

FYI

Sprouts that brave the dark

Brighten up those little dark corners in your house with a little life. How so, you wonder? There are quite a few broad leaf and tropical plants that are reputed to thrive in low-light as their larger leaves absorb as much light as possible and many even have a waxy layer on the top that allows them to retain moisture.

Here's a pick of a few must-haves in your house.

CHINESE EVERGREEN (AGLAONEMA)

They have polychromatic leaves in hues of red, pink, yellow and green, and flourish like champs in low-lit situations, and are also tolerant to droughts! So, you don't even need to feel guilty if you forget to water them for some time.

SPIDER PLANT (CHLOROPHYTUM COMOSUM)

The long spider-tentacle like leaves and the white flowers that beautifully grow downwards, covering the very pot itself,



are great when mounted on walls or indoor hanging baskets. Just remember to check the soil once in a while, if it feels dry then it is time to water them.

CORN PLANT (DRACAENA FRAGRANS)

These easy to maintain houseplants look like smaller versions of tropical palms, great additions that brighten up parts of the room, where sunlight doesn't reach.

Remember to water them once in a while, but careful as to not overwater. Do keep in mind that this plant is toxic to pets, so if you have any in the house that love to chew on leaves then avoid this one.

PEACE LILY (SPATHIPHYLLUM)

This plant is as pretty as the name itself! They are lush, have dark green leaves and dainty white flowers. If that wasn't enough, they also help with purifying the air. Peace lilies thrive in dark and light places but they



need to be regularly watered. It is easy to tell when the plant isn't getting enough water because the leaves start to droop, so just water them if you haven't and see the leaves perk up.

MINT (MINTHA)

The least demanding and forgiving plant that survives in shaded rooms, in addition to giving off a nice scent and add a great garnish your salads, is the mint.

SNAKE PLANT (SANSEVIERIA)

A kind of succulent that retains water in its leaves and is prone to overwatering. That being said, they also have a reputation of not dying that easily, making them perfect for windowless bathrooms, stairways and corners of bedrooms. It needs to be watered every 3 weeks or when the soil feels really dry.

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NEWS FLASH

Changing the scene with Chaldal and Cookups

Chaldal.com, Bangladesh's leading groceries platform, and Cookups, Bangladesh's leading platform for homemade food, has announced a partnership that heralds a stunning comeback for Cookups after a month-long hiatus.

The integration between the two companies promises an exciting way forward, empowering farmers and enabling many home-makers to earn from home while getting hassle-free groceries delivered to their doorsteps.

"We are very excited about this partnership and believe that this has the potential to not only completely overhaul the face of food tech in Bangladesh, but also change the lives of millions of women hoping to earn from home. Chaldal has many strengths, which we believe will be a very

strong support for our business," said Namira Hossain, CEO and Cofounder of Cookups. Cookups has resumed its regular operations following the announcement from the 29 September, 2019.

"It is clear to us that Cookups is a platform that people love, and we are really impressed by what the team has achieved in such a short time. In Bangladesh, we need startups to collaborate. As we are in the market for ingredients, and Cookups is in the market for food, we believe that this partnership will complement each other's businesses perfectly. I hope this step provides more confidence and helps to foster a vibrant startup ecosystem in the country", said Waseem Alim, CEO and cofounder of Chaldal.

For more information, visit www.chaldal.com and www.cookups.com.bd

CHECK IT OUT

Delight in a Disney themed brunch every Saturday at Amari Dhaka

Love for food meets passion for cartoons at Amari Dhaka with the soon-to-begin quirky Disney themed brunch. Families can enjoy Saturdays at Amaya, Amari's signature all-day dining restaurant with a bountiful buffet, alongside exciting fun activities.

The menu includes a sumptuous spread of delicious treats like Gus Gus's Garden Fresh Salad, Alice's favorite Fruit Salad, double chocolate cake slice, Mickey Minnie Churro and much more. Decadent Disney themed cakes, pastries, and desserts will be featured as well. For the visiting children, special items like smoothies, shooters, coleslaw in ramekins, potato crackers, Penne Bolognese, assorted mini pizzas,

mini chicken burgers and much more will be available in this special brunch.

And that's not where the fun ends! All-time favourite Disney mascots Mickey/Mini, bouncing castle, magic show, ventriloquism show, kids pool party will all be there for the perfect afternoon weekend.

This Disney Brunch is launching from 5 October, 2019, at Amaya Food Gallery at Tk 3,163 net per person, available only on Saturdays from 11:30AM to 4PM, Buy one Get one will be applicable for selected cards.

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