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freedom, and a little flower. – Hans Christian Andersen, Danish Author.

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The Prodigies of Celluloid

The spotlight article titled "The Prodigies of Celluloid" published in the Star Weekend on January 27, 2017 was an amazing read. I really liked the way the writer featured the ambience of this auspicious event by describing the enthusiasm of the budding filmmakers and the volunteer organisers. It is really inspiring that participants from all around the world have come to Bangladesh to exhibit their brilliant creations. And, renowned professional filmmakers come here to train and inspire these passionate youngsters. It is a great opportunity for the Bangladeshi youth to learn about diverse cultures through this great event. Bangladesh government should promote this initiative and support the talented young filmmakers to flourish their skills and knowledge on cinema.

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History Teaches Us Nothing

I agree with the writer's opinion that the new world order is in decline all over the world. However, I would like to add something to it. Donald Trump's victory in the US's presidential election and United Kingdom's escape from European Union clearly signalled that democracy is not at all perfect. Democracy can create a circumstance that is self destructive. For example; Donald Trump is a democratically elected president, however, his approach towards media, immigrants and even towards his own citizens show that he has all the potentials to be a radical dictator. The new world order, set by the victorious forces of the Second World War, was based on democracy which would patronise the free market economy. Interestingly, this flawed system of democracy has been producing governments in different countries which are undermining democratic institutions for their own interest and which are denouncing free market economy for its own existence.

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Blast from the Past

Dhaka University is considered as the hub of intelligentsia in Bangladesh. However, after its establishment in 1921 Dhaka University, due to its limited resources and capacity comparing to Calcutta University, could not contribute much to the independence movement of Bengal. In fact, from 1921 to 1947, this university could not produce any student who passed the Indian Civil Service Exam. However, Dhaka University's full potential flourished during the early 60s. And, this era of progressiveness, development and political and cultural renaissance has been depicted very precisely in Syed Abul Maksud's epic research work. I really appreciate the writer for giving us a brief but useful description of the book in her nicely written article published in the Star Weekend on January 27, 2017.

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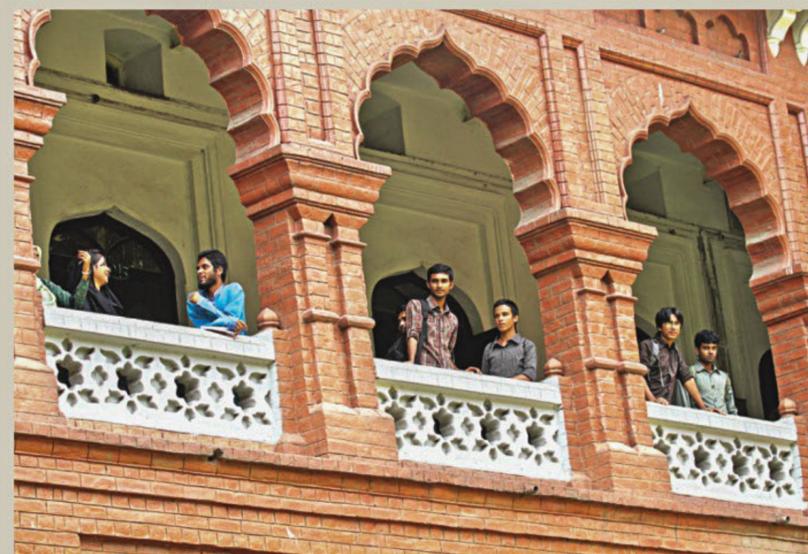


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