



Auto Rebellion underground meet 2020

If you don't love pop-ups, you've stopped living

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Real bikes like these don't go "pot-pot-pot"



Gloria Gaynor referred to these 90's Corollas in 1978 when she sang "I will survive"



3 butts for all kinds of loving: sedan, hatch and liftback



These 80's Corolla wagons came with faux wood panelling on the outside disappointing many termite generations



1:43 scale diorama celebration of Ford's greatest Victory against Ferrari



Man sees Evo, starts performing ballet out of joy



Hate it or really, really love it like (80's rock-stars love cocaine): Mercedes 500 SEC lives on with a Toyota heart



All people are pink inside and all cars are rusty brown underneath

How women are coming to the forefront of tech in Bangladesh

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In the era of technological advancements, Bangladesh is keeping up with global trends in exploring the plethora of opportunities made available through Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and an overall digital transformation. In doing so, more and more women are participating in this sector, a positive phenomenon formerly less seen in this field. Subsequently, this Women's Day, we explore the sector and the advancements and obstacles made and faced by the women of our tomorrow.

While delving into the reasons behind the under-representation of women in tech, the sheer number of interested female students in this sector proved not to be a reason. Being a student of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Afsara Benazir said, "From my school days, I had a passion for Mathematics and Physics and my interest in these subjects pushed me to choose engineering and I aspire to be a professional in the ICT sector." While the interest was always there, the social cues which mark women unfit for the job, coupled with the lack of empowering and networking platforms proved to be a barrier for many who wanted to pursue a career in this sector. However, all of this has drastically changed for the better in the past couple of years.


A growing number of organisations have emerged, helping women across Bangladesh in reaching their goals. The Bangladesh Women in Technology (BWIT) has a dedicated platform aimed at promoting women in the technology industry through training and a wide range of networking opportunities, with the members being women who are ICT entrepreneurs and professionals in the ICT, computer science, EEE, robotics and mechatronics sector. Moreover, BASIS Women's Forum (BWF), an initiative by the Bangladesh Association



of Software and Information Services (BASIS), empowers women regardless of educational background to help them pursue a career in ICT. TechBeez, which connects aspiring female students in STEM with female leads in the industry, enables enhanced career opportunities while inspiring many. While women


have been under-represented in the ICT industry for years, these initiatives aim at bridging the gap and enforcing an era of superior ICT industry boom. Moreover, there are countless government initiatives, aided further by the 'Digital Bangladesh' agenda which empowers women throughout. Institutes

such as Bangladesh Korea Institute of Information and Communication Technology (BKIICT) and Bangladesh Computer Council have taken initiatives to provide opportunities and support for women in the country.



Regenerative braking – How does it work?

Regenerative braking system or regen is an energy conversion process where a car takes excess kinetic energy, usually generated by the momentums of its wheels, and stores it for later use. Electric vehicles and plug-in-hybrids vehicles use regen as a form of range extender, where it takes energy that is otherwise wasted and then uses it to recharge their battery. Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV uses such a system, which when used, allows the car to travel up to 35 km using just its electric motors. This in Bangladesh's context means going from Dhanmondi to Uttara without using a single drop of petrol.



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