Xiaomi launches Redmi Note 8 (2021) in Bangladesh

Xiaomi has brought back the Redmi Note 8 (2021) edition in Bangladesh, inspired by its success in 2019.

The phone features MediaTek Helio G85 processor consisting of a Mali-G52 MP2 GPU, an octa-core CPU clocked up to 2GHz, 48MP quad camera, a 6.3 FHD+ Dot Drop Display, and a 4000mAh battery.

AVAILABILITY:

Redmi Note 8 (2021) will be available in three colour variants: Moonlight White, Neptune Blue and Space Black. This device will be available on 29 June, 2021 across authorised Mi Stores, partner stores and retail channels in Bangladesh. The retail price is BDT 17,999 for the 4GB+64GB variant.

Dhaka ranks 225th among 264 cities in the Global Fintech Ecosystem Rankings

Dhaka has ranked 225th among 264 cities in the Global Fintech Ecosystem Rankings in 2021 with a score of 0.581, while Bangladesh stands 78th among 83 countries scoring 0.2549. The index was published on June 23, 2021, by Findexable, covering the entire year of 2020 and the first half of 2021.

The ranking is done based on three parameters: the quantity of privately owned fintech companies, the quality of those companies and the local business environment.

The top three highest performing cities are San Francisco, London and New York scoring 133.748, 76.074 and 61.316 respectively. In the country-wise ranking, The United States, United Kingdom and Israel stand as the highest performing countries.

The highest performing cities in Asia are Hong Kong (Ranking 9th), Singapore City (10th), New Delhi (13th), Beijing (17th), Tokyo (19th) and Bangalore (20th) scoring 16.410, 16.259, 14.541, 13.464, 11.716 and 11.211 respectively. Singapore and China stand as the highest performing countries in this region.

Vietnam, Bangladesh, and Thailand saw a massive drop in the ranking among the Asian countries. Bangladesh saw a dip of 17 ranks compared to the previous year and currently stands in the lowest of the 16 countries in the Asia Pacific region.

RT Brainery launches new course, The Art of Filmmaking and Storytelling

Reflective Teens, a non-profit centred around helping teenagers and young adults grow their creative horizons, is coming out with the next edition of its flagship program, RT Brainery, with Episode 4: The Art of Filmmaking and Storytelling. The course will focus on moulding enthusiastic newcomers into fledgling filmmakers and will cover all three aspects of filmmaking including pre-production, production and post-production.

The program will be taught by veteran filmmaker Sharif Ferdous Arko. Sharif

Ferdous was the Production Runner on international blockbusters such as Avengers: Age of Ultron and has worked with CNN, Discovery and Walmart. A core goal of this program is to have each participant leave with a full-length film of their own.

The course will be online and will focus on writing grounded, engaging scripts, camera work and movement, on-camera performance, actor direction, and sound design. The deadline for registration is on July 5, 2021.

World Wide Web source code is latest NFT for sale

Tim Berners-Lee's source code for the World Wide Web is the latest non-fungible token (NFT) to go up for sale. Sotheby's in New York is selling the program that paved the way for the internet we know today more than 30 years after its creation.

The sale started June 23 and ends on Wednesday. Bidding had reached $2.8 million on Friday. The lot includes an animated version of Berners-Lee's nearly 10,000 lines of code and a letter from the British-born computer scientist himself.

"Ten years ago, we wouldn't have been able to do this," said Cassandra Hatton, vice-president at Sotheby's, referring to the recent boom in NFTs. Hatton said this work is unique because of its importance for the creation of the World Wide Web. "That changed every aspect of your life," Hatton said. "We don't even fully comprehend the impact that it has on our lives, and the impact

that we will continue to have on our lives."

An NFT is a digital object such as a drawing, animation, piece of music, photo or video with a certificate of authenticity created by blockchain technology that underlies cryptocurrency. It cannot be forged or otherwise manipulated.

NFTs currently generate several hundred million dollars in transactions every month. NFT exchanges take place in cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin on specialist sites but traditional auction houses are seeking to capitalize on the phenomenon.

The most expensive NFT ever was sold by Christie's in March for $69.3 million.

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Google will now warn you if search results might be unreliable

When search results are rapidly altering around a breaking topic, Google will now notify users from now on. Some searches will now display a warning that "it appears that these results are changing quickly," with a subheading that "if this topic is new, it can sometimes take time for results to be added by reliable sources"

The alert is currently being displayed on English-language results from the United States "when a topic is fast evolving and a variety of sources hasn't yet weighed in." In the coming months, Google will expand the tool's availability to other areas.