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BRACU launches android mobile app

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After three years of work and dedication, BRAC University launched its official mobile app called “BRACU Mobile”. It is a part of an initiative to bring the BRACU community closer and keep everyone more connected. A launching programme was held at GDLN on June 15th, which was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor Dr Syed Saad Andaleeb and attended by all departmental heads, teachers and other staff.

The app, which is currently available only on Google Play Store, will not only help students find all the necessary information related to their academics faster, but will also allow public access to university-related data as per requirement. The app contains features like “Links” and “Contacts”,



Home page of the official BRACU mobile app

which are self-explanatory in that they categorise necessities accordingly. Moreover, features such as “News”, “Events” and “Announcements” will help keep everyone informed on what is happening around campus; especially the “DSpace” icon which gives access to institutional data from

BRACU Institutional Repository.

Students will be able to access USIS by clicking the button “Student Login”, thus allowing them to use all the features of USIS—including pre-advising—as well as access to their routines, grade-sheet, exam schedules, and so on. They will even have the

option to find the day’s schedule by the press of a button with “Today’s Schedule”.

The app also has the BRACU anthem, photos and videos of all the events that happen around campus. It includes a cafeteria menu so that students can easily find out what the cafeteria is offering.

Students have already expressed their appreciation for the new app. “I actually quite like the new app,” says Tahsin, “It is common knowledge that we students are always on our phones. It is good to see BRACU is improvising to adapt.”

An IOS version of that app is already in the making, and one can expect at least two new features to be added to the app by next year. The students are encouraged to provide feedback on the app so that they can further improve the user experience.

In the true spirit of Ramadan

SUBAH SHAHEEN



Handing over gifts during programme

The Community Service Club of BRAC University (BUCSC) attempted to make Eid a little more joyous for some 300 plus underprivileged families of Dhaka.

In collaboration with “Help for Deprived Foundation”, they took the initiative to provide iftaar to over three hundred street children for five days. To spread the happiness and festivity of Eid, new clothes for the children were provided and a hearty ration of comestibles such as sugar, milk and shemai were donated.

Standing in solidarity with the less fortunate, the club opened a donation booth on June 17th where they only accepted non-monetary donations for the cause. “We didn’t want to hassle them for the products so we got it ourselves,” was how Antara Tarannum, President of BUCSC, put it. As it turned out, the student body greatly sympathized with the cause and, in the end, the collected contributions provided for around 500 families. The club members of BUCSC made significant personal donations as well which were all handed over to the families on the 18th of June in a small programme.

Keep the ‘competition culture’ alive

FAHIM IMTIAZ

The East West University Agro Industrialization Club, in a strategic partnership with Seed to Lead (a consulting agency), organised the ‘EWU Supply Chain Challenge 2017’, the first ever inter-university agro-based competition held in Bangladesh, and the 2nd largest inter-university competition with 295 teams participating from 29 universities around the nation. The sole representative team from BRAC University consisted of Syed Mohammad Faizaan, Dayan Al Noor and Afra Tasnim Samonti, who called themselves Tesseract. As none of the team members were Supply Chain Management majors, they had to invest time separately to research on the topic itself. “We wanted to give it a shot, if at least for the experience. It was difficult to manage the time to research something relatively alien to us, but our efforts paid off,” said Faizaan of team Tesseract. The teams were given a topic-related case to solve and the top 10 progressed to the final round, where they presented their ideas to



Dayan Al Noor, Afra Tasnim Samonti, and Syed Mohammad Faizaan (left to right) returning from the East West University Supply Chain Challenge 2017

the jury. The jury in the final round consisted of prominent professionals in the field, including Ferdous Alam (Rahim Afroz Renewable Energy Ltd), Mustafiz Ul Islam (Meghna Group of Industries), Saad Aadnan Kabir (Madina Group) and Faria Haque (Career Solution). Tesseract managed to secure the position of 1st runners up in the competition. “More students from our university need to go out and participate in these competitions,” enthused Faizaan. “We need to keep the endangered competition culture alive here.”

BRIEFS

Map Your City @BRACU

The Google Local Guide program is a Google initiative recognized world-wide, where anyone can share their knowledge of places and surroundings and contribute to the Google Maps for better user experience. The event “Map Up Your City @ BRACU” is a Google Local Guide approved event held by the BRACU Computer Club. The main goal of the event was to make the best use of Google Maps and its functionalities. The functions included reviewing places on the map, rating the quality of restaurants and food places, providing correct information on historical places and monuments and so on.

Project Eidi

Project Eidi is an initiative by student Imam Shadin of BRAC University to promote Eid happiness for all, particularly the direly underprivileged families. Funds have been raised through social media, which will be used to provide packets consisting of the basic food items like rice, pulses, cooking oil, milk and so on, which last a family of five for three days. Using past experience in volunteering, Imam Shadin and his team have raised 75 thousand taka of funds with the help of students from NSU, IUB and, of course, BRAC University. As of June 23rd, they have distributed 150 packets to families in slums near Mohammadpur.

Celebrating Russian culture

BRAC University, in collaboration with the Russian Embassy, hosted a two-day event to celebrate Russian culture by sharing it with the students of BRAC University from 13-14 June at the Building 2 Auditorium.

On June 13th, BRAC University Art Society hosted an art exhibition on Photo Retrospective of Russian History, inaugurated by Professor Ansar Ahmed, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, followed by a seminar on higher studies in Russia. The special guest was Alexander Demin, director of Russian Centre of Science and Culture in Bangladesh. On June 14th, a seminar on Russian Literature was held with chief guest Professor Hayat Mahmud, well-known essayist. Other guest speakers included Zaheed Reza Noor (Daily Prothom Alo) and Dr Taibul Hasan Khan (Department of History, Jahangirnagar University). The event ended with a film screening ‘Ilya Morumets’ hosted by BRAC University Film Club.

SHABIBA B HABIB

After the success and excitement from its previous instalment, BIZ BEE (BRAC University Business Club) organised “The E-Carnival 2.0”, an exhibition featuring most of the renowned E-Commerce businesses in the country. The event took place on June 12th, with stalls set up in the auditorium and scattered across the UB1 cafeteria, where volunteers and owners alike catered to their enthusiastic customers.

The event had 20 online-based businesses: namely MIB Spirit (Made in Bangladesh), SM Products, Muze, Designer Collection, Made

with Love, BD Badges HOUSE, Jessy.artistry, Goynar Baksho, Kraftz, AURUM and many more. The event showcased their various products, ranging from accessories to clothes to paintings. Among the businesses, few had been home-grown entrepreneurs such as Humairah Shams (Made with Love) and Humaira Nur Afsana (Goynar Baksho). Special discounts were available exclusively for the event from most of the businesses.

Due to the immense response and the sheer number of sales, the event was extended until June 13th. The budding entrepreneurs enjoyed successful and enjoyable interactions with the students of



Students viewing bookmarks and cards at a stall

BRAC University, hoping to keep their connections past the event. The E-Carnival allowed many businesses to establish their niche markets, as claimed by most attendees. It helped to kick-start their business last time around, therefore returning to such a response was fantastic to behold.

SPOTLIGHT: The National Budget 2017-2018



BUEF organizes “Fundamentals of Budget Analysis”

The Business and Economics Forum organized its fourth annual seminar on “Fundamentals of Budget Analysis”. Former advisor of

the caretaker government and Professor of BRAC Business School, Dr A B Mirza Azizul Islam, was the guest and keynote speaker. Students and media personalities were also present. The keynote speaker discussed the preparatory process of budget, followed by an interactive question-answer session.

Similarly, on May 25th, BRAC University Economics Club, in association with ESS department, organized ‘National Budget 2017-18’: a panel discussion linking education

and employment, helmed by Dr A B Mirza Azizul Islam, Professor ATM Nurul Amin, Chairperson of ESS and Dr Fahmida Khatun, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue. The speakers shared their valuable insights regarding the current state of education and employment in the Bangladesh economy. On the whole, this event provided a great opportunity for ESS students to expand their awareness about the country’s economy and apply theoretical concepts in real life situations.

Jamdani story

The aim of the exhibition was to highlight and promote the rich heritage of Jamdani in Bengali culture. The exhibited pieces effortlessly combined traditional motifs with contemporary design resulting in truly unique sarees. The idea sprouted while the professors were engaged in research on social business. They have discovered that the art of designing unique Jamdani sarees is slowly disappearing, due to the low income of the weavers. The patience and skill required to design these sarees are not properly compensated to the weavers. For the



“Jamdani Story” exhibition showcasing sarees

exhibition, as part of their research, local artisans were hired to produce the sarees that were exhibited.

The exhibition continued till June 6th at Gallery Cosmos in Mohakhali DOHS.

SELIMA S KABIR

On June 2nd, an exhibition titled “Jamdani story” showcased the traditional handloom Jamdani. The colourful display was brought to life by assistant professors from the Department of Architecture BRAC University, Dr Nandini Awal and Sheikh Rubaiya Sultana, and her sister Sheikh Sabia Sultana, and inaugurated by the eminent dance artist Sharmin Ara Nipa. Chairperson of Department of Architecture, Professor Adnan Morshed was also in attendance.

OPINION & ACADEMICS

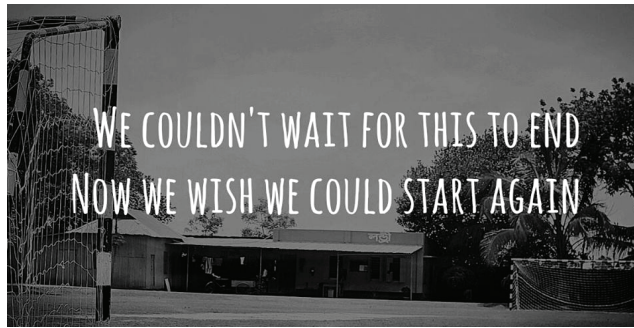
Residential Semester: heed the call

ADEEPTO I AHMED

Younglings just welcomed into the fold at BRACU are inundated with stories of it. Old timers stand around and exchange stories from their time, misty-eyed and amber-toned. Of the torrent of opinions, advice, and pro-tips that get handed down across the batches, this piece suggests perhaps the most humble one: find out for yourself.

There is always the push from the administration, according to BRACU policy, to cart students off for their residential semester in their second semester; a move that is not always convenient or feasible for students. However, those who are able to should make an honest attempt and head off for RS as soon as possible.

For one, a definitive RS experience like making new friends in university is, by and large, easier the earlier one goes. Given that the majority of RS-goers are always going to be students from their earlier semesters who are probably also looking to make new friends at university, RS provides one with plenty of opportunities. Meeting new people earlier also means one has the rest of their university life to spend with them and a network to fall back on for support.



Many also suggest going earlier rather than later due to academic reasons. No matter the major, embarking for RS later on during one's studies is harder to manage and interrupts flow of studies. In a student's first year, most of the courses they would be taking and would be available to them are simpler and easier to manage. But when the availability of higher level courses one wishes to take becomes something one needs to plan for, taking a whole semester off for RS is not smart or feasible.

These pragmatic considerations aside, however, it is honestly best to not take anyone's personal experience or advice too seriously, and to simply to go and experience RS yourself. Your residential semester will, as a certainty, be completely unlike anyone else's. So leave aside your hesitation and go for it!

The red rocks simulation

SHITAB M ISLAM

In early June, the Mongol Tori team went to the US to participate in the University Rover Challenge. The BRACU Mongol Tori stood second among the Bangladeshi Universities and 18th in the world, leaving behind a lot of well reputed universities in the rover rivalry, including the likes of MIT, IIT, and more. Here is the breakdown of the Challenge.

Assembling the Rover

The Mongol Tori rover has six wheels on legs which are designed to be mobile on rocky surfaces and a robotic arm at the front. The camera on the rover is in the front for visual feed and the antenna on the back for communication with control station.

Mission Simulation

The main contest took place at the Mars Desert Research Station in Hanksville, Utah. There, the rovers were put through four rounds of challenging tasks and missions. First, there was the Science Cache Task, where the rover had to collect rock samples, on which the team then had to write reports. BRACU Mongol Tori passed this test with flying colours.

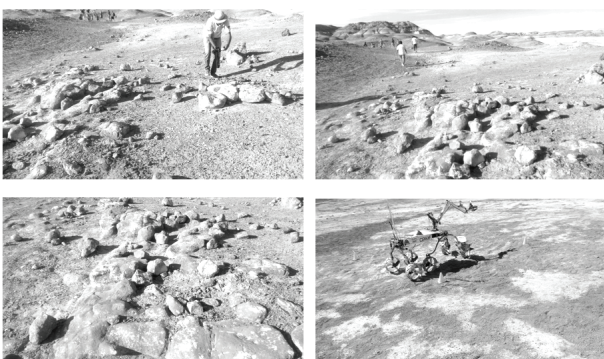
Next there was the Extreme Retrieval and Delivery task. This was one of the more challenging tasks for the teams as they had to drive the rovers on extremely rocky surface.

Then came the Equipment Servicing task, where the rover had to show its dexterity in using its robotic hand for servicing equipment and handing them to astronauts. The final task was the Autonomous Traversal Task, where the rovers had to reach a few certain location points using GPS.

The Mongol Tori team did an outstanding job and their story is set to inspire the next batch willing to chase the dream of exploring the red rocks.



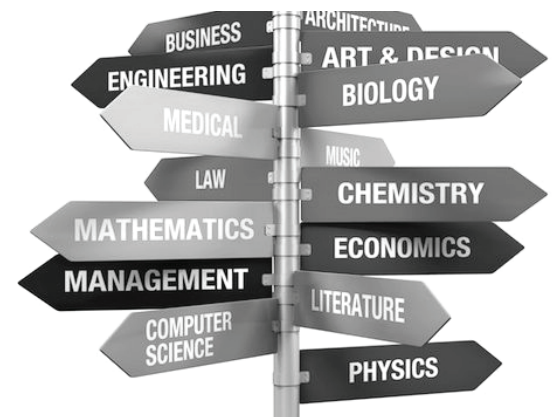
BRACU Mongol Tori in action



Mongol Tori in Extreme Retrieval Task

Not a minor thing

FAHIM IMTIAZ



Students today often opt to do a minor alongside their major for several reasons. Some choose a minor that complements their subject concentration to boost their chances at better career opportunities. A few want to experiment and explore a subject in contrast to their own. Yet others might have somehow been pressurized into a major and simply want a glimpse of what could have been.

A minor in a field that is in contrast to the major is usually chosen for self-interest. It also helps students show that they are versatile, well-rounded and not one-dimensional. It is not uncommon for them to discover other subjects that pique their interest while working on their major.

Others choose a minor that complements their major area of study to help boost their chances at landing a job in their field or even a better salary. An economics major, for example, may want to have statistical knowledge for calculations and analyses in order to be more efficient in their workplace.

Employers these days keep a lookout for candidates who stand out from the competition and excelling in one's major alone may no longer be enough to set one apart from a dozen others.

Having a secondary academic discipline serves a multitude of purposes for students. The bravest and most ambitious of them take it a step further and decide to do two minors or another major altogether. In our progressively competitive world, where one's resume is just one among many and where employers spend only moments on each, having a minor is one way to beef up your CV.

SPECIAL

***Prangon***

Being the most emblematic area of our university, the gorgeous green-roofed Prangon is highly popular since it is a connective route between Buildings 1 and 2. With an iconic roof and plants twining around the rails, Prangon is a perfect place to enjoy some snacks from the stall during a 10 minute break between classes. However, we do recommend that you take that selfie during pre-sunset hours for the glow.

***Bottola***

Under the single banyan tree next to Building 5 is the budget eater's paradise, and since food loves company, Bottola is a meet up spot for many looking to grab a quick bite. The charm of Bottola is perhaps in the romance of hot food and banter. Light on the wallet and with a whole range of snacks to share, one can't really go wrong with Bottola.

Robin Mama's

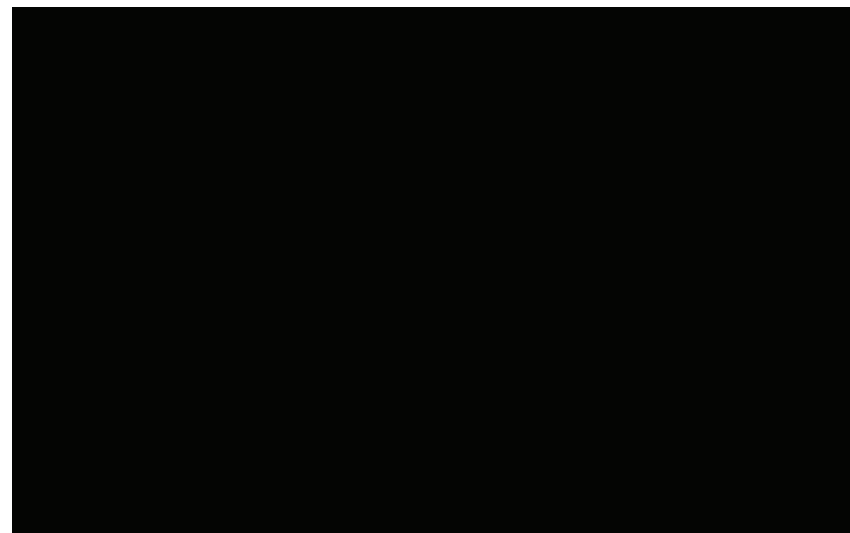
Located on the 9th floor opposite the fabrication lab in UB4, is Robin Mama's bustling little corner. More commonly known as the Archi-cafe, this little nook is the place to get a big 'kolija-shingara' and a cup of tea with friends if you are looking to avoid staying outside. The flooring seats in front of Robin Mama's counter make it tempting to linger in the cosy space. So go and stretch your legs, and enjoy the hot shingara.



We hear the cry for space across campus periodically. The of space and the increasing intake of students with each immense, but a little effort goes a long way. Instead, let us places across and around campus that are available to us



It is rather safe to say that the Building 1 cafeteria is the most popular spot in BRACU for students. Since the location is known to all, the cafeteria acts as a rendezvous point for many. One could find musicians playing their guitars, or watch whatever is droning on the television. You could also find a nice spot to sit in the auditorium, provided there are no events going on.

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paceless Place

BRACU Express itself has published pieces bemoaning the lack of a peaceful semester. Yes, there is no denying that the crowd at BRACU is taking a proactive stand to acknowledge and appreciate the many harried students.



CAFETERIAS

With the same menu but a smaller crowd, is the building 3 cafeteria which is especially popular among pharmacy students. But, in general, it is much easier to find space in this cafeteria, and thus is a perfect place to start conversations with friends, and maybe even group discussions.

The Unheralded

The Listening Lab (or Writing Centre) on the 12th floor of UB2 is the most peaceful place at university. The room is always air-conditioned, the carpeted floor littered with cosy cushions, and has computers like a mini-lab. With a great view, this is the perfect spot to spend a few solitary hours brushing up on your listening or reading skills.

Each department makes space for its students, such as the multipurpose room on the 15th floor of UB2, used by MNS students and teachers alike. The 19th floor of UB2 is a place rarely visited — apart from MNS students who use the lab there - also houses an old conference room turned into a study, for those seeking a quiet place to study (or nap).

The seminar room in the ENH department has almost a dozen computers and large space for hanging out. The biggest highlight is the view; the colourful city skyline will give your Instagram a great theme.

UB40602. The ESS lounge is a popular haunt as well as a multipurpose hall. With the increased student body, the lounge now doubles as a classroom. Nonetheless, it's a favourite spot for the students to relax at.



The Library

On the 4th floor of UB2, the library is open from 9am to 5pm, and packed during pre-finals and midterm week, so stay away then if crowds are not for you. Other times, however, the narrow spaces between the shelves, the table at the back, the couches right from the entrance, are all nice places to sit for “productive” group study sessions with friends. If you are looking for a cool, quiet atmosphere to finish those assignments you have piled up, this is the place for you. Alternatively, the study room just a floor below, though often crowded, is the perfect place for group work.

Indoor Games Room



The Indoor Games room has transitioned from the second floor of UB3 to a quieter, slightly more hospitable environment on the 8th floor of the same building. This shift has resulted in a decrease in popularity since catching the elevator from the Building 3 can be tedious. You can play a friendly game of table-tennis or carrom with your friends. This room can be a splendid getaway from the heat outside or the intensity of a classroom lecture. As long as the air conditioners are in working order, you will find this room ready to welcome you and your friends for an hour or two of quality time.

The interesting thing about our university is, for every crowded space on campus, there are always little corners to curl up with a friend or a book.

The stairwells, usually undisturbed by student traffic, are a cozy spot to sit if the authorities grant permission. Alternatively, the seats arranged in front of the classrooms or by the lift in UB1 are good for studying. Most floors in UB1 and UB3 have places for students to study or hang out at, provided one keeps quiet (you are still near classrooms!)

Next time, instead of checking to see if the cafeterias are empty, just head on over to these places if you are hoping to avoid crowds. BRACU has its own way of warming up to its students, so go ahead and find your own little corner.

OFF CAMPUS

Hot on the grills

SUBAH SHAHEEN

The success story behind Grilled is an inspiring one, especially for aspiring entrepreneurs. Catering mostly to nearby university and school students, Sadat Rahman knows his potential customers well. While Madchef, Takeout and Chilox are the whales of the burger scene, Grilled is crafting its own niche with unique flavours and reasonable pricing.

Sadat's culinary passion began at the age of ten when he saw his relatives cook mouth-watering dishes in the kitchen. At the age of sixteen, when he received tremendous success for a family barbeque, what he wanted to do with his life became vivid and led him to open a food cart after finishing his A levels exams which, fortunately for him, corresponded with the boom of the cart industry at the time. Within a year, the cart turned into an upbeat fast food pick-me-up in Dhanmondi-27, popular among young people and teens.



Sadat Rahman (top right) with his team

Currently enrolled in BBA, Sadat is really putting theory into practice; but juggling the two responsibilities can have its consequences. "It definitely hampers my social life to some extent," he says. "Managing the shop and my university studies might sound like a really tough job and it honestly is at times, but if you really are passionate about something, you just seem to find a way."

Sadat credits his family, especially his mom, for being his strength

throughout. He emphasizes on reciprocating all the love and support he has received through his work. "If not Grilled, I will always think of doing something or the other, hopefully by creating jobs and giving in whichever way possible to this country. Small or big, I just hope to make a change in my own way."

"Everything just tastes better when it is grilled," Sadat says with a grin, reiterating that his passion for food has always been the force behind it all.

Emerging Entrepreneur

ASIR FAISAL



Entrepreneurial development today has become very significant, especially pertaining to economic development. The objectives of industrial development, regional growth and employment generation depend upon entrepreneurial development.

Entrepreneurs are the seeds of industrial development. The fruits of industrial development are greater employment opportunities to unemployed youth, increase in per capita income, higher standard of living and increased individual saving, revenue to the government in the form of income tax, sales tax, export duties, import duties, and balanced regional development.

BRAC University came up with the idea to establish a 'Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (CED)' with a commitment to contribute to the development of entrepreneurship in Bangladesh. Major activities of CED are focused on some special work areas related to promoting entrepreneurship in Bangladesh. They focus mainly on project development, research, networking and awareness building.

To help university students grow an entrepreneurial mindset, a new Residential Semester Activity called Social Entrepreneurship has been introduced at Savar Campus in Summer '17. This activity will cover everything needed to shape a business, from the idea stage to prototype stage so that a graduate student can start their own business without having any knowledge difficulty. BRAC University authority will also help potential start-ups. Such an activity provides students with a platform to both cultivate necessary skills and potentially engage with the professional world.

Deyaler Golpo

ATIF IMTIAZ

Art is a measure of self-expression; be it through the brush strokes of the painter or through the eyes of the viewer. Self-expression generates knowledge of the self. Knowing yourself is important and aids with understanding others. Despite being different as individuals, we can learn empathy and relate to each other.

In a country where there is very little place for empathy, Rakib Arnab felt that art can bridge the gap. He wanted art to be more accessible to people; because he believes that art appreciation will help grow values in our communities.

Rakib, an Economics major, had an idea during his last semester. He, along with Muhee and Joy, started Deyaler Golpo, an online platform

where artists can put their artwork for sale and art enthusiasts can view and bid for commissions. Deyaler Golpo is hassle-free; after taking an order, Deyaler Golpo prints, frames and delivers right to your doorstep.

Initially, Deyaler Golpo was working with different photographers; 32 photographs contributed by 16 photographers were showcased in the first album. The team strictly owes every artist their due diligences by making sure they receive every penny their commission earns.

In the future, Deyaler Golpo plans to collaborate with painters, digital artists and even sculptors. Art



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SPORTS & HEALTH

Chikungunya outbreak

MAISHA TARANNUM

Chikungunya virus infection has recently emerged as a major public health concern in Bangladesh. In this exam season, getting infected by this virus may cost us students our grades. “I missed 3 to 4 classes during the week, and a quiz. I could not prepare for the midterms either,” said Tasvir, senior. Therefore, let us take a look at the symptoms of the virus and how to prevent them.

The disease shares some signs with Dengue and Zika. The symptoms usually start showing within a week after being bitten by an infected mosquito. There are no specific anti-viral treatments for Chikungunya virus infection, but is focused on relieving the



symptoms. Symptoms such as fever, joint pain and headache can be treated by taking rest. Conservative medication is recommended. It is important to keep the body well-hydrated and full of electrolytes, so take lemonade or saline as

frequently as possible. Most patients recover fully, but in some cases, aches in the joints linger for months. Serious complications are not common, but in older people, the disease can contribute to the cause of death. Often symptoms in infected individuals are mild and the infection may go unrecognized, or be misdiagnosed as dengue. The best way to avoid infection is to prevent mosquito bites. As the transmitting mosquitoes bite from dawn until dusk, long clothing should be worn all day. Take note of the ‘danger zones’ highlighted in mainstream media, and invest in mosquito repellent. Medical attention must be taken for any feverish illness experienced without delay.

The cards have been dealt

SAMIUL H MAHIN

GROUP A

Reigning champions BUAPC chose **Sadman**, best keeper of Football Crusade, to replace the legendary **Tanvir**. The ever-reliable **Musaab** and **Rumi** will once again form the spine of the team, aided by **Naafis** and **Pranto**. Smart acquisitions such as **Saad**, **Shayekh** and **Tarid** in the Bidding Battle have improved newcomers BUNSC’s chances. Star forward **Jawad** will relish the opportunity to make his mark on the tournament. Last year’s winning manager **Trinan** and BUCUC have opted for the stalwarts **Zia**, **Rabeeb**, **Zarif**, and **Real**. The young guns of the team can benefit from the quality in their ranks. **Protik** and **Fahim** will be crucial in the great defensive wall of BIZ BEE. The wily midfielder **Himel** will complement the boundless energy of **Tauhid** and the rest of the team. An experienced EDF backline including **Tahseen** and **Shafi** can take the pressure off of their forwards **Aranya** and **Hridoy**. Playmaker **Saadman** will be a constant threat. Red-hot midfield maestro **Tanzib** and **Raian** can form a game-changing partnership for MONON. Add to that the resolve of **Mehedi** and **Asif** and you have a potential giant-slayer.

GROUP B

Few teams can withstand the sheer firepower of finalists BUFC. Captain “**Sir**” **Rafi** can bring out the best performance from **Munna**, **Shihab** and **Aseer**. BULS splashed the cash for the multi-talented **Rajo**. **Tahsin**, **Faizaan** and **Protik** will support the MVP. Can his experienced backline pull off an Italian Job this time? BUAC bolstered its ranks with game changers like **Radiat**, **Zareef**, **Maruf** and **Al-Asif**. This quartet of stars surely underlines BUAC as one of the favorites. DTF and **Nabil Nikot** always had a flair for the dramatic. With unstoppable **Shazeer** leading the likes of **Ayan**, **Bayezid** and **Subhani**, DTF is a force to be reckoned with. Dark horse IGC seems to trust the wits of **Tausif** and **Abaan**. The defensive steel of **Nahin** and **Labib** might win **Abaan** his fourth title. Meanwhile, IABC must utilize their star players **Simum**, **Rakin**, **Abdullah** and **Faisal** properly to navigate their way out of a tough group. As it stands, the outcome of the tournament depends on how each team plays its hand. We will find out soon enough!

Captain, my (Ex) Captain

SELIMA S KABIR



Fahad Yasin, with former WNBA player and Olympic gold-medalist, Ruthie Bolton

Have you always been interested in sports?

I have been in love with sports from a very young age and I will be for as long as I live.

Does this interest spread to all sports or any one sport in particular?

I enjoy playing football, cricket and table tennis, but my main passion is basketball.

In a country that is more invested in cricket and football, what drew you to basketball?

The unique thing about basketball is that it empowers versatility. As a player, you have to be good at dribbling, shooting, passing, rebounding, layups and defense. At the age of seven, I was fascinated by Michael Jordan.

Tell us about how you came to be a part of the basketball team.

When I was a freshman, there was no team. At the beginning, we only had 5-6 players for basketball but with dedication we persevered through all the challenges and kept Indoor Games Club active through Basketball.

What is your favourite moment as a member of the team?

It is hard to choose a specific moment but it was probably when we were fortunate enough to be coached by one of the finest basketball coaches in Bangladesh: Mahtabur Rahman Bulbul, the former national team coach. We learned a lot during the two months he coached us. I will always be grateful to the university for hiring him.

Tell us your thoughts on your successor.

I would like to congratulate Tanzeer Ahmed on becoming the current captain of the Basketball Team. I hope he leads well and brings more success and quality to the team. He played for the Saint Placid’s High School team and the school has a rich basketball tradition.

Do you have any parting words for us?

I’d like to close with a quote by ‘Pistol’ Pete Maravich: “Love never fails. Character never quits. And with patience and persistence, dreams do come true.”

Md. Fahad Yasin, of BRAC Business School, was made President of the Indoor Games Club and Captain of BRACU Basketball Team in 2014, serving for two years. The BRACU Express managed to catch him before his convocation to ask him a few questions.

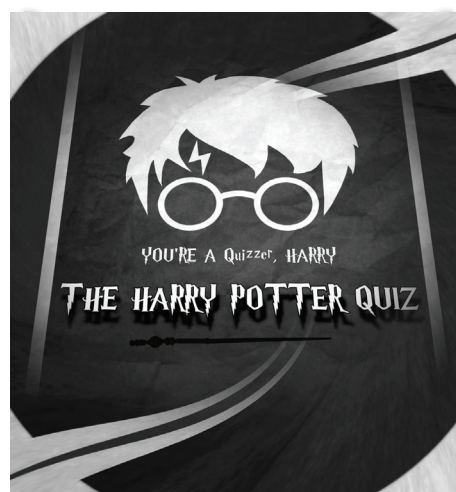
ENTERTAINMENT

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The Signs Reacting to their Horoscopes

20 Years of Harry Potter Magic



- 1) What is the core of Harry's wand.....?
 - ☐ Unicorn Hair
 - ☐ Dragon Heartstring
 - ☐ Crushed unicorn horn
 - ☐ Phoenix feather
- 2) What did Dumbledore leave Harry in his will?
 - ☐ A snitch
 - ☐ The Deluminator
 - ☐ The Tales of Beedle and the Bard
 - ☐ His wand
- 3) Who disguised himself as Mad Eye Moody in The Goblet of Fire?
 - ☐ Barty Crouch Jr.
 - ☐ Vincent Crabbe
 - ☐ Ernie McMillian
 - ☐ Severus Snape
- 4) How did Moaning Myrtle die?
 - ☐ She was experimenting with the Dark Arts.
 - ☐ She was attacked by a Basilisk.
 - ☐ She was attacked by the Death Eaters.
- 6) What does Harry get for a Christmas present from the Dursleys in his first year?
 - ☐ Toothpick.
 - ☐ Fifty-penny.
 - ☐ Coat hanger.
 - ☐ Pair of old socks
- 7) What three items make up the Deathly Hallows?
 - ☐ Deluminator, Elder Wand, Resurrection Stone
 - ☐ Cloak of Invisibility, Philosopher's Stone, Golden Snitch
 - ☐ Resurrection Stone, Cloak of Invisibility, Elder Wand
 - ☐ Sorcerer's Stone, Death Eater's Wand, Resurrection Stone
- 8) Who is the Half-Blood Prince?
 - ☐ Luna Lovegood
 - ☐ Professor Slughorn
 - ☐ Professor Severus Snape
 - ☐ Harry Potter
- 9) Voldemort can be split into 3 French words, what does his name mean?
 - ☐ Lust for love
 - ☐ The Sad Child
 - ☐ Flight from Death
 - ☐ Spirit of Sorrow
- 10) To Whom did the Elder Wand belong at the end of the Battle of Hogwarts?
 - ☐ Lord Voldemort
 - ☐ Harry Potter
 - ☐ Draco Malfoy
 - ☐ Luna Lovegood
- 11) In the first book, on which floor is the off-limits corridor located?
 - ☐ On the second floor
 - ☐ On the third floor
 - ☐ On the fifth floor

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