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EDITORIAL

I recently left Dhaka for a couple of days. I was coming back into the city on a long haul bus, entering through Sayedabad, and the image that hit me was striking. Buses, trucks, horns blaring from those buses and trucks, dust, lots of dust, settling on rows and rows of posters that surrounded the street in a papery chokehold. Welcome to my city.

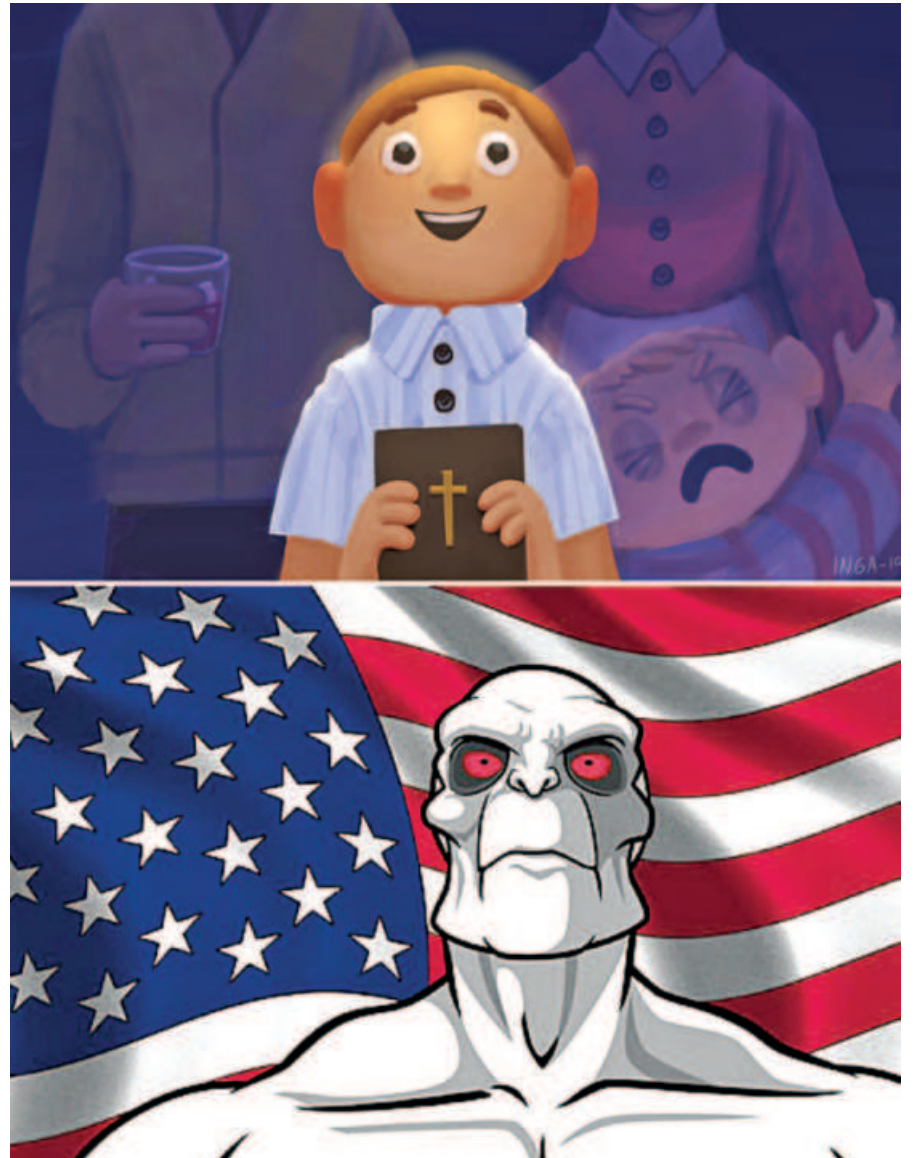
The city prepares for new leadership to take it into an era that'll either rubberstamp its status of being completely uninhabitable, or maybe revive it into a functioning modern metropolis. Young people are going to carry the load of both eventualities, and their stake is the one that needs to be discussed the most. Lest the next welcome to my city should make me want to jump out of the window of a bus onto a truck that is taking unsold cabbages back to, say... Chuadanga?

– Azmin Azran, Sub-editor, SHOUT



PLAYWATCH
 TV SHOW REVIEW

NOT JUST FOR KIDS



TAQDIRUL ISLAM

MORAL OREL

Moral Orel was a claymation show on Adult Swim that ran for three seasons from 2005 to 2009. Dark, depressive animated shows like BoJack Horseman and Rick & Morty are incredibly popular these days, but Moral Orel pushed boundaries of adult animation at the time when the world wasn't as receptive to such shows. The show centres on an eleven year old boy, Orel Puppington, who is naïve and enjoys life. He's respectful to his elders, and like all kids, is deemed to ask too many questions. In fact, his inquisitiveness acts as the crux to a major plot device, where the adults lie to him just to shut him up.

The show starts out as a hilarious parody with hints of darkness before nose-diving into some of the most depressive television out there after the first season, considered to be too formulaic by the show's creator Dino Stamatopolous (who you might remember as Star-Burns from Community). During the later seasons you would be excused for not knowing whether you should laugh or cry. It's done well and the character development is on point, especially when

they start focusing on the whole town and not just Orel's family.

FRISKY DINGO

Frisky Dingo might be one of the most bizarre shows you've never even heard of. Lasting only two seasons from 2006 to 2008, the show was a parody of the superhero and action-movie clichés. The main character, Killface, is a supervillain hell-bent on using his invention, "The Annihilatrix", to destroy the planet. His arch nemesis, Xander Crews is a chauvinistic, dull-witted womaniser who leads a double life as a billionaire tycoon and superhero called Awesome-X, and comes with his own army of minions called The Xtacles. The humour is extremely random and demented, often gleefully obscene and outrageously violent. Characters are often killed without any warning, and the plot lines and dialogue are all very stream-of-consciousness.

The show does exceptionally well at using the corporate structure to laugh at superheroes. While the superhero Xander Crews is an incompetent billionaire CEO, the supervillain Killface is the owner of a struggling business. Killface even goes onto forfeiting his health insurance to help keep his business afloat.

Dear future mayors, here's what the youth want

FAISAL BIN IQBAL

With the Dhaka North and South city corporation elections almost upon us, we reached out to our city's youth, and asked them what they expect from their future mayors. We talked to students, young professionals, and even a few younger ones who, despite not being of voting age, still happen to have a lot at stake with the city's future greatly intertwined with theirs.

Here's what they had to say.

PROMOTE CLEANLINESS

"Dhaka is one of the most polluted cities in the world. The city, where filled with garbage, not only leads to deterioration of the atmosphere but also unpleasant sights. Cleanliness needs to be promoted, and actions must be taken accordingly. The late Mayor Anisul Huq took some good initiatives in this regard. But stronger steps need to be taken now for a better and a more thoroughly clean Dhaka city."

— Roshni Shamim, 23, Brac University

STREETLIGHTS, PLEASE

"Everything in Uttara is within close proximity, but people still resort to public transport as roads seem shady or sketchy. I don't think people in Uttara have fallen victim to mugging and pickpocketing as much. However, what scares us is the fact that the roads are too dark. Hence, I expect the mayor to implement proper road plans with functional streetlights."

— Tashfia Zaman, 23, Program Assistant, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

SEPARATE THE TRASH

"We don't really separate our trash. All of it is dumped together. Dhaka could implement a simple three-way trash separation: organic, recyclable, and others. A better waste management system should be institutionalised."

— Mashrur Mahmud, 22, Islamic University of Technology (IUT)

TAKE AIR POLLUTION SERIOUSLY

"Don't allow the cutting down of so many trees and instead, plant more. I believe that the construction project of the Metro Rail is one of the reasons behind the increasing air pollution. More initiatives should be taken in that regard. In short, the mayor should take steps to keep air pollution under control."

— Anika Nawar, 22, North South University

MITIGATE THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM

"A better approach to our traffic problem should be put in motion with immediate effect. The way traffic is controlled in the Cantonment areas can work as a model for solving this issue. Unfit vehicles should be removed from the streets as soon as possible. There should also be a separate lane for ambulances and other emergency vehicles, something you see in foreign countries."

— Tanvir Ahmed, 25, Senior Auditor, Deloitte Bangladesh

SECURE THE CITY FOR WOMEN

"What troubles me is the rising number of sexual harassment cases in the city. I would want the mayor to focus on minimising this as much as possible. I

think the elected body should assure that all roads and streets are diligently monitored by CCTV cameras because the crime rate in a monitored area is less than an unmonitored one."

— Maisha Nazifa Kamal, 19, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)

IMPROVE PUBLIC SPACES

"One of the worst things about Dhaka is the lack of public spaces. It'd be really nice to see plans addressing this issue, perhaps by redesigning existing public areas like *kacha bazar* into public squares or improving the lakeside areas in residential blocks by adding benches to sit on."

— Adepto Intisar Ahmed, 25, Researcher

THINK ABOUT THE DISADVANTAGED

"I think the mayor should plan for homeless people. As an example, creating an organisation, which will provide them with work such as sweeping the streets, collecting waste, planting trees, etc. This organisation can also educate them on family planning and birth control. In this way, many people will be employed and the children will not have to suffer without shelter."

— Sabrina Iqbal, 17, Dhaka City College

PLAN AHEAD FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS

"There is a lack of planning when it comes to working on any new initiative. The roads in my area have been undergoing improvement for a while now. But the biggest problem is that when they work on these roads, they obviously have to close them off for a few days, or even weeks. They ended up closing off every entry and exit point at the same time, leaving just one entry. This led to huge traffic related problems. I hope in the future, they will think about how they are immobilising an entire area before taking up such initiatives."

— Mayabee Arannya, 21, Student, North South University

ESTABLISH MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND DRUG REHABILITATION CENTRES

"I think the mayor needs to install mental health support and drug rehabilitation centres. Young people are often seen trying to distract themselves by getting involved in unethical activities like drug abuse. As a result, the young generation is being derailed. This is something that needs to be taken care of."

— Khandker Nadia Naushin Hasan, 17, A Level candidate



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Four unforgettable *Banijjo Mela* feelings

AZMIN AZRAN

A sea of people and waves of dust, a booming voice over the PA system that keeps reminding you of the impenetrability of Alimama Doors, or maybe it's a random couple arguing over which way a certain pavilion is. The Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF) induces many different memories in people, but here are some experiences at DITF that I think unites the unfortunate beings that call Dhaka their home.

Getting lost

There's always an overwhelming crowd in DITF, everyone's wearing similar looking winter-clothing, and the shops often have some very distracting products on display, so it's easy to get lost. I remember the toy stores that had cricket supplies on display just outside the store and that is usually enough to separate me from any group. I'm not saying this happened to me but one might end up following their mother for over an hour until they were too tired and wanted to go home, only to realise the person they were following wasn't their mother but just some lady in the same off-white shawl. Seriously, it could happen to anyone.

Buying too much biscuit, chocolate, and chocolate biscuit

I don't know about other people but the food pavilions are THE major attraction for me at DITF. Some of these pavilions will sell stuff you don't usually find at your local convenience store, and although it's clear within a week why that's the case, impulse



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buying is a dangerous beast. You will seldom feel the inclination to buy multiple tins of assorted biscuits other than when you're at DITF.

Same things at different stores

I'm sure no one does this but imagine if someone decided to learn about the cultures of the world from the various international pavilions at DITF: I mean, is Delhi a place where they mass produce intricate-ish looking aluminium products? If so, how is

it different from the Thai variety? Is it just a *Banijjo Mela* thing or do Pakistani, Iranian, and Turkish goods have a lot in common? Did I see this Kashmiri shawl in New Market a month ago?

Having overpriced unhealthy food

When I was young, I used to think that when I'd get older, I'd just grab all of my money, go to the field where DITF takes place, walk around all the entrances without going into the actual venue, and spend all

my money on deep fried shrimp heads. A bigger fantasy was that I'd walk into one of the many "traditional" biriyani houses and have half a plate for 500 bucks. I'm older now, and I've given up on only one of these fantasies.

To be fair, DITF, like most things in Dhaka, is a thing that happens that's not particularly good, but we let Stockholm syndrome get the best of us and pretend to like it anyway. At least it'll be over soon.

If you get lost, go stand by the big tower. They'll know where to find you. • Bring your best walking shoes. And a spare.

Unconventional Subjects in a Conventional Society

FAIZA ADIL

Disapproving glances and doubtful frowns follow the not-so-average student in their despicable journey to higher education. Because the student, in this instance is one that has made the horrible decision of taking "easy" subjects. Where will the arts, humanities and languages ever get you?

Picture this, you have a talent—maybe you're more than just good—you might have a good chance pursuing it for your future, right? Well according to everyone you come across: *wrong*. Because if you don't know already, you will be reminded at every step of the way that there are literally *zero* successful career options for these subjects and they should really just stay as hobbies. Do not forget that you will get absolutely nowhere with your creative "hobbies". It's not like successful artists, musicians and authors get paid gigantic sums of money for their work.

All your uncles and aunts will confidently predict that you're on a fool's road and the industries aren't worth a lot, which could be pretty insulting if you're studying the arts. You need to understand that these aren't "real" degrees and options. They're the easy, fun ones that you *absolutely* don't spend sleepless nights over. How hard can writing, painting, designing even get? It's just a hobby.

If you're studying History, Sociology or Environmental Sciences, I hate to break it to you but you are not a "woke person". In fact, there's a good chance

you will be made fun of. Because, "What's there to know about this?" and "You probably took it because it's an 'easy' option. You should challenge yourself more, you won't get anywhere with these." God forbid you ever mention that you enjoy your subjects and want a career you love because nobody will ever take you seriously after that. Hopes and dreams? Don't be naive; grow up.

The point is, people are ignorant. A society filled to the brim with people that study and do the same things is more unrealistic than what your uncles and aunts predict about your hopes and dreams. Your "hobbies" never have to stay just hobbies. Your passion for the humanities, for design and architecture and everything frowned upon still has a long way to go. And if you can hopefully make it past the unbearable bias around you, there are a million opportunities and career prospects waiting for you. People pursuing the liberal arts and humanities do make it to great places and so can you.

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From friends to business partners

SYEDA ERUM NOOR

Whether we've ever successfully started a money-making machine of a business, we've either tried it or thought of trying it. Initially, an idea hits you out of nowhere. You can be in the middle of a mundane conversation and suddenly, you're struck by a brilliant idea that you and your friend are convinced could be the next big thing.

Sometimes, however, if and when this group of friends *does* decide to take the initiative to turn this dream into a reality, it doesn't exactly turn out the way they want. This doesn't mean it can't be the next Apple. You could be sitting on the world's greatest idea with your friends and fear taking the next step.

So let this article be an insight into what it may be like when your friends become your business partners.

The biggest thing that holds most of us back is the fear of effects that starting and running a business may have on our relationships. We discuss this very effect with the founders of TutorsInc, an online educational platform that was initially started by two friends Mahmudul Hasan and Razi Uddin Ahmed. They were joined shortly after by a third childhood friend, Adib Ahnaf Aroz.

"The dynamics of our friendship definitely changed ever since we decided to start working on this start-up," says Mahmudul Hasan, Director of TutorsInc.

After all, this can be expected, considering your friendship will no longer be about going on weekend trips and going out for weekly lunches. Now it will become about working day and night together, putting your heart and soul into the work, and having disagreements that you will have to deal with. It then becomes about the livelihood that you're working towards and some of the challenges end up playing a part in the friendship.

"We definitely came out of it stronger," explains Sheikh Warda Mariam, co-founder of a café that she and her friends had started at her school. "We had our ups and downs, but I think that's what makes or breaks both the friendship and the business."

Regardless of what it's like dealing with the possible effects, there are other obstacles that you may find along the way. With age, things only get more complicated. It's not all fun and games when it actually comes to walking the walk. Talking to some of these people with the experience, we



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learned about the few issues we may not have considered existed.

Tasneem Batool, a recent computer science and engineering graduate from Brac University, started a business as a pilot project with a group of her friends during a competition. She mentions, "The biggest problem we faced was that since we were friends, we all had the same amount of experience or lack thereof.

We would often find ourselves lost or confused about how to handle certain decisions and it seemed like the blind leading the blind. It was a struggle without someone who could maybe have guided us."

Being friends usually means you share the same circle of mutual friends with common interests. This results in tunnel vision, skewed perspective and incomplete knowledge. Without the diversity in all of that, it can at times become difficult.

"Another problem," Mahmudul reminds us, "Is trying to maintain the balance of our professional and personal lives. There's a very different set of expectations that we're trying to constantly reach."

"Professionalism is difficult to maintain all the time, which can lead to a variety of issues," Adib agrees.

Listing the problems that come along with working with friends seems hardly fair, because in the end, it's how you decide to deal with it. Friends help us get through too much too easily when deciding to embark on a very different journey in life. Hence, we now get to hear all the advantages that we are offered when working alongside our buddies.

The most common response in everyone we talked to was about support. Undoubtedly, no matter how bad things get, everyone agreed that they never felt alone throughout the rather strenuous job of setting up a business.

"These people are my friends in the end," says Razi. "They know me better than anyone and they always look out for me whenever I need it."

Warda mentions, "They understand the personal drawbacks I may have to face. It's more compassionate and genuine than it could ever be in a normal office environment."

Trust and reliability is always a gamble in the world of business. When it comes to your friends, that risk is out of the way. You know exactly how reliable and trustworthy your friends are, and that in your time of need like they'll always be there.

Tasneem adds, "Our philosophies and values are the same. I never had to worry about the intentions behind any decision nor was I worried about the clarity of the reason behind the existence of our business. Our goals were always in sync."

Friends are an essential part of life. They hold a major role in the people we grow up to be and in almost every small and big decisions

we take to shape our lives. Without them, a lot of us would be a lot lost than we'd ever care to admit.

When stepping into the part of life where it's time to make something of yourself in a world with endless, unforgiving and ruthless competition, it helps to have a familiar face by your side.

For the pathway to stability is a lot harder than any one of us can imagine.

Then again, everything has its downsides.

Even working with friends as you may have gathered by now. However, one must look at the positives and not rule out the potential that could lead to better things.

Nibrash Kazi Subah, who very recently launched an ad firm, mentions, "Because of all the trouble and conflicts one gets into, they have to figure out a way to get along, work together and finally build a good understanding."

Whether you can power through all the hardships to reach success is the real test. The purpose of this article isn't that you start second guessing that business you've been wanting to plan. It's about letting you know of the twist and turns of the way there. It's to inform you so you can be better prepared going into it and come out of it stronger.

So what are you waiting for? Go and do what you've been thinking about. Only good things can come out of starting a business. For with failure comes experience and with experience comes success.

Happy planning!

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Bangladeshi student excels in China Aero Modeling Design Challenge

Bangladeshi student BM Afzalul Haque achieved first runner-up position at China Aero Modeling Design Challenge 2019 held in Zhejiang province. He is a final-year undergraduate student at Nanjing University of Aeronautics & Astronautics (NUAA). Afzal, with his team, received the award in “ground reconnaissance and strike” category. He is the first international student from his university who has achieved such prestigious national-level award. His major is Aircraft Design & Engineering. Afzal is currently working on two projects in China: Long Endurance UAV system using 4G data link, and Aerodynamic Performance Simulation and Experimental Study of Flexible Flapping Wing”.

For his excellence, Nanjing University of Aeronautics & Astronautics nominated him for scholarship for the year 2020 by China Scholarship Council. He was awarded as top active student for the last two years.

He completed SSC from Collegiate School, Chittagong and HSC from Chittagong City College. His father Md. Fazlul Haque is a government official at City Special Branch, Chittagong Metropolitan Police, Chittagong and his mother Hanufa Khatun is a homemaker.

IDP Bangladesh hosts multi-destination education fair



IDP Bangladesh hosted their signature multi-destination education fair in The Westin Dhaka on January 25, 2020.

Corinne Petrisor, Counselor & Senior Trade Commissioner of Canadian High Commission to Bangladesh inaugurated the event, congratulating IDP Bangladesh for ensuring such a large number of Canadian universities for this fair. Along with her, Ravi Chandran, Country Director and Mosharraf Khan, Country Manager of IDP Bangladesh were also present during the occasion.

With top Russell Group universities from UK and the best public universities of Canada and USA participating, this was the biggest conglomerate of high-ranking universities under one roof. Students who were interested in undergraduate, postgraduate or even PhD degrees overseas met the university representatives directly to assess their academic documents and applied for placements. Those with good academic record were also offered merit-based scholarships. The event was free for all to attend.

IDP is a global student placement organisation with 140 offices worldwide, operating since 1969. IDP is also one of the co-owners of IELTS worldwide.

SUB introduces lecture series on Industry-Academia Linkage Development



State University of Bangladesh (SUB) introduced a lecture series on Industry-Academia Linkage Development from November 2019. The main objective of arranging this lecture series is to establish active linkage between industry and academia with the ultimate aim to prepare SUB students with practical skills and knowledge required by the job market.

The first programme was held on November 19, 2019 with M. Anis Ud Dowla, Chairman, ACI Limited. The title of the sub-topic was “Career Challenges for Educated Youths”. The second programme under the lecture series was arranged with Abdul Matlub Ahmed, Chairman, Nitul-Niloy Group, President, India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry; and former President, Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FBCCI).

Acting on the recommendations received from the last two programmes under Industry-Academia Linkage Development Lecture Series, SUB has already started to modify and update its curriculum. The first attempt has been made with the Faculty of Business Studies. The concerned Faculty members sat with M. Anis Ud Dowla on January 14, 2020 to have a detailed consultation to upgrade the existing curriculum of that Faculty.

CIDER Int’l School hosts inter school quiz competition

CIDER International School Cambridge Curriculum Primary Section organised an inter school quiz competition for the first time on January 23, 2020 at the school auditorium. There were eight teams from renowned schools of the city namely Bangladesh Elementary School, Chittagong Grammar School, Frobels Academy, International Hope School, Sir Maurice Brown International School, and CIDER International School (Cambridge & National Curriculum). Principal of CIDER Gyanesh Chandra Tripathi presided over the programme while Vice Principal Neeti Tripathi gave away the vote of thanks. Chairman Nader Khan was also present to enjoy the event. Quizmaster Alexious Serrao conducted the full event. Sir Maurice Brown International School became champions while CIDER International School Cambridge Primary became runners-up.

EDU organises Placement Day 2020

A daylong “Placement Day 2020” was organised by East Delta University (EDU) with the participation of 3,000 job-seeking youths and 30 employers. Various employers also took direct written and oral examinations of more than 300 applicants.

The first-ever job fair organised by a Chattogram university was held on January 26, 2020 at EDU campus, in collaboration with Seth Properties and KSRM.

The purpose of this programme is to bring 30 national and multinational companies operating in Bangladesh under one roof and help establish direct communication between the employers and the prospects. Apart from this, there is also day-long seminar and workshops on various aspects of career formation.

The keynote speaker was Kazi Monirul Kabir, former Country Manager of Google. Special guest was Co-founder of Zunoks Consulting and former Head of People Affairs at Robi, Matiul Islam Nowshad. The guest of honour was founder Vice Chairman Sayeed Al Noman and the chief guest was VC Prof. M. Sekandar Khan.

The main participants of the program were Seth Properties, KSRM, Terracotta, BSRM, MGH, Grameenphone, Pacific Jeans, Robi, Confidence Cement, Epic Properties, Elite Paint, The City Bank Ltd, Kenpark & Regency, Frobels Academy, P2P, Ranks FC Properties, Midas Safety, CPDL, Vivo, Akash DTH (Beximco Group), MAMATA, IDP, Talent Management, BYLC and Leads Bangladesh.



IUB introduces Bilquis-Saifuddin Scholarship

Through a ceremony, for the first time in Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), a students’ scholarship has been endowed and introduced known as “Bilquis-Saifuddin Scholarship”.

Rashed Ahmed Chowdhury, former Chairman, BOT of IUB and his family members graciously bestowed this scholarship by the name of his parents Bilquis Chowdhury and Saifuddin Ahmed Chowdhury. On this occasion, a ceremony was held at University Trustee Lounge. Prof. Milan Pagon, VC (Acting) delivered his opening remarks while the Chairman of BOT, IUB, Trustee A Matin Chowdhury appreciated and thanked Rashed Chowdhury and his family wholeheartedly for endowing and introducing this new scholarship for IUB students. On behalf of his family, Rashed Chowdhury stated that this has been one of their glorious moments in life to introduce such a scholarship with the objective of creating quality humans with excellent education and researches.

Family members of Rashed Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion. Later, he handed over the cheque of Bilquis-Saifuddin Scholarship to A Matin Chowdhury. Abdul Hai Sarker, Chairman, ESTCDT and other Trustees of IUB, Deans, senior members of faculties and administration were present in this event.

NEW KID IN TOWN

HIYA ISLAM

People who don't add sugar in their tea or coffee always seem to come off a bit proud about it, don't they? There is a certain aura to when they say "sugar-free" or "Oh... No sugar, please" as they order away. Cutting down sugar, proving themselves to be the superior kind while chugging cups of strong, bitter caffeine they cannot function without? Not so amazing, after all.

But to Mariah, sugar is everything. Not just sugar but anything sweet. Two teaspoons of white crystals are a default for anything she drinks. These days, the trashcan in her bedroom is flooded with candy wrappers; diabetes is not a legitimate concern. Come what may, her fitness routine is truly unbeatable. To her, daily workouts will keep bad diseases at bay whatever the diet. Combine that with regular detox drinks and Pilates.

She enters the café, welcomed by the thick aroma of coffee that hung in the air and the metallic cling of a bronze

bell that hung in the brick-laid entrance. Sarah is on duty today, filling in for the newbie on leave. She sees her coming.

That's a new jacket. Must be a birthday present from last week.

"One frappé for the lady? Strawberry?" she asked as she swiped the counter top dry.

"Need a change. Hot chocolate, please," Mariah quickly answered not looking up to greet, too caught up on the phone.

Not too hot, sweet with foam on top and a drizzle of caramel, chocolate syrup, no whipped cream, Sarah makes a mental note as she places the order.

Mariah is craving for a brownie. But this month has been particularly hard on her. She is guilty of the large cup ordered already. Typical student problems: tortured souls always running low on cash, sleep, stamina, will to live and basically everything.

The WiFi auto-connects to her phone and soon she indulges herself in a clip of pregnant cats getting an ultrasound scan.

Strange discovery. Who knew cats need it too?

Café 95 Degrees! is busier than usual at the moment; her order is running late. The name is pretty wicked for a fact that a barista's lucky number is 95 — the perfect brewing temperature for coffee beans. Celsius, of course.

A group of tweens reeking of popcorn walks by.

"Add me up, will ya? @ameerashid07," a girl dressed in pastel chimed in. She had a unicorn horn sticking out of her hair band. She clearly fancied glitter; the eyes sparkled revealingly. Her sneakers desperately needed to be tied up again.

"Yeah, you with the flower crown. Gotcha!" replied one of her girlfriends.

"That filter needs to come back, big time!"

There are no cute cat videos left to binge on. Bored, she looks up the name on Instagram. A public account for, what, a 13-year-old? You could

tell she is 13 because "07", duh. Just like millennials used to put their birth year in usernames. But there is more to the kid's feed. Mariah knows her. A few years ago, she used to babysit her and help her with homework.

1137 posts. Too much activity. 6.7K followers. Wow, okay. A lot of likes too. Popular much? Food, food, food, selfie, feet, beach day, random guy, oh, family. Mrs Rashid never ages. Closet vampire. Looks like they are a bigger family now. New twins. Muneera and Abeera. With two 3-year-olds in the picture, they would need help now, more than ever.

They recently moved to the city. To her city. Thanks to highlights. Cherry on top, their new house is a roughly seven-minute walk from the dorm. And as she sipped her hot chocolate, she sensed the prospect of... a new job, and... more brownies.

Hiya loves food that you hate by norm-broccoli, pineapple pizza and Bounty bars. Find her at hiyaislam.11@gmail.com





THE DAILY MUNDANE

There is comfort in familiarity but boredom in the too-familiar. I am not the adventurous type; does that mean that I'm missing out on the nicer things in life? Probably, but that's okay. From seeing the beauty of someone taking a peaceful nap to a dog acting as if it owns the road—it's all there in the chaos. The beautiful chaos in the most mundane parts of our lives. Problem is, we don't have the time to look.

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