Apps to help you survive lockdowns

Kindle
You can download the Kindle app and read e-books on almost any tablet or phone. Amazon's "Whispersync" technology stores your progress if you switch between the app and your Kindle. The app offers books that are less expensive than hard copies, with a variety of formats and font sizes. It's free to download for iPhone or Android.

Headspace
Headspace offers meditation courses, ranging from the basics of meditation to others that help you stay positive, along with "Sleepcasts" that are just stories told in a relaxing way. This app has a 7-day free trial and costs $12.99 per month or $69.99 a year with a 14-day free trial.

Mario Cart Tour
Mario Kart Tour for iPhone and Android might be fun for keeping the whole family entertained. It takes some getting used to, swiping your finger on the screen to make sure your driver stays on the track. The app is free to download.

Pocketcasts
You can find podcasts for pretty much any topic imaginable, from health and science to politics on this app. Some of these include The New York Times' "The Daily," the BBC World Service's "Global News Podcast" and CNBC's "Squawk Pod." Pocketcasts is free for iPhone and Android.

AUST hosts Mindsparks '20

AUST Innovation and Design Club of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST), organised "MindSparks'20" for the second time. This Tech-Event was held in collaboration with IIT, Roorkee, India on 14th and 15th March. Around 1200 Participants from 34 different universities took part in different segments.

There were about 9 segments in MindSparks'20. From these segments, champions of Techno Cad, Quad Racing, Hardware Project Showcasing and Poster Presentation will be competing directly at Cognizance of IIT.

The event was inaugurated on March 14 by flying the event banner with a drone by the President of AUST Innovation and Design Club (IDC), Prof. Dr. Bobby Barua. The Soccer Bot, Engineering Olympiad, Truss Challenge, Techno CAD, Quad Racing, Poster and Innovation Challenge Segment was held on the first day. The other segments, MATLAB and

Hardware Project Showcasing Segments took place on the second day, March 15.

As this year MindSparks took place on March 14 which is Pi day, a new segment

was introduced keeping this in mind. In this segment, participants had to write the values of pi after the decimal point, the one who wrote the highest value was awarded. The event was brought to an end by the speech of the Chief Guest, honourable Vice Chancellor of AUST, Prof Dr Muhammad Fazle Ilahi; and of the special guests, Prof Dr Abdur Rahim Mollah, Dean of Engineering Faculty at AUST; Prof Dr Sharmin Reza Chowdhury, Advisor of Students' Welfare at AUST; and Prof Dr Bobby Barua, President of AUST Innovation and Design Club.

Last year, the MindSparks'19 champion of Techno Cad achieved the championship in IIT Roorkee too and the team from RoboRace segment was Runners-up at IIT Roorkee. This MindSparks'20 got more intense and bigger, thus it is expected that champions of this years' Mindsparks will come back participating at IIT upholding our country's flag.