

Celebrating 31 Years *of* Sunshine Grammar School, Chittagong

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"He who opens a school door, closes a prison."
 – Victor Hugo.

The motto of Sunshine Grammar School, Chittagong: "God give us light" and "Love – Discipline – Faith" both live up to Victor Hugo's words, but it's what the school has achieved over the past 31 years that actually puts those words into action.

Established on January 14, 1985, Safia Ghazi Rahman embarked on this journey to fulfil her dreams of not only educating the masses in Chittagong, but also to train them in becoming accomplished human beings at her institution. SGS has ever since done exactly that through not only providing quality education in both the National Curriculum under Bangladesh's Education Board, but it has also been the first English medium school to deliver education under the UK based GCE and GCSE systems (under both Edexcel and Cambridge Examination Boards). Its success reflects in the numerous high achievers – not only on the national level, but globally as well.

Besides being a leading institute in education, the Sunshine Group advocates progress in society through regularly organising events in raising awareness within the populace of the city. The stu-



dents are encouraged to take part in cleaning up the city and hold rallies circumventing issues to be tackled to leave behind a happy and better world.

A complete student is one who not only excels in their academics, but is also one who has bagged many accolades

through extracurricular activities. SGS strives in this endeavour to expose its students to not only awareness of social behaviour, but to also encourage them to take part in various sports on the national and regional levels. It was only last year that the institution expanded its horizons

through a Memorandum of Understanding with the national sports councils in training its students in sports – such as cricket and football – to be able to play in the national and international levels.

Safia Ghazi Rahman, the pioneer, had a dream of moulding young minds and to give them enough space to grow. Her dream had been translated to reality 31 years ago and has been growing ever since.

Sunshine's work has always been to better the lives of the people in the country. The pioneer had taken up the initiative to provide free treatment to children coming from underprivileged backgrounds. Her institution now funds the Paediatric and Leukaemia Ward for children at the Chittagong Medical College and Hospital. The group has also decided to donate a large sum of money to CMCH to purchase a new blood preserving refrigerator and to donate three rickshaws to three impoverished families so that they are able to make a better living for themselves.

The Sunshine Group wants to see a happy nation through all measures it can take within its capabilities. The celebration of its anniversary is not for its achievements, but for the smiles on the faces of everyone involved.

SET THE FIELD ABLAZE 9th Edition of ULAB Fair Play Cup

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No other form of entertainment resonates the sound of our soul quite like the game of cricket. No other occasion unifies the entire nation of Bangladesh quite like when the national cricket team steps on the pitch. A similar frenzy is observed during other major international cricket tournaments too. People across the country are seen glued to their screens at the very first opportunity. The popularity and genuine love for the game in this region of the world is, in one simple word, unprecedented.

The excitement regarding the game is most visible among youngsters, especially in universities, where students have a keen understanding of the game and an undying spirit of a rebel. Students flock in front of TV screens the moment they can, often bunking classes, especially when a major game of cricket is played. Even faculties cut them some slack in these cases, because probably they realise that the childish spirit in them would do the same.

Away from the screen, open spaces and fields in every neighbourhood are often seen to be occupied by enthusiastic youngsters playing the game. Who knows, probably a sleeping Sachin or Shakib within every youngster tempts him to express himself wherever he can with the bat or the ball. However, a concerning lack of open space in most urban areas of the country is acting as a growing hindrance towards these youngsters enjoying the game by playing it themselves.

As if to celebrate the undying love for the game in young Bangladeshi bloods, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) will be organising the 9th instalment of the ULAB Fair Play Cup. With the participation of 12



European University of Bangladesh start this year as reigning champions.

leading private universities of the nation, the cricket tournament is provided with technical support from Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB). Winners of the tournament are rewarded with an opportunity to participate in the Red Bull Campus World Final Tournament, the prestigious international college cricket tournament.

This year, the tournament will kick start on the 24th of this month, and will end on February 9. The entire tournament will be played in a T20 format. BRAC University, Independent University Bangladesh (IUB), North South

University (NSU), East West University (EWU), Eastern University (EU), Southeast University (SEU), United International University (UIU), State University of Bangladesh, Green University of Bangladesh, Daffodil International University (DIU), European University of Bangladesh, and University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) will be participating in this year's edition of the tournament. Last year, European University Bangladesh took home the winner's prize, and will be starting this year's tournament as the retaining champions.