

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.

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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.

