

#PRESS RELEASES

# Stories in the Park! A book launching event held by Guba Books at Gulshan

Guba books, a dual language children's book publisher and online store, organised an event called 'Stories in the Park!' in Justice Shahabuddin Park in the capital's Gulshan neighbourhood, in collaboration with Lets Read, The Asia Foundation, and Bookworm Bangladesh. The event saw various children's books launched in both English and Bangla like Ami Bokul, Sun Moon Secret, and Where are the Chonchols?

"It was in Shantiniketon that Rabindranath Tagore envisioned learning amidst nature. And that's what we should encourage our children to do; to be more out in the open, engage in reading books instead of cooped up inside the house all the time. We also want them to read books that portray our cultural

background and their inspiring sides," said Shazia Omar, author of the book Sun Moon Secret, which was illustrated by the French illustrator Sophie Cousinié, tells the story of young twin sisters Surya and Chandra who wield magical powers to save their village from droughts, while discussing the theme of exploring one's true potential.

Any parent will tell you how much they would want their children to develop the healthy habit of reading and spending quality time outside their homes. Unfortunately, parents in Dhaka don't have many options as there's a dearth of quality books for the children to read that is available locally, or an ideal playground.

So, it was heartening to see efforts are



being made to encourage children towards a healthy living and make reading a part of their habit growing up. True to the theme of this event, a serene corner of the park was picked to set up the premises of the event, with an abundance of open areas, children were seen running around, inquiring about the kinds of

books that were on display and when they got tired, they were treated with book reading sessions and musical performances!

"The goal of Guba Books is to publish books for kids. Since there aren't many options for kids to have fun in the city, we planned a book launch event with a variety of entertaining activities. By going to the Guba books website, you can purchase the books, additionally the books will be accessible in other book stores in the near future," said Raya Rahman, Founder and Publisher of Guba Books.

**By Feda Al Hossain**

Essentials:

Guba Books website: <https://gubabooks.com/>

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**ARIES**  
(MAR. 21-APR. 20)

Leave things as they are for now. Consider starting your own business. Make some extra cash. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



**TAURUS**  
(APR. 21-MAY 21)

Spend time with loved ones. Don't expect too much from others. Your attitudes may be changing rapidly. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



**GEMINI**  
(MAY 22-JUN. 21)

Make changes that will enhance your appearance. Your talents are likely to be discovered. Set your priorities straight. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



**CANCER**  
(JUN. 22-JUL. 22)

Social events will be plentiful. Start planning that vacation. Make changes to your home that will be pleasing to everyone. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



**LEO**  
(JUL. 23-AUG. 22)

Don't overspend on anything. Pleasure trips will be favourable. Financial ventures may pay off. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



**VIRGO**  
(AUG. 23-SEP. 23)

Your lack of attention can affect things. Self-deception about relationships is a problem. Don't spend unless absolutely necessary. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



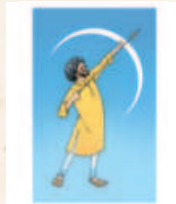
**LIBRA**  
(SEP. 24-OCT. 23)

Look into physical enhancement programs. Peers may not be on your side. Deal with your problems in a healthy manner. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



**SCORPIO**  
(OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

Deal with any pending legal affairs. Don't overspend on loved ones. Investments may be misrepresented this week. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Chances for romantic encounters are likely this week. Take advantage of any travel opportunities. Expand your business awareness. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



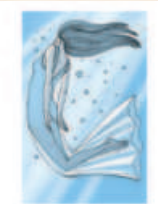
**CAPRICORN**  
(DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Avoid taking any unnecessary risk. Re-evaluate your goals and objectives. Your unique approach will attract new acquaintances. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



**AQUARIUS**  
(JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

Make money through your creative efforts. You will do well in group endeavours. Loved ones can give you good advice. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



**PISCES**  
(FEB. 20-MAR. 20)

Go out with friends or family. Assess the current situation correctly and take action. Be discreet about your personal life. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



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