

# Taking the new H6 out for a spin

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Haval Bangladesh recently launched the 1.5 litre H6 at their Tejgaon dealership, just last week and we had a chance to properly road test one. Oftentimes, most Chinese cars glitter, and more often than not, all that glitters is not gold.

This certainly isn't the case with the H6. The mid-size SUV borrows much of its contemporary styling from all throughout the industry, which isn't a bad thing at all, although the interior is the place to be in an H6. Right off the bat, you're greeted with a decent-sized screen that replaces the traditional instrument cluster panel, with all the important stuff presented to the driver without being not too overwhelming.

The HVAC controls have familiar buttons, but most of them have to be accessed through the 10.25-inch centre screen. It is immediately clear that a designer from a European marque was poached in the process since the entire interior is bang up to date for a car in 2021. The circular rotary dial replaces and makes the need for a gear shifter obsolete, which in my opinion is miles better than a steering column-mounted stalk found in newer mercs.

The seats are very red (which on our test vehicle was an option), which aren't pretending to be sporty and in turn are terrible at comfort, which is good. There's no need for increased bolstering as the seat belts tighten to hug you when the H6 is driven passionately. The roof is dominated by a panoramic sunroof.

The 1.5L 4 cylinder is more than decent as a powertrain option, for there's a sport mode paired



with the 7-speed DCT with flappy paddles ergonomically mounted on either side of the steering. There's an assuring feel of what I can only describe as a mimicking of torque steer without actual torque steer. There's an ever so slight delay in power, thanks to the cumbersome throttle response. The steering tightens as the DCT translates 151 bhp to the road using all four wheels very spiritedly- there are occasional tire squeals in 1st gear. Although the inertia and zest die down quickly as you shift to third and onwards, which is expected from a vehicle of this dimension.

There are a lot of pros for a car that isn't Japanese or German; I could go on and on about the plethora of safety and driving aids. The electric-powered tailgate, the 360 view cameras all around the car, the rear AC vents were notable from the top of my mind. But there are some cons too which don't necessarily outweigh the pros.

The DCT is sluggish in traffic, which was as expected, combined with some body roll, which honestly can get

a pass since the ride wasn't anywhere near harsh. The leather steering is a nice feature to have, but the horn button is awfully difficult to press.

Moreover, the park button doesn't illuminate to let you know whether you are in the park or not as you solely have to rely on a tiny parking brake logo on the bottom left of the instrument display. On a full load, everyone, and I mean everyone has to be buckled up or the seatbelt chime won't budge. Apple



CarPlay is indeed present in the spec sheet, but it isn't wireless, a must-have in 2021. Wireless charging and head-up display seemed to be an option reserved for the 2.0L. The brakes didn't fare that well after a spirited drive which is alright for casual cruising. However, the biggest caveat which almost everyone agrees to be is simply the Haval logo on the huge chrome grille, which is in dire need of a redesign. We recommend getting a black H6 and then dechrome everything for plus 15 social credits.

For around 36 lacs, one thing the H6 does exceptionally well is putting its other Chinese rivals on the market to shame.

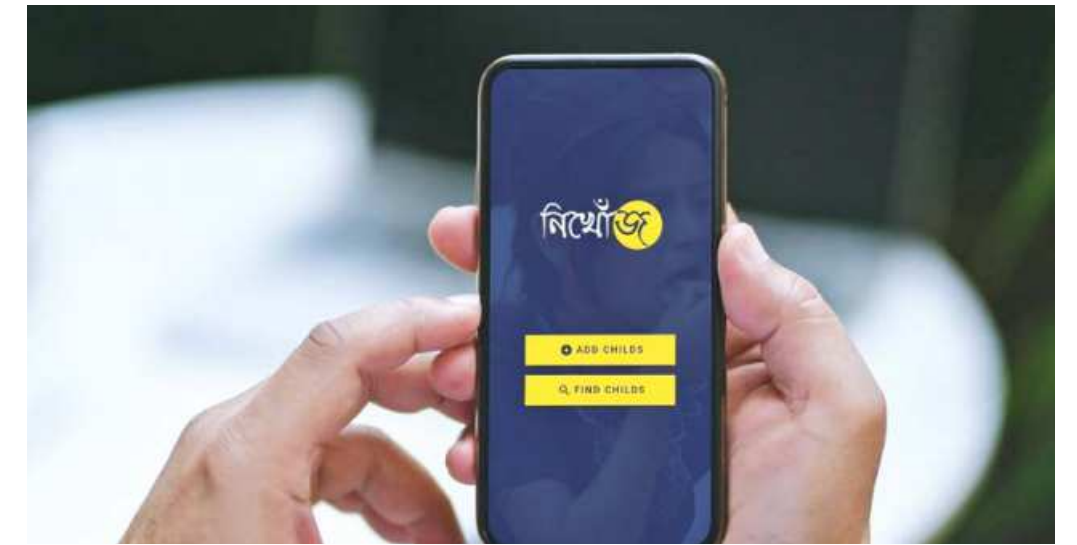
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# 'Nikhoj': An app to help you find missing children

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Cases of missing children are reported every year. Sadly, only a few are lucky enough to meet their family again. Most of the lost children are forced to live on the streets in insecure environments or in NGOs. Even though you may want to help these children find their families, the absence of a proper collaborative system will stop you from doing so efficiently.



## How the app works

You can find two options after installing the app. 'Add Children' option is to report any missing children. One can add the name and the picture of the missing kid along with further information such as father's name, mother's name and address if available. Another option 'Find Children' can help search for information about any lost child. You can use this app from anywhere in Bangladesh.

To provide an example of how 'Nikhoj' works, let's suppose a hypothetical scenario. A six-year-old named Sumon went missing from a remote village in Cox's Bazar. His parents or the nearest police station can register the necessary details of this missing kid after logging into the app. After the details have been logged, a man named Ripon finds Sumon crying at Karwan Bazar in Dhaka. Ripon asks Sumon about his whereabouts, but Sumon can't remember where he came from or how he got there. Even though Ripon doesn't get a proper answer, he takes a photo of Sumon and uploads it in the 'Nikhoj' app, to check if any registered pictures match the boy. Ripon then finds on the app that someone from Cox's Bazar had reported the missing case of Sumon. Ripon is able to contact the authorities and Sumon's parents immediately.

'Nikhoj' works with the help of facial recognition technology, which uses biometrics to map facial features from one picture to another. Even if the picture in the reported missing case is monochromatic or is a few years older, the app can identify the person, given that someone has reported a matching face through the app.

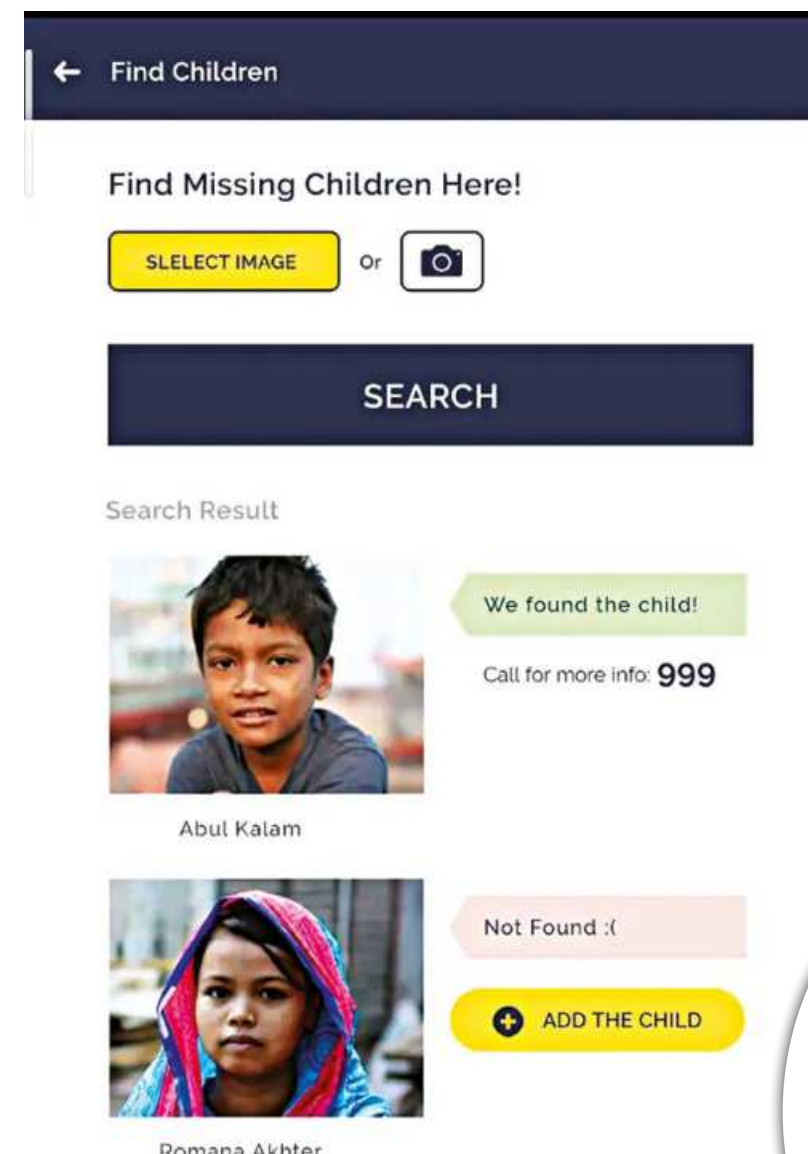
'Nikhoj' can also be used to help find people with autism or elderly people who can't remember their address. Anyone can install this app and use it to add a lost person's information or find someone who is missing. The app is available on Google Play Store. However, it is currently running as a pilot project. 'Nikhoj' is hoping to operate in full swing from early 2022.

## The objective

The team of 'Nikhoj' is trying to collaborate with the government so that every police station registers the missing cases through this app. Without necessary details registered in it, app users won't be able to help lost children like the hypothetical case mentioned above. Moreover, handing over a missing person is a sensitive matter, which should always be done under the supervision of the police or a responsible organisation that works in such cases. This is why the support of the government and NGOs are much needed.

"Our target is to eliminate the cases of missing children in Bangladesh. A mishap can happen, and a child may go missing. However, it is our duty to reunite them with their family," said Moinul Islam Khan, Founder of 'Nikhoj'. "Different social media groups may temporarily solve a few cases. But the problem is that every group does not have the same members and information, leading to an information gap. In such situations, this app can work as a permanent solution," Moinul added.

The app is a product of a tech startup called 'ThirdEye Social Technology BD'. This startup is initiated by youths aiming to solve social problems through technology. They are also planning to launch a website for 'Nikhoj' to connect with more people, as well as engage in social media. For the initiation of the pilot project, 'Nikhoj' derived data from NGOs like LEEDO and APON Foundation. They plan on adding data from other organisations soon.



However, 'Nikhoj' is here to help. This app connects the police, NGOs and volunteers in one platform so anyone can help missing children in need. 'Nikhoj' aims to ensure that no child stays separated from their parents due to a lack of reliable information or access to proper authorities.

