



## Walton launches three new All-in-One PCs

Walton has recently launched three new Unify S22 series models of All-in-One PC for the Bangladesh market. The models are: Intel's 10th Gen Pentium Gold (1TB HDD + 128GB SSD), Core i3 (1TB HDD + 128GB SSD) and Core i5 (1TB HDD + 256GB SSD) processors. All variants have 8 GB 2666 MHz DDR4 RAM and 32 GB expandability. They all have 21.5-inch anti-glare FHD displays, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and a 2.0-megapixel webcam etc.

Price: Ranging from BDT 43,950 to BDT 56,850/- + 2 years of after-sales service



## Google Earth to receive its biggest update since 2017

Google has announced their Google Earth software is receiving its biggest update since its redesign in 2017.

The update will add a 3D time-lapse mode that brings together 24 million satellite photos from the last 37 years. Viewers will be able to see how the rural development, effects of urbanization and the adverse effect of climate change at various places of the earth.

## NEW CAR THIS WEEK Mercedes debuts electrified S class

With more and more German companies embracing the power of lightning, it was only a matter of time before the three-pointed star rolled out their own EV luxe barge.

The 2022 Mercedes-Benz EQS is the company's first step into the EV market, a full-size luxury sedan that rivals the company's own S class in terms of technology and luxury. The exterior of the car is remarkably sleek, with Mercedes stating "body creases have had their day at Mercedes-Benz." The sleekness grants the car a record-breaking 0.20 drag coefficient, which comes at the cost of odd quirks such as a sealed front hood. On the inside, the dashboard is one 56-inch-wide pane of curved glass with three separate screens, courtesy of their MBUX

infotainment system. Rear passengers also get their own 12.3-inch touchscreen, while the rest of the car is covered in leather, wood and other premium material. In terms of performance, the top-of-the-line EQS 580 4MATIC sends 516 hp and 611 lb-ft of torque to all four of its wheels, with a 0-100 of 4.1 seconds. Despite the eye flashing performance, the car achieves a range of 770 kilometres on the WLTP standard, the highest in the category. Of course, all these come with an eye-watering sticker price of \$120,000, making it one of the priciest cars in its segment.



## EDITOR'S NOTE If not now, when?

No matter what Elon Musk says, there's only one planet to live and breathe, for the foreseeable future at least. This planet is our home, and it is up to us to take care of it and save it. This weekend, we bring out a special issue dedicated to mother Earth, celebrating the World Earth Day that just passed by the day before. In the centrefold, we feature an eco-friendly project that grows papers out of recycled materials and the papers, in turn, grow into plants. In Bytes, we look at green tech-trends that promise to save the planet. And for the last page, we advise you on how to make your home greener.

We hope you find the articles in this issue insightful. And we hope you act. Because, if not now, when?

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## SpaceX wins NASA contract for new lunar lander

NASA announced SpaceX to be the winner of the Human Landing System (HLS) contract, a critical component of the administration's plan to return to the moon.

With the winning bid of 2.9 billion US dollars, the California based company will now have the privilege of developing the ship by which NASA astronauts will return to our moon's surface for the first time since the Apollo program.

HLS is a key part of NASA's

Artemis program, a U.S. government-funded international human spaceflight program to return to the moon. The program will begin with unmanned flights, followed by a moon flyby with a crewed craft, and eventually a manned lunar landing at the south pole of the moon.

Three companies — SpaceX, Blue Origin and Dynetics— bid for the HLS contract last year. And while the other two companies have built full-scale models of their system, SpaceX

was the only company to actively test functional prototypes. The company also reportedly undercut both prospective suppliers considerably with its bid, according to The Washington Post.

The planned landing mission has a planned fly date of 2024. SpaceX is working with Maxar to deliver components of the Lunar Gateway satellite with their Falcon Heavy Rocket, another core component of the Artemis program.

