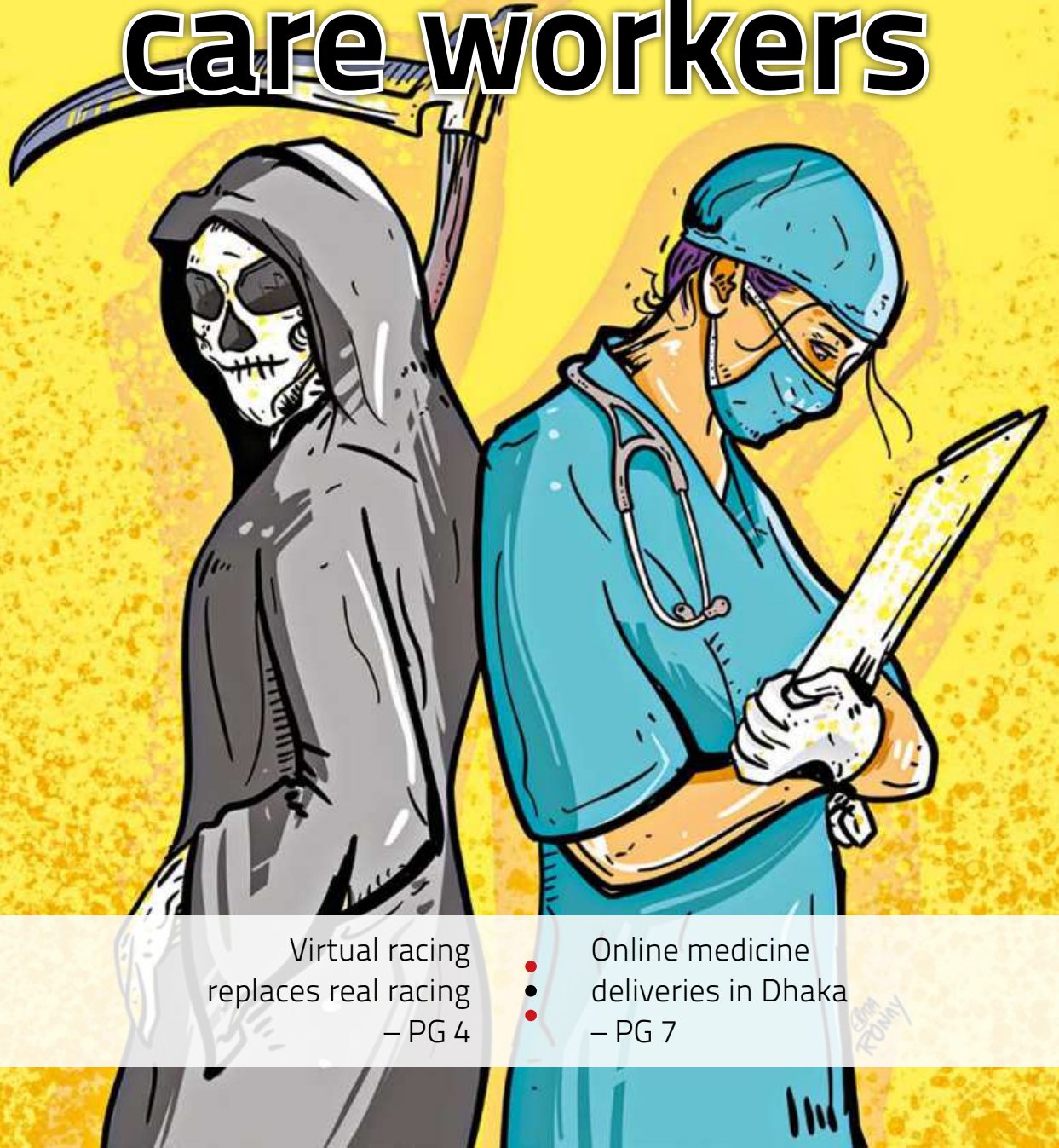


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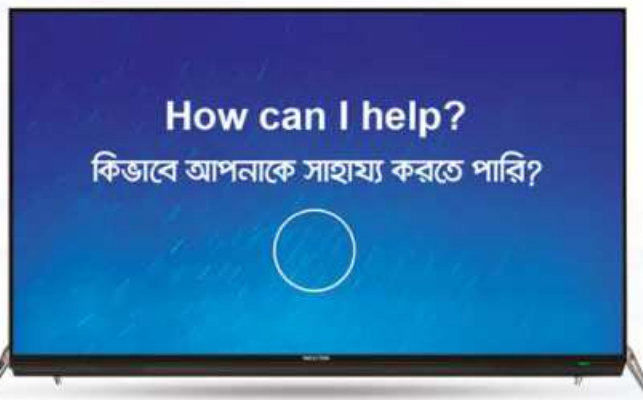
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Apple announces the new iPhone SE for 2020

Apple has officially announced the new iPhone SE, a lower-cost iPhone that starts at \$449.

The new phone is essentially an iPhone 8 with a better camera and processor. The upgraded camera is a single 12-megapixel lens on the back and the processor is Apple's A13 Bionic chip, the same that's available in the latest iPhone 11 and 11 Pro models.

The upgraded camera can do "cinematic" stabilization and support 4K video at 60fps, while Apple says the A13 will improve the phone's Smart HDR photography.

There will be a 128GB model offered for \$449 and a 256GB model for \$549. Like other iPhones, it will come with a free year of Apple TV Plus. It will be available in black, white, and Product Red.

Apple has begun taking preorder on April 17th and will start shipping this Friday.



Google blocking 18m coronavirus scam emails every day

The tech giant, Google, says that the COVID-19 pandemic has led to an explosion scam and phishing attacks in which criminals try to trick users into revealing personal data.

According to Google, Scammers are sending 18 million hoax emails about COVID-19 to Gmail users every day. The company said it was blocking more than 100 million phishing emails a day, almost a fifth of which were scam emails related to coronavirus.

Individuals are being sent a huge variety of emails which impersonate authorities, such as the World Health Organization (WHO), in an effort to persuade victims to download software or donate to bogus causes. The virus may now be the biggest phishing topic ever, tech firms say.

Google claims that its machine-learning tools are able to block more than 99.9% of emails from reaching its users. Google's Gmail is used by 1.5 billion people.

Sony offers free PS4 Games to encourage stay at home

To encourage people to stay at home, the tech giant Sony has launched the #PlayAtHome campaign.

Under the campaign, the company is offering PlayStation users a couple of free PS4 games so that they can remain home and help stop the spread of coronavirus.

Journey and Uncharted: The Nathan Drake Collection will both be completely free to download until 5 May, with Sony saying this is its way of saying thank you 'to all who are doing their part to lessen the impact of this pandemic'.

It should be noted that The Nathan Drake Collection Due contains remastered versions of



the first three Uncharted titles - Uncharted: Drake's Fortune, Uncharted 2: Among Thieves and Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception - meaning technically, Sony is giving away four games.

New bikes this week



The BMW R 18 largest and heaviest BMW to date, but its design raises a question, at what point does a motorcycle stops being 'retro' and becomes an instant classic? We will go with the classic, as thanks to its 1800cc engine and \$15,636 price tag, we have virtually no change to getting it.

On the other hand, the Vyrus



Alyen makes you wonder when does a motorcycle become a creature from outer space? Designed by the Italian boutique workshop Vyrus, the Alyen 998 is a bizarre amalgamation of carbon fibre and a Ducati-sourced 1,198-cc engine, outputting 202hp. The price is going to out of this world as well, as it is speculated to be something north of \$90,000.

EDITOR'S NOTE

CAN'T STAY IN VERSUS MUST GO OUT

Nobody wins really. It has been tried and tested in countries across the world: the less you make contact with other people, the greater the chances of stopping the viral pandemic. Yet, some can't stay in. Thousands flocked to a religious leader's funeral in Brahmanbaria this week hoping to catch some good vibes. Effectively, they became the Florida of Bangladesh. Yes, Florida reopened beaches where thousands flocked to get away. Mostly from the fact that the USA is suffering the biggest casualties.

Others though must go out. There are the doctors and convenience shop staff who must serve your needs. If you're stuck at home but need to get supplies, we got your covered. There are many online services now delivering medicines to your door. Or if you'd prefer, leave it just outside your door. Just stay in and do your part in keeping the numbers down. Let's hope B'baria and Florida realise it is not so bad to stay alive.

- Ehsanur Raza Ronny, Editor

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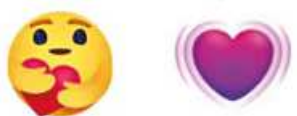
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How to use social media to attract talent

OROBI BAKHTIAR

With the rising unemployment rate in Bangladesh, university graduates make up almost 46% of it. One in three graduates remains unemployed after graduation. This may be the consequence of a lack of communication between the recruiters and the candidates. How do we, as employers, bridge that gap?

LinkedIn: Tool for Sourcing

Whenever we speak of social media and careers, the name that springs to mind is LinkedIn. This vast professional network is the go-to platform for job recruitment. Currently, there are more than 1 million users in Bangladesh. This is a massive advantage for recruiting companies if they play their cards right.

The business can use LinkedIn in several ways; the most preferred method being the Company page since its free of cost. For instance, due

to its extensive number of followers, Unilever can share updates with them so that these followers can apply or recommend people for the job. If you want to have a more subtle approach, you should try running a group around a topic, which serves as discussion forums as well as a place for peers to exchange a word. Applicants usually look at the business's employee profiles before applying. Accordingly, companies should make sure that the employees' profiles reflect what the company has to offer.

Twitter: Tool for Conversation

To make the best use of Twitter, you have to use it as a conversation tool. Businesses can have the main corporate Twitter feed posting about their job vacancies but the most effective way to get a response is to answer questions and have a one-on-one conversation with the candidates. By having individual Twitter accounts for recruiters, the whole process will be humanized, providing the applicants with a single point of contact.

Facebook: Tool for Branding

In spite of the fact that most people sign up for Facebook to connect with friends and family, this social network is an excellent opportunity

for companies to showcase what they have to offer. Following the usual protocol of setting up a Facebook Page for the company won't help to attract talent as they already rely on LinkedIn for that.

The biggest advantage of recruiting through Facebook is that you can reach both active and passive job seekers. The upper hand you will get through this is that if you display a great culture within your company, people will want to become a part of it. For instance, even though some applicants may have doubts about applying to British American Tobacco Bangladesh, they have successfully recruited some of the best minds in the country due to their online presence and workplace exposure. Facebook makes it easier to be visual with your storytelling. People want to envision themselves working for these companies, so photos and videos really are worth a thousand words.

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Virtual racing replaces real world racing

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As the world confronts Coronavirus, causing events to cancel, fans are turning to virtual Simulator Racing events, to make up for the real world races lost to the pandemic. As shallow as it might sound, the pandemic felt real for the first time with the cancellation of major sporting events. While basketball, football, and baseball stars have nothing to turn to fill the void on their Sundays anymore, motorsport fans are a testament to the popularity of sim racing, namely iRacing and rFactor to name a few, as fan-favorite drivers have turned to their screen and webcam to stream the entire ordeal on twitch and YouTube. How this came to be is a funny one actually. As world's top racing series, Formula One, Formula E, NASCAR and IndyCar hastily decided to cancel their season opening debut races and ultimately, the season, TJ Majors, a spotter from #22 Team Penske NASCAR team, had a lightbulb moment whilst making lunch days before the cancelled



Atlanta season opener, as he explained in an email to The Verge. Majors wanted to join in on an existing race by iRacing that was already scheduled along with his nothing-to-do-on-Sunday colleagues. As he explained his idea to his colleagues, they had ideas of their own, about starting their own race instead on the virtual oval of Atlanta Motor Speedway. From then onwards, it was only a matter of a few calls here and some texts there to and fro with behind the scenes people of NASCAR before actual drivers like Dale Earnhardt Jr. decided to join in the virtual grid, making history. Just like that, aptly named 'The Replacements 100' waved the checkered flag for boredom. According to iRacing's statistics, the



'replacement' race clocked in over 70,000 viewers on their official twitch stream.

Formula One soon followed suit after the cancellation of the season opening Australian GP. While NASCAR turned to a third party sim racing software, Formula One had two aces up their sleeves. Besides boasting their own official proprietary sim-racing video game published by Codemasters, McLaren Racing's very own Lando Norris's and Max Verstappen's online fame came to be a crucial component. While racing fans know Lando as the 20 year old rising starlet in a papaya orange-ish McLaren, to his beloved twitch subscribers, he's just a funny guy who streams himself playing PUBG. As Sunday rolled, the virtual grid was dominated by Lando and max, along with a plethora of top racing gamers each popular on YouTube, each worth their weight in salt. The virtual lights went out on as virtual carnage ensued. Lando's twitch stream pulled in 70,000 viewers alone. the 'not AUS GP' tallied in 175,000 viewers starved of action since November of last year. Legend has

it that you can still find Lando Norris lurking inside a F1 2019 online lobby.

The latest to join in the online race day is Formula E, launching a virtual racing season, while Formula One announced a 'virtual gran prix' series to fill in the canceled races.

Not taking work from seriously enough? NASCAR driver Kyle Larson has been fired by his team, Chip Ganassi after using a racial slur during sim race as he tried to communicating with a friend privately while leaving his mic on. Virtual actions seem to have real world consequences as NASCAR driver Bubba Wallace lost a sponsor after he rage quit a sim race preceding a virtual crash, in true gamer fashion.

Simulator racing laminates to be the only game where the player can live in their dream of being a racing driver. Be it racing in their favorite racing idol's car or their favorite track. Albeit the so called realism aspect of simulator racing lacks one key element; the sheer G force a driver experiences in real life racing, simulator racing has a lot to give. More so as racing drivers are where they are because of sim racing.

Jann Mardenborough started off with a play station controller in Gran Turismo. In 2011, he beat 90,000 players at the GT academy competition, a program in association with Gran Turismo and Nissan. The reward? Drive a GTR race car at the Dubai 24 hour race, in real life. In short, he made a career; gamer to racing driver. In a similar fashion, sim racing can help hone one's driving skill. Which is evident as Formula One teams spend millions in R&D in sim racing as they go as far as signing up separate drivers whose sole purpose is to eat, sleep and come back to the office (and have a go at their simulator, locating flaws at their virtual race car, which loosely translates to troubleshooting for errors in the real life car) and repeat. All in a day's work.

As the world is cooped up fighting an invisible enemy, what better time to bust out the PlayStation (or Xbox if your orientation lies that way) and drive around on virtual roads, pushing priceless animated cars to the limit or cruising with online friends in an open world Forza horizon lobby? You might even find your true calling to be the next Jann Mardenborough.

On the frontlines: How health-care workers are grappling with the pandemic in Dhaka

SHAH TAZRIAN ASHRAFI

"My senior, junior doctors and I need your prayers," Dr. Shawkat Osman, the C.A. of surgery Unit-5 at DMCH, writes in his Facebook post. Recently, some doctors from DMCH including him were forced to quarantine themselves in their homes as they were exposed to a Covid-positive patient. The patient had deliberately hidden his medical history in fear of overwhelming societal gaze and strict measures.

This trend of deliberately hiding medical history is not an isolated one though.

"There have been such cases," says Dr. Mirza Muhammad Asif Adnan, Asst. Registrar, DMCH. "A patient, coming from Narayanganj—a highly notorious area, being the epicenter of the pandemic now—may say that he is a resident of Dhaka. That way, he can avoid the rigorous procedures he would otherwise be given if the doctors knew of his original place of residence."

He adds that earlier, anticipating the spiteful glances they may receive from the society, patients did not reveal that they were abroad returnees, which, of course, heightened the risks of spreading the virus.

They fear lockdowns, and those who live in rented apartments fear removal.

In one instance, a suspected patient from Chandpur under his unit fled. Although she was told to get admitted

at the isolation ward, she duped the

nurse and fled. He discovered the incident on his routine check-up.

Patients' non-cooperation not only threatens the health-care workers and other patients, but also the general public. Caving in to stigma and fear comes with heavy, fatal costs, as vital information then remains cloaked in darkness.

"It's very concerning when patients hide their medical history; it's just like stepping on a landmine," says Dr Maruf Hasan, Asst Register, Surgery, working at Corona Unit, Kurmitola General Hospital.

As the virus tears through districts, facilitating lockdowns, fanning the flames of transmission, health-care professionals find themselves dangling above the jaws of risk. In this battle, they are inadequately armed and yet faced with crucial challenges.

"There were allegations that hospitals were not admitting the patients. The truth is they were not well equipped to admit," says Dr. Ronny*, an Honorary Medical Officer. "Doctors were put under

authorities have to consider everyone either positive or negative. There was a case where the patient (not a covid patient) was told to visit Kuwait Maitree Hospital; the authority of Kuwait Maitree told them that they could provide ICU care but they would have to keep the patient with COVID positive patients.

"As a Doctor, you want to help the patients, but the setup is not satisfactory," he says.

When asked about the safety issues faced by health-care professionals, he told me, "Many internees and doctors at a Govt. Hospital weren't given enough gears as the hospital bustled with suspected cases. The PPEs that the workers receive are of questionable quality. The quantity isn't enough to arm the workforce. If we have six doctors in duty, only two to three get PPEs. Many have to buy their own

aside from relying on donations. These gears were supposed to be given by the authorities, but instead, we have to fund for them ourselves and rely on donations."

In the beginning, the supplies weren't enough, but now the concerned authorities are stepping up. But that doesn't echo a story of hope. The supplies are still very inadequate

in proportion to the workforce and admission of patients, and the quality is questionable, says Dr. Mirza.

These individuals on the frontlines have to go through all the blood, sweat, and tears involved in their positions. They are required to be devoted to their services for hours on end clothed in PPEs.

The PPEs, coupled with the humidity, make things even more taxing.

"Even the doctors from the cold countries have trouble wearing such uniforms for so long. In a country like Bangladesh or India, working for ten to twelve hours wearing a PPE is very challenging," he says. "Our bodies become slimy with sweat."

Ideally, after undressing oneself from a PPE, one is not supposed to reuse it. But with the rising costs and the death

of such gears, doctors are left with no option but reusing them.

"We are not expected to have meals or go to washrooms, since a PPE should not be reused. But we have no other option," he says. "The costs are too high, and we can't keep on buying them."

Aside from PPEs, even using N-95 masks poses a big challenge for them. "A mask can be used for at best 6 days. So we have to buy around 4 masks in roughly a month. And now they probably(altogether) would cost at least 4000BDT. When I bought them, each cost 500-550," he says.

Those working at hospitals also face accommodation challenges. Dr. Mirza's colleague's apartment owner told him and some of his other colleagues not to come home since they fear infection. A doctor from delta hospital shared the same fate. His neighbors told him he couldn't stay there as it was very risky to be in close proximity. Kuwait Maitree hospital designated a hotel for such doctors. The cook from that hotel fled in fear.

Those I interviewed expressed their concerns over the need of a safe accommodation for the doctors, since going back home to their family invites severe risks for the members.

"Doctors rent a mess in groups. They don't have eating facilities. Many had to even leave their places since they are on duty. Homeowners don't want to rent," says Dr. Ronny*.

For Honorary Medical Officers like him, this situation is extraordinarily burdensome, given they are not paid and provide service voluntarily. Without HMOs, Dr. Shafiq tells me, the workforce would struggle more than it is now to stay afloat.

The nursing staff and the cleaners at hospitals also need proper guidance with regard to quarantining themselves so as not to infect their families. Dr. Maruf says, "It would be like a Domino effect, if the staff members are not guided properly, the risks of spreading contamination would run high."

In light of the hostile behavior the health-care workers face from different people, Dr. Ronny says, "It's very demoralizing; it dampens our spirit when people demonize us."

*Name has been changed to protect anonymity.



stress to admit suspected patients in ICU wards, and in that case they ran the risk of infecting all the other patients in the ward."

It is tough dealing with suspected patients, he tells me, because the administration (IEDCR) is sometimes slow in testing and then the patients have to hang in the balance. As a result, the patients suffer, scrambling from one hospital to another, due to the murky waters of confusion surrounding the right hospitals for treatment.

When asked about the challenges the doctors face in treating the patients, he said that ICUs cannot be mixed. The

How developers put your favorite cars into their game

Racing focused video games have always been popular among car enthusiasts. These games allow them to enjoy multiple fast cars from their favorite brands, all within the comfort of their own home. Game developers feature these cars by acquiring a license from the manufacturer, usually in exchange for a large fee and a list of guidelines outlining what they can and can't do with the cars. The first game to do this on large scale was the 1997 Grand Turismo, which featured over 100 cars from 11 different brands. Mitsubishi provided 21 vehicles, of which the 96 Lancer Evolution IV became quickly a fan favorite.



NOW YOU KNOW

The futuristic gadgets in Westworld are more realistic than you might think

ZARIF FAIAZ

Westworld is back with its third season after a two-year gap and 5 episodes in, it's been an explosive journey so far. The show has boldly shed off its vintage-looking settings and we're now in a brave new world full of futuristic technologies and gadgets. The year is 2058 and a futuristic world has never looked shinier. Most sci-fi movies and shows often completely miss the mark when depicting futuristic gadgets. But not Westworld. It's a delight to watch how the showrunners have thoughtfully designed the technologies and gadgets of the future that are not too distant from reality and are based upon educated guesses over modern available technologies.

Here are a few interesting gadgets that we've spotted so far and how they fare with their real-life counterparts:



The folding and sliding tablets

The tri-fold tablets that were used to control the hosts were some of the most iconic gadgets in season 1 and season 2. In season 3, we get a slight upgrade. Bernard uses a tablet that comes with a sliding display for additional screen space. These tablets look so cool that it left us wondering if these gadgets will ever be available in real life.

Earlier this year, LG rolled out its rollable screen TVs (pun intended) and a Chinese company called TCL has also introduced a phone with sliding display. And with major tech companies like Samsung and LG commercially producing foldable smartphones like the Galaxy Z flips and G8x ThinkQs, it's safe to assume that these gadgets are not that far ahead in the future.

AR hologram smart glasses

In season three, we see a lot of regular glasses that are actually AR hologram smart glasses. In reality, most AR glasses still don't look like our regular lightweight ones. Instead, they are big, bulky and comes with a hardware and battery pack. But we are slowly heading towards regular smart glasses with major tech firms including Google, Apple and Amazon working on them. The smart glasses shown in Westworld are in fact just a brilliant educated guess on what smart AR glasses could possibly look like in the future. Simple, regular and feature-packed.



The RICO app

In season three, we see Caleb using a gig-economy app called RICO, to earn money by committing crimes. The app works like most gig-economy apps we use now, (hopefully not for criminal or shady activities) where the app lets the user choose a level of crime they want to commit, connects them with accomplices and like every gig app, let the users rate their partners.

Jonathan Nolan, the show's co-creator explained in an interview that the RICO app was based on blockchain which the government cannot trace or track. An app like this does sound scary, but no really unrealistic.

Self-riding bikes and self-driving cars

A big chunk of the futuristic world portrayed in season three comprises of self-driven vehicles. We see Dolores riding a motorbike to chase Liam Dempsey which then parks itself. Dolores also summons the motorbike whenever she wants in a very batman-esque way. In other scenes, we often see her and other characters riding in self driven cars including one self-driven Audi.

In CES 2019, BMW showed off an early prototype for a self-riding motorcycle. And autonomous cars are no new concepts with numerous automobile manufacturers working on it. In fact, Audi itself has autonomous vehicles in development and testing just as we see in the show. So who's to say that by 2058 in real world, we won't see streets filled with autonomous vehicles?



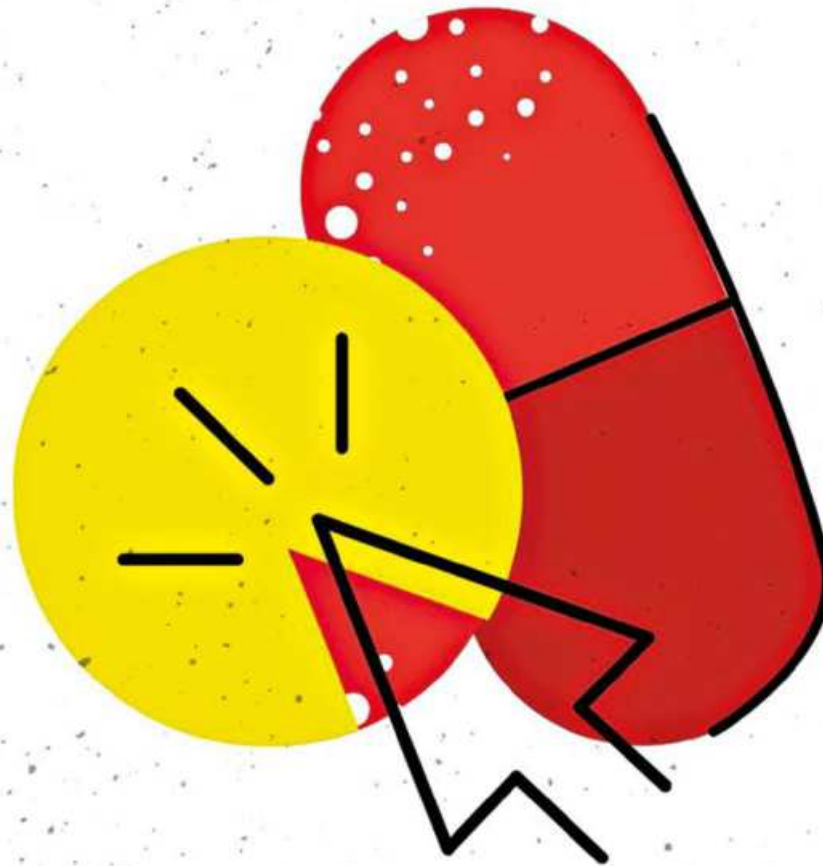
The synthetic abattoir

In the beginning of season three, we see Bernard working in a meat plant where cow meat is grown synthetically in labs. We see them cutting meat slabs from large pillars fitted with tubes full of blood so it's not clear what technology they are using exactly to grow these particular synthetic meats.

But in reality, though, synthetic or lab-grown meat is an actual thing. Have you not heard of the impossible whopper yet?

Westworld's season three is full of cheeky, realistic and yet futuristic techs like these. From smartwatches to data-hungry tech companies watching our every move, Westworld's depiction of technology is not something very far away in the future. More on Westworld and its fascinating world of tech when the season ends.





Online medicine delivery services in Dhaka during quarantine

JINAT JAHAN KHAN

Medicine shops are the last to remain open during a countrywide lockdown. But should you risk going out? In some cases, you may simply be unable to. Here are the current online options for medicine supplies.

BanglaMeds

BanglaMeds, the first online pharmacy in Bangladesh, provides home delivery of OTC and prescription drugs all over the country. But due to the current restrictions, the home delivery is only accessible for the residents of Dhaka city. From 10 AM to 4 PM, it remains open and delivers medicines within 1-3 hours. The best part is that there are no minimum order volume restrictions and the service is absolutely free due to the existing crisis. "They have extremely prompt service and the best thing is that they have almost all the medicines and health care products you can ask for", said Masafi Haider, a regular customer of BanglaMeds. You can order through their website or app or over the phone. Cash on delivery is available for the customers.

Ousud.com

Ousud.com is an independent pharmacy having direct links to pharmaceutical suppliers for medicine and other health care products. It's a licensed company having a physical pharmacy in Dhanmondi and it is compliant with the regulatory requirements of the Government of Bangladesh. They provide customer support through Facebook, email and SMS in Dhaka city. You need to pay a delivery charge of 60tk. However, it can be waived depending on the order you have placed or because of the promotional offers. Tahmid Hasan as a customer of this online pharmacy said, "They are usually very quick with their services and in Dhanmondi, it is a very trusted source. But nowadays they are often late due to the lockdown. However, it's understandable".

Pharmacy.com.bd

Pharmacy.com.bd is one of the leading online pharmacies in Bangladesh that provides generic and OTC products. Take a picture of your prescription or scan it and make orders with it through their website or on Messenger, WhatsApp or imo. Though they normally deliver medicines, all over Bangladesh, this service is only available in Dhaka for a time being. You have to wait for 4-24 hours to get your products. There is no charge if the order values 1000tk or more. In this issue, a customer named

Akib Hasan said, "I got my medicines timely, but for now one needs to order products worth of BDT 1000 to get the home delivery. I think it's too much during this crisis."

Delivery Hobe

Delivery Hobe is an e-commerce website where you can order not only medicines but also hygiene products, baby products, snacks and all other quarantine essentials that you may need. Place your order and get it delivered at your doorstep within an hour. The best thing is that they ensure hygiene as much as they can. They have trained and certified agents to work for them who do a daily test for coronavirus symptoms. During delivery, an agent always wears a mask and gloves and carries hand sanitizer for safety purposes. "They promised to deliver in one hour, though I couldn't trust them completely. Because I live in Mirpur! But actually they did. The deliveryman also maintained proper hygiene. So yeah, it was a great experience", said Rifat Afsar Khan been satisfied with their service.

OsudhWala

Due to the outbreak of coronavirus, many pharma companies are unable to deliver medicines outside of Dhaka. But OsudhWala's service is still available through courier services, but there will be a charge of BDT 50. To help people fight

coronavirus by staying home, this medical store is offering free home delivery service in Dhaka and they generally take 2-4 hours to deliver. "I found them very responsive. They attended to all my queries and deliver my medicines within 2 hours", told Shafa Tasneem while sharing her experience with OsudhWala. They also have an app to make the process of placing orders easier.

iPharma24.com

iPharma24.com, an online pharmacy, aims to deliver 100% genuine medicines anytime and anywhere in Bangladesh. They are available 24/7 to take orders. But currently, they are only delivering in Dhaka due to the restrictions. You can place orders through their website. Now through 'Emergency delivery' option, you can get your medicines within an hour if you are in Dhaka. Orders can also be placed over a phone call or on any other social media platforms that you have. "I was in need of some medicines, but couldn't go out due to the quarantine restrictions. So I ordered them through this medical store and got them within an hour", said Rakibul Islam, a customer of iPharma24.com.

Thanks a ton to these online pharmacies and their deliverymen who are still working and trying to ensure that we don't need to go out to buy our medicine and other essential health care products during this crisis.

Virtual events you can attend from home

Pink Floyd launching weekly series of full concert videos on YouTube

Pink Floyd has started launching a weekly series of full concert videos on YouTube starting from April 17. The first concert video released on April 17 was "Pulse" held in 1994 at the Earls Court in London during The Division Bell Tour.

"We'd like to wish you all the best, and hope that you and your families are staying safe and well in these difficult times. We will continue to post as normal to hopefully give you some interesting and diverting images, music and video to help us all get through this", the band posted on social media.

Bangladeshi musicians promoting social distancing online

While most people in the country are in quarantine to prevent the transmission of coronavirus, musicians in Bangladesh took an opportunity to bond with the audience through online home concerts. The trend



was initiated by the Coldplay vocalist Chris Martin who started a musical movement to entertain people at home through a hashtag. Since then, the #TogetherAtHome movement has been joined by musicians all around the world. Popular musicians such as Shayan Chowdhury Arnob, Zohad Reza Chowdhury from Nemesis, Imran



Ahmed, Jon Kabir from Indalo and many others have joined in for the cause and are regularly recording home-concerts for the audience. A local rock band named "Arekta Rock Band" has recorded a whole new track that anyone can jam to. Local event planning firm Blues Communications are re-posting their biggest concerts and musical events on Facebook for audiences enjoy. This movement has brought the country's music industry together to fight against the depressing times that the country is going through right now.

Sodium Batir Gaan: Stay at home and taped sessions

Sodium Batir Gaan is a Dhaka University-based initiative that aims to promote indie

musicians of the country through regular open-air concerts at the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) of the university. Sodium Batir Gaan has been regularly releasing tracks from their taped sessions recorded a month ago before the quarantine started. Amit Pramanik, one of the organisers of the initiative said, "Throughout the five seasons, we have listened to some amazing tracks that we felt should be recorded and given away to a bigger audience. We have started to upload the tracks from the taped sessions on our YouTube channel in the quarantine period and been getting good responses so far."

Sodium Batir Gaan is also hosting regular live sessions from their Facebook page with different artists. The "Stay at home" sessions

are specially hosted to lift up the spirits of the music lovers currently in quarantine. "So far we have hosted seven "Stay at home" sessions and plan to host more in the coming days", said Amit Pramanik.

UEFA premiering the classic matches

For fans of football, UEFA is bringing the classic games back on UEFA.tv. Fans can now rewatch the games and relive their favourite moments of Football while patiently wait for football games to resume again, possibly behind closed doors in indoor grounds.

Few English Premier League clubs like Manchester United are also premiering the old classics on Facebook and Twitter to help their fans relive the old glories.

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