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Google rolls out important updates for Pixel 6

On 14 January, Google released a critical update for Pixel 6 and Pixel 6 Pro. Included in the January 2022 patch, this update includes fixes to the camera, the fingerprint sensor, newly added support for the 23W wireless charging Pixel Stand, and as always, bug fixes.

According to media outlets, because of the update, Google Pixel 6 Pro users can now use digital car key functions for compatible BMWs, thanks to the ultra-wideband chip embedded in Pixel 6 Pro. Additionally, the new Quick Tap to Snap feature will integrate Google and Snapchat together for better social connectivity. For both Pixel 6 and Pro users, the update will include support for the Pixel Buds A-Series, adding new bass controls.

Google initially announced these new tweaks for the December patch but delayed the release after users reported several problems with the new updates, including connectivity problems and issues installing the patch. The new updates are expected to be available by this week, so it's too soon to tell if these updates will receive similar backlash.



Apple might launch its new affordable smartphones in April: Here's what we know so far

The latest addition to the iPhone SE lineup, iPhone SE3, has yet to receive any official confirmation, but the rumour mill has been ripe with expectations.

According to leaks, iPhone SE3 has dimensions exactly the same as iPhone SE 2020, measuring

at 138.4 x 67.3 x 7.3 mm. It looks quite similar in design to its previous model as well, featuring the signature stylish look, but the front side shows a bit of a change, looking similar to iPhone XR.

While previous rumours suggested the display size to be 6 inches, the latest leaks state that the screen is slightly under that, measured at 131.3 x 60.2 mm, or 5.69 inches. Previous rumours also suggested that this phone will come equipped with a Hexa Core processor, 3 GB RAM and 64 GB storage, though this information hasn't been contested yet.

The latest leaks further state that the iPhone SE3 will not feature the big forehead,

chin and touch ID buttons as the older models. Similar to iPhone SE 2020, the single-lens camera and the flashlight function will still be on the backside. However, the leaked images show that the Apple logo isn't to be found on the centre-backside, moving slightly towards the top in this upcoming model. The notch is expected to be positioned on the top side as well.

This lightweight phone should prove to be a worthwhile addition to those looking for more affordable iPhone options. iPhone SE3 is expected to be released around April this year, and will likely be priced at about US\$399. However, like most other currently available information regarding the next-generation iPhone SE, nothing is confirmed as of yet.

Netflix increases pricing in the US

From 14 January, Netflix raised prices for all plans in the US. The standard plan increased from US\$14 to \$15.50, 4K plan from US\$18 to US\$20 and the basic non-HD plan from US\$9 to US\$10.

The last time Netflix increased its pricing was around October 2020, where the standard plan increased from US\$13 to US\$14. Before that, in 2019, the price for the same plan went from US\$11 to US\$13.

The increased prices will be applicable to new users as soon as they subscribe to the streaming service. Existing users will receive



this price increase after an email has been sent to them regarding the updated pricing information. This email should be sent at least 30 days before the price change takes effect. According to Netflix, this price increase is to ensure "a wide variety of entertainment options", so existing users can get the most value out of their chosen plans.

Price rises have been reported in Canada, Australia and India as well. It is not currently confirmed if this price increase will happen in Bangladesh as well, but since this price change is reported to be global, local Netflix subscribers should expect the increase in pricing as well.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Man's new best friend

Long gone are the days of carrier pigeons, telegraphs and faxes. Nowadays, if we want to get a job done, we can do so in mere seconds thanks to smart technology existing in the palm of our hands. Smartphones have revolutionized the way we perform professional tasks and has certainly redefined how we view everyday lives. To truly exist as a modern being, perhaps it isn't farfetched to say that you need adequate tech literacy, or risk drowning in the merciless tides of time.

Check out this week's Cover Story to learn the art of mastering man's new best friend, smartphones, for your career-oriented lifestyle. To ensure your devices and accounts remain safe and secure, have a look at our recommended password manager apps on Tech Tips. Jot down some key pointers to optimise your LinkedIn profile, to be found on Next Step. Like always, we focus on some entertainment as well, and our latest recommendations on Netflix comedy stand-ups is sure to put a smile on your face!

Have a great weekend everyone. Please maintain proper protocols so the ongoing pandemic remains under control. Be safe. Until then.

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Guide to studying in the UK

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When it comes to fresh high school graduates looking to pursue higher education abroad, the UK has always been a top choice. Recently in Bangladesh, studying in the UK has seen a surge in popularity for both undergraduate and postgraduate level education.

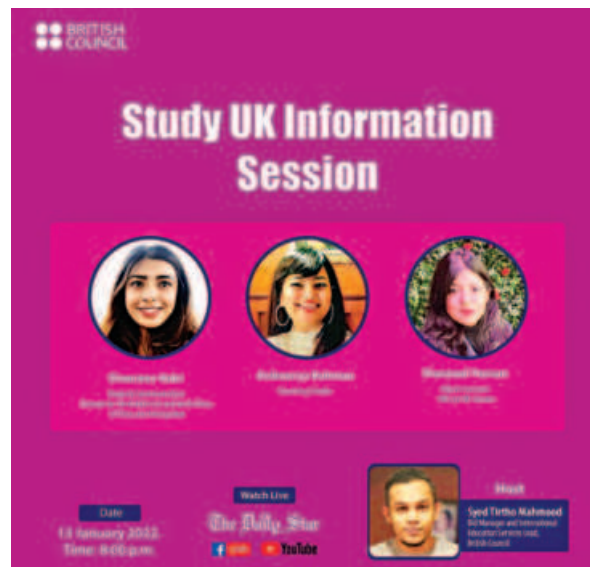
The Daily Star, in collaboration with the British Council, launched an information session to help students guide their ways to the UK, including application processing, choosing the right university and experienced alumni who share their experiences living in the UK.

Titled 'Study UK Information Session', the webinar was hosted by Syed Tirtho Mahmood, Bid Manager and International Education Services Lead in British Council. Sheereen Nabi, Regional Communication Manager at UK Visas and Immigration, as well as UK alumni Sharazad Hassan and Aishwarya Rahman, Adjunct Lecturer at IUB and Chevening Scholar respectively, attended the webinar as guests.

"As we all know, the UK is well known for its academic excellence, and is the perfect place to develop talents," said Syed Tirtho Mahmood. Regarding international rankings, he added, "UK universities constantly secure top global rankings. The United Kingdom is natively an English-spoken nation, but there are a wide variety of non-native languages spoken as well." Mahmood further stated that studying in the UK is relatively affordable when compared to the US or Australia, but living costs can vary from region to region.

When it comes to work experience, if you are over 16 and have the right Visa, it is easy to find a part-time job while you are studying in the UK. For most courses, and with a Tier 4 (Student) Visa, you will be allowed to work for up to 20 hours during term time.

With the launch of the new Graduate Route in Summer 2021, students can now gain post-study work experience



in the UK as well. International students can stay in the UK and work for two years after the completion of undergraduate or postgraduate programs. Students who completed their PhD can stay for three years after completion.

The webinar mentioned important points such as how to apply for a UK visa and how the application process works. "Applying for an application might seem intimidating but a lot of help is available both from the British Council as well as the university the student will be applying to. Although there is an ongoing pandemic in the world, the UK has seen a massive 410% increase in applications from the past years," said Sheereen Nabi. She added that to ensure a successful application,

students have to apply online by paying an immigration health fee, which will give the students access to the NHS, which will cover medical bills including Covid-19 treatments.

"After that," continued Nabi, "students will be submitting their biometrics for which they will be asked for an interview. It is better to apply only after getting an offer from a university or higher education center. Students will also need to provide an IELTS certificate for English speaking proof." According to her, students must provide a current passport with at least two blank pages, and proper finance or scholarship document which will ensure that the student can support themselves once they reach the UK. The application may get rejected if the documents provided are written in poor English, any of the documents provided are forged or the bank statements have been duped.

Sharazad Hassan and Aishwarya Rahman shared their experiences as alumni in the UK, giving pointers on how to choose the correct university and how to adjust to a new environment and dorm life without hassle.

"The best way to choose a university is by researching universities by prioritizing the subject you will be studying. Once you set on that, then come costs and scholarships," said Rahman. "When it comes to adjusting to a new place, the sense of loneliness will hit and will stay for a week, doing your things independently will certainly be an experience that sooner or later you will become adjusted to," added Hassan.

"The biggest challenge I faced in the UK was the weather, which is mostly gloomy, whereas Bangladesh is almost always sunny. We may take such details for granted, but it's all about having fun and exploring new places and cultures while keeping studies in mind, of course," stated Hassan, to which Rahman agreed.

Optimising your LinkedIn profile

ARIFF AHMED

Here are 8 tips to make the most out of your LinkedIn profile.

PROFILE PICTURE

Use a recent picture where you look like your authentic self. Formal or semi-formal clothes work best but the most important thing to wear is your smile.

USE AN APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND PHOTO

Use this space to express what matters to you. It could be a picture of your company or something that you're passionate about. This is an opportunity to tell people who you are and what you do. If you can visually showcase your

skills, this is where to put them.

WRITE A CONCISE HEADLINE

The headline could be your job title or a brief description of what you do. You can also use this space to inform your network that you are looking for new opportunities. If you do so, try to be as specific as possible. Include your background and what kind of positions you are looking for. Do not go beyond seven or eight words.

OPTIMISING THE 'ABOUT' SECTION

Briefly talk about your background and experiences, and how it connects to your skills and interests. Don't be afraid to

talk about your hobbies or what you have built. Whatever you do, remember that people have short attention spans, therefore brevity is your friend.

KEEP IT CLEAN

Use proper English everywhere. In the experience part, clearly put down your position, name of employer and the time you have spent in the organisation. Describe your position or work either in one short line or in a few bullet points. If you are a university student or a recent grad, you can include your extracurricular activities in the 'Experience' section.

LIST YOUR SKILLS

Only include relevant skills that back up your experience and education. Your network can then endorse your skills and attest to your credibility. You can also ask your managers and subject matter experts to endorse you.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations are a good way to improve your credibility and standing. Ask your supervisors or professors who know you well to write you a recommendation on LinkedIn. This works as a reference. A viewer will be able to know directly from a third-party individual what you are like to work with.





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Car hibernation TIPS AND TRICKS

During the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, many of us are storing away our precious cars for a prolonged period as we have to stay quarantined for safety. Sadly a lot of people don't know that without a hint, storing away cars for an extended period of time can damage the car unexpectedly. Repair costs may turn out to be expensive and time-consuming.

Check out our handy guide on maintaining your car during these hard times and ensure a safe car hibernation.

DON'T PUT THE HANDBRAKE ON
When you have to put the car away for an extended period of time,

putting the handbrake on can lead to the brake pads getting stuck to the discs or the drums, which would, in turn, lead to increased wear and tear. Try to avoid this damage by using wheel chocks or putting a brick or a piece of wood to avoid it from rolling over. It can also be left on 1st gear if the car in question has a manual transmission.

REMOVE SPARK PLUGS AND OIL THE PLUG SOCKETS

It is advisable to remove

your spark plugs and drop a tad bit of oil in the plug sockets before you put the spark plugs back again before leaving your car idle for a long time. This helps in keeping the moisture away and also fends off the rust from the internal part of cylinder heads.

FILLING UP THE GAS TANK

Fill up the gas tank full before storing it away. There is a misconception that it's best to leave only little fuel in the fuel tank when storing a car for an extended period of time, however, doing this will build up moisture inside the gas tank and dry out the seals and can also potentially build up rust internally. Filling up the gas tank will avoid this annoying catastrophe and keep your car safe.

USE A COVER OR PARK INDOORS

Storing a car for a long time is advised to be done indoors or cover it up outdoors because it will reduce wear and tear from rain and sunlight as well as keep your car clean from getting weathered. This will help you big time by protecting the paint finish of your vehicle and also providing protection from dust and minor scratches. If parked indoors for a long period, it's better not to cover up the car because doing so will help you avoid any sort of moisture build-up in humid weather.

THOROUGH CLEAN-UP

This tip is very obvious but people tend

to forget about it before keeping the car away for a long time. Cleaning the interior and exterior thoroughly is important to avoid unexpected paint damage, rotting, damage to floor mats, seat covers, a buildup of mould, and even the wiring. Make sure there are no food crumbs, old water bottles, or newspapers inside as it can build up moisture inside the car which can damage the interior. To prevent damage to the paintwork, clean the exterior thoroughly by removing all the dirt and grime. If possible, polish or wax the exterior to keep the moisture and dirt away, followed by using a car cover.

DISCONNECT THE BATTERY

It is advised to disconnect the battery to maintain it when storing the car for a long time, at least the negative terminal from your car battery as this is the only way to prevent unnecessary battery drain. Apply grease or petroleum jelly on the wire ends and battery terminal to prevent corrosion. The battery should be stored in a cool and dry place away from direct sunlight.

TIRE MAINTENANCE

Cars that are left parked for a long period of time tend to develop flat spots and form cracks in the sidewall of tires. To avoid this, inflate the tires correctly or four jacks to lift your car so that it doesn't rest on its wheels. This will prevent any damage done to the tires.

THE ART OF WORKING ON YOUR PHONE

REHENUMA RAYSA

There is no exaggeration in saying that since the world got introduced to smartphones, everything has changed. To suit diverse needs, we have resorted to owning a phone for ourselves. That leap of change came with a lot of options or possibilities. Thus, we rarely meet anyone without a smartphone nowadays. This is the norm now. The impact this transformation has on our lives can be determined by its sheer presence in our work and everyday life. Today, we dive deep to understand the dynamics of the art of working on our smartphones to contemplate the feasibility and ease these magical devices bring us.

EASE OF USING SMARTPHONES

Our phones now offer more than just making a call or sending messages. Smartphones have the potential of becoming your primary device for work and not just a temporary replacement when your primary work device is at the repair shop. The advantages of using

and spend your money on.

Moreover, smartphones are easy to carry around. Smartphones, for their mobility, allow you to work almost anywhere. This flexibility is due to the small size and lightweight design -- something that is missing in bulky laptops. You can also consider getting two different models to mishmash your needs as there are numerous models you have to choose from. At least, in this case, two really is better than one. However, having two smartphones has its drawbacks too, as some people find it hard to keep them simultaneously synced and organised.

LIMITATIONS AND HOW TO ADJUST

On the other hand, similar to any other electronic device, smartphones come with certain limitations of their own. The small screen, inadequate support for the neck or spine's posture, and taking time to get used to the practice of using one for work stand out despite all its perks.

to navigate their way through the new work set-up of smartphones, especially if they are used to working on some other device for work. We have a remedy for this too, as making your phone personalised can make the adaptability process smoother for you, which can ensure improved productivity without much hassle.

PERSONALISING YOUR PHONE

You can make your phone uniquely yours and get the most out of it by utilising certain tweaks and tricks. In order to get the most out of your smartphone, you need to know your phone well, and you can do so by learning about all the built-in features it offers, so you will not have to rely on installing external apps. You can effectively use your personalised smartphone by keeping its antivirus, app-locking and automated backup systems in check.

Meanwhile, taking your charger or power bank with you at all times can help you keep your phone juiced up, whereas well-maintenance of your files by properly labelling them will ensure you know which file is kept where. As such, you can go about your day without the worries of constant phone management.

You can operate your phone hands-free by turning on the voice-search or voice-command option it offers. It saves time, as every second of manual typing eventually adds up. You can also keep your working space separated from your personal one by using multiple accounts for each app.

MANAGE YOUR APPS

Apps are the most important tools you have on your phone without any other contender fighting for that position. The good news is, almost all the work-related apps -- be it communication apps, note-taking apps, scheduling apps, collaborative apps and more -- are available for free or for reasonable prices on your phone. You just have to make sure they are updated to the latest version from time to time so that you enjoy the best these apps have to offer.

Although the features or the layout of the apps vary from one version to another, the phone versions are packed with key features. Downloading the same apps your team uses can help with the workload. You can deal with the disruption that comes with using the phone for work by placing necessary widgets on the screen where you can easily see them. This tactic can help you immerse yourself fully in your work and get it done in time without succumbing to distractions.

One device offering the benefits of many devices is what we expect from our work phones. Smartphones can be your primary or secondary work device based on your preferences. What works for one might not work for another. Yet, since we have access to such options, thanks to technology, you can check out all the different options at your disposal to comprehend which method suits you the best.



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phones for work shines through in terms of its budget-friendliness and flexibility, among everything else. If you are on a strict budget plan or are always on the move, the smartphone is, without a doubt, an excellent alternative to providing all the essential functionalities.

Smartphones come in all sorts of price tags and features. We have access to a vast range of smartphones - from mid-range to flagship ones - that work adequately well for work-related tasks. We have all these options targeting different needs of ours, and hence finding and choosing the right one designed especially for your work is the way to go. If your job is all about meeting deadlines, choose speed; but if it requires you to take good photos, go with the one that offers the best camera service in the market. You can jot down all the 'must-haves' to figure out which one you should go for

The small screen can be detrimental to your eyesight if used for a long time. You can deal with this constraining factor by dividing your working hours. The blue light filter can be a good solution as well. You can find this option pre-installed in your phone, and if not, a trip to the digital store of your phone is always on the table. There, you can find apps for blue light filtration for your device.

Modern technological advancements are unfortunately often after our health. The problem we get for using desktops or laptops finds its way in using smartphones as well, where working at a stretch can harm our physical well-being. However, mobile phone stands, portable Bluetooth keyboards or doing various exercises in between work can help you retain a good body posture throughout and help your health in the long run.

Furthermore, one might find it hard

Cashing in on the metaverse trend

Digital transformation of real-life products



Online platforms that are precursors of the metaverse vision for the internet's future are already serving as workrooms to develop products destined for real-life sale. From sneakers sketched in the virtual world but produced in the real one, to designers who preview clothes on avatars before making them -- the barrier between digital and tangible is thinning.

"In real life, it's extremely expensive to make any product," said French couture designer Julien Fournie, who runs his own eponymous fashion house. Online is "a place of openness to test things virtually and recreate an extremely precise connection with the real-life experience," he added.

The clamour over virtual goods comes amid feverish predictions that the metaverse -- a virtual reality version of the internet -- will eventually replace the web of today. In recent months, a growing number of brands have been trying to establish a presence on buzzed-about platforms from Roblox to Fortnite, for fear of missing a major tech and societal shift. How users interact with online goods -- what they flock to and what they ignore -- offers a relatively low-risk and low-cost opportunity for firms to develop products.

This is part of an underlying trend of exploiting data collected online "to develop better collections, to do better forecasting", said Achim Berg, partner at McKinsey's Company Consulting. The coronavirus pandemic has helped shrink the distance between virtual and real by pushing many designers to create in three dimensions, for lack of being able to meet physically, the consultant added.

At the end of February 2021, RTFKT Studio, together with Seattle artist FEWOCIOUS, launched a limited edition of 621 pairs of virtual sneakers via their NFT -- digital items that can be bought and sold using blockchain technology. One aspect of the operation was to match each digital pair sold that day with tangible shoes, which each buyer could pick up six weeks later.

"We think that emotional bond to physical objects is still important and can increase the attachment" to digital products, Benoit Pagotto, one of the founders of RTFKT, which was acquired by giant Nike in December, told The Wall Street Journal.

The Aglet app, which mixes virtual sneakers and augmented reality, has created its Telga shoes, similarly to heavyweights Adidas or Reebok. Now it plans to make real sneakers, said the company's CEO Ryan David Mullins, who noted the first batch of 500 has already been sold before production even began. "Once you can quantify the demand within these platforms, it makes it much easier to build the channel into the physical world to manufacture them," he added. Aglet noted the firm is starting to work with younger designers, for whom the cost of entry to building their own physical brand can be a little bit too steep. "But starting to design it virtually is much easier," he said.

Another variation of the growth online is the high-end fashion platform Farfetch, which in August launched a formula that allows people to pre-order Balenciaga, Off-White or Dolce's Gabbana items that are only digital. The site has collaborated with the studio DressX, which designs virtual clothes, to achieve a rendering that is as convincing as possible. The pieces are then manufactured in the workshop only according to the pre-orders, a set-up that is especially attractive for high-end brands rather than for ready-to-wear behemoths. That way of working can also help avoid overproduction and unsold goods, which have become a concern for the environmental costs associated with them.

Not all, however, are convinced by the vision of making the digital tangible. "Digital pieces can be worn, collected and traded in the metaverse so there's no need for physical counterparts," said The Fabricant, a virtual fashion house. The Dutch company still sees the permeability between the two worlds as a good thing when people choose "to bring the aesthetic of the virtual world into their physical lives." "In the end, it's about desirability," said Berg, the consultant. "If it is desirable in that (virtual) space, why wouldn't it be desirable in another space?"

THE BEST PASSWORD MANAGER APPS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST PASSWORD BREACHES

REHENUMA RAYSA

Have you ever faced trouble logging into an account because you have inconveniently forgotten what your password was? Are you tired of keeping track of your multiple accounts and the indecipherable mish-mashed passwords you have set for each of them? Then why not give password managers a chance to remember, store and organise all your passwords to rest your forgetful brain?

Writing down your passwords on a piece of paper or saving them on your note-taking apps are all in the past. Having a sprawling array of accounts or signing in to various services require having unique passwords, and hence, a well-curated password management app can do its magic where you will have to remember only one master password so that you can finally stop using excessively simple numbers or random phrases such as '12345', your birthdate, or the word 'password' as your password for everything.

After evaluating a handful of password management apps, here are our top picks.

KEEPER

The award-winning password manager app, Keeper password manager and digital vault, packed with super-secure features, helps you create, organise and store strong passwords for almost all websites and apps. This user-friendly

app ensures a safe experience across online platforms and browsers.

This Editor's Choice password manager offers top-notch features such as robust two-factor authentication support, secure encrypted vault, dark web monitoring to track cyber-threats, varied subscription options and full password histories. You can organise all your passwords, confidential files, photos and videos in its vault.

However, Keeper's pricing recently increased. The premium version of Keeper charges a whopping US\$29.99-US\$50.72 per year for Personal Keeper Unlimited Subscriptions and US\$71.99-US\$95.88 for family plans, although this is still reasonable compared to its competitors. Millions of people and thousands of businesses have put their trust in this password manager. So can you, to maintain your passwords efficiently and with ease.

LASTPASS

Another top-rated password management app is LastPass. It remembers all your passwords and sensitive details across all your devices. It also stores your digital records, generates complex passwords and helps you utilise an auto fill-in option to simplify your online life. Additionally, it offers monitoring services to let you know if your credentials have been compromised or

exposed.

Their service is used and trusted by over 70,000 businesses and 25 million individuals across the globe. While the service is free of charge (including a 30-day trial for its premium version), you can upgrade your plan by unlocking premium features for US\$3-4 a month, where annual plans are also available for around US\$37 to US\$48 dollars a year depending on their varying paid plans.

1PASSWORD

1Password comes with multiple layers of high-quality security with military-grade encryption. You can get access to this easy-to-use password manager through its standard edition, which costs US\$3.99 per month, but if you pay for a year at a time, the monthly cost goes down to US\$2.99 per month (US\$35.88 per year).

1Password's family plan for five family members costs US\$4.99 per month or US\$59.88 per year. Their team starter pack is priced at US\$19.95, providing monthly service for up to 10 members. Businesses can set up a 1Password team account for US\$7.99 per user per month. Although it does not have a free version, it offers a 30-day free trial for all its plans to help you try it out for a fair amount of time to decide if you want to opt for a subscription.

They often give out occasional discounts: giving one during the pandemic, so keep an eye out for the reduced prices if you're interested in this app. 1Password also has a zero-knowledge policy, which means they do not store or sell any data of yours. Instead of overworking your memories, this app makes your online existence less vulnerable to password-based attacks.

When it comes to other password management apps, some honourable mentions include Dashlane Password Manager, Kaspersky Password Manager, Bitwarden Password Manager, RoboForm Password Manager and Norton Password Manager. All of these are worth checking out as well.

Using the same password everywhere is not a safe practice. It can easily give potential hackers access to all your info or credentials in the blink of an eye, which can put your security at risk. Also, remembering dozens of different passwords for different platforms at all times is out of the question for many. The recommended password managers, all of which use AES 256-bit encryption standard algorithm to secure all of your digital information, can help ensure that you enjoy a hassle-free digital life.



Stream these 5 comedy stand-ups on Netflix

TASNUVA KINNORI

With the pandemic raging on in ebbs and flows, we certainly could use some humour in our lives. Thankfully, Netflix has more than a fair share of rib-tickling stand-up comedy shows worth streaming. So if you're looking for a laugh or two, here are the top 5 comedy stand-ups you can watch right now.

BO BURNHAM: INSIDE

With a runtime of an hour and a half and an IMDb rating of 8.7/10, Bo Burnham's well-executed slew of silly songs and sketches about the pandemic is the stand-up of the season. Though a comedy special shot in the absence of an audience or even a crew makes for a quirky stand-up set, Burnham's material successfully resonates with a large audience. Capturing the late pandemic feel with hilarious sketches about reaction videos to video game streaming, self-written songs, and an appearance that gets shaggier as the special proceeds, Inside is a comic portrayal of every single person going stir-crazy during quarantine.

Taking social distancing norms with comical seriousness, Burnham wrote, performed, and directed the special all by himself. The result is a mixture of satire and hilarity in equal measure. From songs of pure comedy like 'FaceTime with My Mom' to biting satire, Inside gets increasingly darker, until the comedian sings "It will all be over soon", and you're left wondering if he's talking about the standup, the pandemic, or the world as we know it.

ALI WONG: BABY COBRA



By now Ali Wong has claimed her spot among the best female comics of our time, but her best set to date remains Baby Cobra. An hour-long special that earned an IMDb rating of 7.5/10, Baby Cobra is a rib-tickling portrait of female transition - from young adulthood to marriage and then motherhood.

The first of its kind to feature a heavily pregnant woman delivering some of the raunchiest punchlines, Wong looks like she's going into labour any minute, which makes this special even funnier. Stand-up is no stranger to feminist comedy but seeing things from Wong's unique hip-hop loving, Asian-American perspective is like watching the invention of her subgenre of comedy.

TREVOR NOAH: AFRAID OF THE DARK Running for 67 minutes (and flaunting an IMDb rating of 7.2/10), Trevor Noah's

Afraid of the Dark is a household name in standup. Whether you're a fan of The Daily Show or Noah's charismatic brand of impressions and accents, you're bound to laugh out loud watching his special. Despite being a comedy superstar, Trevor Noah seamlessly merges his wide-eyed foreigner status with cheeky commentary on culture and politics.

As no stranger to apartheid policies, Noah is the perfect person to cast a light on topics of nationalism and the American way of life. While on paper that sounds like serious stuff, the star comedian delivers it in a way that makes you laugh at the moment and think much more about the addressed issues later.

SETH MYERS: LOBBY BABY

The former host of the Weekend Update and a household name in late-night

shows, Seth Meyers is no stranger to comedy. With an IMDb rating of 7.5/10, Meyers' stand-up special Lobby Baby is a must-watch if you have an hour to spare. While most other stand-ups lean towards dissing more serious issues, Meyers simply talks about stories from his life. And when the life stories involve the time his wife had a baby in a lobby, you've got the makings of effortlessly hilarious stand-up. A step away from current events and politics which are the bread-and-butter of Meyers' television stints, Lobby Baby brings out a different side of the comedian - a side that is very humanely flawed and family-oriented.

But the most noteworthy thing about Lobby Baby may be the 'Skip Trump Jokes' button that most stand-ups from 2019 sorely lacked. Rife with classic late-night host charisma and charm, Seth Meyers' Netflix special is a hilarious jab at himself, which earns the audience more than a few laughs.

DONALD GLOVER: WEIRDO

Grammy-winning rapper or a promising actor, when it comes to stand-up, Donald Glover is an effortlessly funny man and a self-proclaimed weirdo. Glover's Netflix comedy special of the same name shows audiences a glimpse of the comedian before his ascendance to musical superstardom.

With an IMDb rating of 7.4/10 and a runtime of 65 minutes, Glover's unique brand of storytelling reminds the audience that he is just a weirdo at heart, and isn't afraid either to cash in his quirkiness for some quick laughs.

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