



How Bengali R U?

What is the yardstick of Bengaliness?

Is it the mandatory piece of exorbitantly priced *ilish* on the first day of the Bangla New Year, even though you know this is causing overfishing and a possible extinction? Is it the new set of "swag" that you won't flash again the rest

of the year? #FoodForThought

A group of young Bangladeshis made us proud – beating rivals from over 25 countries – in London. The cover story in this issue is all about their glorious journey. We also spoke to the Regional Director of Pearson Edexcel Asia, according to whom, when measured against a global standard, "Bangladeshi students are amongst the best in the world."

And this instalment of Kaleidoscope features the connection between the vibrant youth and untainted beauty of our country. There are ample reasons to smile this New Year. All you need to do is look around.

– Karim Waheed, Editor, SHOUT

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

ARIES

When washing your clothes in the river, be careful not to get swept away by the lies.



TAURUS

"Nice things." Are you happy now?! You made me do this!



GEMINI

Weaponising painkillers isn't impossible. They've already got "killers" in the name.



CANCER

Taylor Swift (DJ, Lv.70) can make ALL the tables turn.



LEO

If I lost a digit for every grave mistake I've committed, I'd only have half a phone number remaining. And no fingers or toes.



VIRGO

If we can have gangsters of love, why not tailors?



LIBRA

Cats in the future will require crutches to walk. And all their tails will have fly flags.



SCORPIO

Somebody somewhere is making a comic book out of your life and doesn't intend to pay you.



SAGITTARIUS

If you're going to check out a girl, you should probably wear your glasses. That's just basic manners.



CAPRICORN

What better way to stick it to your superiors than super glue?



AQUARIUS

Trust in your forehead. Ouch, that headbutt hurts. You betrayed me, forehead. WHY???



PISCES

When your skin melts, beauty stops being skin deep and appears on the surface.



GAME REVIEW



ARMAN R. KHAN

Platform: Android and iOS

Fed up with the monotony of Clash of Clans and Subway Surfer? Need something more challenging? Download "99 Problems". This game can be quite frustrating to solve and will require attention and perseverance, and might even remind you of Flappy Bird.

The main objective of the game is for you, a square block, to avoid bumping into other square blocks. Sounds simple but it isn't. You need to constantly tap the screen to move your block upwards; else it will fall under gravity and end your game. Even at the slightest brush against another block, your block will explode. And it gets progressively difficult, with more than mere flying blocks hindering your navigation. It's pretty intuitive once you start playing, and follows some basic laws of physics.

Each level is called a "problem". The game starts at Problem 99 and ends when you have solved Problem 1. Also, you don't have to restart the game from the very beginning every time you die. You can always pick up where you left off.

The game's size is 12MB in Android and 21MB in iOS. I love its minimalist approach and friendly UI. The game itself, though quite difficult, is addictive. It's probably the type of game you'd play when stuck in traffic and have nothing better to do. I'd say give it a try, provided you are not one to give up easily.



MIXTAPE

New Order
True Faith

DeVotchKa
100 Other Lovers

Vance Joy
Riptide

Arcade Fire
City With No Children

Florence + The Machine
St. Jude

Cream
Crossroads