

## 5i and C2 smartphones launched locally by realme

Smartphone brand realme launched two new phones, realme 5i and realme C2 for the Bangladesh market through an online event on March 14, 2020, at Six Seasons in the capital.

The company has brought realme 5i from the series 5 family with a 5000 mAh battery. Priced at BDT 12,900/-, realme 5i has the longest 30-day standby in the price segment. realme 5 adopts the latest "Sunrise Design" in its slim body and comes in two colours – Aqua Blue and Forest Green.

The phone also packs a quad-camera setup with a 119° ultra-wide-angle lens (8MP), main camera (12MP), portrait lens (2MP) and ultra-macro lens (2MP). With an upgraded



algorithm, Nightscape 2.0 is now available in the ultra-wide-angle lens, suitable for shooting night photos with a wider view.

The C2 comes with a dewdrop display and a diamond-cut design, equipped with MediaTek Helio P22 (12nm) chipset and octa-core processor. The full-screen body offers a 19.5:9 HD+ display. Its AI-powered dual camera setup with Chroma Boost can help take balanced pictures. It also offers 1080p video recording and slow-mo videos. With 2 GB RAM and 32 GB internal storage, this phone seems appealing to the entry-level smartphone users with a price of BDT 8,990/-.

Both phones will be available on Daraz.com from March 18, 2020, with a Flash-sale price of BDT 7,990/- for realme C2.

## Rakuten Viber doubles the maximum number of group call participants to 20

In an effort to focus on remote working and combating communication breakdown, Rakuten Viber has recently doubled the maximum number of participants of a group call and now supports up to 20 people at once.

Regarding this, Ofir Eyal, Chief Operating Officer, Rakuten Viber said, "We are committed to finding more ways for people to connect in groups during this challenging time without having to be physically in the same place. With more people working remotely, in response to the spread of the Coronavirus, we want to do our part to ensure that people have a safe and secure environment to stay connected with loved ones and to be able to continue to do their jobs from wherever they are."



## New car this week

Chinese premium SUV manufacturer Haval have finally released the H2's facelift for Bangladesh's market. The facelift eliminates much of the droopiness of the previous design, with the new streamlined hood, grille and headlight giving the car a much more handsome look. On the interior, the car still punches above its price range with options, with items such as powered driver's seat, parking sensor, tire pressure motor and more being offered as standard in the Dignity trim. For power, it has a turbocharged 1.5 litre Mitsubishi derived 4-cylinder putting out 147 HP and 155lb-ft of torque. Haval is offering the H2 in two flavours—City and Dignity, both priced in the sub-30 lakh Taka segment. For this month only, Haval is offering an early bird discount on the City trim, with the limited-time discounted price coming in at BDT 27, 50,000/-. Keep an eye on the Shift page for a full review in the near future.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

## My nephew came home grinning ear to ear

"Got early vacation this year. Woohoo! They are not even worried about keeping in touch with friends because Minecraft. Or Roblox. Connection is digital now.

Kids love a break from school especially now that the coronavirus threat is becoming more serious. The message is simple. We don't know how bad the situation is at present in Bangladesh. We don't know how much worse it will get. If the option is there to stay home and work or study, do that.

Many bosses will hate the fact that their white-collar employees can actually get the work done without being at the office. It's a reality of 2020. Apps and software take care of both the monitoring and the coordinating of tasks. That's what we cover this week. Your desk job can do without you.

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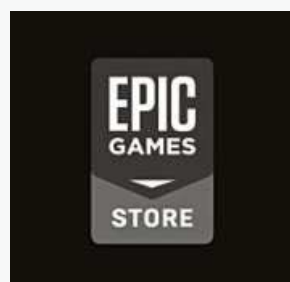
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### TechBits



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Epic Games buys UK facial mapping startup Cubic Motion.



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Reporters Without Borders uses Minecraft to sneak censored works across borders.