

5 takeaways from Apple's spring event

Apple Inc on Tuesday announced AirTags, its long-rumored device tracker, a new line of iMac computers and iPad tablets with its own processors and a podcast subscription service. Here are five key announcements from the event:

IMACS GET A SPLASH OF COLOR AGAIN

Apple launched a new line of redesigned iMacs in seven new colors. The computers, which were known to have colorful translucent plastic bodies in the 2000s, have only been sold in



silver aluminum variants in recent years.

The new redesigned slim iMac also comes with an in-house M1 chip as the technology giant moves away from its longtime partner Intel Corp for processors.

IPAD PRO FLAUNTS M1 CHIP, 5G CONNECTIVITY

Apple announced a new line of iPad Pros with M1 processor chip and 5G connectivity option. The new 11-inch and 12.9-inch tablets with higher-quality video will support Thunderbolt and USB 4 accessories. The new tablets start at \$749 and will be available in the second half of May.

PAY FOR PODCASTS

The company also announced podcast subscription services that will compete with rival Spotify. Subscription prices will be set by creators and billed monthly.

Apple will charge creators \$19.99 a year for its podcast program. Apple's Podcasters Program will be available to creators in more than 170 countries and regions, and content creators can enroll in the program on Tuesday.

TRACK BELONGINGS

Apple launched the long-rumored AirTags to help users track and locate everything from keys, bags and jackets. The small inconspicuous circular tracking device is water and dust-resistant, with a built-in speaker.

This accessory will cost \$29 for one or \$99 for a pack of four. It will be available from April 30.



A fourth Captain America movie on its way

Malcolm Spellman, the producer, showrunner, and head writer of The Falcon and the Winter Soldier, is expected to co-write a fourth Captain America film (which just aired its season finale on Disney Plus on Friday). According to news from The Hollywood Reporter and Deadline, Dalan Musson, a staff writer on the show, will also co-write the

upcoming script.

Disney has yet to reveal any details about the new film, such as a producer, cast, or a release date. However, according to both accounts, the forthcoming film would definitely pick up where the Disney Plus series ended, with Anthony Mackie's Sam Wilson assuming the shield and title of the next Captain America.

Get Funded 2.0 invites applications from startups

BetterStories Limited is going to launch their signature investment support series for the founders Get Funded 2.0. This will continue as the second season of the Get Funded programme launched in 2020.

Get Funded was launched during the 1st hit of Covid-19 pandemic last year and has successfully delivered its first cohort. Last year 11 startups were supported to shape up their impact data, and also have gone through different modules to become investment ready. The startups who have participated

in the first cohort are: Aadi, Agromars, Banglameds, BimaBd, Cliniva, Dhaka Cast, Farmzila, Hello Task, Smart Retina, Shuttle, Togu Mogu.

This year, Get Funded is aiming to support more startups. Get funded 2.0 will begin from May 2021, aspiring & impact-oriented startups who are in the growth stage and want to raise investment are strongly recommended to join the program. To learn more about the program, visit BetterStories Limited's facebook page or website.

EDITOR'S NOTE

One year of uncertainty and back to square one

The past year has been extremely difficult for students of all levels. The uncertainty and academic loss, getting used to online classes and missing out on campus life have taken a toll on both the mental and physical health of the students. In this week's feature, we talk to some of these students, their teachers, and parents, about grappling with the fear and uncertainty that the pandemic has caused them.

Along with our regular career, tech and automobile contents, we also talk to 'Kaan Pete Roi' about their experience and recommendations of dealing with mental health issues and suicidal tendencies.

This is a tough time for all of us with the pandemic getting back at us in an even more dangerous form, and we hope to survive this together.

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Walton to introduce affordable electric scooters

Walton is going to introduce a new line of electric scooter for the Bangladesh Market

Launched under the "Takyon" marque, the initial lineup will consist of two models, the lead-acid powered Takyon 1.0 and the li-ion powered Takyon 1.2

Of the two, the 1.0 model will feature a 1.2 kWh hub motor, which is capable of propelling the scooter to a top speed of 50 kph. The 72-volt lead-acid power plant will give the scooter a range of 60-70 kilometres.

On the other hand, the 1.2

model will feature a Bosh made electric motor paired to a portable lithium-ion battery weighing around 5 kilograms. Like the 1.0, the scooter boasts a similar range of 60-70 kilometres but has a slightly lower top speed of 45 kph.

Walton claims it will cost users around 5 to 8 Taka to fully charge up the batteries of both bikes, giving them a range efficiency of 10-15 poisha per kilometre. The company is yet to reveal the official asking price of both vehicles, though it states both models will come with 2 years of after-sales service.

