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Graduation Ceremony for the 23rd Outgoing Batch of A' Levels

Following successful completion of the A' Level course, Sunshine Grammar School and College arranged a colourful graduation ceremony for the 23rd batch of outgoing A' Level students at Radisson Blu Hotel, Chattogram. Adorned in robes depicting the school colours, Sunshiners attended their spectacular graduation ceremony to celebrate their academic attainment and successful progression to higher studies at home and abroad.

The events were graced by the honourable Founder and Chairman of Sunshine Education – Ms. Safia Ghazi Rahman and the leading academics of Chattogram to inspire and motivate our graduates to successfully face the academic challenges that lay ahead in this rapidly changing world.

Ms. Safia Ghazi Rahman opened the ceremony with an inspiring welcome address, acknowledging the graduating students and faculty's hard work and dedication. She shared insightful thoughts on the transformative power of education and the responsibility graduates now bear as they step into their upcoming academic journey.

The graduation ceremony witnessed an impressive turnout, with many graduates, their families, faculty members and distinguished guests present. The venue was filled with excitement and anticipation as the graduates prepared to embark on the next phase of their lives.

Student representatives from the graduating class delivered a heartfelt speech, reflecting on their school journey and expressing gratitude to the faculty, staff, and family members who supported them throughout their time at Sunshine. This speech resonated deeply with the graduates and the audience, evoking a sense of pride and accomplishment.

To entertain the audience, Sunshiners from the Senior Section did a number of exhilarating performances including live music, dance and stand up comedy towards the end of the ceremony. The ceremony came to an end with a gala dinner.



Congratulations to Honorable Minister Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury MP

The Sunshine family offer my heartiest congratulations to its alumni, Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury MP, on his appointment as the Minister of Education by the Government of Education. In the previous term, he served as the Deputy Minister of Education.

After completing his O' Levels from Sunshine Grammar School, Education Minister Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury went to the UK for higher studies. There, he completed his undergraduate degree in Law & Anthropology from the prestigious London of Economics (LSE) and became a Barrister after successfully completing the Bar Practice Course at the University of Law. Before his ministerial appointment, he was a practising advocate at the Supreme Court of Bangladesh and was the "Organizing Secretary" of the Awami League Central Committee from 2016 to 2019.

Annual Qirat Contest



Alumni Watch Syed Muhammad Sifat



Congratulations to Sunshine alumnae Syed Muhammad Sifat on successfully completing his PhD in Electrical & Computer Engineering at Concordia University in Canada (2024 QS World Rank # 387).

Presently Sifat is employed as a Graduate Research Assistant at Concordia University. His accomplishments include his own US Patent, numerous publications in top-ranked scientific journals and paper submissions in international conference papers in various locations of North America, Europe & Asia.

American Council Inter-School Quiz Contest

Congratulations to Sunshiners Ritaj Mahmood of Class VI and Subaita Mubasshira Ashrafi of Class VII on winning the 1st prize and 2nd prize, respectively, at the American Council Inter-School Quiz Contest.



Cricket World Cup 2023



Science Fair 2023-24

Winners List

Class	Name of Winners	Project & Position
III	Azan Mahiran Abyan Minnat Mohammed Faryat	Windmill <i>Champion</i>
IV	Ayesha Siddique Ummul Fairuz Tayeba Shamreen Ahmed	Digestive system, Breaking salt with electricity <i>Champion</i>
V	Samia Faiza Ayat Chowdhury Aleena Aziz	Solar eclipse Elephant toothpaste, Lava lamp <i>Champion</i>
VI	Maimuna Bashir Maysam Taz	Remote control fan & light smoke falling down <i>Champion</i>
VII	Rudraneel Sengupta	AI Jarvis <i>Champion</i>
VIII	Safirah Rashid Fatema Murtaza	Location decision to start up a business <i>Champion</i>
IX	Sadman Abrar Siam Hosne Mubarak Nahidul Alam	Electronic toll collection system <i>Champion</i>
X	Samieur Rahman Pratik Barua Zoyaria Kalam	Electricity generation with waste products Automatic Street Light <i>Champion</i>

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III	Mersiha Baria Manha	Colour wheel <i>Runners Up</i>
IV	Tawsif M Rahman Safoan Bin Ahmed	Aeroplane <i>Runners Up</i>
V	Ahona Rida Zahra Aisha Zaman Arshiya Norah	Genie in a bottle Mosquito repellent <i>Runners Up</i>
VI	Maanzira Mannan Chowdhury	Electrons & protons <i>Runners Up</i>
VII	Rukaan Farjana	Circulatory system <i>Runners Up</i>
VIII	Tazeem Ahamed Alif Hassan Samin Yasar	3D Projector Lava lamp <i>Runners Up</i>
IX	Lisnun Rahman Raima Noor Tasnim Morshed Sahira	Hydraulic maze Robotic car Vacuum cleaner <i>Runners Up</i>
X	Jihad Bin Jahed Shawn Rodriguez Eric Jilani Ruthba Mahmood Heem	Automatic street light Carbon experiment Hydrogen experiment <i>Runners Up</i>



This news was published in the leading English daily, *The Daily Star News*, on 13/11/2023.

Contrary to the notion that kids today are mostly confined to screens, Ahona Rida Zahra, a 10-year-old from Chattogram, has trekked to Annapurna Base Camp in the Himalayas, standing tall at 4,130 metres, last week.

Ahona is a fifth grader at Sunshine Grammar School in the port city. The Annapurna Base Camp (ABC) serves as a primary hub for trekkers and mountaineers aiming to explore the surrounding Annapurna mountain range.

Reaching it involves a challenging trek with steep ascents, variable weather conditions, high altitude, demanding physical fitness and stamina. "The snowy mountains surrounding me were so beautiful," she shared during a conversation with *The Daily Star* at her school. "I aspire to explore even higher altitudes, like the Kanchenjunga Base Camp and Everest Base Camp," she added.

Accompanying her in this adventure was her father Aniket Chowdhury, an architect. The father-daughter duo, part of an eleven-member team from Bangladesh, trekked 60 kilometres in seven days to reach the ABC. Organised by Rope 4, a Dhaka-based mountaineering platform, the team returned home on Thursday. Mohammad Mohiuddin, founder of Rope 4, said Ahona's achievement at her age is unprecedented in Bangladesh.

10-year-old treks to Annapurna Base Camp



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From Nafakhum to Abc

Ahona inherited her love for mountains and trekking from her father, who explored hiking during his student days. Three years ago, at the age of 8, Ahona showed her passion for hills by successfully climbing Nafakhum in Bandarban with her parents. Encouraged by her enthusiasm, the family explored local hikes in Fatikchhari and Bandarban, discovering Ahona's joy in these outdoor adventures, said her father.

"We first noticed Ahona's physical and mental abilities when she easily passed different challenges at the Foy's Lake Base Camp in Chattogram," said her mother Evana. Seeing her interest, the family attended a day-long basic workshop on hiking organised by Ravelettes and Rope4 in Dhaka early October. "Noticing her enthusiasm, Rope4 members Mahi and Taukir encouraged us to take Ahona to ABC trekking," she added. Initially unsure, Ahona's father changed his mind after she successfully climbed Chandranath hills twice as part of the preparatory tasks with other Rope4 members.

Convinced by his daughter's passion, the duo, with Ahona leading the way, set out on an unforgettable journey to conquer the ABC in late October. After arriving in Kathmandu on October 30, the team took an overnight bus to reach Pokhara on October 31 morning. From Pokhara, they embarked on a three and a half-hour motor ride to Jhinu, the trek's starting point. The ascent to ABC started on October 31, culminating at an altitude of 4,130m on November 3, followed by a three-day descent, returning to Jhinu on November 6. Ahona, dressed in a 6-layer jacket to brave the chilling cold, carried a 4kg bag on her back but yet appeared unfazed, mentioned Aniket.

She was never exhausted and was eager to see more even after hiking for hours, said the father, adding, "She was even walking faster than everyone and reached the basecamp well ahead of us." Though she didn't experience mountain sickness while ascending, she had a brief nosebleed during the descent. However, it resolved after a half-hour rest. Mohiuddin of Rope4 said, "We are proud of Ahona. Her parents deserve praise for letting her pursue her interests at such a young age."

Ahona's father said her teachers, especially the chairperson of the school, gave all out support and granted a 11-day leave for the expedition. Even her classmates and teachers gave a brief but warm reception to Ahona as she arrived at her campus yesterday morning. Safia Ghazi Rahman, founder and chairperson of Sunshine Grammar School, adorned her with a garland of roses. She said Ahona can be a role model for other students for showing such bravery at such a tender age.



High Achievers 2023

A' Levels

O' Levels

