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Samsung launches Galaxy M32 in Bangladesh

Samsung Bangladesh has introduced its newest addition to the Galaxy M Series, the Galaxy M32.

The phone boasts a 6.4-inch FHD+Super AMOLED Infinity-U Display, 90Hz refresh rate, Helio G80 gaming processor and 6,000mAh battery backed up with a 25W fast-charging support.

The M32 consists of an 8MP ultra-wide camera, 64MP main camera, 2MP depth and macro lenses, and a 20MP front camera.

The new Galaxy M32 is priced at BDT 22,999.



Musk says Tesla likely to launch humanoid robot prototype next year

Tesla Inc Chief Executive Elon Musk on Thursday said the electric automaker will probably launch a 'Tesla Bot' humanoid robot prototype next year, designed for dangerous, repetitive, or boring work that people don't like to do.

Speaking at Tesla's AI Day event, the billionaire entrepreneur said the robot, which stands around five foot eight inches tall, would be able to handle jobs from attaching bolts to cars with a wrench, or picking up groceries at stores.

The robot would have "profound implications for the economy," Musk said, addressing a labour shortage. He said it was important to make the machine not "super-expensive."

The AI Day event came amid growing scrutiny over the safety and capability of Tesla's "Full Self-Driving" advanced driver assistance system.

Musk didn't comment on that scrutiny over the safety of Tesla technology but said that he was confident of achieving full self-driving with higher safety than humans using current in-car cameras and computers.

U.S. safety regulators earlier this week opened an investigation into Tesla's driver assistant system because of accidents where Tesla cars crashed into stationary police cars and fire trucks.

Two U.S. senators have also called on the Federal Trade Commission to investigate Tesla's claims for its 'Full Self-Driving' system.

At the event on Thursday Tesla also unveiled chips it designed in-house for its high-speed computer, Dojo, to help develop its automated driving system. Musk said Dojo would be operational next year.

He said Tesla will also introduce new hardware for its self-driving computer for its Cybertruck electric pick-up truck in "about a year or so." Tesla in July pushed back the launch of its much-anticipated Cybertruck from this year, without giving a timeframe for its arrival on the market.

On Thursday some questioned whether Musk, who has frequently touted technology advances at showpiece events only to scale plans down later on, would be able to come good on his aims for the robot.

"Is the 'Tesla Bot' the next dream shot to pump up the hype machine?" said Raj Rajkumar, professor of electrical and computer engineering at Carnegie Mellon University.

"I can safely say that it will be much longer than 10 years before a humanoid bot from any company on the planet can go to the store and get groceries for you."

EDITOR'S NOTE

Perfectly balanced, as all things should be

This week, it's all about maintaining the balance. It's about knowing how to strike the perfect balance between work, education and life in general, and also about knowing when to quit. Check out page 3 and page 5 for more.

Along with our regular tech and automobile updates, we also talk about our thoughts on "Reminiscence", and the hype in our pop-culture analysis.

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Facebook unveils virtual reality 'workrooms'

Facebook on Thursday unveiled technology for 'workrooms,' allowing remote collaboration for people using its Oculus virtual reality gear.

The 'Horizon Workrooms' project allows users to switch back and forth from virtual reality to web conferencing to adapt to different situations.

"Workrooms is our flagship collaboration experience that lets people come together to work in the same virtual room, regardless of physical distance," the company said in an Oculus blog post. "It works across both virtual reality and the web and is designed to improve your team's ability to collaborate." This enables participants to join a meeting as an avatar in virtual reality or by video calling.

The announcement comes as the social

media giant moves to blend its hardware, gaming and virtual reality units to build an immersive digital world known as the 'metaverse,' borrowing a term coined by sci-fi writer Neal Stephenson.

The project is seen as central to Facebook's future by chief executive Mark Zuckerberg, who is seeking to diversify the company beyond social networking and digital advertising.

It also comes with more people working remotely during the pandemic and companies seeking new ways to enable collaboration among scattered employees.

The Oculus division has largely been used for gaming but is gaining traction in other areas as virtual reality is adapted for tourism, remote work and other applications.



How to maintain a work-study-life balance

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Working during your university studies can greatly benefit your future for a multitude of reasons and that goes without saying. Besides meeting new people, learning new skills and improving your financial situation, you can also make new contacts and enrich your professional network.

However, work and studies can sometimes be difficult to juggle because you must divide your time evenly between your academic and work schedule. For those of you who find it challenging to balance studying with your job or an internship, we've got you covered.

Here are five of our best tips to combat stress as a working student.

PLAN AHEAD

The last thing you want to do on the night before your test is cram and write an essay. Having full engagement and concentration is essential for your university work. The best way to stay on top of deadlines is to prioritise and plan.

Consider keeping a journal or creating a to-do list if you have tasks to perform. You will not only be reminded to complete assignments on time if you keep a record of them, but you will also feel more accomplished, if you manage to do so.

Wasif Khan from IBA, University of Dhaka, shared how he maintains this balance during this pandemic. "The challenge of balancing work and study has generally been tough, especially considering the effect it has on other important things like leisure and extracurricular activities," he said. "However, I find it helpful to comprehensively schedule tasks and make

micro-targets for each deliverable. It's easier for me to track my progress and there is a bonus positive reinforcement every time a small target is achieved."

BE AWARE OF YOUR LIMITS

Committing to more work than you can handle is very common, so don't panic. Decide what is the most important to do first. A good question to ask yourself is—"How much work can I handle?"

Prioritise. Without a doubt, your primary focus should be on studying. The purpose of working should be simply to give you financial support and to gain extra experience. Know and respect your limits, and make sure you aren't stressing yourself out more than you should. Make sure you don't burn out by explaining

study deadlines, I put my 150% at work," said Anindita Atoshi, working as an HR executive at a startup alongside her undergraduate studies.

USE YOUR TIME WISELY

Studying is a valuable investment, so to manage work and study, make sure it is a time well spent. Productivity is the key. Keep focused and avoid procrastination by studying for short periods with breaks.

Disconnect from social media and prepare some snacks. You will accomplish more work at university if you eliminate distractions and utilise incentives. Therefore, you will have more time to relax, and you may even be able to work an extra shift at work if needed.

Keep in mind that you're still a student.

about your availability and expressing any concerns you might have is essential for success in university.

How much work will it be for you? Make sure you don't overextend yourself in this area. If you do not have the time to devote to a part-time job, you may want to consider alternative methods of earning money. How about a weekend job? It's a great way to gain experience without having to worry about it interfering with your studies.

GET ENOUGH REST AND PRIORITISE YOUR HEALTH

Physical, as well as mental health, are more important than ever. Remember that your body is still growing, so taking special care of your health is a wise



your situation to your manager.

When applying for a job, mention to the interviewer that you will be studying before you start working.

"Scheduling is key when it comes to balancing but what works better for me is prioritising time. When there is an exam coming up I try to prioritise my studies over work responsibilities and on the days I don't have classes or no approaching

Spend some time with your friends during your university experience to relax and have fun.

COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR EMPLOYER

You must maintain a good relationship with your superiors if you decide to work during your studies. Describe your approach to dealing with everything honestly and openly. Being forthcoming

choice. At least give yourself a minimum of seven to eight hours of sleep. Your immune system will be strengthened, your memory will be enhanced, and you will be able to cope with stress better.

Throughout the day, eat a variety of nutritious foods to keep your energy up. Although takeaway is tempting, keep in mind that you should also aim for a more balanced diet while you are trying to balance your busy schedule.



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THE BEST MONEY CAN BUY TOP SUVs UNDER BDT 30 LACS

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Bangladesh likes SUVs. It can be safely said that it is rather one of the most growing vehicle sectors in the country. This week, we bring you the top four SUVs under BDT 30 lacs that are currently available in the local market which can hopefully give you the most value for your money.

Toyota C-HR (2014-2016)

The Toyota C-HR is a sub-compact SUV which definitely looks the most interesting among all the cars in this list. The C-HR might look small and rather compressed but the inside is quite spacious and has quite a good amount of cargo space. The C-HR also comes in two options to choose from; a turbocharged 1.2L or a hybrid 1.5L.



safety and usability features in the car. The design of the duster is definitely something to consider; it's either a love it or hate it type of deal, but it definitely grows on you as time goes by

SPECIFICATIONS
Engine: 1500cc
Power: 78 kW
Torque: 260 Nm
Price: 33 lacs

DFSK Glory 580 i-Auto

DFSK (Dongfeng Sokon), is one of the newer Chinese brands to hit the Bangladeshi market; and almost being a trademark for Chinese companies, you get a plethora of features for the fraction of the price compared to other car brands. Although the quality of the interior might be lacking on certain aspects, for the price the car comes in, there are no complaints.

SPECIFICATIONS
Engine: 1500cc
Power: 110 kW
Torque: 220 Nm
Price: 30 lacs



design is simple, it's not too flashy, it's cheaper than all the cars on the list (under 27 lacs) and has nice materials in the interior for the price the car comes in. Although some might say getting parts could be a problem in Bangladesh, they are not wrong.

MG Bangladesh provides genuine parts for your car directly imported

from their sources. You might have to pay a premium for parts, but at least there is insurance that the parts are original.

SPECIFICATIONS
Engine: 1500cc/ 1300cc Turbo
Power: 106 kW/ 112 kW
Torque: 141 Nm/160 Nm
Price: 26.5 lacs

Renault Duster

One of the newer European brands to come in Bangladesh; Renault has been relevant mostly in European countries. Renault launched the Duster in the Asian market officially in late 2019, and this particular model has been quite relevant in the Bangladeshi market.

The Renault duster is a great car for the price and provides a handful of



SPECIFICATIONS
Engine: 1200cc Turbo VVTi/ 1500cc Plug-in Hybrid
Power: 85 kW/91 kW
Price: 28-35 lacs

MG ZS (2020-2021)

The return of the great British Morris Garages company, with a couple of SUVs. The MG ZS is a good car; the



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Quit that internship or part-time gig, here's why and when

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In today's increasingly competitive job market, almost everyone feels the pressure to gain additional work experience and enrich their CVs through part-time jobs. Particularly for undergraduate students, spending leisure time wisely is crucial and many students spend their time away from academics participating in extracurricular activities and part-time jobs.

While it gives students some glorious opportunities to learn skills and responsibilities that come with having a job, some employers or industries choose to take advantage of these young, inexperienced workers who usually do not know better than to continue their jobs despite unfortunate odds. Students are often made to work excessive hours, not adequately compensated, and/or misbehaved with, simply because they would tend to stay at their jobs in hopes of that additional exposure.

Ahmed Mostafa, Education Sector Consultant at the World Bank, said, "The practice of students being exploited is a big concern. A very renowned person once bragged to me about how they have over 100 unpaid interns."

"If the trend of exploiting students continues, students will ultimately lose interest in internships. This will have an adverse effect on the job market in terms of skilled manpower both in the short

and long term," he added.

What students can do to ensure that their time spent at an organisation is fruitful, is to plan ahead. Arijit Saha, a Senior Business Analyst at a leading IT company, advised, "Startup experts will tell you that it is crucial to have an exit strategy, which will dictate how the investors will reap the fruits of their benefits."

"When applying for a part-time job, you need to think similarly and treat your career as the investor. Before applying for a part-time job, chalk out a plan. Ask yourself what you expect from the venture, when it would be enough, and which tradeoffs would be worth which outcomes. Sure, the road to a career can be just as volatile as the journey of a startup. You may need to adjust your plans along the way. But that does not mean you should go ahead without one."

"A big mistake people make is to not do a cost-benefit analysis when applying for a part-time job, and an even greater mistake is to not realise when the law of diminishing marginal returns goes into negative," added Saha.

So, when should you consider leaving a job?

You are not learning anymore.

Not learning anymore may mean you have learnt all that your current role can teach you. While practising and

becoming very good at what you do is good, working such jobs can lead to demoralisation. Unless you are sure that the role is exactly what you want to be in as a full-time worker after graduation, consider expanding your horizons.

Learning enables you to expand your skill set and identify areas of interest. Knowledge about different industries can help you understand which industries you would like to work for in the future.

There are no more growth opportunities.

This is related to the previous point. More growth opportunities and challenges mean more chances to learn new things. If your organisation does not have promotional opportunities for students, staying there for a long time may clip your skills and experiences. The same goes for roles that under-utilise your skills or where you feel you are undervalued.

Also, consider whether there are chances of you landing a full-time role at that organisation after graduation.

The supervisor or the work environment is toxic.

Staying in a toxic situation can have several repercussions such as stress or burnout. Lack of employee autonomy, micromanaging supervisor, feelings of job insecurity, toxic practices in teams, etc. can be some symptoms.

The company culture could also be one that rewards burnouts. There may be unethical practices going on which require you to compromise your morals and values.

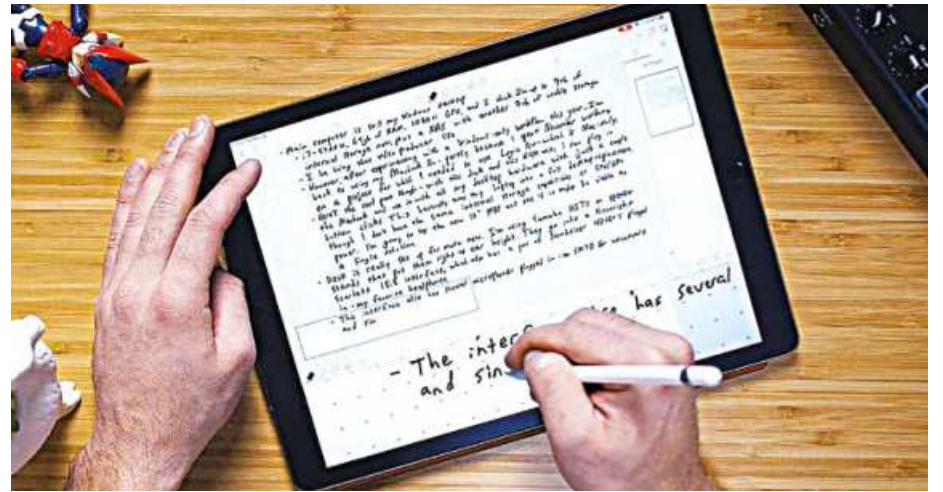
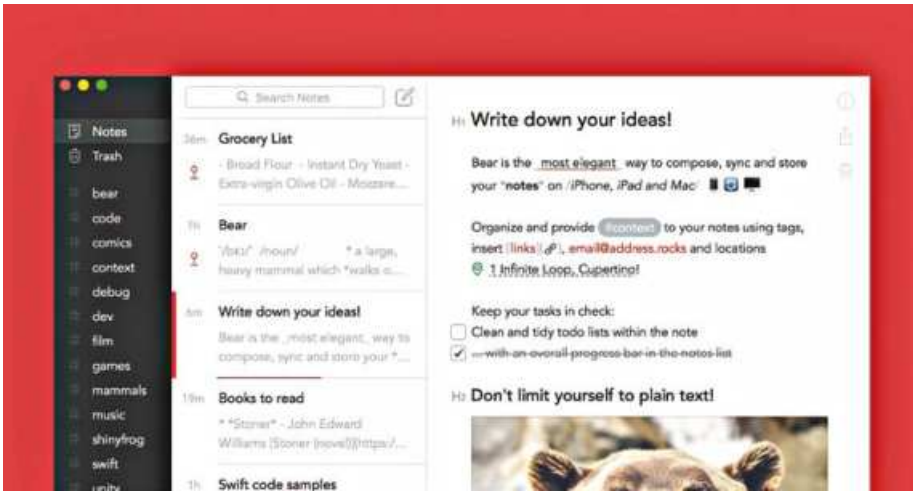
Your passion lies elsewhere.

If you find yourself longing for different jobs, or if the current job is not contributing to your career development in the field you want to work in, it may be time for you to switch jobs. Part-time jobs often help students realise which fields they are interested in after they graduate.

Ahmed Mostafa says, "It is time to look for a new job when we start seeing our learning opportunities getting diminished or when the culture is toxic. That being said, we should not quit on a fit. It is important to consider various factors like the job market, the next best alternative, etc."

It is rare to see anyone doing cartwheels out of excitement for their jobs. However, there are still some positives people perceive that make them continue working. There are going to be some hardships at your job.

However, if one or more of the points above seem familiar, it may be time for you to reassess your priorities and take some time to think about how you want your career to develop. Your time as an undergraduate student is limited, so try to make the most of it.



5 note-taking apps worth checking out

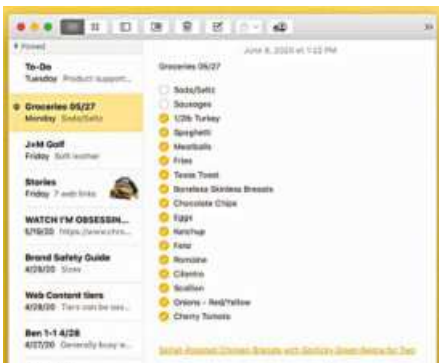
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Going digital with note-taking takes a person or an organisation to the next step, removing the hurdles of pen and paper and having everything stored in one device.

This article lists 5 such note-taking apps that can help you stay organised by going paperless and add more to the process.

Evernote

Evernote is one of the most popular note-



taking apps available. It has a capable rich text editor and can share notebooks with other people and save searches. Moreover,



it allows a ton of different integrations with other apps.

It also features optical character recognition. This implies that you can scan images with text and it can make that text searchable, and you can also annotate images in the app as well.

However, users cannot create nested hierarchies of notebooks with this app.

One Note

Microsoft OneNote is probably the closest competitor to Evernote in terms of features. There are similar images that support optical character recognition and the ability to annotate images. The editor area of this app is a lot more flexible and customisable than Evernote.

Additionally, Microsoft OneNote is free. However, you would have to pay for Microsoft OneNote if you decide to upgrade your OneDrive storage.

Bear

Bear is a Mac and iOS-exclusive app. If you are a Mac and iOS user, Bear is definitely worth your consideration. This is primarily because unlike Evernote and OneNote, Bear has a beautiful hybrid Markdown editor and a markup language that allows you to format your text.

Lots of other markdown editors force you to write in plain text and you can only preview your format of text. This is where Bear stands out. It formats your text as you write.

Bear also comes with an interesting organisational system that does let you create as many levels of hierarchy as you like.

Apple Notes

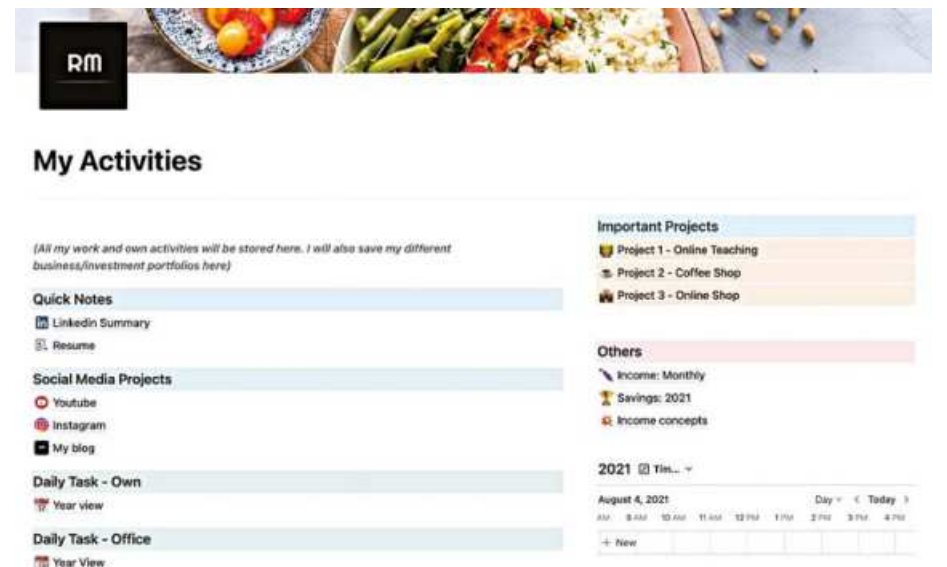
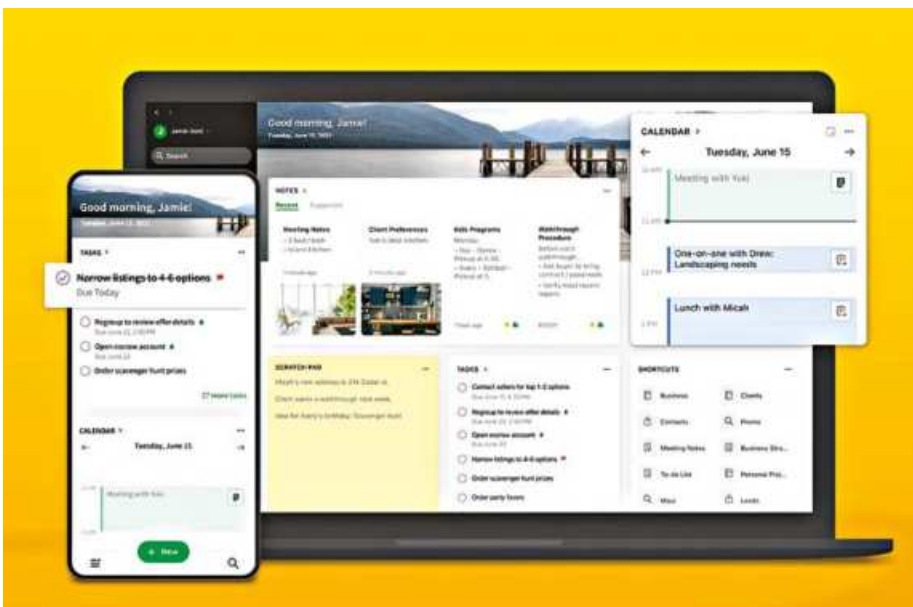
Apple Notes is free for iOS users, just like Bear. Apple Notes doesn't come with hybrid markdown capabilities similar to Bear or some other apps. However, it does have nice formatting tools. The default formatting looks better than it does on Evernote. You can also create your nested list of hierarchical folders.

Notion

Notion is the most flexible tool on this list. Notion is an app unlike any other, mainly because of the combination of a couple of different features. First, their table feature, which is the database feature where every row in a table links to its own page, and secondly, they've got a templating feature that allows you to make anything you want to. You can also create a habit tracker, template for task management or budgeting through Notion.

The most interesting part of using Notion is that you can assign tasks to your team members as well and track their performance. You can tag delegates and create links between pages and tables.

If you use Notion only as a note-taking app, you will surely miss out on most of its other amazing features.





6 TRAVEL GADGETS

to get you set for any trip

JINAT JAHAN KHAN

With new technology and innovation, there are unlimited options of travel gadgets to try. These gadgets can make your vacations easier, more organised, and enjoyable.

Here is a list of 6 travel accessories and their features that you may consider while purchasing.

Universal travel adapter

A universal travel adapter lets you plug your electronic devices into walls with any kind of socket. Sockets and voltage ranges can differ from area to area or from country to country. So this kind of adapter converts them to a standard one.

While buying a travel adapter, keep in mind that some old-fashioned adapters have sockets only for two-pin plugs. Those who have a MacBook or devices with the round earth pin may get into trouble if



they do not notice this before purchasing.

In most countries, the usual voltage supply is 200-240 volts, and so the adapter you are buying should support up to 240 volts. Moreover, it is better to buy a smaller adapter as the larger ones tend to fall out of the socket due to the weight of any plug.

Smartphone sanitiser

Your smartphone tends to have more

harmful microorganisms on it. As it is now more important to ensure hygiene, you may consider buying a smartphone sanitiser before your next trip. UV rays from such devices disrupt the growth of microorganisms and protect your smartphone from germs. Therefore, it needs some time to complete the cleaning process.

Try to look for a UV smartphone sanitiser that takes at least 3 minutes to ensure deep and effective cleaning. In most UV sanitisers, you need to flip your device to get a full 360° clean.

UV bulbs burn out quickly. So it is better if you can choose a sanitiser with a UV LED light. It may not be a good idea to try to find cheaper options for these UV sanitisers as they can be harmful to your smartphone as well as you. Consider buying a safer and more reliable option.

Solar power bank

Charging a phone is quite challenging during a long trip, especially when it is difficult to find any socket in that place.



A power bank is now a must while being on a tour. If you are using a solar power bank, then you can also green your power consumption and minimise your carbon footprint.

Note that a cell phone usually has up to 5000 mAh battery and tablets up to 12,000 mAh. Solar power banks available in markets have a charging capacity of up to 50,000 mAh. A heavier solar power bank has more charging capacity than a lighter one.

However, it may be inconvenient to carry a heavy power bank, especially when camping or hiking. Thus, select it wisely based on what you need more in your trip.

Bluetooth tracker

If you are clumsy with your belongings and often lose your stuff, consider buying a Bluetooth tracker. This type of tracker works optimally up to 100 feet, but some companies offer trackers that can work up to 200 feet. Different barriers such as walls or trees can decrease connectivity.

Check individual product reviews before buying. Bluetooth trackers ring when you search for them. So choose one that is loud enough to be heard. Before your purchase, think carefully about which item you need as some Bluetooth trackers have additional features depending on that. For example, there are card-shaped trackers for your wallet and keyring-style for backpacks.

Portable door lock

Staying in unfamiliar places, especially being a solo traveller can be both exciting and daunting. To add an extra layer of security, one may use a portable door lock while staying in a hotel room or any place where they stay.

Unlike other locks, portable door locks can only be used from the inside. These come in different shapes and sizes. But they almost work in the same way and prevent intruders from outside.

While selecting a portable door for your trip, try to choose one which is small, inexpensive, and comes in one piece. Moreover, select the door lock that takes less time and is less complicated to install and remove in case of any emergency. Remember that most of these locks are designed for inward-swinging doors.

Portable travel coffee maker

If you are a frequent traveller and coffee is your mood booster, you know the struggle of finding a perfect cup of coffee especially when you are on a camping adventure or in a remote area. Choose a coffee maker that takes from 30 seconds to 5 minutes to brew, and can be washed with minimal components.

While buying such an appliance, consider how much coffee you need at a time and the overall size of your luggage. A bulkier coffee maker has a larger capacity, but it'll weigh more and you don't even need such a bigger one in case you're travelling alone.

Travel coffee makers can be used manually or can require batteries, solar power, or electric outlets. Select it smartly like if you are going camping or boating, the one that works by electricity is of no use.

Wolverine meets Bogart in Jackman sci-fi 'Reminiscence'

Hugh Jackman helped pioneer the superhero sequels that dominate modern megaplexes, but the former 'X-Men' actor leapt at the chance to star in something more rare these days—a totally original sci-fi from a major studio, in 'Reminiscence.'

The Warner Bros film, out on Friday, comes from the creators of TV smash hit "Westworld," and imagines a dystopian near-future Miami in which a rising ocean has flooded the streets. All but the wealthiest live a precarious existence huddled on crime-infested islands and waterlogged back alleys, and the only "superpower" on show is a technology that allows paying customers to revisit cherished memories from better days in vivid detail.

"Hey, I'm not one to lecture about sequels, I did nine movies playing Wolverine! But I do think audiences want something fresh and something new," Jackman told AFP.

In the film, which has shades of "Minority Report," Jackman plays a scientist running one such backstreet memory lab. His life gets turned upside down when a mysterious woman arrives with a seemingly straightforward request for help remembering where she left her keys.

The movie was written and directed by Lisa Joy, who along with husband Jonathan Nolan created the similarly dystopian sci-fi/Western 'Westworld.'

"It was a challenge and it would not have been made had it not been for Hugh's support of this film," said Joy. "I'm a first-time feature director, and I had an original (movie) that I wanted to get made that involved sinking Miami! To take that leap of faith, I think I was really bolstered when Hugh jumped in and said, 'well, I believe in her.'"

Her husband Nolan—a producer on 'Reminiscence'—also has previous form exploring the darker side of our



memories, penning neo-noir thriller "Memento," which was directed by his famous brother Christopher and hit the festival circuit in 2000.

That same year saw Jackman's first turn as Wolverine in 'X-Men,' a film credited with launching Hollywood's superhero era, and paving the way for wildly popular Marvel movies like 'Avengers: Endgame' that have smashed box office records.

Jackman's nine 'X-Men' films grossed more than \$4 billion in total worldwide, including three spin-off movies for Wolverine.

Wolverine meets Bogart

While 'Reminiscence' is a long way from Jackman's Marvel comic-book adaptation

days, its writer-director has described the protagonist as "a P.I. of the mind—think Wolverine meets Humphrey Bogart."

"Probably a little handier with his fists than Bogart ever was!" laughed Jackman, before admitting there is a "little element" of his iconic mutant role in scientist Nick Bannister. A war hero veteran suffering from PTSD, Jackman's character soon becomes embroiled in a shadowy network of drug dealers and 'land barons' who jealously hoard the remaining dry, elevated acres, and has to take matters into his own hands.

"Like Wolverine, he's got that gruff, tough exterior. And like Wolverine, that's born out of pain, and always is," said Jackman. "The tougher the exterior,

usually, the more broken on the inside."

As well as drawing on Hollywood's long tradition of Sam Spade-style hard-boiled private detectives, the movie is loosely inspired by the ancient Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice.

The 'genre-busting' blend of sci-fi, action and romance appealed to the 52-year-old Australian actor, a versatile Tony Award winner known for musicals such as 'The Greatest Showman' and 'Les Miserables' as well as action blockbusters.

"Everything is new for me, even when I was doing Wolverine, it all felt new and exciting to me. I always felt there was more to get from the character," he said. "But I think doing something like this, that felt very original, was exciting."

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