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WHILE YOU WAIT IT OUT

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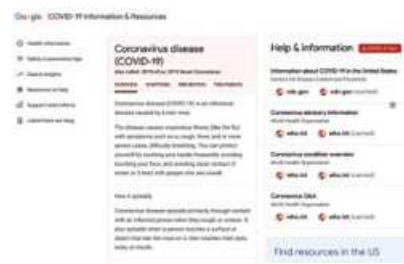
Google launches an educational website on information regarding coronavirus

Google launched an educational coronavirus website that contains safety tips and authoritative information about the pandemic.

The website, google.com/covid19, is "focused on education, prevention, and local resources. People can find state-based information, safety and

prevention tips, search trends related to COVID-19, and further resources for individuals, educators, and businesses," Google said in a blog post.

The website includes information on COVID-19 from the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization, along with tips



on how to stay safe during the crisis.

"We hope these resources will help people find answers to the questions they're asking and get the help they need," said Emily Moxley, product management director for search at Google, in a blog post published Saturday.

WHO introduces verified number for updates on corona virus

WHO has introduced a verified number to circulate updates on the Corona pandemic. Dropping a text on WhatsApp to this number (+41798931892) will enable you to get all the latest updates, to do's, myth busters and news coverage. The helpline also answers the questions asked about the pandemic.



New cars this week



The designers at Hyundai are either up to something revolutionary or just being downright lazy. Their new sedan, the 2021 Elantra, looks like a rough 3D render with lots of unbelieved edges. The depressions on the doors and front fender resemble damage models from the early 2000's racing game while the front grille gives the impression of the car wearing a facemask, which is tragically trendy. Still, the car does come with a fuel-efficient 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine and Hyundai's usual above-its-price-range upmarket features. Beauty is to the eye of the beholder, just be ready for local "experts" telling you to fix your car daily.



The new Swift sport is here, and it's now a hybrid. That's right, Clarkson's favourite hatchback now comes with a 48V Hybrid Powertrain that knocks up the 0-100 time by a solid second. On the bright side, the powertrain gives the 1.4-litre booster jet engine a 173 lb-ft. of torque boost at less than 2,000rpm and with a curb weight of only 1,025 kg, it is still one of the lightest cars around. Will this hybrid powertrain finally convince our grey market gods to import a few of these? We sure hope so, as 21 the kilometre per litre range will make it much easier to explain our fuel bill to our significant other.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Week #2 Things started to get scary serious

People have finally started to wake up to the fact that this just might be more serious than all the celebratory preparations would suggest. Those that can have started on social isolation to reduce spread. People still have to be out and about to work. But for those that can stay, we have a big list of things you can dive into to improve yourselves. You have a lot of time on your hands right now. Use it. For those of you who have the luxury of staying at home, level up. Be a better version of yourselves after all this clears up. Things are not going to be the same.

Ehsanur Raza Ronny, Editor

Netflix launches \$100 million fund for out-of-work film and TV workers

Netflix has announced the launch of a \$100 million fund that aims to support the cast and crew members, including those working on Stranger Things, The Witcher, and Russian Doll, who are now reeling from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a statement on the streamer's blog, Chief Content Officer Ted Sarandos said, "This community has

supported Netflix through the good times, and we want to help them through these hard times, especially while governments are still figuring out what economic support they will provide. So we've created a \$100 million fund to help with hardship in the creative community." \$15 million of the fund will benefit non-Netflix productions through third parties and

emergency relief non-profits created for cast and crew that are now out of work.

Furthermore, Netflix will also be donating \$1 million to the SAG-AFTRA Covid-19 Disaster Fund, the Motion Picture and Television Fund, and the Actors Fund Emergency Assistance in the US, as well as \$1 million between the AFC and Foundation des Artistes.

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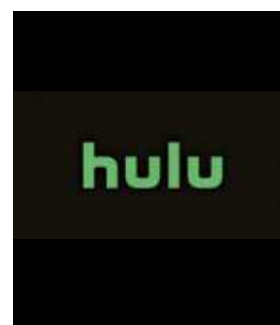
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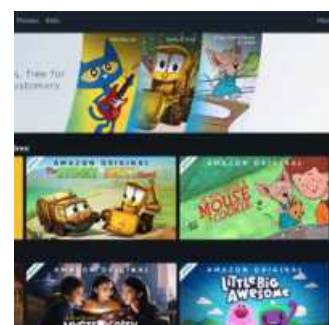
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Twitter prioritises verifications on experts on the novel coronavirus



Hulu adds a free live news stream to its on-demand app

EV Truck startup Rivian shuts down all facilities over COVID-19



Amazon Prime Video is streaming kids' movies and TV for free

SpaceX and Tesla are 'working on' ventilators, claims Elon Musk



The Bangladeshi Perspective

SAIM AHMED SHIFAT

What do talented Bangladeshis have in common and how can we have more of them? Seeam Shahid Noor, currently pursuing Bachelor's in Applied Mathematics and Biology at Harvard University with a secondary in Computer Science, set out on his pursuit to find the answer to this question and



Seeam Shahid Noor

started The Bangladeshi Perspective. While talking about the inception of this project, Seeam mentioned the book "Tribe of Mentors" by Tim Ferriss, where the author interviews some amazing people across the world to know what makes them successful. Being able to relate to the advice in the book, Seeam started his endeavour to tell the stories of Bangladeshis who were leaving their mark in their respective professional lives at home and abroad.

Seeam started the project with his friend Farhan Rahman around November 2019. Although Farhan left the journey after a while due to his busy schedule with his job at Tesla, Seeam continued the project at Harvard. Initially, he reached out to some successful Bangladeshis at Harvard, MIT and Oxford. The interviews were all Facebook Live interviews and can be found on the Facebook page. Seeing impressive viewer growth, Seeam later decided to expand the scope and outreach. The website for The Bangladeshi Perspective was created when he came to Bangladesh for a

month during his winter break. He created the website with help from a friend and expanded presence from Facebook to YouTube and LinkedIn as well. The platform so far has 54 interviews and has reached over 100,000 people. The team is growing with rising interest among the youth of Bangladesh to be a part of The Bangladeshi Perspective. Few talented students have applied to be bloggers, video editors, and contributors for this initiative seeking an avenue for learning and growth.

When asked about the most unexpected and key revelations in his journey with The Bangladeshi Perspective, Seeam mentioned the following facts:

- Most of the successful people achieved confidence from accomplishments in the early stages of their lives (High-school or Bachelor's) mostly through extra-curricular activities

of them have at least a double-digit number of failures that changed their trajectories in life.

- Most of them do not have any idea as to where they want to be 5/10 years from now and that has always been the case. They make the most out of whatever circumstances are put in front of them.

- In terms of communication, WhatsApp is the best way to reach these people although email/LinkedIn outreach is getting more popular day by day.

Going forward, The Bangladeshi Perspective aims to make sure that the knowledge base reaches as many young aspiring Bangladeshis as possible. For now, the target is a few million Bangladeshis annually. Through a book or a better promoted social media video channel, the platform aims to reach more Bangladeshis every day. "I had a great journey interviewing Bangladeshis

A lot of the talented students in Bangladesh today feel stuck and lost in their professional (often personal) lives due to a lack of mentoring. Successful and bright minds are not traditionally accessible (via emails or LinkedIn messages) in Bangladesh, unlike many other countries. Being affiliated with some of the top institutions in Bangladesh and the world provided Seeam with easier access to a lot of successful Bangladeshis. Making the most out of his access to these individuals, he wanted to create a bridge between the knowledge he could get from those talented people and the young minds in Bangladesh who need a direction with successful instances. Thus, The Bangladeshi Perspective was born.

and sometimes academics. That initial confidence gave them a compounding advantage as they moved on to the next steps of their lives.

- Contrary to popular belief, most

from different fields and cannot wait to see what the future holds for the Bangladeshi Perspective!", a hopeful Seeam replied while talking about his journey so far and the road ahead.

THE BOSSMAN

BY E. RAZA RONNY

DUE TO VIRUS OUTBREAK, ALL EMPLOYEES MUST GO HOME FOR QUARANTINE



UMMM, DUDE. WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE?



I THOUGHT I WAS HOME. I'VE BEEN DOING SO MUCH OVERTIME... I NEVER LEFT.





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Custom model car builds: Friend or foe edition

EHSANUR RAZA RONNY

Two petrolhead friends, lots of drills, saws and all kinds of weird murderous looking tools and a lot of time. Maybe even all the time in the world now that they are asked

to stay at home to save the world amidst the largely terrifying coronavirus. With all those tools and all that time, we expect to see a lot of custom die-cast

car creations from them and others just like them. It is a pretty big community and a lot of members are busy turning your everyday scale model car into a one-

off art piece. We'll follow up with tips and tricks in upcoming weeks. You can mail directly to ronnyraza@thedailystar.net for tips, submissions and queries.



Battle scarred Defender for fighting murderous ants



K M Shajib Prithul: A generally quiet guy and a musician, he has a habit of silently observing others work while probably thinking he can do better. He's right though. This battle ready Land Rover Defender double cab started out simple and then went overboard. Much like liberating a country but with massive bombs. Except in this case the results were outstanding. Everything you see here is custom made. The guns, fuel tanks and antennas are all hand built. All the rope and barbed wire is meticulously scaled to perfection. Nothing seems out of place. You can't have a military model without weathering. There is no such thing as a sparkling clean shiny military vehicle. Which makes it easier in a way for modelers to build realistic creations. This truck has



a beautiful patina of dirt on the camo green paint. It oozes character. You can tell many enemy ants and bugs have been squashed under its relentless rubber tires. You cannot hold it in your hand without wanting to make a whole annoying series of gun noises and explosions. This is one explosive piece of art.



Making Carroll Shelby proud



Muhammad Shahriar Shameem: A lecturer in the Department of Law at UODA. He spends his time drastically cutting up model cars when he's not preparing to cut the opposing counsel to pieces. He has a knack for opening up parts on 1:64 models. These are tiny at about roughly three inches in length and the casting is often quite thick. But he has enough patience to saw at it till doors, trunks and hoods end up cut out beautifully and cleanly.



metal made out of ballpoint nibs. But what took my breath away is a seemingly simple thing that must have taken a lot of hours and some blood rituals. The headlights have been drilled out and now sport plastic lenses and reflectors within. The whole thing was finished off with large metal flake silver paint and custom printed decals. Last I met him, he had an accident with a saw that nearly cut through to bone on his thumb. But he has not given up.

This particular GT40 has a lot of special features if you look for them. A lot of molded on grills have been cut open and inserted with metal mesh. The jewel of the piece is the back which now tilts open to show off the V8. Not sure if it is the 4.2 or the 7 litre version.

The back features another cut out that's now filled with wire mesh and has two exhaust tips poking out. Tips are also



Develop yourself while in quarantine

Independence has taken a different meaning all across the globe, due to the crisis that came along with the corona pandemic. Life can seem a bit dull when you don't have to go to work, or classes, or even to spend some quality time with your friends. However, this is a time like no other in so many aspects. This is the time when you truly do something for yourself, for your self-development, so that you go back out there into the real world much stronger and confident when the crisis is over. You can find independence in upgrading yourself, and exploring areas that you wanted to explore all along but couldn't make time for it. We bring you several things that you can do to truly develop yourself in the times of home quarantine.

Online courses
Never have there been a greater time to brush up on old software skills or finally take that free anthropology course from Harvard you've been dying to take for years. For those of us who have always fancied Ivy League colleges, this social isolation would be a great time to dab into over 500 free Ivy League courses available online completely for free. Here are our top picks:



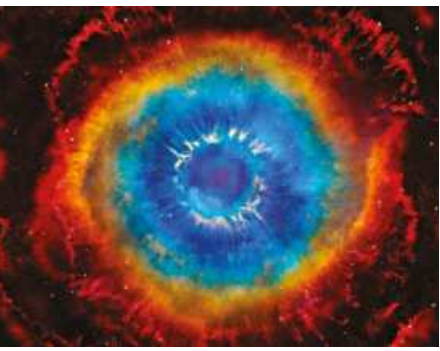
CS50's Introduction to Computer Science-Harvard via EdX
CS50's Introduction to Computer Science with Professor David J Mallan is Harvard's signature introductory CS course which Harvard CS freshers take every year along with millions of people joining online for free. The course is designed to teach the basics of CS from scratch to beginners and is a great start for anyone who's looking to learn the basics of programming.



Greek and Roman Mythology-University of Pennsylvania via Coursera
Taught by the veteran Peter Struck, UPenn's introductory Greek and Roman mythology course is a fabulous start for anyone interested in learning in-depth about Homer's odyssey or Oedipus's journey. Take assignments and exams in real-time with attendee students and thousands of others joining online.



The Global Financial Crisis-Yale University via Coursera
A business course from Yale, taught by former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Timothy F. Geithner and Professor Andrew Metrick, it deals with the survey of causes, events, policy responses, and aftermath of the recent global financial crisis.



Imagining other Earths-Princeton University via Coursera
This introductory course from Princeton introduces core concepts in astronomy, biology, and planetary science that enable the students to speculate scientifically about profound questions like "Are we alone" and rediscover their solar system.



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Introduction to Psychology-Yale University via Coursera
It explores topics such as perception, communication, learning, memory, decision-making, persuasion, emotions, and social behaviour. The course aims at teaching at how these aspects of the mind develop in children, how they differ across people, how they are wired-up in the brain, and how they break down due to illness and injury.

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NOW YOU KNOW

Of Screens and Displays

Gauge clusters, also known as the instrument panel, are a series of meters or screens that are placed on a car's dashboard, usually on top of the steering wheel. They are designed to provide the driver with important information such as the car's speed, fuel status and many more. Some vehicles come with even more futuristic capabilities- like the Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross comes with a stylish Head-Up Display,In the Eclipse Cross, drivers can use the transparent, full-color display to view their speed, cruise control indicators, enabled advanced safety features and more, all while staying focused on the road ahead.



How to properly clean and disinfect your smartphone

JINAT JAHAN KHAN

The screen of your smartphone can be a teeming cauldron of germs. The germs of touch screens can easily spread from your phone to your hands and face, increasing the chance of infections. Though disinfecting a smartphone doesn't take much time, this minor chore is often ignored. But at the time of cold and flu season or an outbreak of coronavirus like now, you must clean and disinfect your phone very frequently.

Microfiber cleaning cloths

Microfiber cloths are light, washable and reusable. These tightly woven microfiber cloths are ultra-soft that can help to clean the sensitive glass of your smartphone without the risk of scratching it. These cloths are also effective to remove oil, dust, fingerprint and all other smudges from your screen. Microfiber cloths can be used with or without a mild cleaning solution suitable for electronic screens. But never use soap or detergent. While using a damp microfiber cloth, it's a must to switch off your phone. Just move the cloth in a horizontal or vertical direction repeatedly.



Rubbing alcohol

Using the alcohol solution on the smartphone screen is not a bad idea at all if it has the proper amount of alcohol in it. 70% rubbing alcohol or other alcohol-based disinfectants are the best options. But don't spray them directly on the screen. It may damage the glass depending on the sensitivity level of it. Take a soft, lint-free cloth or at best microfiber cloth,

dip it into the solution and wipe the screen without keeping any excess solution on it.

Disinfectant wipes

If you are in a dilemma to choose a good combination of alcohol solution and cleaning cloths, you can switch to disinfectant wipes. 70% isopropyl alcohol wipes or Clorox Disinfecting Wipes are effective to kill microbes and sanitize your phone. A single wipe is enough, but you should avoid excessive wiping. These wipes are sometimes overloaded with alcohol solution and the extra alcohol can drip into the sensitive points like any



speaker grill or lighting spot of the phone. So remove the extra amount of alcohol before using it.

UV sanitizer

You can use a UV sanitizer to deep clean your smartphone. UV phone sanitizers use UV-C light to disinfect smartphones. UV-C light of these types of cleaning devices can kill most of the germs living on the screen and the back of your phone. This light is not harmful to your smartphone and this process of sanitization only takes 10 minutes. However, it hasn't been tested on the coronavirus. But according to the experts, it'll work on coronavirus too, if the UV-C dose is larger. But we can't deny the fact that it kills up to 99.9% of the bacteria which can't be done by alcohol wipes. So it's an effective tool to sanitize smartphones.

Remember to wash your hands through for at least 20 seconds after cleaning your smartphone. Don't let the germs to transfer from your phone to your hands, even after your efforts to sanitize it.

Fun apps to try in quarantine



Serial Box

Serial Box is an app that enables you to listen to audiobooks or read e-books anytime, anywhere, on any of your devices. Each audiobook and e-book series is released in 20-60 minute episodes, with the first episode of every series being free, enabling you to explore newer literature. Your progress will be saved across formats, so you'll always be able to pick up where you left off. It also sends you notifications with new short stories every once in a while.

Night Sky

A stargazing app where the user can explore a virtual representation of the night sky to identify stars, planets,



constellations, and satellites. Just point your phone camera at the sky and see real-time constellations and stars with information. The app is developed specifically for iOS, tvOS and watchOS devices.

Radio Garden

Radio Garden allows you to listen to thousands of live radio stations



worldwide by rotating the globe in real-time. Every green dot represents a city or town. Tap on it to tune into the radio stations broadcasting from that city. By adding new stations every day and updating ones that no longer work, it can you a smooth international radio listening experience. You can also save your favourite stations for later listening:

press the heart icon to add a favourite, then press the book icon to see your favourites.

Super Funky

In the times of home quarantine, nothing can be more enjoyable than having a

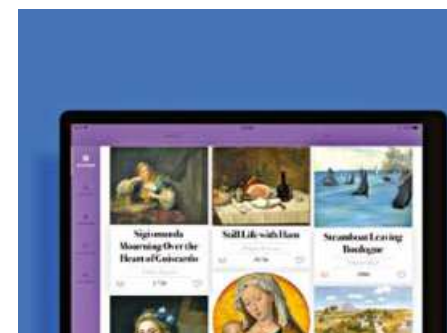


good laugh while dancing. Super Funky can serve that purpose well. It offers many fun features such as swipe-able monster dance cards and 55 awesome club dance moves. You can also search for your favourite dances, choose a dance based on

your mood, and create your club dance playlist. This app doesn't require any subscriptions or logging in. it doesn't even need an internet connection. You can get a combination of club dances in your pocket for \$2.99.

DailyArt

This app offers classic, modern and contemporary art masterpieces and short stories about them daily. DailyArt offers a collection of more than 2000 masterpieces, along with 700 artist



biographies and information about 500 museum collections. You can also share these with your family and friends. It allows you to set up your account and use the app on multiple devices including tablets and smartwatches. You can also set up a morning or an evening time for your push notification.

More ways to develop yourself

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Museums

As you sit at home in self-isolation and get bored of endless Netflix binging, how about a little cultural fix right from your couch? These museums are offering free virtual tours for anyone to access from anywhere in the world.



Louvre-Paris

The Louvre offers a total of three virtual tours. Virtual visitors can explore the gallery's Egyptian Antiquities collection of artefacts or take a look at the Galerie d'Apollon, a recently restored part of the Louvre known for its high-vaulted ceiling with paintings including "Apollo slaying the serpent Python" by Delacroix.

<https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>



British Museum-London

The OG national museum opened first in 1759, now offers virtual tours to anyone in the world for free. What's interesting is that their virtual tour is called the Museum of the World and is shaped like a giant virtual guitar fret. As you head along with the virtual gallery, you get to play tunes with the artefacts.

<https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>



Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York

The Guggenheim in NY is famous for its postmodern and conceptual installation arts. Thanks to Google Street View, you can now visit the wonders of its gallery halls from the comfort of your own home.

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/solomon-r-guggenheim-museum>

Music

A lot of audio production tools have also been made available for free and here are a few of them.



Native Instruments Analog Dreams

Native Instruments is offering the Analog Dreams (\$50) sound library as a free download until March 31st, 2020. The library is compatible with both the full version of Kontakt 6 and the freeware Kontakt Player plugin.



Minimoog Digital Synthesizer (iOS)

A digital emulation of a legendary analog synthesizer. Normally \$4.99, it's now free to download.



Korg Kaossilator (iOS, Android)

This feature-rich app lets any level of user make tracks by layering beats and loops on top of each other. It normally costs \$20, but it is a free download till March 31.

Whacky games to comfort you in quarantine



Untitled Goose Game

This is a great game for messing around in. Untitled Goose Game has you playing a goose, who's only goal is to terrorise the denizens of its locality. You progress through the game by manoeuvring your webbed feet through various grab and drop objectives. The game is a lot of fun to play and is easy enough for anyone to pick up.

Broforce

Ever seen some of the 80's Hollywood action movies and thought, "Not enough explosions?" Well, the developers at Free Lives did. Enter "Broforce", a band of knockoff 80's action heroes who deal exclusively in excessive force. The game is a 2D run and gun where you can blow up everything in spectacular fashion, to the point of breaking the game itself. So, do you think you are "bro" enough to take on an elite terrorist Army run by the devil itself? Yes? Then grab your nuclear grenade and dynamite chickens and get ready to redraw the landscape of various third world countries because Uncle Sam wants them liberated.



What the Golf

Most of us don't get golf and most of us don't intend to. With that in mind, the makers of What the Golf made a golf game that improves upon the original concept of golf – they made the game fun. Available on mobile and PC, the game gives you different kinds of courses, where your objective is to shoot items ranging from the golf ball to the human itself, to sometimes even aiming at a cow from the other end of a football field.



Super Hexagon

Super Hexagon has a simple premise, get your triangle to the centre of the rotating geometric shapes without hitting any of the forbidden blocks. All while listening to some catchy music. What's the catch then? Well the game gets progressively faster to the point where you can't afford to blink. If you think you are willing to put up with that torture just to listen to some admittedly catchy tune, good luck. Just be easy on your keyboard, it really is not their fault that you missed a beat.

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