

#TECH

Surviving the pandemic with modern technology

Technological advancements have become a blessing during COVID-19. This boon is a global phenomenon, perhaps because our lives are dependent on it— from communication to gaming to music to shopping, and now, even schooling! Things that were hard to imagine a few years ago have now become commonplace. Technology's transformation and utility have only become more prominent during the pandemic.

Remember those days when we used to pick a random date and plan for a movie hangout with friends? Today, Netflix has brought plenty of options to choose from at our fingertips.

Instead of sitting at a movie theatre and staring at a screen for 2-3 hours accompanied by a box of popcorn, we can now lie down in our cosy rooms and binge watch favourite series or movies, of course with a bowl of chips, drinks, etcetera. The added comfort of just pausing for



whatever urgent thing comes up to just come back when free is an unparalleled joy. Thousands of hours of entertainment and relaxation.

Keeping up with the happenings of the lives of our near and dear ones

has become easier thanks to Facebook creating a huge platform for us to stay connected globally.

Food and groceries at our door steps have been made possible with tech too, especially in this pandemic ordering food is now faster than ever. We have various



food delivery services available in our pockets, just a click away, via a variety of food delivery apps like FoodPanda, HungryNaki, PathaoFood, ShohozFood, Cookups, Kludio Asia Limited, and Munchies. Even groceries can be delivered at the same time. We do not have to visit a grocery store; all we need to do is just make a phone call and products are delivered.

Just a year or two ago, we never imagined doing schooling on our devices right? In bygone days, we were not allowed to use phones at our classrooms and now entire schools, even university classes, corporate meetings and

conferences are continuing at Zoom, Meet and other platforms.

During COVID, one of the emergency services that we all need is doctor's services. Years ago, calling a doctor and seeking immediate advice or help was unimaginable. But our smart devices help

us with that at all hours, conveniently, by dialling 16263.

YouTube videos and other health apps not only teach us about good dietary habits, but can also provide a way to remain fit, and learn new things.

I know these technology advancements are nothing new. But during the pandemic, this has been a blessing. When almost the entire nation came to a standstill, these technological benefits have given us a way to respond and fight this coronavirus outbreak.

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#CHECK IT OUT

Bishworang arranges online reality show on Durga Puja

For the sixth time, Bishworang is arranging an online reality show, where Bangladeshi nationals — both male and female, irrespective of religion, can showcase their Puja looks. Over the years, their 'Sharod Saje Bishwo Rang er Didi' competition has generated quite a hype. For the first time, they are including a separate competition for men, 'Sharod Sree'.

Interested participants can send their biodata, photographs and a small video dressed in Puja garbs. Entry to the competition closes on 30 September, 2021.

Male entrants are requested to send their entries to bishworangsharadsree@gmail.com; and females are requested to send their submissions to bishworangdidevent@gmail.com.

For details, call 01819257768.

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