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## Catching up with Forbes 30 under 30 Honourees from Bangladesh

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present new opportunities as low participation amounts to a lower rate of competition," expresses Hussain. Hussain believes aspiring entrepreneurs in Bangladesh need to have more willpower to get started. They require more perseverance and also yield more reward for their hard work. "Many young people start planning their businesses but eventually fail to start," states Hussain. "The business plan does not need to be perfect, it needs to be built step by step. Building up a business is hard work and it takes time. Young entrepreneurs should start with anything they have, even if they have to start small."

**Morshed Abdulla Al**  
Cartoonist, Morshed Mishu's Illustration

Morshed Abdulla Al, known by his pen name, Morshed Mishu, was featured in the Forbes 30 under 30 Asia list under the category, Media, Marketing & Advertising in 2019, for his creative contributions as a cartoonist. At the beginning of 2018, Mishu began transforming tragic and shocking images from wars into joyful art, hoping to show how beautiful the world would be without violence or war. His series, named 'Global Happiness Challenge' project, went viral after that. Working as a professional artist since 2012, Mishu is currently the assistant editor at Unmad, and the founder of Morshed Mishu's Illustration.

When the nationwide shutdown began in Bangladesh, Mishu started



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working with different organisations on COVID-19 awareness campaigns through cartoons and artworks. Currently, he is working with a content creation startup, along with developing a personal project.

When asked about his plans regarding the future, Mishu shares that he is not much of a planner. "I am not certain about what I will do tomorrow, let alone next month," smiles Mishu. "Whatever comes to my mind, I start



Sajid Iqbal

working on it and I never implement the practice of planning ahead in my life."

According to Mishu, the new generation of cartoonists in Bangladesh have a bright future ahead, with their engaging and creative personalities. "Young cartoonists of today are very smart and intelligent. They easily figure out how to develop their skills and be better," shares Mishu.

Previously, it was not easy to connect with senior cartoonists or artists and there remained a gap

between the seniors and juniors. "Nowadays, connecting with seniors in the field is much easier and young cartoonists spontaneously approach their predecessors to showcase their works," he says. "Young cartoonists are constantly improving and succeeding in surpassing their seniors in this field," Mishu adds.

**Ayman Sadiq**  
Founder, 10 Minute School  
In 2018, Ayman Sadiq was featured in

the Forbes 30 under 30 Asia list under the category, Social Entrepreneurs. He is the founder of the largest online school in Bangladesh, 10 Minute School.

During the ongoing pandemic, online activities have increased globally as educational institutes are conducting their classes virtually. 10 Minute School has contributed significantly to this change. Every day, the school is taking classes of 25 lakh students across the country, through their app and website.

"We recently launched new courses such as Spoken English, Admission and BCS preparation courses among others," shares Ayman. "We plan to launch online coaching and subscriptions for SSC and HSC examinees from March this year."

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Ayman believes there is a big gap in communication among the youth today. Last year, he launched a book on communication hacks and currently, he is developing a full-fledged, comprehensive course on communication, with an aim to bridge this gap.

According to him, opportunities for young people have increased in all

aspects, as knowledge is now available anywhere and everywhere. "Anything you want to learn can easily be found on the internet and you can even access Ivy League schools' courses online," expresses Ayman. "With valuable knowledge and information available in the world, anyone can leverage on it and learn new things." Ayman's one advice for the youth in this ever changing world is, "Stop complaining and start doing."

**Sajid Iqbal**  
Founder, CHANGE  
Sajid Iqbal was featured in the Forbes 30 under 30 Asia list under the category, Social Entrepreneurs for his organisation, CHANGE, in 2018. CHANGE is a youth-led development organisation committed to promoting renewable energy.

Sajid is currently working on expanding CHANGE's skylight project in various government and private settlements. Currently residing in Canada, he has been appointed as the Environment Lead, International Network Support Structure for the Americas & Caribbean region by the Royal Commonwealth Society to support the RCS 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, coordinate regional environmental engagements and strengthen the information dissemination mechanism.

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