

Realme launches Realme 8 and C25 in Bangladesh

Realme has launched two of its devices on April 26, 2021, through an online event – the Realme 8 priced at BDT 22,990 and Realme C25 in 2 variants, the 4/64 at BDT 13,990 and the 4/128 at BDT 14,990.

The Realme 8 comes with a 6.4-inch Super AMOLED Display FHD+ with the light-sensitive in-display fingerprint sensor. The phone weighs 177gms and is 8mm thick and boasts a Helio G95 chipset.

The Realme 8 boasts a flagship camera setup of 64MP as the primary sensor, 8MP with a 119-degree ultra-wide-angle, macro lens, and B&W portrait lens. The phone comes with a 5000mAh battery along with 30W Dart Charge.

The C25 boasts a 48MP AI Triple camera and is TÜV Rheinland High Reliability certified and features a 6,000mAh battery with 18W Type-C fast charge. The device is powered by MediaTek Helio G70 processor.

C25 features 48MP triple cameras and this is a significant upgrade to the camera of the C series and this is the first smartphone with 48MP main camera.



GigaSSD reportedly working on an 'extremely fast' external SSD

Shenzhen based startup GigaSSD is running an IndieGoGo fundraiser to bring to the market an extremely fast SSD capable of write speed well over 2,000 MBps.

The GigaDrive, which the company claims to be developing since April of last year, can reportedly hit sustained speeds of 2,800 MBps read and 2,500 MBps write, which would make it one of the fastest SSD in the market. The exterior case is made out of aluminium (which doubles as a heatsink) and reportedly supports both Thunderbolt 4 and USB 4. The SSD is offered in 1TB, 2TB, and 4TB capacity options.

According to an article published on Forbes, the drive prototypes feature a WD Black SN750 paired with a DRAM cache chip and an Intel JHL8440 Thunderbolt

4 controller. It's said to be compatible with Windows, macOS, iOS, Android and Linux, and features an IP67 rating, making it dustproof and protected against water immersion up to a meter for up to half an hour.

The same articles also note that there are virtually no public details about who is involved in GigaSSD, and while the company is registered in the U.S., it's actually based in Shenzhen, China.

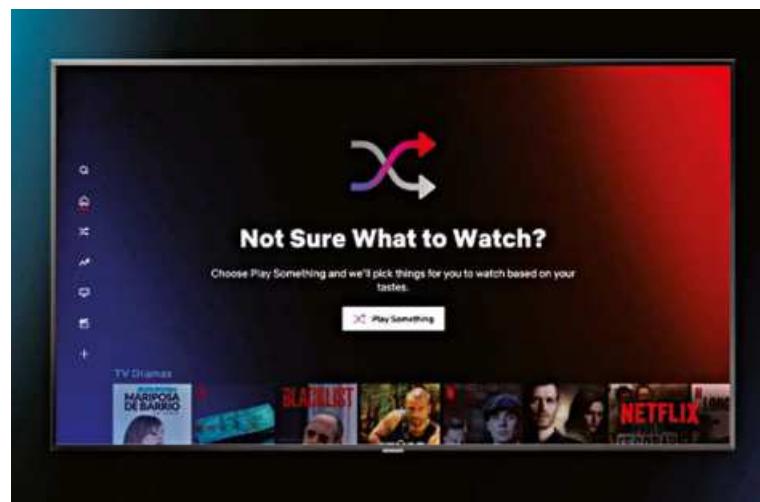
On the other hand, AppleInsider and TechRadar have both allegedly received limited access to the drives and reported synthetic numbers are slimmer to GigaSSD's claims. Though other tests (AS SSD and AJA) fell to between 95% and 65%. Real-world data transfers tests saw similar

performance issues as well.

GigaSSD is also offering the GigaDrive at a notably low price compared to the market standards. For example, the 2TB model is being offered for \$438, which is \$162 less than its closest competitor, a 2TB Samsung X5. Which strikes as odd as the WD Black SN750 NVMe SSD that the GigaDrive is reportedly built upon cost \$800 in and of itself.

However, the company counters this by saying they are planning to switch to the "Intel AGI M.2 2280" models production version, which should raise alarm on its own.

GigaSSD is planning to ship the GigaDrive to its backers in July 2021, with retail sales starting sometime after that.



Netflix introduces "Play Something" shuffle feature

Netflix rolled out a new shuffle feature that will allow users to find something to watch when they are unable to make a decision.

Dubbed "Play Something", the feature, when selected, will play a show or movie based on the user's previous viewing behaviour

and interests.

To use the option, the user will need to access the navigation menu on their Netflix app homepage and select the shuffle icon.

Screen-readers can also use Text-to-Speech to enable it, the company claims.

Instagram Live adds "mute" and "turn off video" features

Instagram added new features to its "live" video platform that will allow users to mute their microphones and turn their video off at will.

The new feature, Instagram explains, will give users more flexibility during their livestream experiences as users don't have to worry about how they look on screen.

For the time being, hosts will not be able to turn off another person's video or audio in the livestream, but according to a report from TechCrunch, the company is working on offering more of these types of capabilities to the broadcaster and expects to roll them out soon.



EDITOR'S NOTE

Work, when does it end?

In case you needed a stern reminder, where here to tell you this week that work from home does not mean working 24/7. We get it—there's no time to waste if you want to climb up that corporate ladder. But here's a secret: the hustle culture is probably a hoax. Want to know why? Turn to the centrefold. While you're at it, check out the exercises we listed for you on page 7 to get you moving while you're stuck at home. Need some inspiration? Turn to page 2 and see how working moms are handling WFH like a pro. And lastly, when you are relaxed enough, do check out the books we listed on the last page.

Relax, take a deep breath, cut yourself some slack. You got this. Did anybody tell you how amazing you are?

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