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This is the Editorial Board calling out to every creative mind out there. **Clarion Call** is a brand new magazine which dedicates its efforts to support the new and blooming writers and to be frank, want to be writers, from all over the country by publishing their pieces on a nation-wide platform. Our question to you: What do you think? Do you have a thought, you want to share with the world?

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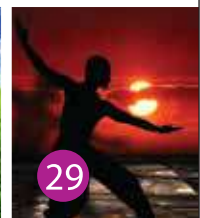
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From the
Desk of
Editor

Dear Readers,

Old things are of the past and the new one has begun. Since its inception in early 2016 Clarion Call has recognized itself as an indispensable source of knowledge and understanding of youth. This magazine is a vehicle for budding minds to express their innermost views in words.

However, the young writers have contributed their write ups to this issue displaying their tact and talent. I am thankful to all the promising writers who have penned their ideas for this magazine.

I also acknowledge constant hard work of directing members of the magazine who proved to be catalysts in mobilising the young to become writers.

Finally, I welcome constructive comments, suggestions or feedback from your readership to improve the quality of the magazine. Writing for the magazine is also profoundly appreciated.

Good Luck!

Md. Bazlul Karim
Editor



A Thumbnail Sketch of Historic Language Movement

By Md. Bazlul Karim

One's mother language is the initial language learned at home from early childhood. Almighty Allah has bestowed a mother tongue upon every individual. Mother tongue is a divine gift. It is an easy means to communicate our ideas, thoughts, feelings, emotions etc. with others. But our mother tongue, Bengali has a dismal past when the dominion of Pakistan laid an embargo on the use of this language officially. The Bengali loving people had to earn the privilege of speaking their mother tongue through shedding blood. This struggle for mother language is known as Language Movement or Bhasha Andolon.

Pakistan and India were under British hegemony. As a result of the "Two Nation Theory", these two states got liberated from British colonial rule in 1947. Pakistan and India, two new states emerged on the world map. Muslim majority areas fell under Pakistan and the Hindu majority areas under India. Post-British colonial rule, the present nations of Pakistan and Bangladesh had remained a single nation with about 2000 KM (kilometers) long distance between them. Unfortunately, this bond did not last long when the linguistic and cultural controversy rose between of these two far-flung wings. The majority people of eastern wing of Pakistan were Bengali speaking. Even though the majority of people in the eastern part spoke Bengali, the dominion was under the control of the western wing.

In 1948, the then authoritarian ruler of western wing proclaimed that Urdu alone would be the state language of Pakistan and it would be used exclusively in schools and in the media. This declaration caused unrest and protests among the Bengali-speaking population of East Pakistan. The matter worsened and culminated in a huge protest on 21st February 1952. As the protests had intensified, the ruling authority enforced section 144 banning any sort of gathering. Defying the section 144 general masses and University students converged in the historic Amtala, close to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for demonstration. When the protestors attempted to enter the East Bengal Legislative Assembly building, the police opened fire on the demonstration to disperse the mob. Unfortunately four students embraced martyrdom in police firing. In the face of strong protestation, the East Bengal Legislative Assembly was bound to approve Bangla as one of the state languages of Pakistan. Since 1952, the 21st February has been observed every year to commemorate the martyrs of the Language Movement.

The sacrifice of the martyrs on 21st February 1952 is such an epoch making event which will remain indelible by the global recognition of the day. On November 17, 1999, UNESCO declared February 21 as International Mother Language Day. The day was first observed on February 21, 2000. Since then International Mother Language Day is celebrated every year on 21st February and this day is known as "Shaheed Dibash". Their supreme sacrifice of the heroes to save their mother language is an embodiment of our stimulation for sustaining dignity and prestige as a nation. Bangladesh is only state in the world which is named after its language. Bangla is the fifth most widely spoken language of about 280 million by international standards. Actually, the day holds a great significance for the whole nation as well as the whole world.

Technology



Grown Locally Recognized Globally

(Extra ordinary AI invention of Bangladeshi youth)

By Moudud Ahmmed Sujan

Humans express their emotion. They have the ability to understand situations, and behave accordingly. Akin to humans, wouldn't you be surprised if machines mimicked the same? Can you imagine a machine doing so? This is called Artificial intelligence (AI). Yes, it has become a reality!

Despite the controversy on the ethical issues, people of different countries have been investing billions of dollars since decades on AI research.

Bangladesh is also in this stream indeed:

You must have heard about the AI robot Sofia which was displayed in the tech show titled 'Digital World-2017'. It was a million dollar project indeed! The robot 'Sofia' was behaving like a human!

But, have you heard about the Bangladeshi AI robot named 'Bondhu' [Friend]? This robot 'Bondhu' is also an AI. Unlike 'Sofia' in it has no human look. 'Bondhu' is made by Nazmus Sakib, O level student of Bangladesh. Unlike 'Sofia' was a self financed and cheaper one.

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officially. 'Bondhu', unlike Sofia, has a body like
a Robocop and a Smartphone as a head.***

Nazmus Sakib went to Saudi Arabia two years back to receive the 'Prince Abdul Aziz Bin Abdullah International Award for Entrepreneurship' for his outstanding invention of 'Smart Controller Glass' to help the blind people walk. During his sojourn in Saudi Arabia, he saw the various use of robots in the offices and factories. Being inspired, he started to study on robotics.

In the meantime, the first version of robot 'Sofia' emerged publicly. Sakib also wanted to build a machine of this sort. He made one robot, known as Bondhu which he displayed in the 'Digital World-2017'. His one was acclaimed by the viewers.

On December 9, the state minister for Information and Communication Technology, Bangladesh introduced the robot 'Bondhu' officially. 'Bondhu', unlike Sofia, has a body like a Robocop and a Smartphone as a head. Nazmus sakib said, 'People often portray robot negatively and consider it as their opponent. However, a robot will help people in many ways.'

Where are you now? -replying to this question, 'Bondhu' said, "I am in the Digital World"

The robot is being taught Bangla language; Sakib asked the robot, "Do you know Bangla?" The robot replied, "I know a little."

Unlike 'Siri App', 'Bondhu' has the ability to hold dialogue." 'Bondhu' uses Google search engine to answer queries. Without internet connection, 'Bondhu' is not functional.

Components in 'Bondhu':

The robot, 'Bondhu' consists of one neural engine and two computers. The computers are real-time connected to the cloud server. Besides, there are Servo and Actuators for movement. 'Bondhu' can ensure any question of human by checking the data store. Then it reacts on basis of the information in the data store.

Future of AI and ethical conflicts:

AI or intelligent machine system are making our lives better, by doing things such as- optimizing logistics, detecting fraud, composing art, conducting research, providing translations, etc. As these systems become more capable, our world becomes more efficient and faster.

Tech giants such as Alphabet, Amazon, Facebook, IBM and Microsoft - as well as individuals like Stephen Hawking and Elon Musk -opine that now is the right time to think about the artificial intelligence.

According to critics, AI system may have controversy. Copious people will lose their job as if AI machines are replaced for manpower. Inequality, humanity, artificial stupidity, racist robots, security, evil engines, singularity and robot rights are among the major conflicting issues, according to the critics. Moreover, military use of AI machines could bring disaster as superpowers like United States, Russia and others are investing on AI research for military purpose.

So, what do you think about science and ethics? Isn't it worth approving?

The Obstacle of Path

By Mubasshira Siddiqua

The obstacle is actually an abstract term indicating a tough challenge. But, it is the way itself. Whereas, we people are discouraged realizing its toughness: it's an obstacle, yet we should not be discouraged. This obstacle is the way which can lead us to success.

"The obstacle in the path becomes the path. Never forget, within every obstacle is an opportunity to improve our condition."

-Ryan Holiday

Success can only be measured by the obstacle which we have overcome to reach it. The greatest way to discover this success is not the ignorance rather it is the illusion of knowledge. Yet, you might be thinking that your life would be much easier, in fact, better without these obstacles. Actually that's not the word of a strong person; that's not the way to lead a life. Because, the more you face the obstacle, the more strong you will be because you have already fought with those and won. Besides, those you will feel great to have one of those obstacles and you will get motivation from your own self. The spirit in which you have overcome those difficulties are the only reason you feel strong now.

Without those difficulties, challenges, obstacles, troubles, tragedies, failures, mistakes, problems, dilemmas, conundrums, and even catastrophes-our lives would be valueless.

"The two hardest tests on the spiritual road are the patience to wait for the right moment and the courage not to be disappointed with what we encounter." -Paulo Coelho

So endure patiently with beautiful patience and be courageous. Be strong and you can overcome it. Do not take the obstacle as burden because after every hardship comes ease. Think about it; stay positive. You can make a plan by doing one thing every day that scares you or one thing which you find hard to go through. Proceed and wait for the progress: don't let yourself down. We are the best of the creations and we can show the best of our work. There's no power that can put us down. You might have gone through the phrase: when there's will, there's a way.

Well, let me give you an example, there is no one more famous than the athlete who eventually sees an injury to overcome as a blessing or the person who was made stronger mentally by passing through tough times. Remember this and embrace it as courage and move forward when turmoil inevitably knocks on your door.

Use the obstacle against itself. Find a way of making them defeat themselves. You should not be afraid of those obstacles. If you are, then try overcoming those fears. Remember, success will be determined by how well you overcome hardships.

Living abroad as an International Student

By Saad Tausif

living abroad as an international student helps a person get out of that zone. You would have to learn to take responsibilities on your shoulders, sooner or later. The sooner, the better.

As we grow up, the most important thing we, as students, need to learn to do is get out of our comfort zones. Growing up as these four walls surround us, food on our plates, cooked to perfection, we are handed everything we need. But, in the long run, we would eventually have to take care of ourselves, starting from our education, to the simplest of chores, such as doing our own laundry.

Our parents have made sure we are financially stable so that we don't have to work, in order to get more money for the family. Not being able to go out there and face the world makes us vulnerable as we grow up when we would actually have to get out of our comfort zone and look out for ourselves. Those who are bound to look out for themselves, are the ones who prosper, in the long run. Hence, living abroad as an international student helps a person get out of that zone. You would have to learn to take responsibilities on your shoulders, sooner or later. The sooner, the better.

I have been living away from home since 2016. It has not been easy since then. I had to go through lots of ups and downs, specially when I had to deal with homesickness. But I'm glad I got the opportunity of learning a few things that will be of use in the future and is probably applicable for anyone who wants to study as an international student.

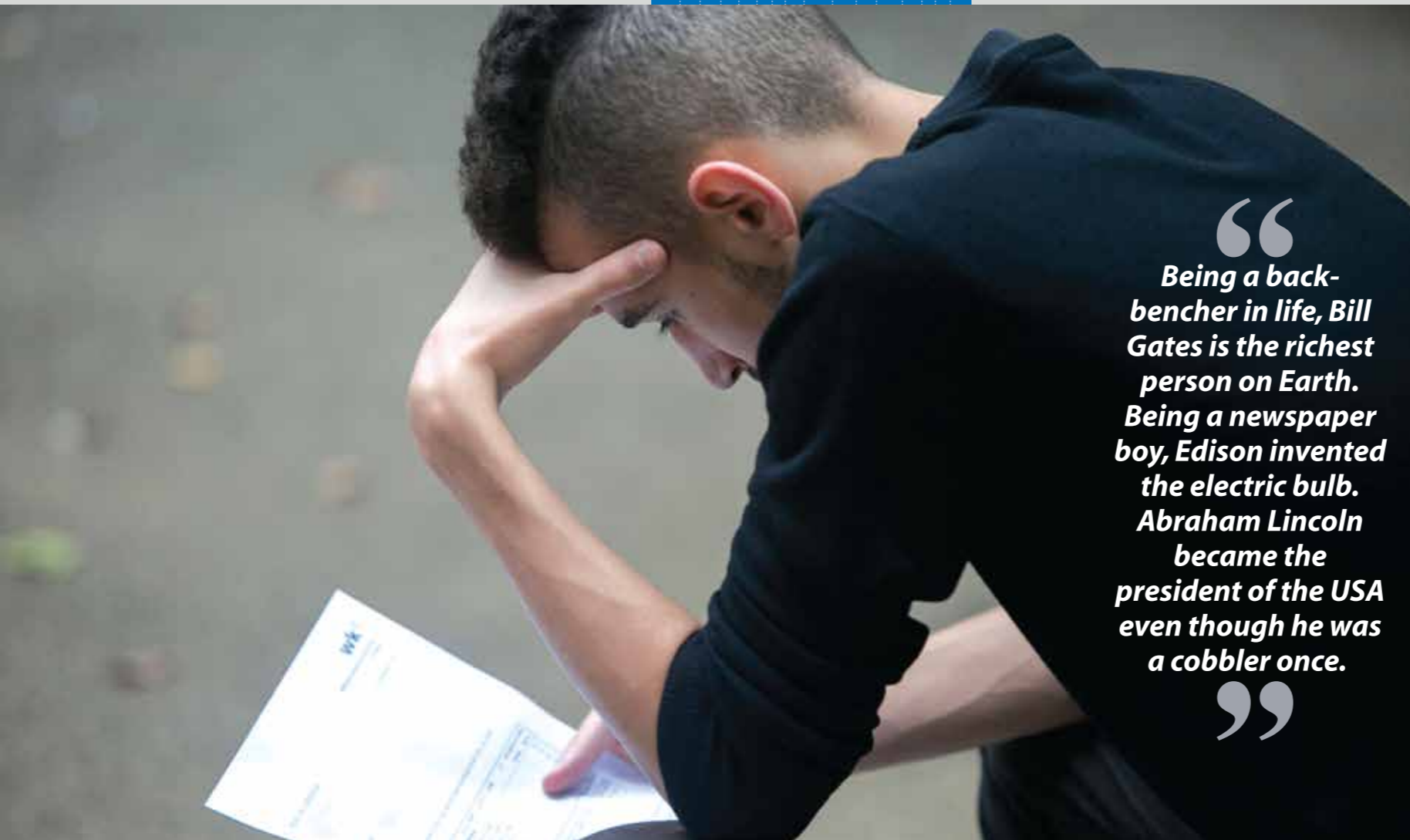
1) Make sure you know where you're going. Based on your long-term goals, select a country where you want to finish your undergraduate studies. If you are willing to become a permanent resident as well, choose accordingly. Most importantly, choose a university which will help you push you to your limits, in every aspect. Learn to take responsibility of doing all the work of applying by yourself. It's better to take help from higher education consultancy agencies, but make sure you don't depend entirely on them. Even if you finally get the chance to study in the university you wanted to without knowing about the process of applying, you will later feel like you missed out on something. Consider every single aspect about the city you are going to live in, the university and most importantly, the surroundings.

2) I can't stress this enough. Time management while living abroad, as a student, is vital. When you are studying in a good university, there will be countless assignments, labs, projects and quizzes. Furthermore, most students cook, to save money. Living in an apartment, or a house, with other students can be a problem as well if you don't know how to compromise. With sharing living spaces comes the responsibility of doing chores at home, cleaning the rooms and the kitchen from time to time. Hence, all these duties seem like a burden when a student does not know how to manage time properly. To conclude, there is no room for wasting time, as an international student. You will always have something to do.

3) Be prepared to face the uncomfortable. Living miles away from home is not an easy thing to do. Life, here abroad, will try to crush you to bits but it is up to you, how you react to your problems. It is better to be mentally prepared beforehand, so that when the time comes, you can handle your issues slowly and effectively. Quitting is for the weak minded. So, just remember when you graduate, the fruits of your labour will be worth it.

4) Having \$1000 in your bank account, or as cash, can be tempting sometimes. Don't spend unnecessarily, because when you will need it, you won't have it. Do your parents a favour, and start working after you settle in. For example, work at a coffee shop, or work at a department store. These jobs may not directly influence your studies, but you can at least gain some experience, and earn money at the same time. Afterwards, an internship will replace this job, where you will implement everything you have learnt in class, and you could also expect a good payday.

To conclude, it can be said a good mindset along with above understanding will help you stay abroad hassle free and continue your studies in comfort. All the best!



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Do poor marks in exam make a student bad? A studious topper against a creative kid

By Ad-Din-Kasfi

Education obviously forms an important aspect in our lives. We learn from our school but the world also extends knowledge beyond the class room. However, through traditional assessment we can evaluate a student's performance in school that will reflect his or her schooling not overall education. The top grades are lauded, leaving the rest undermined.

We often find people advising "marks do not matter" well if they don't, why on earth is everyone chasing after it? Sometimes, many children perform poorly in board exams. Their relatives visit them boosting their confidence to overcome the next time. However deep down, they wonder if they will do anything in life. This is the mentality we need to change. A single sheet of paper cannot ever justify how good a student is.

Yes, scoring marks in exams is important. It provides us a bright prospect in life. Colleges with a brand name let us come in. Companies with a brand name give us a well-paid job. We use that money to rear our children, whom we push to get higher marks to repeat this cycle of torment.

We particularly love this zero-risk-appetite life. We want to settle. We do not want to have adventures, nor do we want to extend our minds beyond our bookish lessons. Toppers find it easy to settle, whereas the others find it a bit tough. If we cannot settle, we get depressed and bored of listening to the pithiness of the people.

High marks always will not certainly lead to success. The high marks only indicate the student's tenacity and perseverance to excel in academia. Hence, toppers do deserve praise. However, life is more than just tenacity and mathematics. There is also a skill, called creativity, which is a conflict of ideas, gathered from the perception of one's own mind. Exams do not test creativity, imagination, people's skills and communication. In life, these are what matter.

Being a back-bencher in life, Bill Gates is the richest person on Earth. Being a newspaper boy, Edison invented the electric bulb. Abraham Lincoln became the president of the USA even though he was a cobbler once. All these mean you have to be creative; you ought to have the talent. Excellent marks are not required; it is the zeal that is needed for success in life. Once you are successful no one will ask for your marks then. However, you cannot just be a non-topper and hope to be somebody great someday. You have to work hard to reach your goals.

As we establish ourselves, the contest of becoming topper will perish. What will matter is what people think of us. Our reputation, our reliability and our words will build our own mini-brand. Once that happens, people will stop asking about marks. We know that many successful people even did not have proper schooling let alone becoming toppers. They are our role models.



Healthy Food Habit

By Dr. Md. Hasan Ali



Forming the habit of eating healthy food is essential for any living being. Healthy food habit means the intake of a variety of foods that benefit our overall physical condition. It gives us the nutrients we need to maintain our health, feel good, and have energy. These nutrients include proteins, carbohydrates, fat, water, vitamins, and minerals. The food intake in their most natural form is the best way to fuel our body. Packaged, canned or processed foods are chemically modified which is taken to satisfy our palate to the detriment of our health. A variety of fresh fruits, leafy or fleshy vegetables, whole grains, and low fat dairy and lean protein should be the better choice for a wholesome meal. Here are a few eating habits which, once you have made them part of our routine; will have you set up for life.

1. Eat a healthy breakfast every day:

Eating breakfast is a smart move! A healthy breakfast is essential for starting the day off right. This meal is often termed as chief meal of the day. In the morning, your body becomes dehydrated after sleeping all night and your blood sugar level remains low and your pulse rate is below the normal. You may feel slow and sheepish in the morning with this health condition. It is foolish to starve in the morning so it is worth to reemerge yourself with a healthy breakfast. It will provide you with essential nutrients that can be stored into energy so you can feel productive for the rest of the day. When you eat breakfast, it gives your body essential nutrients for your brain and body to work properly. It helps you do better in school or work. It improves the students' cognition, concentration span, and problem-solving skills. A study shows that students who eat breakfast perform better in their academic career.

Do not skip breakfast to avoid calories. Avoid overindulging in high-calorie foods throughout the day. Experts agree that the majority of people who struggle with overeating are those who under eat

during the first part of the day, specifically those who skip breakfast. One theory suggests that eating a healthy breakfast reduces hunger throughout the rest of the day. Studies show that eating a healthy morning meal helps prevent further weight gain. So it seems that breakfast really is the most important meal of the day.


2. Drinking pure water:

Water is an essential ingredient to a healthy lifestyle. Next to air, water is the substance most necessary for human existence. Practically every living cell in the body depends on water to carry out essential functions. Sufficient amounts of water in the body can increase energy and endurance, help in body weight control, aid digestion and elimination of waste, lubricate joints, and encourage a feeling of well being. It is not difficult to understand why drinking enough water is so extremely important when we realize that nearly 70% of the body's weight is made up of water. According to Dietary Guidelines we should drink 8-10 glasses of water per day for optimum health.


It makes sense that with all the important functions that water has in the body, the quality of water you drink can radically affect your health and well being. That is why it is vitally important that you drink only pure water.

3. Eat enough fruits and vegetables:

Eating a diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables is linked to improved health. Fruits and vegetables are loaded with a variety of nutrients including vitamins, minerals, fiber, and antioxidants. They are also low in calories, making them a great choice for your waistline. Eating the recommended amount of veggies and fruits regularly has been found to combat chronic diseases like heart disease, cancer, etc.



If you're someone who loves eating fast food you only think about how the food may appease your taste buds. Although fast food is an affordable and convenient way to kill your hunger, eating fast food may come with a lot of health hazards.



Fruits also are considered "nature's candy" and can take the place of other sweet (and not as healthy) foods for more nutrients and less calories. They also contain high levels of antioxidants to benefit health. Most of the fruits are naturally low in fat, sodium and calories, and rich in potassium, fiber, vitamins and folate. Folate helps the body form red blood cells. Fiber in fruits helps to protect against heart disease and lower cholesterol. Eating potassium rich foods such as bananas and potatoes can help reduce blood pressure, decrease bone loss and prevent development of kidney stones. Some high potassium fruits include peaches, cantaloupe, honeydew, oranges and bananas. Vitamin C in foods like citrus and strawberries helps with wound healing and keeps gums and teeth healthy. Blueberries are one of the highest antioxidant foods and contain nutrients that can help decrease risk of cancer. Some fruits and vegetables eating can cut your risk of cardiovascular disease, stroke and type-2 diabetes and protect against various forms of cancer. Try to get a least 2 servings of fruit daily.

Vegetables are very low in calories and contain high levels of antioxidants that can benefit health. Choosing colorful assortment vegetables is best, as different benefits exist in the different color spectrum. Choosing a variety of colors will ensure that you get all of the different nutrients that you need to give you the most health benefits. Vegetables are rich in vitamin A, vitamin C, folate, fiber and potassium. It is especially important for women of childbearing age to consume folate rich foods such as bell peppers, tomatoes and spinach to prevent neural tube defects in babies. Vitamin A-rich foods such as sweet potatoes, carrots and butternut squash help keep your skin and eyes healthy and protect against infections. Tomatoes contain lycopene which has been shown to decrease risk of prostate cancer and carrots contain beta-carotene which can help keep your skin and eyes healthy. Make sure to add green leafy vegetables to your diet.

4. To avoid fast food/Junk food and soft drink:

If you're someone who loves eating fast food you only think about how the food may appease your taste buds. Although fast food is an affordable and convenient way to kill your hunger, eating fast food may come with a lot of health hazards.

Junk food lovers frequently over consume junk foods. Consequently, they under consume fruits, vegetables and dairy products. The Dietary Guidelines explain that high proportions of undesirable nutrients edge out the more valuable vitamins, minerals and dietary fiber that your body requires. Excess consumption of fast foods creates nutritional deficiencies. Consuming junk foods might kill the appetite of the children that stop them from taking healthy meals either at school or at home. Besides, fast foods are high in fat and sugar contributes weight gain along with other health disorders to the youth. The health problems that stem from overweight and obesity alone can severely limit lifestyles and shorten life spans.



CHEERS TO HUMANITY!

By Nur Tamam Nupur

My classmate, Nazhan, had to pull his rickshaw for his bread and butter. Pulling rickshaw was one of his means of earnings. He always topped in our class but other students teased and bullied him because of his poor financial status. No one gave him the humble fellow endured everything silently.

Sometimes I gave my company to him. Gradually our relationship matured and we became like brothers. I got to know his miseries. Still he did not let others know about it. His parents had met a tragic death at his early age. Since then, his old grandma had reared him up by serving as a maid. At present, she is unable to do work for her senile weakness. Nazhan now had become a part-timer.

"Nazhan, let's share your need with everyone or else Rahman sir at least; hopefully, you will get help from them." I proposed.

"Rather than helping me, they will humiliate me. It's like throwing kerosene into the fire. Just favor me by keeping quiet, please." Nazhan told dejectedly.

One day, a well-to-do student of our class intended to help Nazhan.

"Aayan, I was wrong. That day I saw Nazhan pulling a rickshaw. I felt a change when I saw that Nazhan spent all his money for a poor little boy. In our society, some people live their lives lavishly whereas others can hardly make ends meet. The rich hardly spend for the poor."

I was really amazed to see his change in attitude. "Then, let's start to help Nazhan," he said.

"What's your plan? I think showing our pity on him may affect his self-esteem." I asked.

"Rahman sir will announce that the school will offer scholarship for the genius and Nazhan definitely should apply for that; how is the plan like?" he said.

"Superb!" I told.

So, the next day we discussed the plan with Rahman Sir. He appreciated our noble plan. He persuaded everyone to sponsor money for scholarship. The plan worked out well. The whole class started to fund for the program. He then directed Nazhan to apply. Nazhan was granted a monthly scholarship. With this financial aid, he was able to continue his studies. His aim to be a doctor was going to be a possibility.

The sole meaning of life is to serve the humanity. We should try to remove the woes and worries of a Nazhan. The earth shall become the best place to abide and adore, if everyone can rejoice together. It is the place to create love but no hatred.

WORLD AWAITS ANOTHER WORLD CUP

By Rasadur Rahman



Argentines were crying on the Copacabana Sea beach along with the Brazilians; on the opposite side of the Atlantic, brave German hearts were beating so fast for their fourth World cup triumph. Joachim Low's men first broke Brazilian hearts in the semifinal then the Argentines' in the final. Especially Argentine magician Lionel Messi's dream of winning a World cup and becoming a legendary footballer like Diego Maradona and Pele was broken. It has been four years since the World Cup was held in Brazil. Another World Cup is knocking at the door and this time Russia is hosting it.

Group: A (Russia, Uruguay, Saudi Arabia and Egypt)

Russia is one of the biggest sports countries in the world but it has not had the chance to organize the world's biggest sport event - the FIFA World Cup. Finally, former FIFA president Josep Blatter and his fellow FIFA executives considered Russia's name as a World Cup organizer. The host country of the World Cup, Russia, will be participating in group A along with Uruguay, Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Two-time world Champion Uruguay could easily pass the group exam in June. After Uruguay in group A, Russia will be the second favorite team to qualify for the knockout phase. For Egypt, this is only the third world cup participation of the great football nation from the African continent. They have some great footballers of the current world which include Liverpool FC star Mohammad Salah. Egypt is not the favorite one in group A but they could bring hardship to the favourites - Uruguay and Russia.

Group B (Spain, Portugal, Morocco and Iran)

'Brazil, Argentina, Spain, Germany and France are the favorites to win the World Cup,' says the Portugal coach, Fernando Santos, before adding: 'Then we have other candidates, who want to get as far as possible, and win the tournament if possible, and Portugal is in this second group.' Even Santos said that but football admirers and supporters all over the world are hoping that once again Cristiano Ronaldo will do everything to hold the international trophy for his country. In group B Portugal will contest with 2010 World Cup Champion Spain, Morocco and Iran. In this group, Spain is the most favorite one for their tactics in recent performances in the international football. They have football stars, young and old ones alike, which involve the likes of Andres Iniesta, Gerard Pique, David Silva, Isco, Alvaro Morata and some others. Instead of that, Morocco and Iran have little chance to continue after the group stages in the World Cup of 2018.

Group C (France, Peru, Denmark and Australia)

Another tough group in World Cup 2018 listing 1998 World Cup Champion France, Latin powerhouse Peru and Denmark. Then there is also the Socceroos Australia. In recent past France has been playing some high level football in the international arena. After Zidane said goodbye to the French team they had not got a better one except the current team. In attacking position, France has the most attractive strikers i, e, Antonio Griezman, young star Kylian Mbappe, Olivier Giroud and Dimitri Payet. Despite of having that kind of stars France Head Coach Didier Deschamps said, 'We

are not at the same level as Germany, Spain and Brazil - yet. We may not control all our games with the same authority but still, we have a strong and competitive team with a great potential.' It is true that in Russia, group C will not be an easy one because on the list of FIFA ranking France (9th), Peru (11th) and Denmark (12th) are so close to each other.

Group D (Argentina, Iceland, Croatia and Nigeria)

Argentina made it to the FIFA World Cup Final in Brazil after 24 years of waiting four years back but they lost to Joachim Low's men by a 1-0 margin. It was a very sad day for Argentine football adherent all over the world, especially for Barcelona FC star Lionel Messi. There is another chance for the Argentina talisman footballer to make it happen again after 1986, when football legend Diego Maradona lifted the World Cup trophy for Argentina. This time Argentina will be grouped with new comer Iceland, 1998 semifinalist Croatia and African super eagle Nigeria. The group matches will not be so easy for Sampaoli's men in the World Cup but Argentina is the most favorite to lift the golden colored trophy in Russia, not only for having current best footballer Lionel Messi but also for Sergio Aguero, Angel Di Maria, Paolo Dybala and many others.




Group E (Brazil, Switzerland, Costa Rica and Serbia)


Tite has not had 20 games in charge as head coach but Brazil's transformation from a rudderless wreck to World Cup contenders has been astonishing. Tite has implemented a 4-1-4-1 tactic and has carefully navigated the lack of club playing time for some of his players. Now Brazil is one of the most favorite teams to win the FIFA World Cup in Russia. Five time world champion Brazil has to compete with Switzerland, Costa Rica and Serbia to pass the group E barrier. People in Switzerland expect their team to reach major finals these days so there was no euphoria when the place in Russia was booked. The expectation is for Vladimir Petkovic's squad to reach at least the last 16. Costa Rica was a sensation four years ago, reaching the World Cup quarter-finals, and face the challenge of emulating that. Serbia qualified for their first major tournament for seven years in comprehensive fashion with only one defeat in 10 matches. So, Brazil has to worry about the group stage matches to qualify for the knockout phase.

Group F (Germany, Mexico, Sweden and South Korea)

When current World Champion Germany lost to France in the Euro 2016 semi-final, plenty predicted the Joachim Low era was slowly coming to an end. However, the team bounced back impressively and qualified for the World Cup with a perfect 10 wins out of 10 while scoring a joint European-record of 43 goals. In group F, four time World Champion Germany will compete with Mexico, Sweden and Korea Republic. In this group, another powerful team is Sweden. Euro 2016 saw the end of the Zlatan Ibrahimovic era as well as that of the manager Erik Hamren. Under new coach Janne Andersson, Sweden are extremely hardworking and disciplined. They excluded Italy from the World Cup in European qualifier play off round. It might be possible for Sweden to shock the world champion Germany and go to the next round.



Especially Argentine magician Lionel Messi's dream of winning a World cup and becoming a legendary footballer like Diego Maradona and Pele was broken.



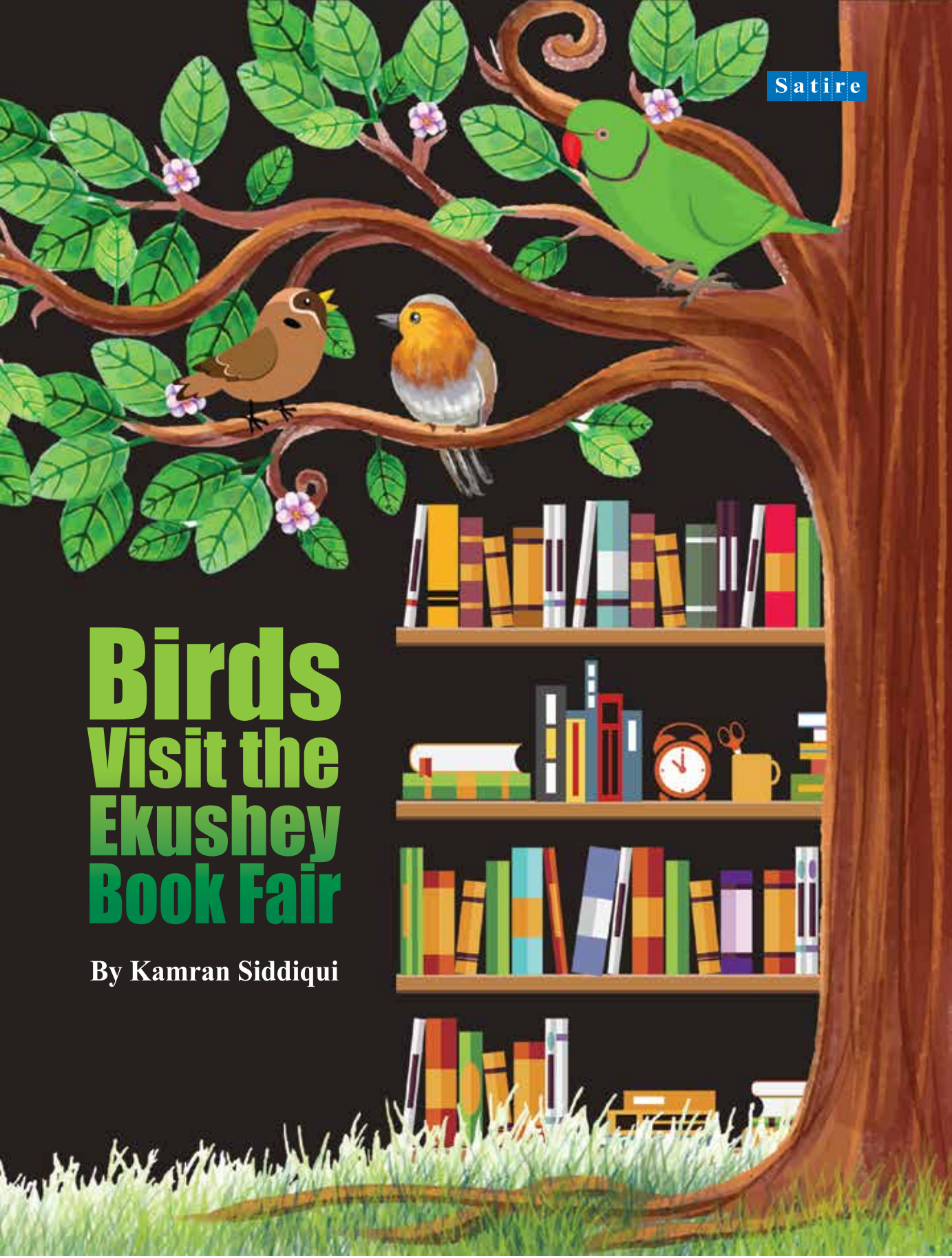
Group G (Belgium, Panama, Tunisia and England)

Belgium broke all sorts of records in qualifying: they were unbeaten, they got 28 points from 10 games, they scored 43 goals and Romelu Lukaku became the country's record goalscorer. In addition they have some of the best footballers in the world like Eden Hazard, Kevin De Bruyne and Romelu Lukaku. They could rather compete with the contenders of championship. Belgium will play in group G alongside 1966 World Cup winner England, new comer Panama and Tunisia. The most amazing statistic about former World Champion England is that they have not lost a qualifying match for any major competition since October 2009. It is an incredible run, covering 39 games. England will be among the favorites once again.

Group H (Poland, Senegal, Colombia and Japan)

The Polish captain, Robert Lewandowski, hit a record-breaking 16 goals and his leadership was crucial as Poland returned to the biggest stage after a 12-year absence but they are not a one-man team either: other players also contributed heavily to ensure that Poland ended up in pot one for the group stage draw. Poland reached world cup semi final two times but have never qualified for the final. After a long period, Poland have made their team perfect to compete in a World Cup like a favorite. But group H will not be an easy one. In this group Poland must pass the barrier of Colombia, Senegal and Japan. In the last World Cup Colombia went past two time world champion Uruguay to reach the quarter finals for the first time. Along with Poland, Latin American football power Colombia will be the favorite one to reach last sixteen in Russia. But in group H Senegal and Japan also have the potential to make it happen into the last sixteen.

All we can do now is speculate and await the nail biting and adrenaline pumping Greatest Show on Earth to kick off once again!!



Birds Visit the Ekushey Book Fair

By Kamran Siddiqui

Scenerio-1:

12.00 PM

30 Chaitra 1424 BS

13 February 2018

Location: Shield of Palash Tree;

Central Shahid Minar Area, University of Dhaka.

Sabuj Tia (The rose-ringed parakeet): Hello! How are you?

Kath Shalik (The chestnut-winged starling): Hi! I am fine. After a long break, we have met again. I have come here to feed on the honey of Palash flower. I think that you know today is the last day of 'Chaitra Mash' (Bengali month). So, tomorrow will be the beginning of spring. By the grace of Almighty Creator, the season has given us chance to meet again.

Sabuj Tia: Yes. Spring is the king of all seasons. But nowadays, advent of a new season does not show any major changes in the nature. Basically, summer, rainy and winter are dominant seasons in Bangladesh. Among autumn, late autumn and spring; the spring is more visible. Hi, have you noticed the camera persons before the Shahid Minar (The National Martyred Memorial)? They are capturing our photographs!

Kath Shalik: Oh! Yes. They are photojournalists. I know them. Every year, on the last day of 'Chaitra' (Bengali Month), they usually come here to have photo-shoot of these Palash trees. Because, the bright orange flame-like Palash flowers symbolize the arrival of spring. My friend 'Chorui' (Sparrow) has told me that photo of the trees publish on newspaper in Pahela Falgun every year. He got the chance to see the newspaper. Not only the flower, but also the photo of us was published. Chorui informed me about this in the last year. You Know, he lives in the ventilator of students common room of 'Amar Ekushe Hall' (student dormitory) of Dhaka University with his family. TV and newspapers are available in the common room. He can see newspaper and watch TV there. Most of the students watch the 'Animal Planet', 'Discovery' and 'National Geography' Channel. He likes to watch 'Animal Planet'.

Whatever, Chorui has invited me today in his home to watch TV. After some gossiping and watching TV there, we will visit the 'Ekushe Book fair' in Bangla Academy premises. Now I am going to Amar Ekushe hall. You can join me. Are you interested?

Sabuj Tia: Of course. It's a great chance for me to visit the Book Fair with you. Do you know why it's called Ekushe Book Fair?

Kath Shalik: Sorry, I don't know. But Chorui knows it very well. Last year, a discussion meeting was held in Amar Ekushe Hall on the occasion of International mother language day organized by students. Chorui heard the history of 21st February and Ekushe Book fair at the programme from the speech of eminent guests there. So, we will know these from Chorui. Let's go.

Scenerio-2:

4.30 PM.

Book Fair in the Sohrawardy Udyan

University of Dhaka.

Chorui (Sparrow): Oh dear friends! Hope you are fine. You see that my residence in the ventilator is very congested. So I couldn't fulfill my expected hospitality for you. Anyway, this historical Sohrawardy Udyan is the best place for our highly anticipated meeting. Since 1979, the Ekushey Book Fair is being held at the Bangla Academy premises once a year. From 2014, the book fair shifted to this Udyan spaces close to Bangla Academy. I think you are enjoying your visit to

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university campus. It's the pick hour for the book fair. So many people are gathering here in order to buy books. Children are also coming with their parents. This is 'Battala' and known as child corner which is specially decorated for children. Bangla academy authority announces 'Shishu Prohor' (Children's hour) every year and most of the children's books are sold on weekends at Shishu Porhor from 11am-1pm.

Kath Shalik: Oh Chorui! You are really lucky. You live on DU campus which enables you to enjoy many things. Today we are interested in hearing about the history of National Martyred Day (Shahid dibosh) and international mother language day. My friend Tia is also eagerly waiting to hear from you.

Chorui: It's ok. Urdu was the only state language of undivided Pakistan till 1955. But Bengali was the mother language of 56% of the total population of the country. So, people of East Pakistan demanded to declare Bangla as one of the state language of the then Pakistan like Urdu. The ruler of Pakistan denied declaring it. Students along with mass people of East Pakistan demonstrated against that ill motive. On 21st February, 1952, agitated unarmed students of Dhaka University, violated Section 144 carrying the demand to the elected members of the East Bengal Legislative Assembly (near SM Hall) and present their demand to Nurul Amin, the Chief Minister. On their way near the Dhaka Medical College students' hostel number 12, at 3-30 PM the police opened fire at the peaceful procession of students. Jabbar and Rafiq died on the spot, while three others died later in hospital. It is believed that many more were killed including a ten year old boy, but their bodies were taken away by the police and were secretly buried. The rest is history.

Sabuj Tia: Your speech indicates that Bengalis fought for state language. I knew that Pakistani Government declared Bengali as state language in 1956. In Bangladesh, there are some other languages of different ethnic groups. They are the citizens of Bangladesh. If these minority people demand to declare their language as state language of the Bangladesh now, what will be the reaction of majority people? I think, the majority Bengalis people should honor their opinion and demand. So many languages of the earth are losing due to lack of state patronization. If a language is recognized as state language, it could be protected from extinction.

Chorui: Yes, maybe you are right. Whatever the speakers of that meeting also focus, nowadays many students of English medium schools do not know Bangla well. At first, everyone must know their mother language very well; then they can learn any other language. Moreover, the sacrifice of the language martyrs teaches us to honor our mother languages. As a bird, I like to talk in my own language. I heard from my father that Hazrat Sulaiman (A :), a Messenger (Prophet) of Allah could understand the language of bird and ant. Holy Quran says, "And Sulaiman inherited (the knowledge of) Daud. He said, "O people, we have been taught the language of birds, and we have been given from all things. Indeed, this is evident bounty." (Surah An-Naml:(16)

Kath Shalik: A messenger of Allah understood our language! It's really great honor for birds' community. Thanks to Almighty Allah who gives our own language and such honor.

Sabuj Tia: Look! Evening is approaching. We have to return home. Thanks for being with us Mr. Chorui. See you soon. We'll talk when we meet again. Now, let's move.

The Genius in all of us David Shenk

By
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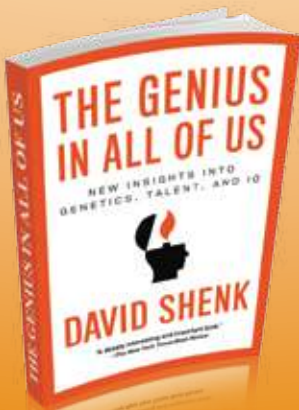
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The text is divided into two main parts followed by "The Evidence"-an equal number of pages devoted to elaboration on the sources and points made in parts one and two, along with comments by the author. There is one new term, "interactionism," that is used to characterize the concept of genetics interacting with environment. David Shenk is a master at writing and sets a pace that allows the reader to consider the concept of G x E. His clear voice is consistently authoritative; however, he never casts the reader as a lesser person. Shenk carefully sets out the premise of G x E using incremental steps to coax the reader's acceptance of how thought has unfolded over time within the academic

The Genius in All of Us is filled with hope and is a call to action that fosters flexibility in thinking and a commitment to growth and success. This is a book worthy of a reader's time and lengthy contemplation.



Our Glorious Independence

Prof. Muhammad Sirajul Islam

Our independence is our unique glory
 So far, we have got it in our eternal memory
 We have achieved her by sacrificing our blood a lot;
 As our freedom fighters have bravely fought,
 In the fronts, in the plains, in the forest, in the sea and in the air
 For the cause of motherland they left nothing to spare.
 Thus they have ever set her free
 Defeating the brutal, heinous Pakistan-army
 It is a great matter to note to be happy,
 To find our native-land in the map of world geography,
 Bangladesh is now a separate landscape,
 A free nation for us to remain safe,
 Our freedom fighters, making all the conspiracy of our enemy to foil,
 Proving they are the valiant, gallant son of the soil.
 For centuries, we shall bear their memories,
 And preserve them as our everlasting-glories.
 They have brought for us a great independence
 To rejoice and to make us feel proud always
 We shall always remember their supreme sacrifices,
 So as to blind up our nation, free from all sorts of our vices.
 We must honor and salute them, in all spheres of our lives.
 Let us pray for their departed souls to rest in the heavenly hives.

The Nature!

Annmole Hossain

From dawn to dusk in my sight,
 I wonder how much the nature can be bright!
 In the season of late autumn,
 My heart beats at the bottom.
 When the birds chatter,
 I wonder how beautiful the nature!
 When the catkin dangles on the beneath,
 The white cloud floating on the zenith
 Whenever I feel lonely,
 The nature remains as my friend only.



Evaporation of life

Juthika Basharat Karim

Ruby Randamore was my younger sister, Julia's Pal who lived in the close vicinity of our housing estate. She was but a little glory, whose face would show up every evening on the television of every living room. Not only her "meet and greet" session, but also the front of her house, would remain packed by the media men. Dwelling beside a celeb!! Well, you might think, that this opportunity can only be attained through good fortune. But I considered this as a sign of bad luck, extreme bad luck. The media, besides interviewing Ruby, would also meddle into my way. Our family life had become public; however, my family seemed to enjoy this publicity and attention. This interference would pester me and often I would question myself why did my parents ever choose to live here.

But then, within a few years of Ruby's fame, she disappeared into the thin air; leaving no trace or trail behind. The world shook up, startled. The commotion in front of Ruby's house did not seem to cease; but now, they demanded Ruby's presence instead of her interview or autograph. Professional detectives from around the world, pitched to help. Even ordinary citizens contributed much to the investigation, but to no avail.

Ruby and my sister would get along pretty well. Ruby's sudden disappearance flustered my sister immensely. I saw her sleepless, her mind tossing in the world of thoughts. Whenever her eye lids would become heavy, maybe, another question would pop up from the depths of her mind, compelling her lids to open again. It was all these thoughts that predisposed her to get involved in the search of missing persons. As this was her occupation, she must pursue the case. In fact, this profession had become her obsession.

Perhaps, I blamed all these thoughts, to be the cause of Julia's disappearance. She endeavored to trace another missing person, when she herself disappeared and never returned. After a yearlong search, the police concluded that she was dead. But I couldn't accept it. Somewhere in the core of

my heart, I could hear it beating, "She's there waiting for your help." But then, considering this as a mild thought of delirium or the reason behind missing my sister, only gave longer time to live my life. This thought had overwhelmed me, and finally I decided to set to rescue my sister. Well, in my case, disaster couldn't be averted too. This means, I got missing too. But then, at least I could find my sister.

Tracing a person is an uphill battle that I realized while I was searching for my sister. I got myself a search warrant and went to every place she went and rummaged through every case she was assigned to. Then I discovered one place which I never heard of, never visited. But, my sister did. She had left out her travel journal; from there I got to know about it. A little research revealed that it was a place in Brazil, called the Snake Island. She took a flight called MH347 there. I did according to what she did.

I probably have slept in the plane, for when I woke up, I found myself in a train. There was no one in the train, save, me and a guy, clad in black. I wasn't even sure if the person was a guy or a gal. Moreover, I didn't have anything with me but a cell phone in my pocket. Soon I could instinct that the person was staring at me. I just neglected that and took out my phone. It showed texts from mom. I explained her everything.

"Mom, could you just check where the plane dropped me? I don't seem to recognize this place."

"I'll do that. Just be a little cautious around that person"

"Mom, that buddy is coming closer!"

"Just run!"

"Mom, this train is never ending; I've probably crossed about 30 chambers by now"

"What!"

"The black man halted as I did"

"Okay, stay where you are now and get down at the next station. Did you sleep at the plane?"

"I guess, after I had a bottle of fizz and later my migraine medicine."

"I told you not to have fizzy drinks and medicine back to back, they have a bad reaction"

"I got off"

"Good, what's the name of the station?"

"I don't seem to understand the language; I took a flight to Brazil, but this is not Portuguese."

"Actually a girl died in the plane you rode to, because of some bad medicine reaction and surprisingly the identity matches with you! But you're alright, I mean, even if you're being followed, at least you're not dead, so there's nothing to worry for me."

"Oh no, I see the black guy again!"

"Again!"

"She's none but Julia"

I recalled, as soon as I finished writing that last sentence, my phone stopped functioning and gradually disappeared into the air, leaving a layer of sparkly dust. At this moment, I'm with my sister and her friend, Ruby. In fact there are so many other people around us. None of us knew how we got here.

I was desperately looking for a way out here. Until I assimilated, this was my real home and we were all destined to be here. It was but, the inevitable life after death. We all here experienced the flavor of bereavement.

We'll leave this temporary world to begin with a new beginning. We all shall enter the life of eternity in the next world. Luckily, I found pen and paper here and I wrote my story. I had written it, anticipating that someday someone would read it and learn to accept this unavoidable truth.

Good Manager

Writing and drawing : Muqaddim pri

My dear students today's topic is " Good Manager"
Who is a good manager sir?

Good manager is the people who get the work done by others.
Excellent definition!



Does the manager work in his own hand?
Never! But he knows how to get the work done.

Hrrrr, I am a good manager!
Because I am trying to get the work done by him.

Jokes



Customer: Do you have sugar to sell?
Seller: Yes, I do, in this sack.
Customer: But it is written "Salt" over there!
Seller: Oh! It was written because of ants!
So that they do not eat up all the sugar!



Once a man missed a bus but ran after the bus and reached his destination, so he was telling his friend, you know? I saved 5 taka today!
Friend: how?
Man: By running after the bus so I did not have to pay fare.
Friend: You are so foolish!
Man: How come?
Friend: If you would run after CNG, you could have saved 50 taka.

Akil: Mom, do you know? I completed my all homework in dream last night.
Mom: Homework in the dream?
How do you show the teacher?
Akil: Why mom? There was my teacher in the dream.



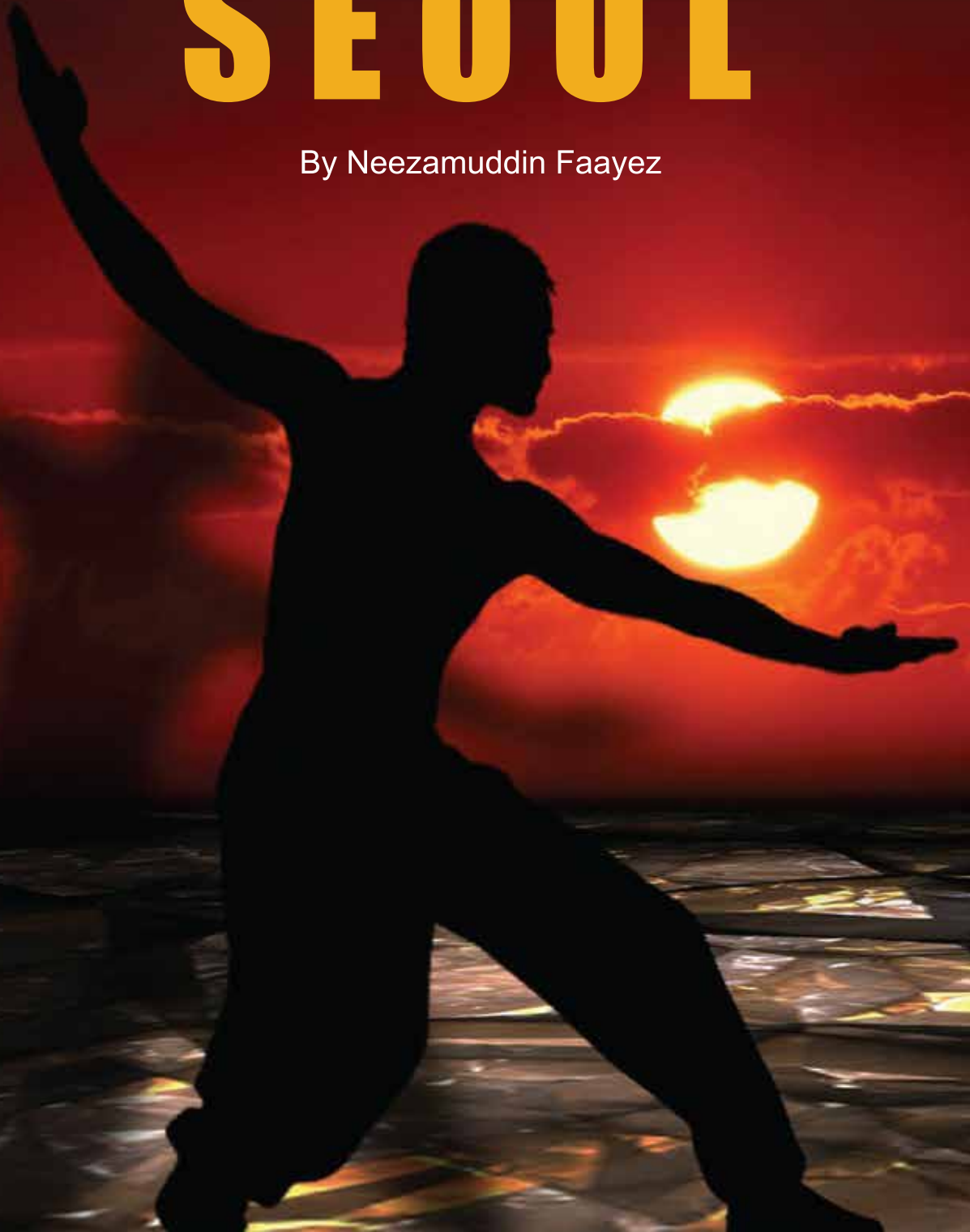
Son: Dad, Did you take bribe?
Father: Did you see?
Son: No, I heard!
Father: Don't believe in hearing!
After some days
Father: Did you fail in the examination?
Son: Did you see?
Father: No, I heard!
Son: Don't believe in hearing!



Self Defense

SEOUL

By Neezamuddin Faayez



The name of this martial Art is pretty famous in the martial world and also to the outside world mainly because of its deadly, flashy high kicks, and wide range of adoption in the movie industry, especially in Hollywood. It is famous for its beauty and controversial to some extent for its practicality in real world through the perspective of self-defense scenarios. It is the world's one of the most popular and punishing martial art. Though it occasionally incorporates and operates punches and other hand strikes, Taekwondo relies almost exclusively on the most powerful strikes a human body can deliver - kicks; used by famous kickboxers like Cung Lee. Taekwondo is one of the hardest styles around. This style includes wicked round-houses, brutal low kicks and savage heel strikes. Tae Kwon Do's arsenal as a kick is impressive and effective. But not everything was like this and just like any other traditional martial art, birth and the growth was from the warriors and wars of that region. Came through a not so pleasant history. Let us take a short look at it. Though its origin dates over a thousand years ago, Taekwondo itself goes back to just the South Korean independence in 1948. But within this short time, it has become incredibly popular. Today more than 70 million people worldwide train and fight in this style. Taekkyeon, being its origin, existed in Korea for more than two thousand years.

In the 7th century during the Silla Dynasty royal families would hold Taekkyeon tournaments that days, everyone from farmers to the king himself would participate. It is rumored that fights sometimes ended in death and those who were victorious were revered as legends. Under Japanese occupation in the early 20th century, native martial arts like Taekkyeon were suppressed. But after World War II, one of the first acts of nation building was to revive and codify the peninsula's ancient martial arts under one name Taekwondo, derivation of the ancient fighting form Taekkyeon. In 1945, after the end of the WWII, new martial arts schools called kwans were opened in SEOUL. These schools were established by Korean martial artists with backgrounds in Japanese, Chinese and Korean martial arts. The umbrella term traditional taekwondo typically refers to the martial arts practiced by the kwans during the 1940s and 1950s, though in reality the term "taekwondo" had not yet been coined at that time, and indeed each kwan was practicing its own unique style of martial art. During this time taekwondo was also adopted for use by the South Korean military, which increased its popularity among civilian martial arts schools.

After witnessing a martial arts demonstration by the military in 1952, South Korean President Syngman Rhee urged that the martial arts styles of the kwans be merged. Beginning in 1955 the leaders of the kwans began discussing in earnest the possibility of creating a unified style of Korean martial arts. The name Tae Soo Do was used to describe this unified style. This name consists of the hanja tae "to stomp, trample", su "hand" and do "way, discipline".

Choi Hong Hi advocated the use of the name Tae Kwon Do, i.e. replacing su "hand" by kwon "fist", the term also used for "martial arts" in Chinese. The new name was initially slow to catch on among the leaders of the kwans. In 1959 the Korea Taekwondo Association (KTA) was established to facilitate the unification of Korean martial arts. In 1966, Choi established the International Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF) as a separate governing body devoted to institutionalizing a common style of taekwondo.

Cold War politics of the 1960s and 1970s complicated the adoption of ITF-style taekwondo as a unified style, however. The South Korean government wished to avoid North Korean influence on the martial art. Conversely, ITF president Choi Hong Hi sought support for the martial art from all quarters, including North Korea. In response, in 1973 South Korea withdrew its support for the ITF. The ITF continued to function as an independent federation, then headquartered in Toronto, Canada; Choi continued to develop the ITF-style, notably with the 1987 publication of his Encyclopedia of Taekwondo. After Choi's retirement the ITF split in 2001 and then again in 2002 to create three separate federations each of which continues to operate today under the same name.



Now, in the modern time it has got divided; two types of it is known, apart from different organization or so. Traditional Taekwondo and Sport/Olympic Taekwondo; one is more emphasized in self defense and warrior style fighting and another is in to competition, points and medals. The two different approaches that classes offer: (i) traditional katas and self-defense movements, and (ii) the sport sparring version of martial arts. Each is important for growing as a martial artist, as form bears a different focal point in the physical, mental and spiritual aspects.

The first type of taekwondo is known as "traditional taekwondo" began thousands of years ago in

the Korean Military. This style of martial arts emphasizes upon the elements of Korean history, intellect, and culture. Often at the beginning of each class, students repeat a code of conduct, one that reflects the vitality of self-restraint and modesty. In addition, traditional taekwondo emphasizes the importance of the spiritual journey. it allows each student to go through his or her spiritual and personal improvement. Also, there are a number of technique differentiations between sport taekwondo and traditional.

Sport sparring technique is geared more toward the physical aspect of the participant. Overall, it promotes a more westernized style of teaching. The movements taught in traditional training use an older style kick and involve a lot of movements; whereas the sport version teaches movement and technique that is centered around competition. Also, the sparring in traditional taekwondo is not meant to necessarily hit the opponent hard, where sport sparring is geared around hard hitting, scoring, speed, and quick footwork.

It has been said that traditional taekwondo utilizes customary patterns, hand movement, and technique; while sport taekwondo focuses less on the traditional movements by adjusting them to a combat situation.

As the traditional style will stay true to the Korean values that it was based on, the concept of patterned movements and light sparring and sport sparring will focus more on combat situations and defeating an opponent. Ultimately, it depends on the journey that the student desires to take, be it traditional or sport, the art of taekwondo will be known forever.

The bottom line is whichever style you choose both will serve you with fitness, confidence, health benefits and inner peace. You can also learn this style here in Bangladesh, there is a federation and many more other private Centres those who teach this amazing style. To contribute to that the first person who brought this deadly and stylish art in Bangladesh is a Grand Master from Khuzestan, IRAN in 1988 and his name is Reza Makvandi and our Government has successfully recognized him as the founder of Taekwondo in Bangladesh. Till then, stay confident and learn to defend yourself in whichever style you feel satisfied. Stay safe!



Bicycle Kick

By Sohidul Islam Sami

Hi footballers, I am a football player too. I am very good at football. In Bangladesh football is lagging behind due to the lack of interest in skills, tricks, mid-air kicks and mid-air tricks. In Bangladesh I see that footballers are just running with the ball and unsuccessful in making passes, cross or kicking it to post. Sometimes, they don't even dribble the ball; as a result they lose it. The main reason of it is lack of skills. Our players don't use even the easiest of them; like step-over, panna, flipping .If they even used step-over they can could perform better. So I am going to tell you something which I know.



Step-over: Step-over is the easiest of all skills in football. Here the only thing we have to do is moving our right or left leg over the ball in a half circular motion. Then keep the strong foot on one side of the ball and move it half circularly over the ball. By this the opponent player will get tricked and will be unsuccessful to tackle you.

Bicycle kick: This is a mid air kick. If one can deliver it, he or she becomes the center of attraction. The only thing we have to do is when the ball is going over our head. We have to pull our self downwards and make our weak foot go upwards and then the ball

will come closer we need to kick it with our strong foot like this. For safety bring your hand downwards for protect landing on the field.

Flashback of Nana Vai's Childhood

By Zohin Raunaq Karim



I have grown in a modern city. But unlike me, my grandpa had an ordinary childhood in countryside. My grandpa shared his lovely childhood memories with me.

As a child, he was very mischievous. He would jump on to a tree like monkeys and swing from one branch to another. He was able to climb on a coconut tree quickly. He also did a lot of risky things. My great grandpa was very strict. To avoid the punishment of his father, he used to run and jump onto the other side of the canal in his village.

My grandpa was very fond of milk. He had a funny way of drinking milk. He directly sucked milk from the cow like a calf. To do that, he had to push the real calf away and the calf would simply move out of the way and let my grandpa drink. When my grandpa was full, he would leave and the calf would come forward to drink.

Grandpa told me one of his thrilling experiences. He went to sleep in a drug store for one night. That night some burglars entered the store to rob the store. Their noises awoke him. Then he was furious to see them. He started to punch them and made them fall on the floor. Next, he took a chair and started hitting them with that. Finally, he was able to capture them. Later the cop arrived and arrested the burglars.

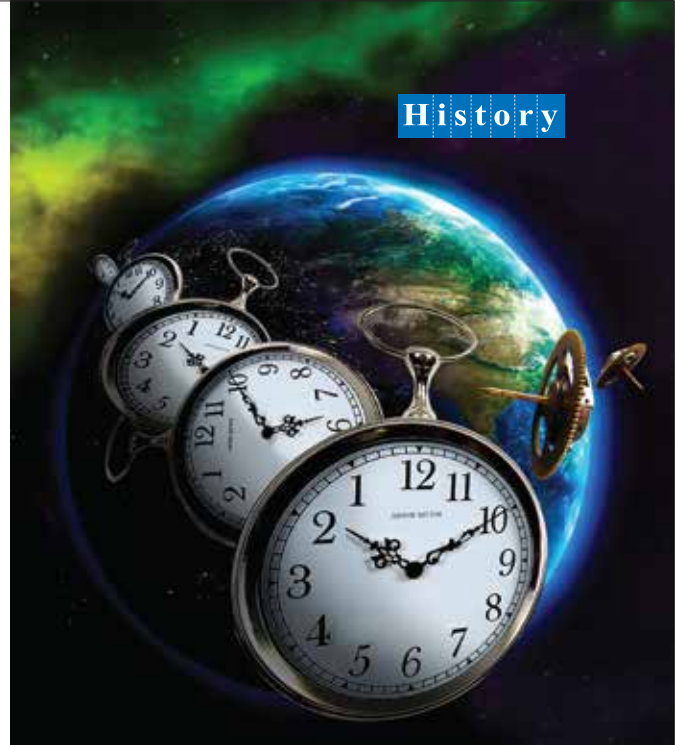
Young grandpa was a good at sports. He always came first in race. He said he would do a great deal of free hand exercises. He used to jog by the river side. He was also good at long jump. He played a lot of games with his friends; kabaddi, dangooli, kite flying etc. He also participated in kite flying competition, using a sharp string called manja. It was coated with powdered glass. He used this string to cut his opponent kite easily. Then, he would fly his kite alone in the sky, with proud victory.

He is a kind and a big hearted man. When I am with him, I feel cheerful. No matter how upset I am, my mood has to change into happiness as soon as I see his delightful smile. In fact, he is a good friend of mine.

He is such an adored grandpa of mine. I'm very happy and lucky to have a grandpa like him. May Allah offer him a healthy and long life.

Origin of Months

By Md. Hasin Abrar



We use a calendar to refer to a series or list of events and activities which take place on particular dates. Our life runs with the flow of it. But, have you ever wondered the origin of this phenomenon marker?

Well, they come from the Romans. Even though our modern system may be quite different from the ancient Romans', they gave us something very important: the months' names. Let's take a look at how the names of the 12 months of the year have come. Here are the original names of the twelve months along with their origins.

January: January is the first month of a year. January is named after the Roman God of Beginnings and Endings called Janus. It comprises of thirty one days.

February: February is the second month of a year. The month has twenty eight days in common years and twenty nine days in leap years. The name of February is derived from Februalia, a festival of purification and atonement celebrated in Rome. It is the only and shortest month with lesser than thirty days.

March: March is the third month of a year. This month is named March after the Roman God of War called Mars.

April: The Greek goddess of love and beauty is Aphrodite. The 4th month, April was named after the Goddesses Aphrodite.

May: May is the fifth month of a year. May is named after the Roman Goddesses Maia the Goddesses of honour and reverence.

June: June is believed to be the popular month for weddings. The Roman named it June after Juno, the principal goddess of the Roman pantheon.

July: July was named in honour of Julius Caesar who was born in this month. The month received this name in the year when Caesar was killed.

August: This month is named after Augustus Caesar in 8 BC (before Christ).

September: September is named after the Latin word 'septem' meaning seven. September is the ninth month of the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

October: October is named after the Latin word 'octo' meaning eight. October is the tenth month of the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

November: November is named after the Latin word 'novem' meaning nine. November is the eleventh month of the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

December: December is named after the Latin word 'decem' meaning ten. December is the twelfth month of the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

I hope you have enjoyed learning about the origins of the names of the months of the year. *(Collected)*

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Readers' Views

I have read many magazines in my life. But I have found Clarion Call more interesting. This magazine is full different kind of information, entertainment, history, study plan, recent update etc. I wish Clarion call all the best in every way.

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The magazine, 'Clarion Call' is marvellous. It has many all rounding sites which have impressed me a lot. Such as jokes, movie reviews, awareness, sports and many other things, all together attract me towards this magazine. The magazine has fascinated me and increased my interest in reading. I want the magazine to be published every month.

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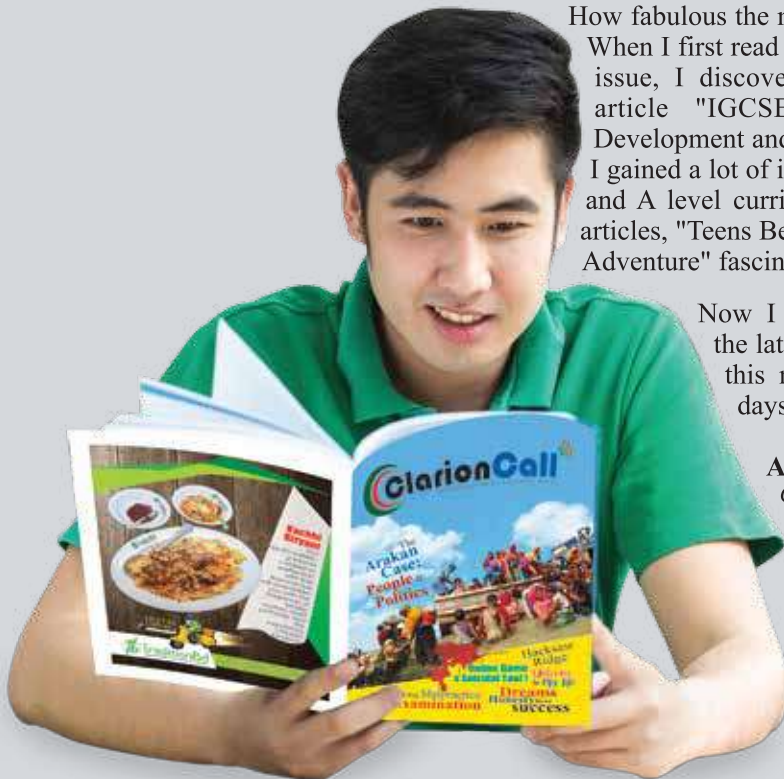
How fabulous the magazine, Clarion call is! When I first read the 2016 July-September issue, I discovered a very informative article "IGCSE in Bangladesh: Its Development and Prospect." Having read, I gained a lot of information about O level and A level curriculum. Furthermore, the articles, "Teens Best Friends" and "The Eid Adventure" fascinated me.

Now I am eagerly waiting for the latest issue. Best wishes for this magazine in the coming days.

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Fixture Group Stage

Date	Match	Venue	Time
14 June	Russia v Saudi Arabia	Luzhniki Stadium	9pm
15 June	Egypt v Uruguay	Ekaterinburg	6pm
15 June	Morocco v Iran	Saint Petersburg	9pm
16 June	Portugal v Spain	Fisht Stadium	12am
16 June	France v Australia	Kazan	4pm
16 June	Argentina v Iceland	Spartak Stadium	7pm
16 June	Peru v Denmark	Mordovia Arena	10pm
17 June	Croatia v Nigeria	Kaliningrad	1am
17 June	Costa Rica v Serbia	Samara	6pm
17 June	Germany v Mexico	Luzhniki Stadium	9pm
18 June	Brazil v Switzerland	Rostov	12am
18 June	Sweden v South Korea	Nizhny Novgorod	6pm
18 June	Belgium v Panama	Fisht Stadium	9pm
19 June	Tunisia v England	Volgograd	12am
19 June	Colombia v Japan	Mordovia Arena	6pm
19 June	Poland v Senegal	Spartak Stadium	9pm
20 June	Russia v Egypt	Saint Petersburg	12am
20 June	Portugal v Morocco	Luzhniki Stadium	6pm
20 June	Uruguay v Saudi Arabia	Rostov	9pm
21 June	Iran v Spain	Kazan	12am
21 June	Denmark v Australia	Samara	6pm
21 June	France v Peru	Ekaterinburg	9pm
22 June	Argentina v Croatia	Nizhny Novgorod	12am
22 June	Brazil v Costa Rica	Saint Petersburg	6pm
22 June	Nigeria v Iceland	Volgograd	9pm
23 June	Serbia v Switzerland	Kaliningrad	12am

23 June	Belgium v Tunisia	Spartak Stadium	6pm
23 June	South Korea v Mexico	Rostov	9pm
24 June	Germany v Sweden	Fisht Stadium	12am
24 June	England v Panama	Nizhni Novgorod	6pm
24 June	Japan v Senegal	Ekaterinburg	9pm
25 June	Poland v Colombia	Kazan	12am
25 June	Uruguay v Russia	Samara	8pm
25 June	Saudi Arabia v Egypt	Volgograd	8pm
26 June	Iran v Portugal	Mordovia Arena	12am
26 June	Spain v Morocco	Kaliningrad	12am
26 June	Denmark v France	Luzhniki Stadium	8pm
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27 June	Nigeria v Argentina	Saint Petersburg	12am
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27 June	South Korea v Germany	Kazan	8pm
28 June	Serbia v Brazil	Spartak Moscow	12am
28 June	Switzerland v Costa Rica	Nizhny Novgorod	12am
28 June	Japan v Poland	Volgograd	12am
28 June	Senegal v Colombia	Samara	8pm
29 June	Panama v Tunisia	Mordovia Arena	12am
29 June	England v Belgium	Kaliningrad	12am

Knockout Phase

Date	Match	Venue	Time
30 June	[1C] v [2D]	Kazan	8pm
01 July	[1A] v [2B]	Fisht Stadium	12am
01 July	[1B] v [2A]	Luzhniki Stadium	8pm
02 July	[1D] v [2C]	Nizhny Novgorod	12am
02 July	[1E] v [2F]	Samara	8pm
03 July	[1G] v [2H]	Rostov	12am
03 July	[1F] v [2E]	Saint Petersburg	8pm
04 July	[1H] v [2G]	Spartak Stadium	12am
06 July	Quarter Final 1	Nizhny Novgorod	8pm
07 July	Quarter Final 2	Kazan	12am
07 July	Quarter Final 3	Samara	8pm
08 July	Quarter Final 4	Fisht Stadium	12am
11 July	Semi-Final 1	Saint Petersburg	12am
12 July	Semi-Final 2	Luzhniki Stadium	12am
14 July	Play-Off for Third Place	Saint Petersburg	8pm
15 July	Final	Luzhniki Stadium	9pm



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