



Xiaomi unveils Mi 11X in Bangladesh

Xiaomi has recently unveiled their flagship Mi 11X in Bangladesh. The smartphone comes 6.67 FHD+ 120Hz E4 AMOLED Dot type display, Dolby Atmos Powered dual speakers, Qualcomm Snapdragon 870 chipset, 48MP primary camera, 5MP tele-macro camera and 8MP ultra-wide camera, along with a 20MP front shooter and a 4,520mAh battery. Mi 11X will be available in three colour variants: Cosmic Black, Lunar White and Celestial Silver. Soon it will be available in the market. Mi 11X will be available in 6GB +128GB, 8GB +128GB variants at a price of BDT 39,999 and BDT 42,999 respectively.

Fitbit adding snoring detection in latest update

Fitbit may soon include snoring and noise detection to its devices, which would certainly pleasure snoring spouses and partners while also pique the curiosity of those who believe snoring is an indication of a health problem.

The function allows a Fitbit's microphone (in devices that have one) to listen to "ambient sounds including your possible snoring" after you've fallen asleep, according to a report in 9to5 Google, which

decompiled the newest version of the Fitbit app on Google's Play Store.

The tool is named Snore & Noise Detect, according to the 9to5 Google report, and it detects "noise including snores from you or someone next to you." It assesses the intensity of noise and looks for "snore-specific" noises. When the Fitbit detects a noise event that is louder than the baseline, it attempts to figure out if it's snoring or something else.



EDITOR'S NOTE

Black fungus, F.R.I.E.N.D.S. and more

While the danger of what seems to the ever-evolving variants of the coronavirus still looms large over our heads, the black fungus has made an entrance as well. In this issue, we bring you everything you need to know about the black fungus. We bring you tips on building a career in writing and talk about "Bootstrapping" in our feature, something we just learned about in the process.

In our pop-culture segment, we tell you why F.R.I.E.N.D.S is NOT the best sitcom we've ever watched, despite the nostalgic value and the good laughs, while the reunion hangover is still there.

-Nahaly Nafisa Khan, *Sub-editor*

Realme unveils Realme 8 Pro along with Buds Air 2 & Buds Air 2 Neo



Realme has launched the new Realme 8 Pro along with Buds Air 2 & Buds Air 2 Neo – through an online launch event on 24 May 2021.

The device comes with a 108MP Ultra Quad Camera and 50W SuperDart Charger. Facilitated with 6.4-inch (16.3cm) Super AMOLED full screen, Realme 8 Pro also comes equipped with an ultra-fast in-display fingerprint scanner, 16MP in-display selfie camera and Snapdragon 720G powerful processor.

Realme Buds Air 2 lets users enjoy 25-hour long playback and

boasts features such as active noise cancellation, super-low latency, dual-mic noise cancellation for calls, open-up auto-connection, smart wear detection, intelligent touch controls and water resistance.

In contrast, Buds Air 2 Neo offers 28-hour long total playback. Apart from active noise cancellation up to 25dB and dual-mic noise cancellation for calls, it also comes with a bass boost driver, open-up auto connection and intelligent touch controls.

Realme 8 Pro is now available at BDT 27,990. Realme Buds Air 2 and Realme Buds Air 2 Neo have been priced at BDT 4,999 and BDT 3,999 respectively.

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Is govt going to ban PUBG and Free Fire in Bangladesh?

Popular Battle Royale games PUBG and Free Fire may face a ban in Bangladesh in the near future. Citing concerns over its addiction among teenagers and young adults, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Home Affairs is working together to recommend the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission, BTRC to block the two games in the country.

Mustafa Jabbar, Minister of Post and Telecommunication, however, says that his ministry has not received any directives regarding the ban. "Neither me nor my ministry are aware of any such developments. Although we have the tools, we cannot block these sites or games on our own. We need to act on recommendations from other concerned government or law enforcement agencies. We did not receive any such recommendations as of yet," said the minister.

"In today's world, banning anything is not really a solution. You can always access the banned platforms using VPNs and other methods. In the past, we have provided the ISPs with parental guide tools that allow parents to control their children's activities on the web. Sadly, we are not seeing considerable use of technology. Banning these games will not change anything dramatically if parents and children are not aware of the dangers they pose," added the minister while addressing the issue.

Many netizens have taken to Twitter and Facebook to laud the potential ban, while players have expressed concerns over the move.

Recently PUBG was also banned in Nepal and Gujarat of India citing similar reasons. Earlier in October 2019, PUBG went through another brief ban in Bangladesh citing 'negative psychological effects on the youth'.

