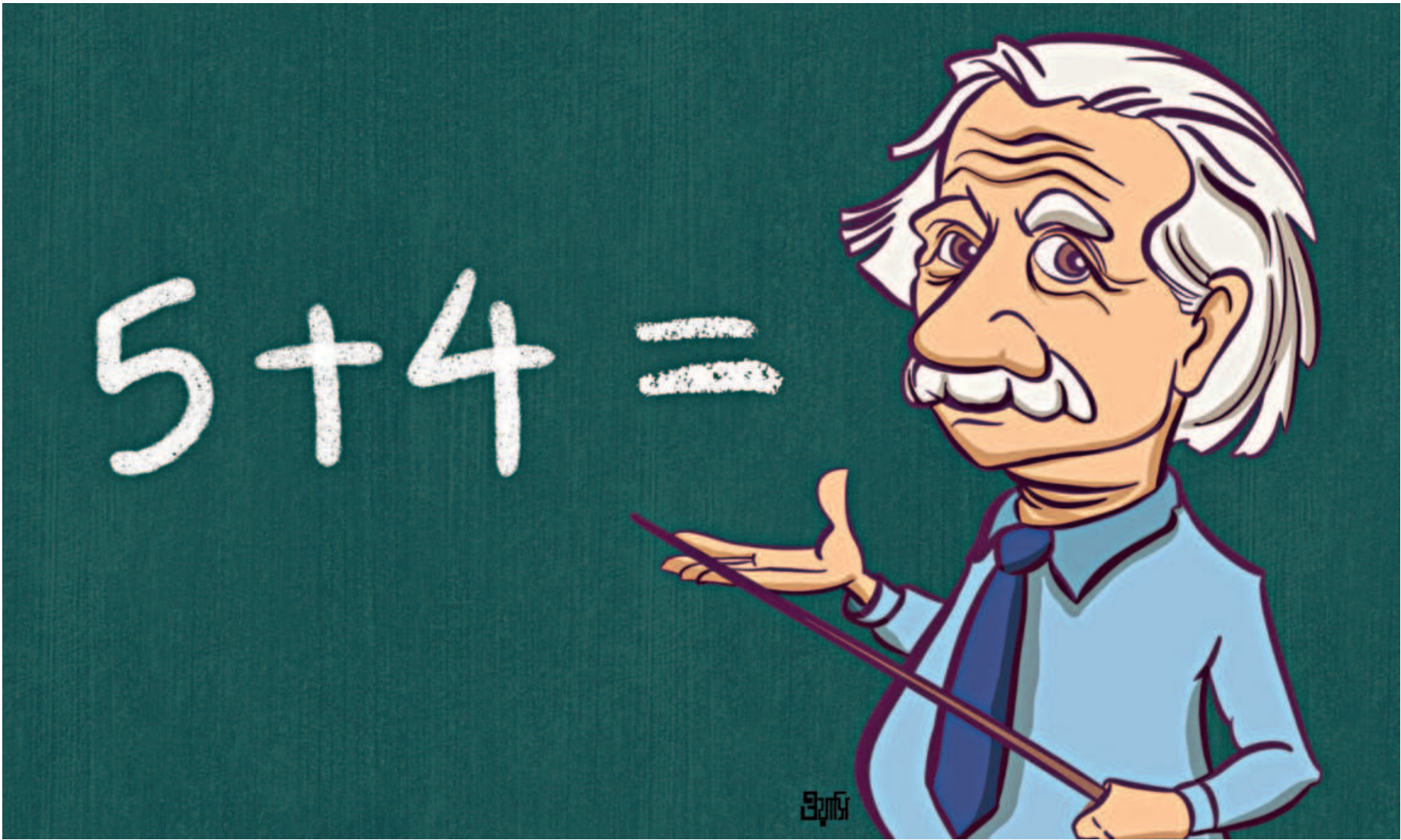




9-yr-old annoyed at parents comparing him to Einstein

“If solving a basic algebra problem sends someone to the level of Einstein, why are people still calling me Wafee instead of Einstein?”

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The phenomenon of a boy of barely 10 solving mathematics problems has taken social media by storm.

“Have you ever seen something like a kid below 10 solving difficult mathematical equations while other kids of his age are busy playing video games and making TikTok videos?” Gorbuto Jhari, the proud father of that child, asked.

“Doesn't this prove that my boy is more of a genius than Einstein and Newton combined? Will you still call it an ‘exaggeration’ if I introduce him to unfortunate (because they don't have someone like my boy) parts of the world through my social media accounts?” Gorbuto Jhari continued.

After watching videos of father trying heart and soul to establish his boy as a genius of the ilk of Einstein and Newton, people started to doubt this genius of geniuses.

“If solving a basic algebra problem sends someone to the level of Einstein, why are people still calling me Wafee instead of Einstein?” Wafee, a student of class X of Na Porle Khobor Ache School, who has been obtaining 100 percent marks in maths since class I, asked his parents.

This correspondent decided to contact the father of “Einton” for his response to people's mockery. But surprisingly, the father contacted this correspondent before the latter could even open the relevant chat window.

“Brother, consider yourself lucky that the father of the modern-day Einstein called you. Whatever, I want you to cover our story. Remember, 90 percent of the story will be about me. Just imagine, if there was no me, how would my son come into this world? So, I am more important to this world than my son.”

Meanwhile, the son, who we shall not name to protect his identity, did not know his father,

and his reticent mother, were uploading videos of him on social media and comparing him with the likes of Albert Einstein, Isaac Newton and Stephen Hawking.

The child was not happy about this as he always wanted to be his own person, instead of following someone else's footprints.

“Why are you always comparing me with the greats?” he asked his father.

“Because you are a greater genius than those greats. Oh my gosh, I forgot to record this conversation. My son is so down to earth ... social media need to see this”, the father exclaimed.

“Stop comparing me with others. Let me just be a better version of me.”

“Aww, I thought my son only surpassed Einstein, but you actually surpassed the great Persian poet Sheikh Saadi too. So down to earth!” the father said as he rolled on the ground with joy.

Illegal devices to be permanently banned

TECH CORRESPONDENT

The Minister's Republic of Shondesh recently announced that its technology division, the Shondesh ‘We Totally know Technology’ Committee or Shondesh Tech Committee (STC), will crack down on any illegal devices present in the country.

The director in chief of STC provided further details in the following statement.

“Ninety percent of the technology devices are imported illegally, without paying tariffs or taxes to the government. We have thought about this long and hard, and have decided to end all such devices in the coming week. Additionally, we have also decided that currently there are too many channels on TV and we plan to end this once and for all, with the only channel that we have whitelisted being SPTV (Shondesh Propaganda TV). So, say goodbye to your myPads, myPhones, and Phony TVs. Even pacemakers will not be exempt. If you are running a pacemaker that hasn't been cleared of tax payments, it's going to be shut down.”

When this particular correspondent reached out to the director in chief for further details on how they planned to ban such devices, he said, “Ban? Who said anything about a ban? We tried that already, and after eight years and \$30 million invested in making a software that could ban such devices, we had to scrap the entire project as it was making no progress.

“Then my son, who was a part of the software development team, came up with a brilliant solution. Have you heard of an electromagnetic pulse (EMP)? Well, we are going to use multiple EMP cannons throughout the country to ensure that all illegal devices are destroyed permanently. Finally, we will be rid of this menace. I expect that my son and I will get the Baishey Padak very soon for this ingenious plan.”

I currently find myself finishing this article, a week after the initial plan was announced by the STC, with pen on paper, as half of the country is currently facing a full-on electrical blackout.



PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Tigers finally settle on team combination after Netherlands’ qualification

EXCUSEME CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh cricket team's wait to settle upon a team combination finally ended yesterday, as they learned who their first opponents in the T20 World Cup would be.

A friend of a friend of the cousin of a team official's uncle said that is why there was so much experimentation in the months leading up to the world cup.

Bangladesh had gained automatic qualification to the Super 12 round of this year's tournament as one of the eight best teams in the world. No, seriously.

But, as always, there seemed to be a conspiracy afoot. We have seen this before -- Rohit Sharma getting out in the 2015 World Cup quarterfinal, only for the ball to be called a no-ball; Liton Das being given out stumped in the 2018 Asia Cup final when, as we all know, if it was an Indian batsman the third umpire would have hit the green light in hopes of seeing more green.

Well, this time, the Tigers had to wait till the last game of Group A to know who their first opponents would be. Bangladesh will play their first match of the World Cup against the team that finished second in Group A.

“We thought at first that we would play Sri Lanka, then we thought we would play Namibia after they beat Sri Lanka. Now it is the Netherlands,” said a member of the team management wishing anonymity, or maybe this correspondent imagined the conversation.

“As you know, we are a team of planners. We like to plan well ahead of time according to the team we will play. This time, however, the boys were glued to the TV till Thursday night to get valuable insights into their potential opponents,” the imaginary or anonymous team management member said.

They were sure Namibia would beat the UAE, but UAE – the team Bangladesh beat recently – managed to beat Namibia, thus ensuring that the African nation would not make it to Hobart to square off against Bangladesh.

“This is the reason we have been unable to settle on a team combination. If only we could play India, Pakistan or South Africa first up, we would have known what strategy to go with.”

When this correspondent asked his imaginary friend what their plan would have been for the second or third matches if all their mental energy was spent on the combination of the first match, the anonymous member said, “It wouldn't matter, if we win the first match, the momentum would have carried us to the title. But now, I cannot say we will win because our opponents were confirmed so late.”

WHEN READERS WRITE

Entrepreneur says 17th venture is going to be next big thing

This time for sure, he adds

BY BLUFF CORRESPONDENT

Local entrepreneur Belon Mahmud has announced on social media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Uber, Foodpanda, Pathao, and Twitter) that his next venture is going to be the next Big Thing. This will be Mahmud's 17th venture, following his first 16 ventures that gave him some popularity or notoriety, depending on who you ask.

This reporter was lucky enough to interview the fabled Mahmud at a cafe in the tristate area last Thursday. When asked why he is not on TikTok, where all the current social media market potential is, he appeared a little distressed before quickly recovering.

“You will see something from me very soon. That's all I can share right now,” he said with a grimace, which may also have been an attempt at a mysterious smile.

“I will most likely become a millionaire any day now, with the enhanced product I'm releasing soon,” he stated.

“It's a modern and enhanced product made for the future, that's all I can tell you at the moment. Don't be surprised if you see me on the Forbes 69 under 96 list,” added Belon Mahmud, who will turn 39 this year.

He declined to go into the specifics of the product. “It's a modern and enhanced product made for the future, that's all I can tell you at the moment. Don't be surprised if you see me on the Forbes 69 under 96 list,” added Belon Mahmud, who will turn 39 this year.

After some thought, he added, “But if you don't see me on the list it might be because the magazine was taken over by a bunch of demagogues and has since become trash.”

At this point in the conversation, a man walked into the cafe and joined a group of people there, not noticing Mahmud at all.

“That's Akkas Abbas Akash, he's a traitor,” a rather irritated Belon informed yours truly.

Akash was the co-founder of Belon Mahmud's first venture, EggOn. EggOn used to buy broken eggs from grocery stores and sell them to individuals who would then use these to egg the houses of people who crossed them.

While the business quickly gained popularity, it ultimately failed due to limited profitability. It is rumoured that the business shut

down for good after someone used EggOn products to egg Mahmud's house.

Akash currently heads the South Asia division of HechkiDC Bank.

“So what if he owns a Mercedes now? I am my own boss and will be rich real soon, and he is a corporate slave on a fixed salary. He betrayed me and decided to get an MBA. I will never forgive him,” said Mahmud, who failed his SSC exam 19 times.

On the issue of wages, this correspondent asked Mahmud about allegations regarding his failure to pay people he employed in his previous 16 ventures.

He scoffed at this, claiming that he isn't some shark exploiting employees by promising to pay them in exposure. “I will pay them in real money of course, once I start making some.”

Some of his previous employees have been waiting for 15 years.

It is worth noting that Mahmud has made such announcements before without any actual products materialising. “I don't like to use the word failure. Everything that I have ever done has been leading up to this moment. It's all part of a grand plan that has been in the works since I was a wee sperm cell,” said Belon Mahmud.



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