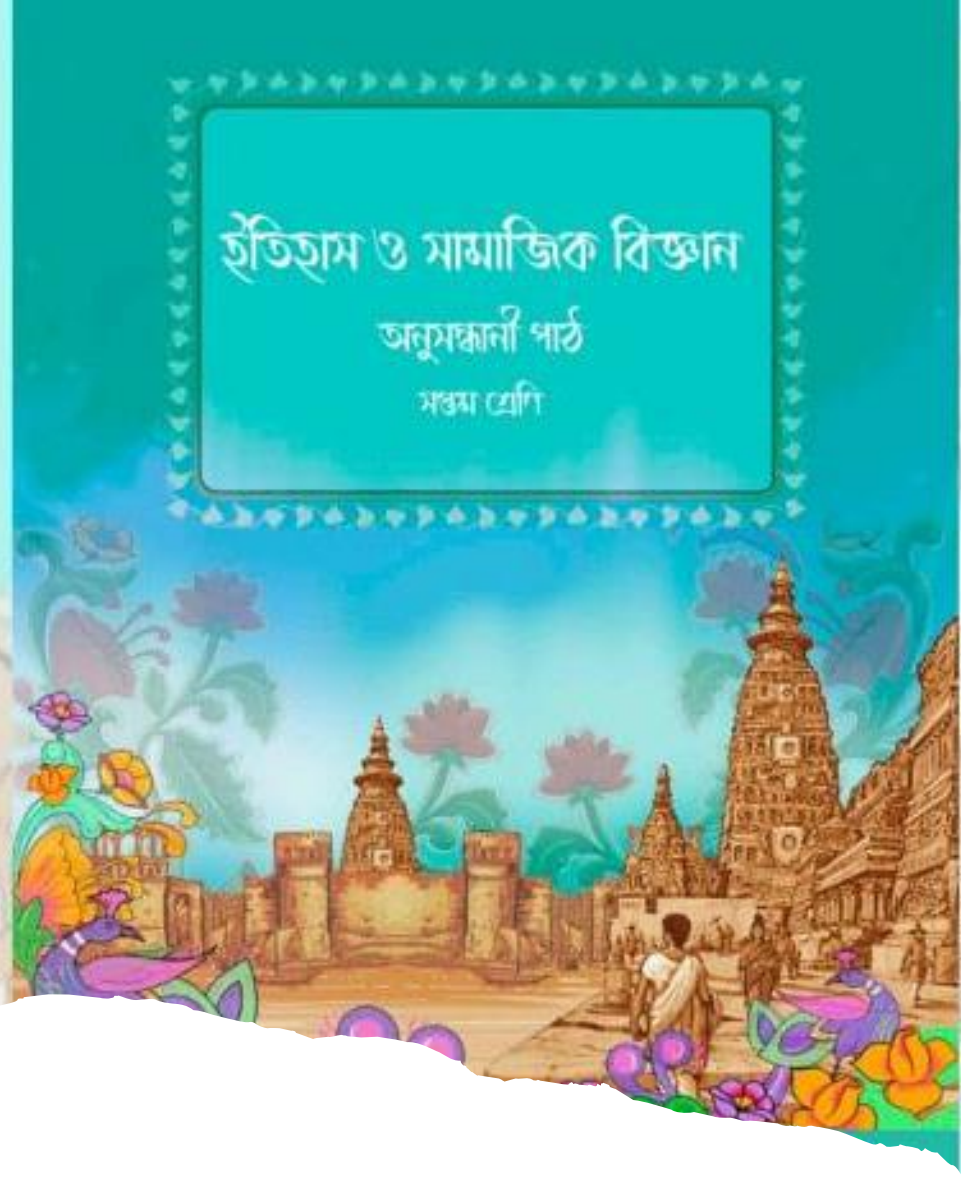
- The land bought by force
- A permit for a 5-story house
- An 8-story building constructed
- Instead of a house, it was a factory
- Contractors cheated in the construction
- Inspectors were bribed
- It included heavy machineries
- Thousands would work in it
- Signs were all ignored
- Minister of Home Affairs blamed the collapse on street agitators
- The birth of vibration theory....





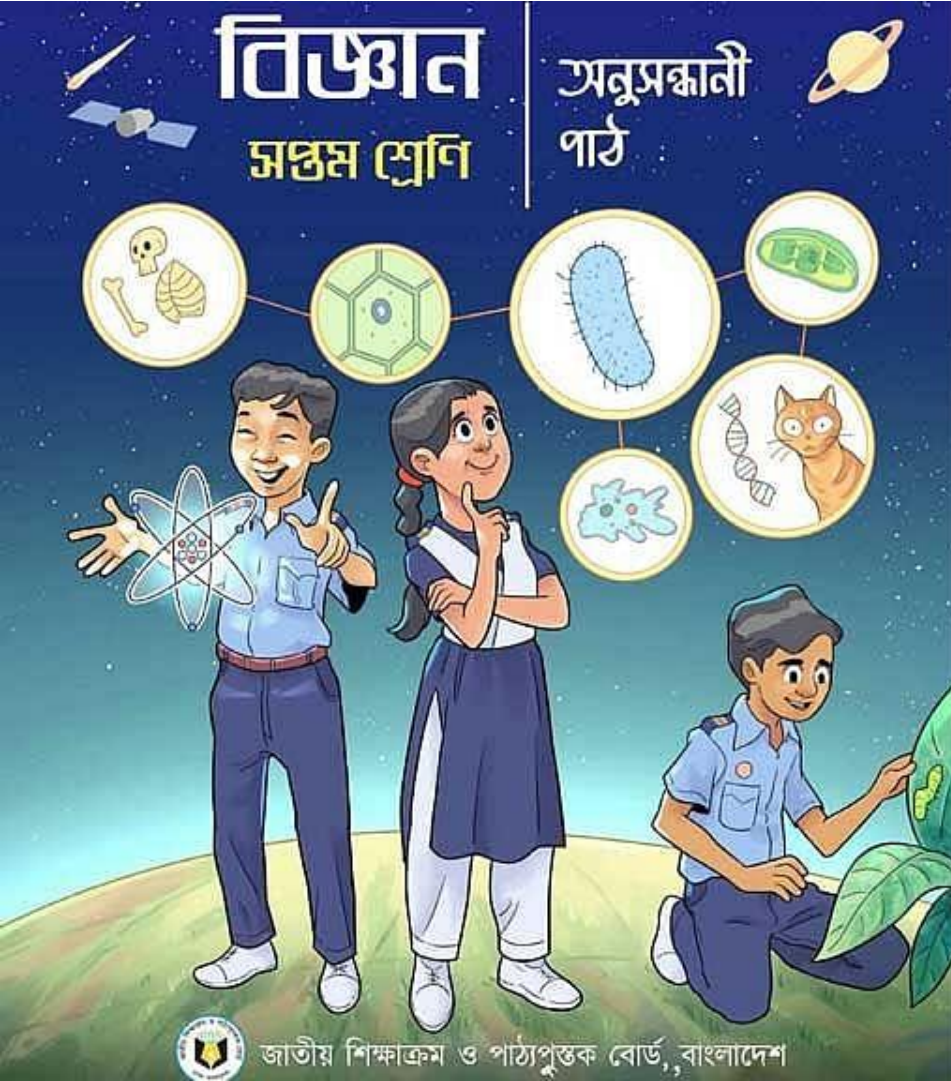






## Deliberate Indoctrination – BD Example

# Plagiarism – BD Example



জাতীয় শিক্ষাক্রম ও পাঠ্যপুস্তক বোর্ড কর্তৃক জাতীয় শিক্ষাক্রম- ২০২২ অনুযায়ী  
প্রণীত এবং ২০২৩ শিক্ষাবর্ষ থেকে সপ্তম শ্রেণির জন্য নির্ধারিত পাঠ্যপুস্তক

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# BD Ethics Timeline

