

❖ Vision 2021 :

Vision 2021 was the political manifesto of the Bangladesh Awami League party before winning the National Elections of 2008. It stands as a political vision of Bangladesh for the year 2021, the golden jubilee of the nation. The policy has been criticized as a policy of technological optimism in the context of Bangladesh and the state repression of media, low internet penetration, inadequate electricity generation. The Vision 2021 is an articulation of where this nation needs to be in 2021 – the year which marks the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh's independence.

❖ Goals

The main goal is for Bangladesh to become a middle-income country where poverty will be eradicated.

Further goals include:

- The government of the Bangladesh Awami League is very firm to ensure 100% net student enrolment at primary level within 2021.
- Supply of pure drinking water for the entire population will be ensured within 2011.
- Bangladesh will gain self-sufficiency in food within 2012.
- Each house of Bangladesh will be brought under hygienic sanitation in 2013.
- 87% annual growth rate will be attained within this year.

- Moreover, within this same year Bangladesh will generate 7000 megawatt of electricity, which will be further increased to 8000 megawatt in 2015.
- And in 2021, 20000 megawatt of electricity will be generated. In 2013, degree level education will be made tuition-free especially for women. And then in 2021 a number of goals will be achieved.
- Contribution of agriculture, industry and service sector to GDP will stand at 15, 40 and 45 percent respectively.
- Unemployment rate will be reduced to 15% from 40% at present.
- Labour in agriculture will come down to 30% from 48% at present.
- Labour in industry will be increased to 25% from 16% at present, in service 45% from 36% at present. Poverty rate will be reduced to 15% from 45% at present.
- Bangladesh will be known as a country of educated people with skills in information technology.
- 85% of the population will have standard nutritional food.
- The poorer section of the people will have at least 2122 calories of food.
- All types of contagious diseases will be eliminated; longevity of life expectancy will increase up to 70 years.
- Infant mortality will come down to 15 from 54 per thousand at present.
- Maternal death rate will come down to 1.5% from 3.8%.
- Use of birth control methods will be increased to 80% and many more targets will be fulfilled.
- However, we have to have our all-out efforts to materialise our desired Vision-2021 for our own betterment.