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ABSTRACT

This essay attempts to re-examine and interpret the recent episodes of economic growth in Bangladesh, both in its quantity and, to a lesser an extent, also on its quality. Indeed, current estimates appear to put Bangladesh as the growth leader of South Asia. Touching the 8% threshold, this growth has led to a significant reduction in poverty, a modest increase in inequality, and major advances in pertinent social and human indicators. Question arises if the past growth strategies may suffice to unleash further growth in the quest toward reaching the higher middle-income status in the next several decades. We evaluate the task at hand in the context of looming challenges in light of the risks of future growth slowdown as suffered by countries failing to overcome the ‘middle-income trap’ and ‘premature de-industrialization’.