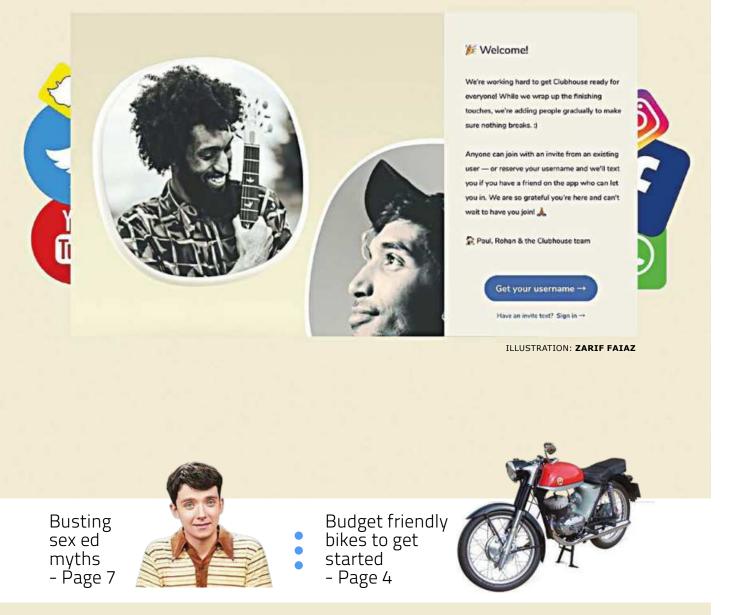


## THE NEW KID IN TOWN





## Cozmo and Vector to relaunch this year

Digital Dream Labs, the current holder of the now-defunct Anki's intellectual property, announced plans to bring back the adorable AIpowered companion robots, courtesy of a new distributor.



The new distributor, Protempo, will provide global distribution for the relaunch. Protempo claims it will leverage its "vast reach as a worldwide distributor of electronics" to get Cozmo and Vector on store shelves and e-commerce marketplaces everywhere.

"There is a tremendous demand for these robots," said Jacob Hanchar, CEO or Digital Dream Labs in a press release. "This partnership will complement the work our teams are already doing to relaunch these products and will ensure that Cozmo and Vector



are on shelves for the holidays." Although an official release date was not given, Jacob's comments suggest they plan to roll out the robots sometimes around the end of

## Apple discontinues sale of the iMac Pro

The company is expected to roll out a new range of iMacs soon

Apple has removed all build-to-order configurations for the current generation iMac Pro from the Apple Store website. Buyer can only opt for the \$4,999 base configuration, which the site marked down as "while supplies last."

Although Apple hasn't officially deemed the iMac Pro as discontinued, the company confirmed to The Verge that the iMac Pro will no longer be available once supplies of the base model run out.

The phasing out of the current iMac Pro is expected, as there have been multiple well-sourced reports suggesting Apple will introduce a redesigned iMac and a revamped Mac Pro sometime this year.



### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

## Everything's changing

For starters, our editor. And now apparently social media, as we know it, is about to change as well. That's a lot of change to process at once. Nonetheless, we at Toggle, take up the tedious task in this issue, to try and explain the possible paradigm shift of social media. Jokes apart, the entire shenanigan with 'Clubhouse' is quite fascinating and worth keeping an eye out for. We hope we can ignite some of that fascination in you this week.

For the sides, we discuss the importance of sex education, again (and forever vow to, until precedence is established); we list down budget friendly motorcycles for you to drool over and we review an oddly disturbing movie that we couldn't resist reviewing.

Have a great weekend!

Zarif Faiaz, Sub-editor

## TikTok's new feature lets creators answer viewers' questions

After months of testing, TikTok has officially rolled out their new 'TikTok Q&A' feature, designed for creators to engage with viewers' questions.

The new feature will let content creators designate viewer comments as Q&A questions, to which they can respond through text comments or video replies. Creators can also add a Q&A profile link to their bios.

The new feature supports both normal videos and TikTok live.

The feature aims to formalise the feedback process by making it easier for creators to identify and answer the most interesting viewer questions. Creators can enable the feature on their profile



by going to the privacy page under Settings)Creator and turning on the Q&A option.

To use Q&A, viewers will have to tap the Q&A icon to the right side of the text entry field in the comments. Doing so



will label their comment with an icon and text that says 'Asked by' followed by viewers's username.

The feature will also aggregate all questions and answers into the creator's new Q&A page.



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### Tesla to shut down its forums despite user protest

Tesla is preparing to shut down its website's forums section and replace it with a new social platform, a move that has drawn criticism from the Tesla community.

Tesla community. The company first announced the move with a notice at the top of its forums, reading: "Starting March 15th, Tesla Forums will become readonly. To continue the conversation with the Tesla community visit engage.tesla.com."

The new microsite, named Tesla

Engagement Platform, asks owners and fans to comment on Tesla's posts, rather than creating posts and threads of their own.

The move has left many forum users unsatisfied, many of them finding the new platform limiting. Indeed, the platform doesn't appear to be a replacement, rather a blog for <u>Tesla's industry news.</u>

One commenter on the new microsite implored Tesla, "Please do not get rid of the Forums. This is not a replacement. The forums (with exception of the trolls on it) brought about informed discussion to help fellow owners with issues."

Tesla has not given an official reason for this switch. According to TechCrunch, one commenter on the old site with supposed 'inside info', alleged that the forums were closing because Tesla couldn't afford to hire multiple full-time moderators to keep up with the barrage of spam and trolls that would frequent the threads.

# 7 tips to help you make READING BOOKS A HABIT

#### REHENUMA RAYSA

Books are our best friends and we all are aware of the remarkable benefits of reading books which include acquisition of knowledge regarding different aspects of life, enrichment of vocabulary, memory improvement and having books as a faithful companion in leisure hours as a great source of entertainment.

However, an unwanted conflict appears quite often when people find it hard to manage reading books. Here are 7 easy ways that can help you make the habit of reading books a part of your daily life.

#### **CUT ON DISTRACTIONS**

While reading books, make sure your television or any other electronic device that can sidetrack you is turned off. The phone should be kept on silent mode and all sorts of distractions need to be taken care of so that constant noises of any kind cannot make you lose your interest while reading and you can succeed in saving time.

#### **MAINTAIN A LIST**

Whenever a friend or anyone else recommends a book to you; note that down either in your notebook or in your phone immediately instead of assuming that you will remember the name later. Maintaining a list like this will enable you to save time while deciding which book you would like to read next since you already have helpful suggestions.

You can even take notes on which books you liked with your critical comments and the aspects that fascinated you so that you can get a clearer picture of the genre or writers of your liking. This will help you gain a better understanding of your preferences for choosing books to read.

#### DISCUSSION ALWAYS HELPS

Only randomly reading books is not ideal; rather discussing and reflecting on different aspects of the books is essential so that you can associate yourself with the essence of the books. You can learn details about the background, the perspective of the writer or the themes with the help of different websites or apps like Litcharts which offers you access to analyses of thousands of books.

### KEEP YOUR COMFORT

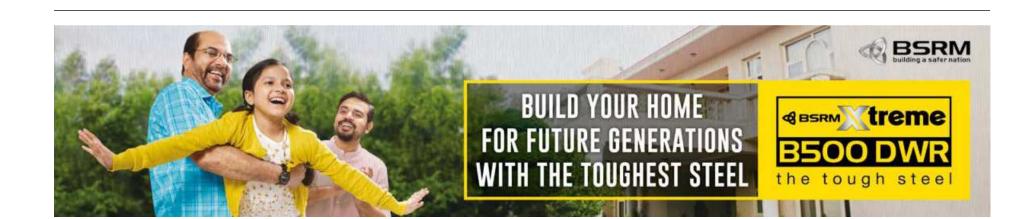
Forcing yourself to read books that you do not enjoy will only make the scenario worse. You should always reach for books that ensure the utmost fulfilment of your soul; be it through reading either fictional or non-fictional books.

The same goes for the process of selecting any particular place or an environment according to your preference. You can even choose to listen to audiobooks available on YouTube or Audible instead of reading if you find that more efficient and also you can take necessary notes while reading if that provides sufficient comfort to you.

## STAY DETERMINED AND MOTIVATED

You can take the help of different habit tracking apps such as Habit Tracker, Habit Hub or Loop to track your progress. These can help you form a habit of reading through a conscious process and reach your goal of reading more books.





#### 4 TOGGLE

## FOUR MOTORCYCLES under BDT 100,000 to get you into riding



#### **HONDA DREAM 110** PRICE: BDT 89,900.00

If you're looking for a no-nonsense versatile point A to B machine, the Honda Dream 110 will do you nicely. Bangladesh Honda Private Limited claims to have exclusively designed this motorcycle for Bangladeshi mass people. This means the bike comes with a 180mm high ground clearance, a long seat to accommodate all types of buttocks, and a fuel-efficient engine making it capable of 74kmpl in a strictly controlled environment.

Being an entry-level product, it is devoid of advanced features such as disk brakes, LED headlamp, or even an RPM Gauge. But considering you're paying less than the price of a half-decent laptop for a motorcycle from a very reputable brand, it's not that big of an issue.

#### RAHBAR AL HAO

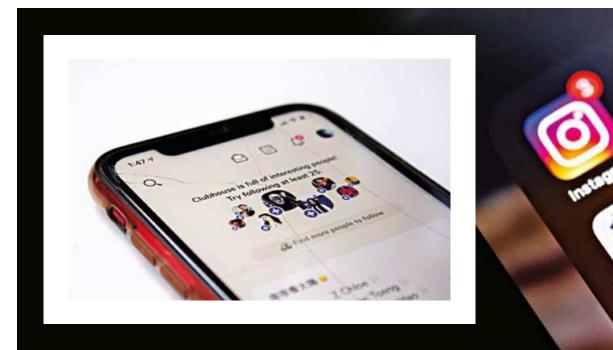
#### VICTOR-R CLASSIC 100 PRICE: **BDT 85,000.00**

There are two ways to get yourself a café racer in this country. The first one involves going to a showroom and dropping 150,000-265,000 for a brand-new bike The other involves buying a ratty old bike for the cheap and modifying it to give it a café racer look. The first option is expensive, while the

other results in a bike that is problematic, uncomfortable, and bound to give you a host of trouble down the line. But what if we told you there a way to get a brand-new bike for used bike money?

SHIFT

Enter the Victor-R Classic 100. The retro design of the bike is very faithful to the café racing bike of the old, right down to the wire wheels. The design is lightweight, slim and will give you a more authentic cafe racer experience than any of the new ones for sale right now. Granted, it is offered by a brand somewhat unknown in the country, but with a sticker price of less than the Dream 110, do you really care?



platform

as well.

Vlad Tenev

Since then, it has been speculated that this was an immense PR strategy executed by Venture Capitalist firm Andreessen Horowitz which, not only is an investor for Clubhouse and Robinhood, but is also said to support startups that work with Elon Musk's companies. Regardless of whether this was a carefully orchestrated event, it stood to successfully launch Clubhouse into mainstream attention. Another element that added to Clubhouse's appeal is its exclusivity.

#### **RUNNER SKOOTY** PRICE: BDT 99.000.00

The Skooty is for those who are looking for something more suited to Urban life. One of the newest offerings from our local motorcycle maker Runner, the new scooter —unlike their Kite+ moped— features a full-sized footrest.

Other features include front disk brakes, a USB charging port, and an automatic gearbox to help stop-and-go traffic a bit more bearable.

The storage under the seat is big enough to hold a full-sized helmet, along with a nifty engine kill switch to help prevent less-than-honest people from commandeering your ride. Overall, the best bang for your buck if you're looking for a scooter

#### **TVS RADEON** PRICE: BDT 95.000.00

A compromise between the Dream and Vitor-R, the TVS Radeon combines the retro styling of a café racer with the convenience of a modern commuter Meaning lots of chrome bits, straight body lines and a faux leather seat

combined with rubber knee grip pads, side stand indicator and synchronized braking system, known to the rest of the industry as the combined braking system

The built quality of the Radeon is far better than that of the Victor-R, and the fit and finish of the switchgear are much nicer compared to the ones found in the Dream 110. If you're looking for a well-built commuter bike with a touch of retro styling, this is your best option without going over six figures.



## **CLUBHOUSE** The platform that wants to transform social media, explained

MADIHA ATHAR KHAN

Launched in April 2020, Clubhouse has speedily made its mark in the social media realm as an innovative platform to engage its audience. As the raging Covid-19 pandemic prevented human connection, people built an appetite for unique ways to communicate and interact. Clubhouse made its mark in people's lives by being an audio-only

Gone was the pressure to maintain an aesthetically pleasing Instagram grid or to write an effective tweet in 280 characters or less. Instead, Clubhouse users get to ioin 'clubs' and 'rooms' where they can hear people speak on specific topics, and potentially speak and engage with others

What effectively marketed Clubhouse as an appealing social media app was the fact that celebrities used this app and gave the chance to ordinary people to possibly interact with them directly. Clubhouse gained popularity when Elon Musk joined the platform and participated in a room which eventually led to a discussion between him and the CEO of Robinhood,

Unlike Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, Clubhouse is not free to be joined by anyone and everyone: you have to be specifically invited by someone you know who is already registered on the app.

Inherently, this presents Clubhouse as an elitist platform, especially given the fact that each user gets only two invites to dispense when they join. However, a few weeks into using the app, a user will most likely be given three to four more invites. though this seems to be done in a purely arbitrary manner.

The scenario painted is not unlike that of a crowd of people restlessly waiting outside a high-walled and gated community armed with the knowledge that whatever exists inside is to be coveted. Once let in, however, the sights that meet the eye can be underwhelming. This was the experience of one user, Shovon Ahmed, who said, "Clubhouse was hyped up to be so much when I was not on it. Now that I'm registered, I am not impressed."

Clubhouse representatives assert that the app is merely in its beta phase and that soon it will be available to everyone Nevertheless, the current situation begs to ask the question: if the allegedly temporary exclusivity is working so well for the platform, will they have enough of an incentive to make it more accessible? Many people have contrasted Clubhouse to the likes of Twitter saying that where on the latter, content regulation is virtually impossible and misinformation and hate-speech can spread like wildfire, Clubhouse is a new, healthy take on moderation. Within the rooms, which

are like conferences being live audiostreamed, moderators have full control over who they allow speaking.

In the room with Elon Musk, there have been concerns voiced surrounding the lack of opportunity given to journalists to pose questions. While some may be lucky enough to ask a celebrity a question, it is perhaps more likely that the privileged few with pre-existing social connections will stand to gain the most.

Ultimately, Clubhouse can be seen as yet another manifestation of the privileged and rich to maintain their celebrity status quo, while potentially bringing a slightly different form of entertainment to their audience.

On the other hand, there are a variety of topics surrounding which rooms can be hosted where people can engage easily (albeit, only those who have been invited to join the app). Many people have found Clubhouse to be a refreshing change of pace from the usual ways of interacting on social media.

Much like listening to podcasts, one can use the app while doing chores like folding laundry or cooking. All the rooms happen in real-time and cannot be relistened (unless someone streams it to another platform like Youtube) which is unlike the mindless scrolling that countless people fall prey to as a result of the addictive design of most social media apps.

Instead, on Clubhouse, the user is forced to be present. Many users have found a safe space to discuss common problems or challenges that they faced, for example, growing up in the West as children of immigrant parents or effective practices to maintain emotional health. Something is reassuring about being able to interact with other people, through speaking about a topic that is meaningful to you, especially in today's isolated world

Given that Clubhouse is still in its early days as a social media platform, much remains to be seen about its impact on society. However, within this short period, the user experience that it has generated and the social context into which it has played itself is interesting, to say the least

What makes it even more worthy of attention is its relationship or the complete contrast that it poses to the existing social media giants. Clubhouse's policy on censorship and content regulation will be important to keep an eye on, especially until it becomes a platform accessible by all.

After all, over the last decade, the inefficacy and harmfulness of the likes of Facebook and Twitter have heightened. This is also reflected in the recent move by Twitter, where they have launched a similar product called Spaces to compete with Clubhouse, suggesting that this new paradigm shift in social media is probably here to stay. Facebook is also said to be working on something similar to jump on the bandwagon

While it is safe to say that social media as a whole is not going anywhere anytime soon, it is perhaps high time for us to see a complete change in the way we perceive it and interact with it.

## A tech noob's guide to buying a phone

#### PARISA ISLAM

Not everyone speaks the language of the tech and I presume you do not either. If you are a noob like me owning a phone that does not support 4G and flashing "Low Storage Space" for a decade now, here are 6 basic categories to help you and I purchase a much needed new phone.

#### BUDGET

If you are Richie Rich, move on to the next point. The rest of you may set a budget for your gadget. Although falling in love with a particular model might overthrow said budget; it is still useful to have a price range, based on which the Smartphone hunt is conducted.

#### **OPERATING SYSTEM**

Next is the battle between iOS and Android. If Android is your comfort zone, a plethora of brands and their subsequent models are available. The Android system of all brands is not homogenous; they do have slight variations. If you prefer iOS, you simply decide on the number of apples you want and in what size.

#### CAMERA

This feature is usually the first and foremost concern of consumers. The hype over high megapixel cameras overshadows the importance of Aperture. Aperture controls the sharpness, exposure,

brightness and focus. Wider the Aperture, better the photo captured at low light. Samsung Galaxy S10 reigns supreme with an Aperture of f/1.5, but a decent camera usually has f/1.8.

#### MEMORY

Memory comprises RAM and ROM. Bigger RAM means smoother functioning of user interface, while bigger ROM allows more data storage. However, there is a catch. Android requires more RAM than iOS because it is more memory hungry. iPhone 11 Pro runs efficiently on 4GB RAM whereas the latest Androids have gone up to 12 GB. 4/6GB RAM is optimal for an Android; targeting a phone going beyond that is unnecessary. ROM depends on individual usage, because for a minimalist, 32GB should be enough, while a shutterbug and music enthusiast may need 64GB. Heavy gamers will opt for 128GB. You can further expand memory if there is an SD card slot, unless you are Richie Rich with an iPhone.

#### DISPLAY

There is no ideal phone size as some prefer a compact one that is easy to hold while others want a big screen for gaming or watching movies. Display screens were previously LCD which is critiqued for backlight bleeding, but OLED is rising in popularity for being lighter, better color contrast and always on display.

#### BATTERY

As lithium batteries degrade over time, the greater milliAmpere/hour the better. Opt for at least 4,000mAh, 18W fast charging or higher.

Word of mouth also plays a vital role in guiding one to the right smartphone. If you have tech geek friends or relatives, ask them for recommendations and reviews, even if their cryptic enthusiastic rant takes a while for you to decipher.



Julia

# Smart kitchen devices we wish we could get our hands on

JINAT JAHAN KHAN

#### SMARTYPANS

If you want to get proper nutrition and calories, you'll need to choose the right amount of ingredients and temperature for your every dish. And here you can consider SmartyPans. Built-in weight and temperature sensors will continuously guide you when to add ingredients, measure ingredients needed, monitor the temperature and assess cook times. The sensors can even track how the quantities of the ingredients change while cooking. The app attached to this smart pan can seamlessly sync with the fitness tracker and help you to reach your fitness goal. Thanks to



#### **Townew Smart Trash Bin**

Smartypans that you can have detailed information about your daily meal's nutrition. So you can observe how much calories you are taking every day and can even share your nutrition data with your nutritionist or dietitian if you need any health advice.



#### Smartypans

#### JULIA

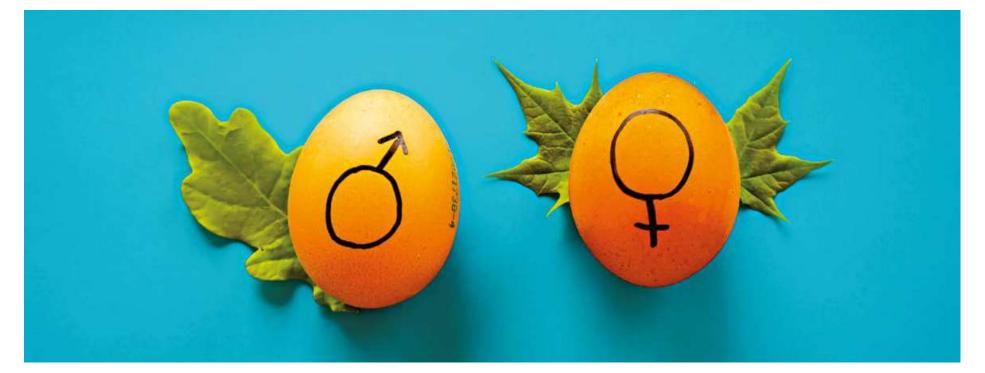
Need any help in cooking? Meet Julia, a smart all-in-all chef who can weigh ingredients or knead dough for you. This do-it-all countertop cooker from CookingPal has a dozen of modes. It can weigh, chop, steam, and cook according to the need. It comes with a custom 8-inch smart display, Smart Kitchen Hub. The camera in this hub helps to recognize a food it sees and suggest different recipes with those ingredients. This Julia appliance has also a digital recipe book and appliance controls. If you select the recipe and add the ingredients, Julia will do the rest. However, all the recipes can be customized and there is even a manual mode in case you want to create your own dish. The CookingPal app can help you to monitor and control Julia's cooking. In short, Julia is an all-time chef who will make the perfect dish with

perfect ingredients and temperature for you.

#### **TOWNEW SMART TRASH BIN**

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Townew smart trash bin is a selfchanging and self-sealing trash bin to make your kitchen and home clean and odor-free. It is engineered in such a way that there is no need to touch the trash bin while changing trash bags. Just hold the touch button for 3 seconds, and the builtin thermoplastic sealing technology will automatically seal the trash bag. It's guaranteed that there will be no garbage juice or bad odor once the seal is complete. So you don't need to get tensed about health issues. After the seal, you can pull out the trash bag, the lid will be closed and Townew will set a new trash bag in place. The self-seal is designed to be moisture and water-resistant so that the trash bin can work properly regardless of how the environment is.



# Why sex education is important, now more than ever

#### JINAT JAHAN KHAN

Adolescents in our country are growing up in a world where circumstances are quite different now ,concerning the benefits and risks in life, from those of their parents or grandparents. They need proper support not only to navigate the biological, social and cognitive transitions of their life but also to prevent cases of sexual harassment and abuse which are now increasing at an alarming rate.

Sex education is an essential tool to help them learn about a broad range of topics related to biological, psychological and sociocultural perspectives of individual beings as well as a

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> key intervention to prevent and reduce sexual harassment, assault and abuse. It just needs to be delivered in an age-appropriate and engaging way based on science and facts.

However, this important subject is still taboo in our conservative society due to some misconceptions or lack of appropriate knowledge about sex ed. Here are two myths that need to be addressed:

#### Myth: It is only about sex

Fact: Sex ed covers a wide range of issues related to health, sexuality, safety, gender norms, identity, respect, kindness, self-expression and power dynamics which are not just about sex. It teaches us about the variation in human bodies, how our bodies work and the rights that we have over our body.

Moreover, it provides adolescents with a chance to practice key skills such as decisionmaking, negotiation, critical thinking, leadership and communication skills. Whether it is about maintaining better health or to explore attitudes and make informed choices in life, a proper curriculum of sex education can be worthwhile.

### Myth: Sex education is not for children's ears, especially of male children

Fact: When we discuss sexual health, we don't often associate this subject with young people. But teaching them about their sexual health and well-being is much needed in an age-appropriate approach because being minors do not imply that they cannot be abused. They must understand when and how to say 'no' to unwanted and improper touch and here comes sex ed to fill up this information gap regarding consent, body rights and safety. And not to forget, it is important for both male and female children.

We have a social stigma that men/boys cannot be sexually harassed and so they don't need sex ed to learn about body rights and safety. However, the increase in the sexual assault and harassment of male children is urging the importance of providing wellstructured sex education to all irrespective of gender.

#### Sexual harassment prevention and sex education

The continuous rise in rates of sexual harassment and violence in every phase of our society represents an alarming situation that needs to be pulled up by the roots. Due to conservatism and social beliefs, Bangladesh is yet to introduce sex ed effectively.

WeMen View, a voluntary social welfare organisation aiming to counter sexual harassment has come with some innovative approach to tackle the condition. Before stepping into more complex and detailed concepts of sex education, they are teaching children, mostly male children some essential basics to avoid unpleasant events like what personal space is and topics related to body rights and body autonomy including consent, good touch and bad touch.

Nabila J. Jalil, a founding member of

WeMen View shared some of her organisation's success stories and barriers with us as they try to fulfil the information gap about basic concepts of health and body through different workshops and activities. According to her, the success of the program was visible when children were asked to share their thoughts and experience after the series of sessions through letters. Some shared how they didn't understand before that they were somehow sexually harassed.

Children who attended these sessions also shared the tips regarding safety and security with other friends and supported the spread of these important issues broadly. Participants of such sessions now have reliable sources to know about the changes of their body and how to react to different approaches of others, unlike unsafe sources such as TV shows, movies or random friends.

Nabila shared how some teachers were relieved when they came with their proposal of sessions as they were too uncomfortable to talk with their students about these sensitive but important issues and the same goes with parents too. However, both parents and teachers happen to be the best sources of such information.

#### Starting the education at home

If you want to educate children of your family with basic sex education to prevent sexual harassment, here is what to do as per Nabila. Create a safe space in your home so that children can tell you about any inappropriate physical approach from someone without any fear. Teach them that none should touch some specific areas of their body and what are a good touch and bad touch with age-appropriate wordings. Also, while creating a safe space, establish the concept of consent and respect their boundaries. For example, do not hug or touch them if they don't want to or ask them before hugging them.

As a society, it is our responsibility to teach young people to protect themselves. As such, we need to move beyond taboos and acknowledge the importance of sex education to ensure a safer future for our younger ones.

#### **8 TOGGLE**

### TO-DO LIST

## 'I Care A Lot': A peek into a chilling alternate reality

#### VERONICA GOMES

A movie where the tally of good people stands at zero, this gripping psychological thriller will put your anger to the test as the despicable operations of Marla Grayson (Rosamund Pike) unravel.

In this R-rated Netflix original, she is a grade-A con artist with questionable ethics, to say the least, with a booming racket in guardianship where she targets the helpless elderly, deems them mentally unsuited to take care of themselves alone and becomes their legal guardian to exploit their wealth. Her accomplices include a devious doctor who helps her attain vulnerable seniors, named Dr. Karen Amos (Alicia Witt) and an enabling business partner, Fran (Eiza Gonzalez), who participates in her conniving schemes throughout.

It showcases a chilling alternate reality where doctors, caregivers and businessmen are willing to conduct immoral deeds for money.

At the movie's climax, the duo gets an opportunity of a lifetime in the form of a 'cherry', who in this regard is named Jennifer (Dianne Wiest), happens to be deemed as a jackpot in

While the series of events that transpire seem too horrifying to be true, it brings up a question of the possibility of guardianship fraud being an actual realworld business.

> their line of business, due to being a wealthy elderly with zero familial attachments. As Marla successfully seems to take control of her newly acquired ward's life, things start taking a turn for the worse.

> In a series of unprecedented shifts from what might seem like light comedic jiffs to absolute scarring events, the story in itself is a wild ride



throughout. A big seller for the movie is of course the character of Game of Thrones star Peter Dinklage, whose character reveal kept the viewer anticipating for more.

While the series of events that transpire seem too horrifying to be true, it brings up a question of the possibility of guardianship fraud being an actual real-world business. The double-sided nature of Marla Grayson is concerning, with one side being that of a public persona who people look up to with high regard as a realtime guardian angel, as she successfully made people believe that she advocates for the rights of the elderly and is merely there to care for those in need, making it seem like an all-inspiring story from the outside. However, this leaves her inner sociopathic fraudulent side hidden in the shadows through her innate trait of being a pathological liar.

After two hours of non-stop evil and violence, some might even successfully list out a hundred other things they'd rather be watching in that given time instead. However, in its extremely twisted manner, the story brings out a message of caution. It showcases the vulnerability certain people possess and how open they are to being exploited by evil people in the real world.

This also entails a message that seems rather misleading as it deemed hard work and resilience to be useless factors in achieving success, rather advocating that bending the rules and playing it unfair was the way to go.

Regardless, the ending gives its viewers a glimpse of hope, showcasing how the consequences of your actions will always catch up to you in the end.

