

# BRACU EXPRESS

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## Rocking the stage once more

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BRAC University Cultural Club is one of the oldest (and grandest) clubs of BRAC University. Many of BRACU's exceptional alumni come from their ranks, and its members generally carry a sense of pride and attachment to the club. So to celebrate its whopping 15 years of continuance, "Best of BUCUC" was held at the university premises on 12th of July.

The show began around 2pm at the Building 2 Indoor Auditorium, with lively dance performances from Aniqa Nawar, Puja Mitra and Devleena Gharami, followed by a few more performances from the deep talent pool of the club. Alumni and current mentors of the club such as Miftah

Zaman, Imran Khan, Tahmid Hossain, Saptak Khan, Mehedi Hasan Dew, Sadan Kabir and Atif Imtiaz dazzled the audience with their electrifying and captivating performances across various genres, like folk, rock, classical, funk rock and fusion, as well as an instrumental cover as a bonus.

The event featured mentors, returning to the stage, once again, as performers and anchors. It was a full house, attended by a large crowd of enthusiastic BRAC University students.

Finally, as a cherry on top, the reputed and extremely popular singer accompanied by his band, Arnob and Friends, graced the stage. His set list included fan favourites, much to the exuberance of the crowd.



Pictures from Memory Lane

## Electrifying roadshow at BRACU

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Participants pose with panel members after show

Grameenphone, on 16th July, arranged a road show on Telenor Youth Forum (TYF) on BRAC University premises for the budding and eager youths of the university. The speakers' panel for the event featured distinguished personnel from Grameenphone and many inspiring BRAC University alumni who are part of Grameenphone's power staff. Dr. Iftexhar Ghani Chowdhury, the Dean of BRAC Business School, welcomed the esteemed guests with his warm speech. In accordance with the theme of Digitalization for Peace, Shabbir Hossain, Head of E-commerce & Payments, Grameenphone talked about the digital revolution in Bangladesh during recent years, while the Director of Shared Services, People and Organization, Syed Tanvir Husain explained how to embrace peace with digitisation.

The Telenor Youth Forum provides the exciting opportunity to collaborate with youth across national boundaries and to showcase talent and passion. If selected as a Telenor Youth Forum delegate, they will attend the kick-off event in Oslo, December 8-11, 2017.

## Meet the entrepreneur

ADIBA M PROMA



CEO of Humac Lab, Mubir Chowdhury, shares insight about the entrepreneurial life

On 11th July, students of BRAC University with an entrepreneurial bent were delighted at the chance to interact with reputed professionals, through the 12th season of "Meet the Entrepreneur", hosted by Entrepreneurship Development Forum (EDF). The seminar, called "Market Research for Startups", started at 11 am at the Building 3 Indoor Games Room and specifically focused on the importance

of understanding and picking a niche market before one can start their own business. The event consisted of two guest speakers: Ahmad AD, CEO and cofounder of hungrynaki.com and Md Mubir M Chowdhury, CEO and cofounder of Humac Lab Ltd, as well as CEO and Lead Consultant of 'Beyond Rationale'. Highly successful in their respective fields, both talked about the roller coaster ride entrepreneurship actually is. Ahmad AD encouraged the audience to chase their dreams, telling them the success story of Hungrynaki and how in a short span of time, they were able to fund themselves and compete with an international food delivery company such as Foodpanda. Md Mubir, on the other hand, compared the pros and cons of having a job versus those of being an entrepreneur, emphasizing on the importance of starting early and keeping a keen eye out for lucrative business opportunities. He also mentioned his personal failures and advised the young students to not be discouraged by failures. A Q&A round followed after the speeches, where the students were able to clear out their queries as well as get insights from the two talented entrepreneurs. The event ended with the former vice-president of the club encouraging students to help their country and thanking the guest speakers with a token of appreciation.

## BRIEFS

**BRACU MONON presents ICU**

One of the most anticipated events, the semesterly show “Intensive Comedy Unit” was held at the BRACU auditorium on 11th July. The show started off with the national anthem, followed by a dance performance by two freshmen. More singing and dance performances followed, along with a beat-boxing performance by Double Nisshash. It was a spectacular and much-enjoyed addition to the semesterly series of shows.

**Onnesha deployment**

The deployment of BRAC ONNESHA from the International Space Station on the 7th of July was celebrated with a grand display at the BRACU Auditorium. The event started at 2.30pm with a conference call with Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, Kyoto University and the International Space Station. After the deployment at 3.10pm, people at JAXA congratulated both Bangladesh and Nigeria, which also deployed one of their satellites. The Vice Chancellor, who was present at the event, thanked the related agencies, including BTRC, SPARRO, Birds project, NASA, JAXA, as well as the three engineers who worked hard on the project.

**Promoting “proper” parenting**

On July 15th, the counselling unit of BRAC University organized a seminar on parenting, named “Parenting with Mutual Respect and Trust”. With around 130 participants, the seminar was facilitated by Professor Mehtab Khanam, Chairperson of the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology from University of Dhaka and Adviser to the Counselling Unit of BRAC University. He discussed the implications of non-violent and empathetic communication between parent and child. Lady Syeda Sarwat Abed was also present and emphasized on the significance of parenting for the overall development of adolescents. The seminar promoted the necessity of a healthy parent-child relationship highlighting the need of empathetic understanding between parents and children.

## Accio art!



The Art Society organised an art exhibition on the 9th and 10th of July showcasing over 200 pieces of art and craftsmanship by members of the student body. The event gained even more praise as the decorations were all Harry Potter-themed, which delighted visitors (and fans).

The artwork featured both sketches and coloured drawings. The walls were decked with sketches of anime characters, animals, painted sceneries of both mundane reality and moments of fantasy.

There was also a “Quidditch stadium” corner and a Daily Prophet

SUBAH SHAHEEN

“Wizard Wanted” photo booth, a creative attraction that showed how well the Society knew its audience. A large Deathly Hallows symbol acted as the centrepiece of the exhibition with the four Houses’ namesake lanterns surrounding it. The attention to detail displayed by the organizing body was truly remarkable.

The event’s huge success was further established with the attendance of reputable guests: the chairperson and director of Alokito Foundation, Azwal Nayeem and Syeda Tasnima, respectively, and Syed Rashad Imam, a judge of the Banani Wall Art competition.

## Entrepreneurship in space

Riding the BRAC Onnesha hype, the Robotics Club arranged a seminar featuring guest speaker Noor Taofiqul Huq, on the topic of “entrepreneurship in space” on the 5th of July at the GDLN Center. The seminar discussed possible business ideas that would facilitate future human habitation in space.

Being a graduate in aerospace engineering from New South Wales, Sydney, Huq had done plenty of research on space engineering before finally joining

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BlueSat UNSW, a student space society. The speaker described the current state of the space industry, specifically focusing on barriers such as finance and lack of resources.

However, times have been changing and if one plays their cards right, they can indeed be a part of the exponential growth of the space industry and can even have their own startups, as the speaker noted.

All one needs to do is keep a keen eye out for space regulations and stay up-to-date with the latest space technologies. On a pragmatic note, he also explained why launching a satellite from Bangladesh would not be feasible due to its overpopulation and lack of open space.

The event, which lasted for about 1.5 hours, included a video of a rocket launching with Noor Taofiqul Huq describing the details of the various stages of rocket launching. The seminar ended with a Q&A session.

## Tour de Panam

BUKENYA HENRY

“Let us do it again this semester break, any coming holidays, and do it all over again!” This was what every international student was saying by the end of the trip. The trip in question is the one organized by BRAC University for the international students on June 29th during the Eid holidays.

Initially, the holiday seemed like any other time, since many of our friends were in the villages for Eid. All seemed perfect: from takeoff, to the empty roads due to the absence of the great Dhaka



Students at Panam city

traffic, to the long highway travel accompanied by soothing music and glittering smiles. The atmosphere crumbled, once it collided head-on with the scorching summer heat, upon arrival at Sonargaon Museum. We were accompanied by Miss Ismaat Shereen, the head of Relation Management Office, and Miss Rubi

Akhter, along with senior students Sadnan Kabir of BRAC Business School and Shifat Uddin of EEE department, and lastly the Senior Assistant Director of Administration of BRAC University, Md Nurul Islam.

Eventually, the heat was forgotten due to the welcoming smiles of the native people, stressing the magic of Bangladeshi hospitality for visitors. Slowly we went from low to high spirits while visiting the sculptures depicting ancient Bangladesh life at the museum, and continued onto Panam City. The tour rounded off with the visit to the Taj Mahal replica; a spectacular view to end a spectacular trip.

# OPINION & ACADEMICS

## Appraising life and law

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MAHPARA S KHAN

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**Dr Md Rizwanul Islam, Associate Professor from the School of Law, BRAC University speaks to BRACU Express about his research and life as an academic.**



*How long have you been an academic? What made you choose this career?*

I entered academia in May 2006 and have been teaching at BRACU since August 2011. Being an academic appealed to me; because it meant freedom. In academia, the saying goes that you get paid for a lifestyle. One can choose one's research agenda, tailor their syllabus, pursue and create knowledge, influence young minds; and in some ways, stay young in one's own mind.

*What research have you been involved with lately?*

Last year I wrote an article which was published in the Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal. Currently, I am working on a citation guide for law. Once I am done with it, I will start working on a World Trade Organization (WTO) law topic involving a case between Bangladesh and India,

which will try to determine the extent to which economically backward countries can seek legal remedies in the WTO Dispute Settlement Body.

*Could you tell us about your first research publication?*

I embarked on my very first publication while I was doing my Masters. I tweaked my paper based on my academic mentor Michael Chow's feedback, and submitted it for publication. Seeing my name on the cover page of a published academic work was an awesome experience and like a small dream-come-true.

*What is your teaching philosophy?*

Be open, be respectful, be encouraging; but in order to extract the best from my students, I am tough on them when necessary and I do not hesitate to be challenged by them.

## Switching fields

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My first piece of advice to students who are considering changing disciplines would be – do not.

Far too often I hear students talk about “switching fields” as if they are talking about football teams. Understand that this is a serious decision that will have significant and enduring effects on your life, and should not be based on whims and romanticism. Finding something somewhat interesting or reading some articles online is very different from studying in an academic field.

What, then, is a good reason to switch fields? Above all, a good reason must be pragmatically driven and directed towards a specific goal. “Getting a degree” has become something that you simply do, but it must be understood that a degree is a tool, not an end in itself. Although we tend to romanticize generalists, I normally discourage students from spreading their base too wide – that is, taking classes in subjects that seem mildly interesting or seem to boost employment prospects. Both employers and universities are interested in specialists.

While studying for my Master's degree in economics, I realized that something was wrong – that this was not what I wanted to do. Economics had never been a “passion” for me. After almost

two years of quite ambitious thinking, ranging from cognitive science to history, it occurred to me that most of this was whimsical reasoning; and that, what I really wanted to do was qualitative, politically conscious social science. After that, my decision to aim for anthropology programs, along with sociology and political science programs, followed naturally. Ultimately, my decision was driven by nothing more idealistic or romantic than research methodology.

My suggestion would be to make a shift, if one's heart is set on it, during undergrad. Once you complete your first degree, it becomes that much harder to shift – there is far too much sunk cost and time wasted.



This piece however is not about discouragement. Life is far too short to be stuck studying something you do not want unless you really need to, so if you can afford to, do explore. But do it right – instead of relying on YouTube and Wikipedia, look up prominent academics in the field you are considering, current topics in the research frontier or the most important publications in the field. If you can, talk to somebody who is already in the field.

Most importantly – do not take it too seriously. “There are many roads to a good life.” - Maybe?

## Narrating Bengali Muslim history: “The Mind, the Modern and the Puthi”

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AFSANA A NITOL

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On July 6th, the Department of English and Humanities arranged a discussion titled “The Mind, the Modern and the Puthi: Historiographical questions and the narration of Bengali Muslim literary modernity 1964-1981”.

Chairperson Firdous Azim introduced to us Thomas James Newbold, a doctoral candidate at the University of Chicago's South Asian Languages and Civilization Department. His research explores South Asia's transformative early modernity as well as the early colonial period.

Through this discussion, he reminded us that categories such as, ‘Bengali-Muslim’ and ‘modernity’ need to be constantly re-examined. He took two authors, Anisuzzaman and Ahmed Sofa, who have examined these categories in quite different ways, to uphold the conflicts of these notions within the structures of tradition.

Newbold upheld the necessity of problematising certain analytical categories and naturalized idioms too often deployed in the exercise of Bengali literary historiography. “By doing so, it is possible to open up the map as an analytical device,” he contended. The discussion ended after a rousing Q&A session, displaying the success of the lecture.

## SPECIAL

## A Year in

**Farrah Jabeen***Senior Lecturer**BRAC Institute of Languages*

One of my senior colleagues once asked me: “What do you learn from your students?” and my quick response was versatility. My attachment with BRACU Express constantly reminds me of that moment.

Working with BRACU Express gives me the opportunity to experience how my students grow with all efficiency in terms of writing, managing, decision making, and dealing with odds. All these are and will always be an effective remedy for my occasional ‘restless’ disposition. We experience how ‘innocence’ needs to reach the state of ‘experience’ in order to deal with the ‘way of the world’. In this way, facts and fiction: both become essential for us. Consequently, the students exhibit practical leadership rather than the high-flown words (of leadership) that stay in books and oratory.

For the founders of BRACU Express I must say – I am really grateful to you for choosing me to be a part of this complex but refreshing journey. Now, every praise for BRACU Express makes me desirous of more and I know that this gluttony is valid.

For the new members of BRACU Express, the ultimate advice is – do not be intimidated by my scolding. The truth is: I love you all.

In the second ever meeting, our founding editors were huddled at the table, whispering amongst themselves. Our Editor-in-Chief turned to us and heaved a sigh. “The name. We need to change our name,” he said, amidst both laughter (express yourself!) and a few tears. This would set the tone for the coming year in establishment.

Of the true toil and trouble that came before even us, the contributors, only the founders will know the judgment with which our “bosses” navigated dark waters; and for our part, we both adore and abhor their vision to fruition. ‘The BRACU Press Team’ retires; and we hope to carry the torch they have passed.



BRACU Express launches at Club Fair



The founding editorial board with advisor Farrah Jabeen



A standard meeting with the faculty advisory panel

**Roohi Huda***Senior Lecturer**Department of English and Humanities*

Starting a paper was difficult, but running it was perhaps even tougher. There is so much more we wanted to accomplish. News analysis, in-depth stories, better photographs and so on. I am confident that the new editorial board will achieve these and many more.

Conducting the Writing and Editing workshop for the editors and contributors on January 2017 was my privilege, as I had the opportunity to share with the BE staff the topics I teach in my editing course. I enjoyed going over topics like grammar, punctuation, writing headlines and so on with the staff of BE.

The wide variety of articles covered in the newspaper starting from BRACU releasing the nanosatellite into space to how Annanya has been helpful for our students over the years is simply amazing! I enjoy being part of the BE meetings where we have a chance to meet face to face and talk about our agenda. The enthusiasm of the students reminds me of the days I worked as a contributing editor for the campus newspaper while doing my BA in the States.

**Md Ahnaf Rahman**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

It took us a while to get the ball rolling, but when the first issue was released, we knew that we had achieved our goal. Now, as we are subbing off permanently, we leave BRACU Express in capable hands that will surely knock it out of the park.

**Waes Y Islam**  
*Sports Editor & Social Media Manager*

When frustrated: It is just, their opinion, man.

**Luba L Khalili**  
*Opinions Editor*

# FEATURE

## the Press

t themselves about changes, when we arrived. Upon questioning on what changes, said. Thus, BRACU Express emerged from the ashes of the BRACU Press, amidst establishing our university newspaper.

ow. Testimonials from our faculty advisors showcase the tenacity and sound for these stubborn and indomitable creatures who drove us and each other to bring passed on to us with every bit of pride and love for this paper that they had.



Advisory Panel of the BRACU Express



An excited BE team celebrates their first publishing



Advisor Roohi Huda conducting the Writing workshop

Flipping through the voyage of BRACU Express, it has not been quite easy to spawn a thematic speck. However, it is now fair to say that despite the numerous hiccups that came our way, amusing each of our readers every issue has become a compulsion for us. With an impressive editorial staff succeeding us, we can humbly step down. But from me, it is not a farewell, but a ‘see you soon BE’.



**Nusrat Naushin**  
*Managing Editor*

The whole idea of being part of BRAC University’s first and only campus newspaper appealed to me. The enthusiasm and willpower that I witnessed in the team and in our faculty members changed my stance towards life: nothing is impossible if you set your heart on it.



**Raisa Rahim**  
*Off Campus Editor & Layout Designer*

**Shehzad M Arifeen**

*Lecturer  
Department of Economics  
and Social Sciences*



When Ms Farrah Jabeen first asked me to be an advisor to the BRACU Express team, I was both sceptical and hopeful. I knew that this was an initiative that the university badly needed - and I was excited to be a part of that - but I did not think that they would actually be able to pull it off.

I was wrong.

By ‘they’, of course, I mean the founding Editorial Board. Over the past year, I have had the privilege of working with them, and witnessing the effort and dedication that went into building this from the ground up. The Express is now widely read on campus, and greatly appreciated by both faculty and students (something else I was originally sceptical of).

The founding team has surpassed all expectations, and I trust that this will continue to be true for all that they do in the future. While their successors undoubtedly have some big shoes to fill, I have no doubt that by the time we say goodbye to them, they will have set the bar even higher, and I sincerely look forward to working with them.

**Farhaan Uddin Ahmed**

*Lecturer  
School of Law*



BRACU Express is the outcome of the founding Editorial Board’s bold vision and Ms Farrah Jabeen’s unflinching devotion to the cause. As an advisor, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the hard work and dedication of the BRACU Express Team that has resulted in making BRACU Express a prominent feature of student life at BRAC University. I have been greatly impressed by the professionalism and maturity shown by the team, especially during some difficult and demanding times.

I am confident that members of the team have learned a lot during their time at BRACU Express and hopefully, they will take these experiences and go on to do great things in the future. I, too, have learned a lot during my tenure as an advisor and it would take an essay to enunciate all of them. The founding members are a brilliant concoction of visionaries and pragmatists, and I wish them the very best for the future, and for the succeeding team, a quote from Robert Frost:

“...The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep...”

## OFF CAMPUS

## “To learn is to grow”

SHABIBA BENTA HABIB

We always think our ability to learn something new diminishes with age; we blame our weakening brains, our stamina and society at large – it is not unusual to see a person after 35 going back to school. In that case, Beth Trudell might be a statistical outlier. How often do we hear about someone finishing another Master’s degree at the age of 60? Well, that is what Beth did, acting on the sheer wish to learn and do something new, even when she was at a place in life which, by conventional notion, can be marked as settled.

Beth Trudell, an English Language Fellow at our university, works directly with the faculty of the BRAC Institute of Languages (BIL) to help them shape a better curriculum and teach more liberally. She also helps out at the BRAC Center, focusing on helping rural teachers gain more knowledge and confidence, and shape better opportunities for them and their students.



Beth Trudell at her BIL space

Having extensive experience in teaching and guiding foreign citizens as an educator back home, Beth decided she wanted to do more international work as part of her retirement plan. Getting a Master’s in teaching English as a second language and handing in her retirement, she flew into Bangladesh when her application was granted. She helped shape the current interactive Pre-University curriculum and changed the way the English courses are taught.

Beth applauded the zest of learning that the teachers – both rural and urban – possess when presented with new ideas. She especially gives thanks to Lady Syeda Sarwat Abed for encouraging her to come back every year and see more of what our country has to offer. Since she has seen so much of Bangladesh, it has become a second home to her, she says. She looks forward to coming back to the warm welcomes of her colleagues and students every year.

## Novel cities and ‘real cities’

AYESHA R CHOWDHURY

June 8th, a Thursday, the end of a long week called for a little extra excitement. We had planned a half-day tour for our ENG262 course “The Urban Novel” where the class would travel to the Bengal Institute for Architecture, Landscapes and Settlements to see a model of Dhaka displayed earlier in 2016 at the exhibition “Next Dhaka: New Visions of the City”. The idea of this course is to create an interdisciplinary platform where we could engage with cities as represented in literature and then realize the dimensions of what we read and what we experience as city-dwellers; this tour would provide us with an informed exposure to ‘real’ cities.

On arriving, we were immediately transported to a less jarring and chaotic urban space, abundant with greenery and wildlife, an anecdotal flock of ducks leading us to a quaint little pond! Beckoned inside, we met a Mahmudul Islam Chowdhury, who acted as our tour guide.

Mr Islam discussed the problems of designing and executing a model landscape of Dhaka and how in fact the city itself could be seen from different perspectives. This alternative view took into consideration heritage and history, and wove it into the new design of the city, and made it more accessible to the wider population. We were also introduced to Kazi K Ashraf, an architectural historian who focuses on the intersection of architecture, landscape and city in his writings.

The tour embodied the essence of a city: unearthing hidden territories, discovering connections to each other – be it through a network of perfunctory relationships or public incidents – the imaginations of the people imprinted on buildings and landscapes.

## From dreams to virtual reality

FAHIM IMTIAZ

Nerdiz.com launches the first ever virtual reality learning platform in Bangladesh. For a student of BRAC University, it was in no way an easy journey, nor should it have been, considering an innovation of this magnitude.

As all big things happen with an initiative by someone, it all started with an ordinary person: Pradepto Kumar Shah, who like many others, had an idea. The founder and CEO of Nerdiz toiled a year and a half to turn this notion into a reality. Ideas come and go, but what set Pradepto apart was the drive he had to push it towards realising his ambition.

The first obstacle he had to face were the naysayers, who told him that it could not be done, that he was “still only a student”. But Pradepto

was determined. After conducting intensive research and devising a business plan, the next thing on the agenda was the search for a web development firm that would be willing and able to provide him a suitable platform. During the process, he struggled to convey what virtual reality was in his pitches, a relatively new concept in our country. Eventually, a software firm agreed, but then the struggle turned to the issue of finances.

Pradepto had to buy expensive equipment, and had decided beforehand not to ask for financial support. His savings for the project had amounted to enough for an initial investment, but buying the equipment alone would take a heavy toll on his budget. When asked what he thought when faced with the decision, he said, “I drew inspiration from my father. My father is successful today because



Pradepto Kumar Shah, founder of Nerdiz.com

he enjoyed taking risks. I knew I had to risk something to obtain something in return.”

‘Let’s make education cool’ is the motto of the Nerdiz team, and learning through virtual reality does sound cool indeed. Pradepto envisions the implementation of Nerdiz in a majority of schools, and enrichment of education for students all around the country.

# SPORTS & HEALTH

## BUFL breakdown



BUFL-2017									
Group A									
Sr	CLUB	P	W	L	D	GS	GC	GD	PTS
1	EDF	5	4	1	0	8	1	+7	12
2	NSC	5	3	0	2	3	0	+3	11
3	CuC	5	2	1	2	5	3	+2	8
4	MONON	5	0	2	3	0	2	-2	3
5	PC	5	0	2	3	0	6	-6	3
6	BizBee	5	0	3	2	0	4	-4	2

  

Group B									
Sr	CLUB	P	W	L	D	GS	GC	GD	PTS
1	IGC	5	2	1	2	4	2	+2	8
2	BUAC	5	2	2	1	3	2	+1	7
3	BUFC	5	2	2	1	2	3	-1	7
4	IABC	5	1	1	3	2	1	+1	6
5	BULS	5	1	1	3	2	2	0	6
6	DTF	5	1	2	2	1	4	-3	5

The BRACU Football League (BUFL) kicked off on Friday, 14th July. The initial hype building up to the BUFL had been largely overshadowed by the inter-university tournament. However, this only served to spice up the competition with the managers making last minute changes to their tactics, due to the limited availability of the players who also played for the

inter-university squad.

It was a mostly quiet first day of matches. EDF hit the ground running in the first game of day one, thrashing BUPC 3-0 with goals from Robeen, Saadman and the in form Aranya. This was certainly the most exciting game of day one, as most of the following matches ended in a goalless draw. Only IABC's "Zlatan" Simum managed to put two past BUFC's goal line, earning them a valuable 3 points. The only two other teams that managed a victory were IGC and AC, with a goal each from Sazzad and Sadman respectively.

Things started to heat up on the second and third match day, and not just literally. The urgency had kicked in and it showed in the uptake in the number of goals as well as yellow cards. EDF topped group A with 12 points, followed by NSC with

FAHIM IMTIAZ

11. CuC came in third with 8 points and MONON were the only club that qualified for the next round having won none of their matches, while PC and BizBee were knocked out. Group B was more evenly contested. IGC topped the group with 8 points. Goal difference came into play as IABC topped BULS by one goal to clinch the final qualifying spot. BUAC and BUFC claimed the second and third positions, also separated by just two goals.

This article is up-to-date in coverage of BUFL at the time of writing. The rest of the coverage will be done real-time via our Facebook page. We would like to wish all the teams the best of luck and may the best team win.

## The game on board

SHITAB M ISLAM



IntraUniversity Chess Tournament at Anandopur

### RS-45 meets their match

On July 7th, the BUChC team sets forth for the Savar campus for the Intra-university chess tournament Summer '17. The competition took place at Anandopur, the RS-45 players just twiddling their thumbs for a pawn promotion. Around a hundred players participated in the tournament, competing against the internationally rated (by the World Chess Federation, FIDE) players of BRACU. The RS troops were worthy opponents, but in the end the top 4 spots were secured by members of the BUChC team. Mohammad Shakil held onto the title for the second time in a row and Husain Ejaz earned the runner-up spot.



Champion Noshita with the president of BUChC

### The Queen's Gambit

On July 14th, BRAC University Chess Club (BUChC) organized the first ever Intra-University Women's Chess Tournament in BRAC University, Mohakhali campus. An outstanding showdown among the chess athletes transpired and the games were demonstrations of tactical brilliance. The tournament was monitored by the arbiter Haroon ur Rashid and was played by the official international rules and standards. Noshita Nowrin emerged as the first Women's Champion. Following up in second and third places were Suzana Shuvra and Saima Rahin respectively.

## Semifinal curse strikes again!

SAMIUL HASAN

The Walton first Inter-University Football Tournament co-organized by Green University and Shonali Otit Club was inaugurated on 12th July at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, which along with Bir Shreshtha Mostafa Kamal Stadium were the two venues. BRAC University were among 19 other teams participating in this competition. The tournament was a testimonial to Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain, who had died during the Holey Artisan attack last year.

BRAC University made a blistering start to the tournament. The team secured a 3-0 win against Stamford University in the first match of the group stages thanks to a classy second half performance. Vice captain "Sir" Rafi put in a man-of-the-match performance that led the team to a 3-1 victory over IUBAT (International University of Business

Agriculture and Technology). Cheered on by a raucous crowd, our team thrashed Primeasia university 6-0, and Shahzeer picked up his second MOTM award. The team faced an aggressive East West University team in the last group stage match. Shahzeer came to the rescue once again, winning and converting a late penalty. Captain



Onwards and upwards team BRACU!

Ahnaf deservedly secured the MOTM award and BRACU progressed to the quarterfinals as group champions.

The fans were treated to an exquisite 6-0 display in the quarterfinal against Daffodil

University. MOTM Rakin was on fire on and off the pitch, with four brilliant goals to his name. Shahzeer continued his fine scoring form. During a post match interview, the interviewer asked "How do you feel about BRAC University's chances at winning this tournament?" to which Rakin replied "Everyone in the team trusts each other. I'm 100/100 hopeful we will win." Unfortunately, everyone's favorites BRACU had to bow out with a 3-0 defeat to organizers Green University in the semifinal. Green University were by far the toughest team in the competition, having players with professional as well as national level experience.

Although the injustice still rankled, everyone who witnessed the game left the stadium proud. The loss only served to ignite a determination amongst our players, to bring home the trophy next time. Onwards and upwards team BRACU!

We humbly apologize for oversight which led to lines in the article "Chikungunya outbreak" in our last issue published on July 9, 2017, being insufficiently distinguished from the source article by the World Health Organization. We extend our sincerest apologies from the BRACU Express team if this led to any confusion or inconvenience. If any reader detects an error, factual or otherwise, please send us an email with the details at [bracuexpress@gmail.com](mailto:bracuexpress@gmail.com).

# ENTERTAINMENT

## GAME OF THRONES

**HELP ARYA STARK ESCAPE KING'S LANDING WITHOUT RUNNING INTO ANY OF THE OBSTACLES.**

**TRAUMATIZING HEAD OF SEAN BEAN!!!!**

**SOCIOPATHIC TEEN KING!!!**

**(FREEDOM)**

**SANSA ACTING LIKE A MAD QUEEN !!!**

Even as we celebrate one year of BRACU Express, the moment is bittersweet, as we must also bid farewell to its founding members: Ahnaf, Nusrat, Luba, Raisa, Waes, Meem and Nahian, as they move forward in their lives. We will miss them dearly and wish them luck as they step into bigger, brighter futures.

**YOU WILL BE MISSED**

### #TRENDING

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### Horoscope

**Capricorn**: Social media getting too loud, Facebook? Do follow them all and then maybe move to a cam.

**Aries**: Oh Aries, saving pennies in this capitalist society? Tak, Tak. Free inflation and just go for that much needed retail therapy already.

**Virgo**: Crying over the ghost of your dead dreams and aspirations, Virgo? Don't worry; you'll be laughing about it in the future. Life itself will become a joke soon.

**Libra**: Getting last minute to a birthday surprise when you were supposed to help decorate? Libra, you have the concept of fashionably late all the wrong.

**Scorpio**: Of course La La land does not have a happy ending. Get over it, Cancer. It is not Ho Ho Land.

**Sagittarius**: It is not meant to be easy Sagittarius. Not if you start the day before the deadline with no prep done. No, making a coffee for late night company does not count.

**Aquarius**: All! Aquarius, you are the great water carrier. Maybe do something nice for your dear Pisces friends this week? Take them to a Thai place.

**Pisces**: Pisces, it is important that you avoid Aquarius for a while. They may look kind but are not to be trusted. Don't go anywhere with them unless you have something sturdy to

<p>ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT AS HOUSE TYRELL</p> <p>DESCENDING STAIRING</p>	<p>ISS DEPARTMENT AS HOUSE LANNISTER</p> <p>A LANNISTER IS NEVER A BAD DEBT</p>	<p>CSSEEECE DEPARTMENTS AS HOUSE STARK</p> <p>RETAKE IS COMING</p>	<p>ENH DEPARTMENT AS HOUSE TULLY</p> <p>DRAMA, POETRY, SHAKESPEARE</p>
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