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## Launch of Global Education Expert (GEE)

With its pioneering vision to education, Sunshine Education recently launched Global Education Expert ([www.globaleduexp.com](http://www.globaleduexp.com)), the first Bangladesh. Global Education in collaboration with Sunshine Science Society. The venture has abroad application process more remote locations of developing portfolio of universities in the world leading universities University (Australia),

University of Waterloo (Canada), University of Arizona (USA), etc and offers scholarship opportunities for high-performing students to numerous universities across the world.



online study abroad student application portal in Expert is an international web- platform developed Business Consultancy (UK) and Bangladesh been created with the vision of making study accessible to students residing in countries such as Bangladesh. The Global Education Expert include such as Australian National University of Manchester (UK),



## Return of Face-to-Face Lessons

After a hiatus of 543 days, Sunshine returned to physical classes on 13th September 2021 as per the instructions of the Ministry of Education. Student turnout was excellent and the children seemed very keen on face-to-face lessons after such a long time. They were also excited to physically meet their teachers and friends after over one and half year of online classes.

The administration has taken all the necessary precautions as instructed by the Ministry of Education to avoid any cases of Covid-19 infection inside the school premises. Measures taken include mandatory testing of temperature of every individual entering the school, encouraging students to sanitize at regular intervals, no entry without a mask, availability of Covid-19 rapid testing kits, etc. Consequently, the senior section students are having their classes on a regular basis. On the other-hand students of the middle, junior and kindergarten sections are following a blended model of learning which two days of face-to-face lessons plus three days of online classes.

We look forward to welcoming all age-group students on a regular basis from 2022.

## Sunshine Alumni in the News

### Mastercard appoints Sohail Alim as Director of Account Management in Bangladesh

The global pioneer in payment innovation & technology, Mastercard USA, appointed Sunshine alumni Sohail Alim as the "Director of Account Management" of its Bangladesh operations. In this role, he will be responsible for supporting customer relationships and will work on the company's key priorities in the country, including managing partnerships with banks and fintechs.

Prior to joining Mastercard, Sohail was the "Head of Credit Cards" at Standard Chartered Bank and has over 19 years of work experience in the different segments of the banking industry.

### Gias Talukder - Community Entrepreneur Award, USA

Sunshiner Gias Talukder was the recipient of the "Community Entrepreneur Award" in the 10th Global Detroit Changemakers Awards at Detroit, USA. The Global Detroit is a non-profit organization which is a national leader in advocating for and executing strategies to drive equitable local, regional and statewide inclusion thru immigration inclusion.

### BAT Bangladesh appoints Sarzil Sarwar as Head of IDT

The blue-chip multinational firm, British American Tobacco (BAT), appointed Sunshine alumni Sarzil Sarwar in the senior position of 'Head of Information & Digital Technology (IDT)'. Prior to that, Sarzil was serving in the role of Group Head of Technology Programme and Programme Management in the Bangladesh operations of Axiata Group Berhad, Malaysia.

Sarzil completed his higher studies from the University of Texas at Dallas, USA. He is well-travelled IT Professional previously having worked with various multinational telecom companies located in Malaysia, Iraq and Uganda.

### Tanzila Mazumder Dristhi-300 Young Change Makers

In June 2020, Sunshine Alumnae Tanjila Mazumder Dristhi was one of the six Bangladesh to be awarded as one of the "300 Young Change Makers from across the World" by Women Deliver, a development agency based in the USA. The organization Women Deliver is a leading global advocate that champions gender equality and the rights of girls and women, in all their intersecting identities.

She was selected from an application pool of more 5,600 nominations from 96 countries. From 2021 to 2022, the selected change makers will receive training and resources to extend their influence for gender equality and actively shape programs that affect the health and rights of the youth. They will also participate in the Women Deliver 2022 Conference, which is the world's largest meet on gender equality & the health and rights of females.

Tanjila is a Senior Manager at BRAC, the world's largest NGO, where she is responsible for leading a team to oversee knowledge management, communications, partnership management and advocacy projects for BRAC's health programme that reaches 110 million across the country each year.

### Mohammed Raihan-Full Ride Scholarship at WSU, USA

Congratulations to Sunshine Alumnus Mohammed Raihan for achieving a Full Ride Scholarship (Full Tuition Waiver + Living Expenses + Health Insurance) in Washington State University (US News # 297 in Best Global Universities), USA, for a degree in Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Sunshiner Raihan graduated in BSc Mechanical Engineering from Islamic University of Technology (IUT) with an outstanding GPA of 3.90 out of 4.00 and also holds the rare distinction of being the 'Best Performer in EDEXCEL IAL Examinations -Bangladesh' in 2014 with grades of 4A\*1A.

We wish him the best of luck in his new academic journey!

## Prestigious International Merit Scholarships Attained by Sunshiners 2020–2021

<i>University</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Scholarship</i>	<i>Rank</i>
New York University		100%	ARWU World Rank # 27
Concordia College		100%	U.S. News Liberal Arts Rank # 141
Whitworth University		95%	Forbes National Rank # 316
Augusta University		72%	U.S. News National Rank # 299
Miami University Ohio (Public Ivy)		60%	U.S. News National Rank # 103
St. Lawrence University		60%	Forbes National Rank # 158
Illinois Institute of Technology		55%	THE World Rank # 301-350
Arizona State University		50%	ARWU World Rank # 101-150
Kalamazoo College		50%	U.S. News Liberal Arts Rank # 71
University of Arizona (Public Ivy)		42%	U.S. News World Rank # 97
South Florida University		40%	THE World Rank # 201-250
University of Alberta		45%	ARWU World Rank # 101-150
University of Calgary		33%	ARWU World Rank # 151-200
Memorial University of Newfoundland		60% (for Year 1)	ARWU World Rank # 601 - 700
Georgian College		60% (for Year 1)	Webometrics National Rank # 96
Chinese University of Hong Kong		>100% (Full-Ride)	QS World Rank # 39
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University		>100% (Full-Ride)	QS World Rank # 66
Hong Kong Baptist University		>100% (Full-Ride)	QS World Rank # 264
Swinburne University of Technology		75%	CWTS Leiden World Rank # 161
Western Sydney University		50%	U.S. News World Rank # 274
RMIT, Melbourne		20%	U.S. News World Rank # 281
Lund University		100%	QS World Rank # 87
Independent University of Bangladesh		100%	QS Asian Rank # 401-500
Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology		100%	THE World Rank # 801-1000
National University of Singapore		75%	QS World Rank # 11
Jacobs University Bremen		50%	THE World Rank # 251-300
University of Glasgow		30%	CWTS Leiden World Rank # 36

## Completion of PHDs

Name	PhD	University	Present
 Farzana Rashid	PhD in Computer Science	University of North Texas, USA.	Lecturer of Computer Science at University of North Carolina – Asheville, USA.
 Asif M Iqbal	PhD in Microdata Analysis – Business Administration	Dalarna University, Sweden	Part-time Lecturer at the University of Gavle (MBA program) & Dalarna University
 Shakil Zaman	PhD in Mechanical Engineering	University of Twente, Netherlands	Application Engineer at TriboForm Engineering, Netherlands
 Intiaz Amin Chowdhury	PhD in Microbiology	North Dakota State University, USA	Postdoctoral Research Fellow at North Dakota State University, USA

## Discovery Science Channel (USA) interview with Yasir Arafat

Discovery Science Channel (USA) interviewed Sunshiner Yasir Arafat on the potential of the next generation very small transportable nuclear energy systems for decentralised energy generation, called microreactors. A microreactor is a device in which chemical reactions take place in a confinement with typical lateral dimensions below 1 mm; the most typical form of such confinement are microchannels.

It offer many advantages over conventional scale reactors, including vast improvements in energy efficiency, reaction speed and yield, safety, reliability, scalability, on-site/on-demand production, and a much finer degree of process control. Presently, Yasir is working in the position of 'Technical Program Lead' at the Nuclear Science & Technology directorate at Idaho National Laboratory (INL) and is engaged in steering research, product engineering and marketability of microreactors.

He is leading INL's new test reactor design, development and demonstration effort called MARVEL (Micro Reactor Application Research, Validation and Evaluation). After completing his schooling from Sunshine, Yasir did his under-graduation in BS Chemical Engineering from University of Pittsburgh (USA). He also has a Masters of Liberal Arts - Management from the prestigious Harvard University.

