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When you go to the mountains, you see them and you admire them. In a sense, they give you a challenge, and you try to express that challenge by climbing them. – Edmund Hillary, Mountaineer and Explorer

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Don't be a Bystander

The article titled "Don't be a Bystander" dated 19 August, 2016, shocked me a lot. Is this the Bangladesh in which we believe? Is this the real scenario of the country? Definitely, the answer is no. When people have no moral strength and human values, they remain bystander even when they see heinous crimes happening in front of them. It is the duty of the society to make people aware and conscious about his duties and responsibility. We should remember that men and women are equal in dignity. No one is superior to another. If we look back at the historic war of 1971, at that time, our people, irrespective of sex, religion and cast, fought against Pakistani ruler's oppression, injustice and atrocities. They did not play the role of a group of bystanders; rather they were brave who actively took part in the war. We can take lesson from our history and take a stand against violence and injustice.

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The Great Shahi Eidgah

Whenever I pass by Shahi Eidgah located in Dhanmondi, I look at it with great enthusiasm. Sometimes I think about the person who built this magnificent structure and the history behind it. The appearance of the Eidgah indicates that it was built many centuries ago, maybe during Mughal era. I was thinking that whenever I get an opportunity I would go there and find out its history. However, I was very pleased when I read the article titled "The Great Shahi Eidgah" by Nilima Jahan, published in the *Star Weekend* on 19 August 2016. Reading her article, to my surprise, I got to know that this Eidgah was actually built during Mughal era, when Prince Shah Shuja, the second son of Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan was the governor of Bengal. But the fact that this ancient historical site is in dire need of repair, protection and proper maintenance, makes me upset. I would like to ask the concerned authority to take this subject into their kind consideration.

Enam Hasna
Madhabdi, Narsingdi



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Road Crash Realities

Road accidents have become routine news of our newspapers that make little impression in our minds nowadays. However, the departed ones left a deep, incurable scar in the heart of their relatives. Recently, a university bus of the female students of International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC) collided with a truck in Dhaka-Chittagong highway. A student died on the spot and more than 20 students were seriously injured. However, this deadly incident hardly got any coverage in the media. Meritorious university students were injured and killed but no step was taken against the owner or driver of the vehicles. This culture of impunity and negligence has to be stopped. We must take some measures to make the situation better such as we should never appoint drivers without valid license, speed limit must be obeyed everywhere, in the highway, parking vehicles here and there has to be stopped and finally patrolling of highway police has to be increased.

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STARTUP

There are more than fifty restaurants, countless food carts in Satmasjid Road of Dhaka's Dhanmondi neighbourhood alone. In this jungle of restaurants and food courts, you may find yourself lost and surely you will pass a tough time to find out the most appropriate place for you. In some places you will find the best Indian cuisine but their Chinese menu may not suit your taste buds. Again, there are some eateries where you will find some of the best continental food but their prices may be a little too steep. So, whether you are a food connoisseur or not, if you want a relaxed, carefree hangout with your friends and family, you must pass the test of finding the best place to eat and chill.

For people like you, a new sensation called Harriken has just arrived in town with amazing features. Harriken, a state-of-the-art application, has made the tiring task of discovering a restaurant fun and simple. Available both on android and iOS, this app offers complete profiles of around 2,800 restaurants in Dhaka. Launched by a new tech start up with the same name and founded by Adeeb Shams, Harriken has already won the hearts of Dhakaites with its user friendly interface, versatile searching options and regular updates which is very rare among Bangladeshi tech start-ups.

With this app, a user can search restaurants by name, cuisine offered (Chinese, Kebabs, Indian), type of restaurant (fast food, casual dining) and also location of the restaurants for example, you can search for all restaurants in Dhanmondi through the app. The search results can be obtained with specific road direction through Google Maps which would provide accurate distance from the current spot. By clicking a restaurant tab, a user can access detailed address of the restaurant, menus and prices, phone numbers, business hours and the existing reviews of the restaurants that other users have written. Another remarkable feature of the app is that a user can share information of the restaurant with anyone by sending messages online and offline.

Besides restaurant finding features, Harriken has also launched a social networking platform. "Inspired by Facebook, this social networking platform of Harriken allows its users to follow their friends, see where they are going, which restaurants they like and also recommend restaurants to others," says a beaming Adeeb.

Within its few months of existence, Harriken has become a very popular platform for finding, sharing and engaging

DISCOVER EATERIES WITH HARRIKEN

MD SHAHNAWAZ KHAN CHANDAN

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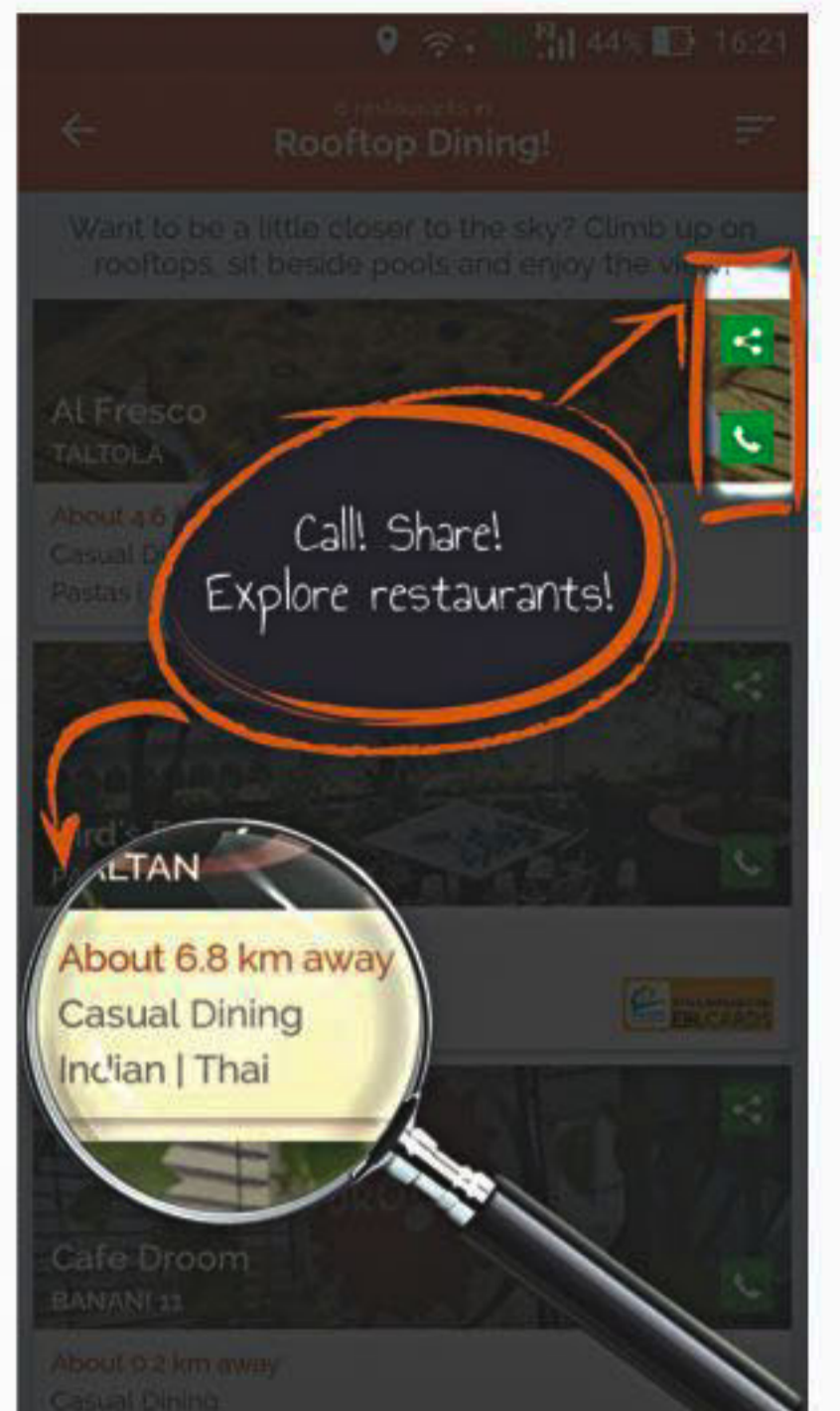
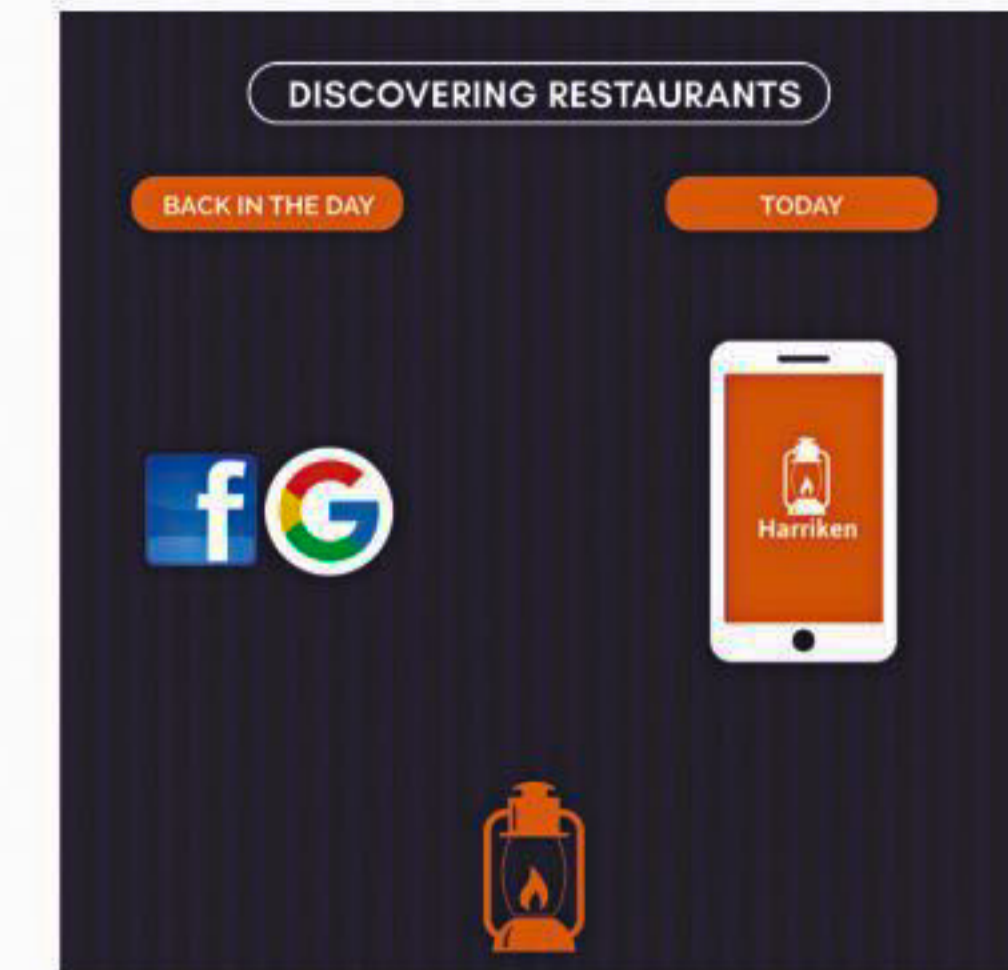


about food and eateries. Thanks to Harriken's innovative event called "The Hunger Games", where the winners were handed meal coupons to some renowned Dhaka restaurants by introducing Harriken to their friends and families, this app has reached thousands of Dhakaites within the shortest time.

"Through The Hunger Games competition, we have also got an army of

talented food critiques, bloggers and enthusiastic loyalists who could be our ambassadors to help us to grow," says Adeeb.

Harriken, with its dedicated team and innovative features, has carved out a niche as an iconic platform for food lovers and restaurant owners. With the hashtag #ProudlyMadeInBangladesh that is promoting, this platform can be an



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