

Student entrepreneurs balance studies and business, INSPIRE YOUNG GENERATION



Md Tahsan Farzeen, Moments of Memories.



Lutfun Nahar Rodela, Riri Charms.

While traditionally working part-time as a teaching assistant, intern, magazine writer, or home tutor has been quite common, the era of student entrepreneurs has begun. From baking cakes to running jewellery stalls and owning software companies, they have opened a new world of opportunities for themselves. We have gathered stories from three inspirational student entrepreneurs, who are the torchbearers of future entrepreneurship.

Prioritising business over academics

During the university admission phase, Md Tahsan Farzeen, a student from the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, decided to start selling photographs on his Instagram page, "Moments of Memories."

What started with an initial investment of Tk 700 has now generated revenue of Tk 35 lakh in almost three years.

Tahsan recalls, "I did not take much pressure during university admissions, so I decided to start something on an experimental basis with my savings."

Before switching his academic route to BBA, he initially enrolled in the CSE department. However, handling the business alongside studying a subject with such rigorous coursework was tough, especially due to the limitations in time management.

Tahsan adds, "It was an advantage to study BBA alongside doing business. I have already experienced practically much of what is taught during the lectures."

Besides, the BBA course helped him acquire theoretical knowledge, which he thinks is essential to manage his business when it expands in the future.

"Given that I belong to a middle-class family, without this business, I might have had to drop out of university, as private university tuition fees are quite high," he says.

Tahsan proudly mentions, "Since the very first day I got into university, I had not taken a single

Student entrepreneurship in Bangladesh is rising, with young people turning hobbies and ideas into profitable businesses while balancing studies.

Md Tahsan Farzeen built a photography business from Tk 700 to Tk 35 lakh in three years, managing academics alongside full-time business operations.

Md Ali Razin co-founded Bot Engineers to promote robotics and innovation, driven by curiosity and the freedom to fail as a student.

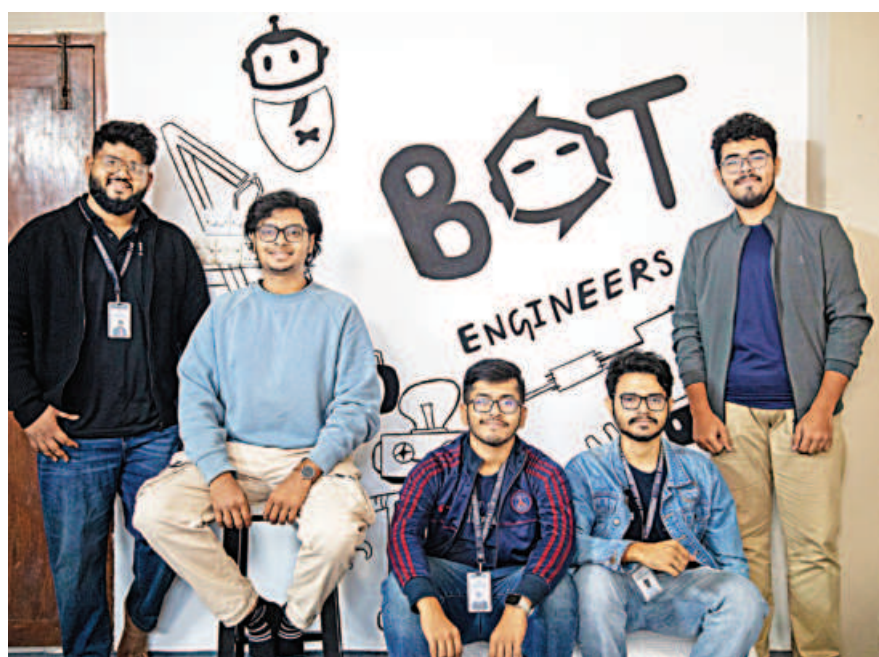
Lutfun Nahar Rodela started Riri Charms, a jewellery business, during the pandemic, leveraging her age and creativity to understand customer needs.

penny from my parents. Starting from the tuition fee to any miscellaneous spending, everything has been covered by me."

When inquired about his incentive to keep going, he shared his story of falling into a loophole, "As I was spending more time in business, my CGPA fell, which reduced the waiver I used to get, and that made me work even harder in my business to cover up for the extra finances."

Now, the real question is how he manages his studies despite working an average of 8 hours daily. He replies, "I try to make the most out of my classes in university and make sure to revise well before the exams."

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Md Ali Razin (extreme left) with colleagues at Bot Engineers.



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