

THE NEW NORMAL



The human mind is a strange thing. We have all seen those posts that ask us where our concern for the plight of Gaza is now, and have we stopped caring about the Sundarbans and so on. While I do not encourage apathy it's important to realise that the mind that can always be in a state of protest and active outrage is rare. Most of us just want to make the best of things and get on with the business of living. Normal life, after a fashion, is returning to Dhaka. Most of us have had our classes resume (though the transition hasn't been smooth) and we're venturing out again to have a good time. The country is strangling itself, but our lives go on.

If this is something you are okay with, I invite you to have a read of this issue for it concerns itself with the smaller business of the everyday. If you demand words of fire, you'll have to come back later. In the meanwhile, why not take a break from the insanity and celebrate normality with us?

– Zoheb Mashiur, sub-editor, SHOUT



MIXTAPE

SOME MATH

Venetian Snares
Öngyilkos Vasárnap
Clever Girl
Elm
Giraffes? Giraffes!
A Quick One, While
She's Away
Toe
Leave World
65daysofstatic
Prisms



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TehGoatLord

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HabitRPG

TURN YOUR LIFE INTO A VIDEO GAME AND GET STUFF DONE

RUMMAN R KALAM

Platform: Android, iOS, Windows

For most of us gamers, we sometimes wish that everything we accomplish gave us XP points to level up and distribute attribute points. Even though it sort of works like that in real life, we don't really have a definite stats page to show us for it. HabitRPG aims to give us that RPG in our real lives.

HabitRPG is essentially a jacked up to-do list app. You can define everyday activities or certain actions according to difficulty and accomplishing those give you XP, HP and coins. You can spend the coins to do a "negative" action as opposed to the productive "positive" actions. Let's say you studied for an hour, you tap the action and brand it as completed, upon receiving your coins, spend it on (real life) junk food then tap the corresponding action. I've been using it for a while and I actually managed to get more stuff done thanks to the rewarding feeling imaginary points give me. For those trying to accomplish things in a group, you could try the quest system which lets the users form parties to do a task together.

The app was a bit laggy on my Walton Primo X1 which has a 1.2ghz quad-core processor coupled with a gigabyte of RAM, so expect a few loose ends. It's an open-source app so actually expecting the final 1.0 version will be difficult especially since its current version is 0.0.50.

APP REVIEW

Habits

This Week's Horoscope

ARIES

Put your pedal to the metal and make some sort of weird, hybrid pedal-medal to hang around your neck.



TAURUS

Put your petal to that medal. Now get out of here you tree-hugger!



GEMINI

Put your metal to the medal and saw it in half!



CANCER

Put your medal to the pedal and watch your car drive off.



LEO

Put your kettle to the metal and heat up the metal.



VIRGO

Test the mettle of your kettle by pitting it against the most formidable kettles in the state.



LIBRA

Put your petal to the metal and take a picture. It'll last longer; petals fly away.



SCORPIO

Put your metal to the petal and cut it, you florist, you.



SAGITTARIUS

If your pedal's already in the metal, there's nothing left for you to do any more. Walk away.



CAPRICORN

Put your medal in the kettle and hide it from jealous eyes.



AQUARIUS

Tip over your kettle using a piece of metal. THE REVOLUTION BEGINS!



PISCES

Okay. I'm all out.

