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One of the biggest threats our planet is facing right now is climate change. Even though, leading organisations of the world have been fighting this cause for a very long time, we are still in a very devastating position, especially developing countries.

The United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) has been trying to achieve a legally bound universal agreement on climate change with a yearly conference named Conference of the Parties (COP). For the 21st time, this COP21 will be arranged in Paris this year. To help with the agenda, a roundtable was organised all over the world so that people from all sectors can have a say. Department of Development Studies, Dhaka University and Integrated Community and Industrial Development Initiative in Bangladesh (INCIDN) jointly arranged a daylong seminar called World Wide Views on Climate Change, representing Bangladesh in this world wide seminar. The event took place at Senate Bhaban, Dhaka University.

Candidates from all over the country came to join this seminar. The seminar was arranged to bring awareness to the participants of the seminar, and help find suitable solutions for the problems through a voting system.



# IN WAR WITH THE CLIMATE



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The seminar started off with opening remarks from the chief guest Akhter Hossain, Pro VC, Dhaka University. He congratulated the department for taking such a wonderful initiative. The special guest of seminar was French Ambassador, Sophie Aubert. She talked about how devastating the world would get if we don't step up to fight climate change. "This is the time to fight. We are all here, let's make a change before it's too late," said the ambassador during her speech.

The participants were divided into groups. The groups were given a topic on climate change on which they discussed and later voted. One of the major features of this seminar was that all the groups represented different working sectors. From a child who works in a tea stall to professors, almost every occupational person was there. "I didn't know much about this problem until I came here. Now this actually scares me. I really hope we can come up with a solution," says Rakibullah, a tea stall worker.

The groups were analyzing every topic they received which led to some well casted votes. "We gathered participants like this so that we can actually see everybody's mind set on climate change. We think we will get a good response from the participants, which we can show to the authorities and representatives of COP21," says Maruful Islam, Associate Professor and one of the main organisers.

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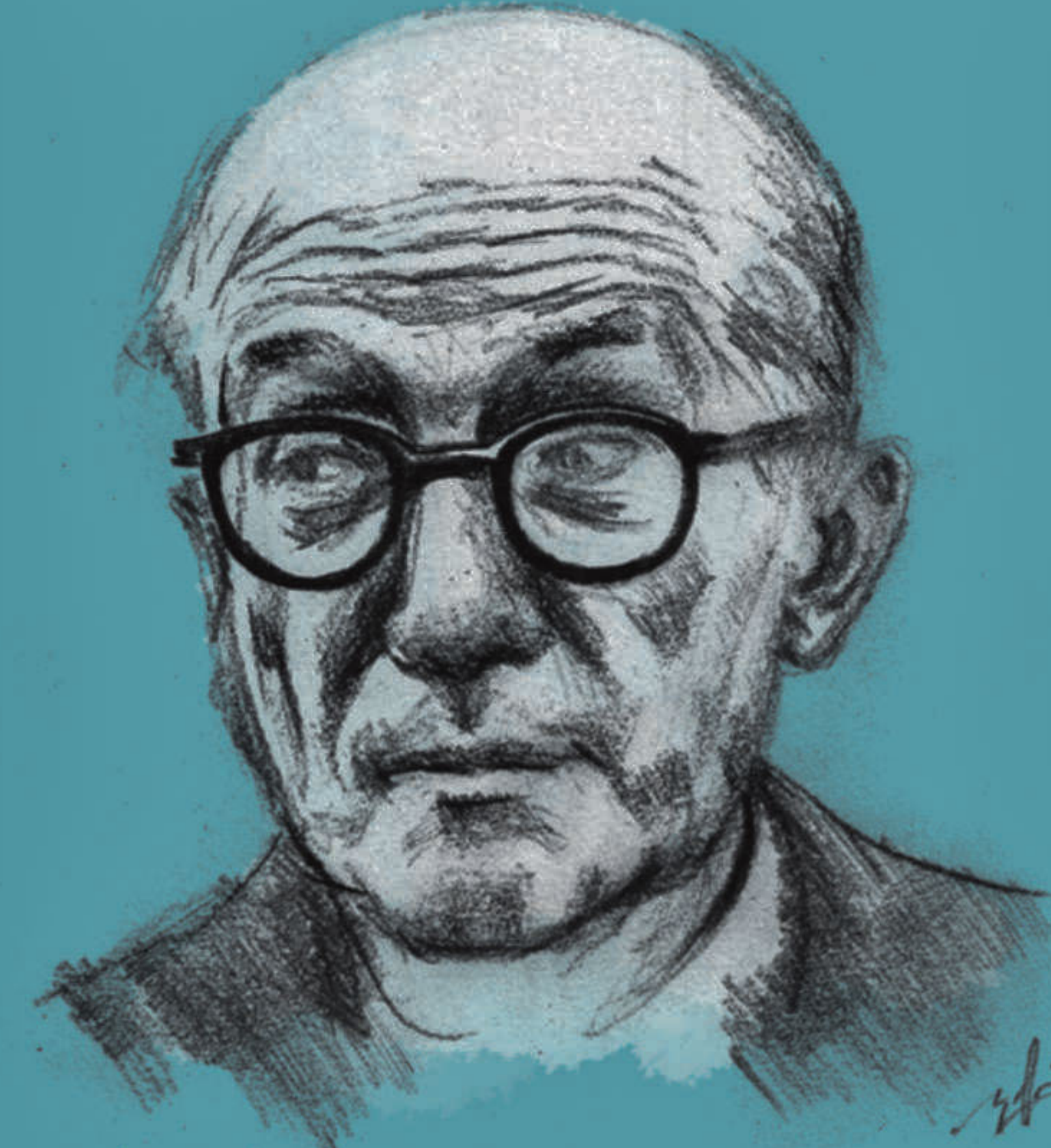
## LE CORBUSIER

October 6, 1887 – August 27, 1965

MAD GENIUS

Charles-Édouard Jeanneret-Gris, who was better known as Le Corbusier was a Swiss-French architect, designer, painter, urban planner, writer, and one of the pioneers of what is now called modern architecture. He was born in Switzerland and became a French citizen in 1930. His career lasted five decades, with his buildings constructed throughout Europe, India, and America.

Dedicated to providing better living conditions for the residents of crowded cities, Le Corbusier was influential in urban planning, and was a founding member of the Congrès international d'architecture moderne (CIAM). Corbusier prepared the master plan of Chandigarh in India, and contributed specific designs for several buildings there.



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# JUST A THOUGHT!

I had a realisation a couple of days ago while I was on a rickshaw. During the whole ride, the rickshaw puller pulled every trick, used every short cut, broke the law a million times, and worst of all, put my life at risk- just to get to the destination faster. I realised that very few times do the drivers actually care for the passengers. They drive recklessly, they break rules, use the wrong side of the road and do many things that could put all their passengers in grave danger. But they don't seem to care. Their only goal is to get to the destination fast. If drivers took more responsibility of their passengers, a lot of accidents on the roads wouldn't be happening. Just a thought!  
Naimur Rahman  
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“ TO CREATE ARCHITECTURE IS TO PUT IN ORDER. PUT WHAT IN ORDER? FUNCTION AND OBJECTS.

THE HOME SHOULD BE THE TREASURE CHEST OF LIVING.

SPACE AND LIGHT AND ORDER. THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT MEN NEED JUST AS MUCH AS THEY NEED BREAD OR A PLACE TO SLEEP. ”

SOURCE: WIKIPEDIA AND BRAINY QUOTES

# QUESTIONING THE NORM

A few days ago I was travelling on a rickshaw and passing by Tejturi bazaar, I came across a number of hijras who were taking money from people on the road. When they approached me, I was a little apprehensive but I didn't show it so obviously. They asked me if I could donate some money, and contrary to what most people say- about them being very hostile and aggressive- I saw that they were actually quite nice and polite. I apologised and said that, unfortunately, I didn't have any money with me. And all they did was say *thik ache* (that's alright) and left. I was very surprised because they were not at all as terrifying as people make them out to be. I've been questioning people's judgement since that day.  
Samia Jahan  
Dhanmondi, Dhaka

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