

AUST organising Inter-University and College Tech-Business Competition 'MindSpark 2.0'

AUST Innovation and Design Club (AUSTIDC) of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology is going to organize "MindSparks 2.0", an Inter-University and College Tech-Business Competition at AUST campus for the 2nd time on March 14 & 15. This event is going to include almost

all the fields of engineering through its 12 segments this year: MATLAB challenge, Engineering Olympiad, Techno CAD, Truss challenge, Innovation challenge, Quad Racing, Soccer Bot, Tex Maestro, Poster Presentation, Hardware Project Showcasing, Software Project

Showcasing, and Roborace. The centre of attraction of MindSparks is that the winners of five of these segments will have direct access to participate and represent Bangladesh in Cognizance 2020 of the renowned IIT, Roorkee of India.

New cars this week



Aston Martin v12 Speedster

If you love the Ferrari Monza SP1/2 but a die-hard Aston Martin fan on the inside, then great news! Inspired by the US F/A-18 fighter jet, their V12 Speedster amalgamates bits from LeMans winning Astons from the vault. Powered by a mid-mounted 5.2 liter twin-turbo V12 churning out 700hp through an 8 speed ZF gearbox, the absence of a windscreen is sure to warp a helmetless driver's face, Jeremy Clarkson style. They are only making 88, one of which can be yours for the price of 3 well-furnished apartments in Dhanmondi.



Koenigsegg Gemera

The Swedish car maker with a tongue twister of a name wanted to make its first 4 seater, 2.0 liter 3 cylinder hybrid. Something akin to a Prius. Except for Mr. Koenigsegg completely missed the memo, and has made a family car for The Jetsons instead. As the first in a new segment, the Gemera Mega-GT with its 1.27 megawatts of power (that's 1700bhp) and 3500 Nm of torque, it is likely to hurl itself back to the future with its 100 km/h of 1.9 seconds. Fun for the whole family!

Dinosaur DNA discovered in 75-million year old preserved fossils

Paleontologists from the Chinese Academy of Sciences and North Carolina University have discovered fragments of a preserved 75-million year old dinosaur fossils that still contain traces of dino DNA. The dinosaur, a Hypacrosaurus, was unearthed from the 'Two Medicine Formation' of Montana in the US. The duck-billed herbivore lived during the Cretaceous period and was a 'nestling',

meaning it was still very young when it died. The fragments contain preserved organic material, such as, cartilage cells, proteins, chromosomes, and DNA. The last one surprised scientists as modern-day thinking suggests that DNA will only survive for about a million years. "These new exciting results add to growing evidence that cells and some of their biomolecules can persist in



deep-time,' said paleontologist Alida Bailleul of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. He also added, "They suggest DNA can be preserved for tens of millions of years and we hope that this study will encourage scientists working on ancient DNA to push current limits and to use the new methodology in order to reveal all the unknown molecular secrets that ancient tissues have".

EDITOR'S NOTE

Saving the Editor's Note

Our editor constantly wants to scrap the Editor's Note section. And we are relentlessly keeping him at bay from doing so and keeping this little column we all love from getting lost in oblivion. One of us is once again taking up the burden of responsibility to keep it alive and just like that; the Editor's Note survives another week.

In this issue, we talk about co-working culture. Because we believe this relatively new trend is relevant enough to be a cover story on Toggle. And we throw shade at local brands for missing the memo on digital marketing. We are borderline woke this Friday and we hope you are as well.

Also, we talk about pets. Finally.

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Facebook bans face mask ads to fight coronavirus price gouging.

Microsoft commits to paying wages for hourly employees affected by Coronavirus.



Short-form video service Quibi will launch on April 6 with 50 new shows.

Twitter bans dehumanizing speech around age, disability and disease.



Mars 2020 rover has a new name: Perseverance.