

TOGGLE

WEEKEND LIVING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

A publication of *The Daily Star*

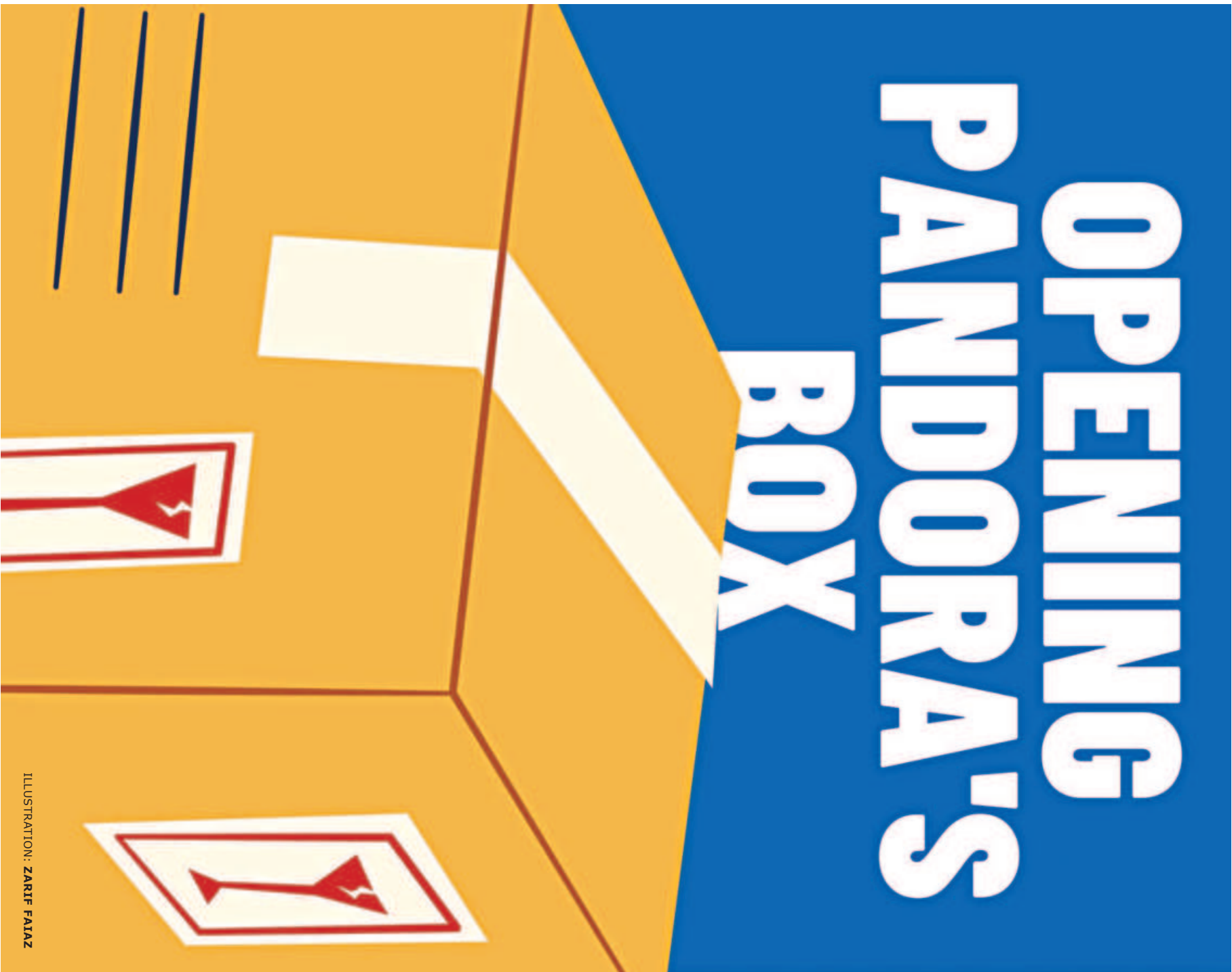
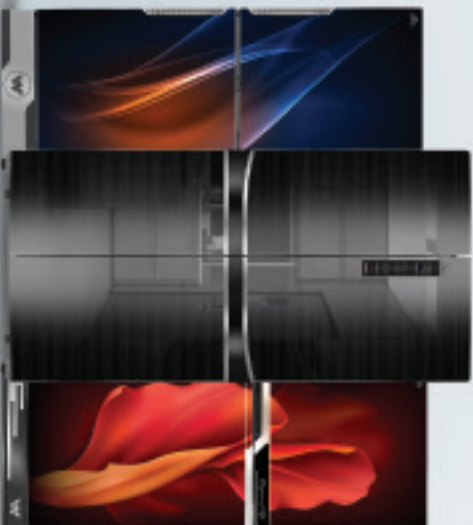


ILLUSTRATION: ZARIF FAIAZ

Buying Walton product
you may get
up to
100
LAG TAKA

SURE CASHBACK
Also Products of Crores Taka Free*

Season-14



WALTON
Smart Fridge

Conditions:

- Have to complete product registration after buying Walton Fridge.
- This campaign is conducted by fully computerized system only.
- Digital campaign facilities will be void in case of more than 3 registrations of fridge from the same mobile number in a year.
- The authority reserves the right to change the campaign anytime.

This initiative is taken to ensure maximum customer facilities through research & development of products and digitalization.

Return SMS may be delayed for the technical/network problems.

For Details: 16267 | waltonbd.com

Digital evidence now to be admissible in court

The draft of 'Evidence (Amendment) Act, 2022' had been approved by the Cabinet on 14 March. This amendment will now incorporate the admissibility of digital evidences by the court.

The approval came at the Cabinet's meeting chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina who joined it virtually from her official residence Ganobhaban. Other cabinet members were connected from the cabinet room of the Cabinet Division in Bangladesh Secretariat.

"The digital evidences will be accepted from now as per the proposed law," said Cabinet Secretary Khandker Anwarul Islam while briefing reporters after the meeting.

He said evidence, documents and such other things were coming online after the inception of digital or online trials of cases amid the Covid-19 pandemic. There is nothing directly about online or digital evidence in the existing Evidence Act, he said.

With the existing law, many legal complications might appear if any aggrieved person files a petition with the higher court, challenging the verdict of the lower court in case of acceptance of digital evidence or documents, he said.

In the draft law, a provision was kept for making forensic examination of digital evidence. "If the court thinks necessary or any party of the case doubts about the authenticity of such evidence, these can be gone through forensic examination," said the Cabinet secretary.

He said sufficient laboratories are there in the country for forensic examination of digital evidence and BCC has also very high technology in this regard. The government might spread the laboratories and technology

to convenient places of the country for the sake of submission of digital evidence, he said.

The submission of false or manipulated evidence would be punished as per the laws concerned.

"If anyone twists (tampers) evidence, the persons will be dealt with as per the section 211 of the Penal Code or the section 57 of the Digital Act," said the Cabinet Secretary.

Besides, the Cabinet in principle approved the draft of 'Bangladesh Supreme Court Judges (Leave, Pension and Privileges) Act, 2022' with a provision of a monthly special allowance of Tk. 70,000 for a retired judge.



The special allowance will be given to meet expenses against different purposes like his domestic help, car driver, house guard and maintenance of office cum residence, said Anwarul.

"The draft law was brought to formulate a law repealing an ordinance of the military regime as per a judgment of the high court," he said.

The proposed law will replace the 'Supreme Court Judges (Leave, Pension and Privileges) Ordinance, 1982'.

Besides, the Cabinet rejected another proposal to incorporate a

provision in the draft law that the State would provide security to a retired chief justice till a certain period.

It was argued that there is no such provision in other countries. "If the government thinks, it can provide such security to a retired chief justice with an executive order. So, the proposal was not agreed," he said.

The Cabinet gave the final approval to the draft of 'Abandoned Houses (Supplementary Provisions) Act, 2022' keeping a provision that the confiscated properties of a convicted war criminal would be treated as abandoned assets.

The existing law is also an ordinance of 1985. Since it was promulgated during the military regime, the new law had to be brought as per the judgment of the High Court.

"Few small changes were made here," said the Cabinet secretary. "If anyone is convicted in a war criminal case and the court seizes his or her property, these will be considered as abandoned property under the proposed law," he said.

Besides, the final authority was given to the head of the government instead of the government in case of disposal of anything regarding high-valued buildings like those in Gulshan, Banani and Dhanmondi, he said.

The draft law was placed to replace the 'Abandoned Buildings (Supplementary Provisions) Ordinance, 1985'.

The meeting also gave the final approval to the draft of 'Zakat Fund Management Act, 2022'; to repeal an ordinance of the military regime.

"As per the draft law, there would be a Zakat fund board under the supervision of Islamic Foundation to collect and distribute Zakat," said the Cabinet secretary.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Planning ahead

Life goals can be confusing. While some prefer sticking to a steady job, others may want to explore new financial ventures. If you're also on the fence, give this week's Cover Story a read, where we talk about tips to consider if you're planning on quitting your job to start a distribution business.

To make your online work more productive, we featured some essential Google Workspace add-ons on Tech Tips. If you're planning for a long drive, check out Shift for a handy guide on preparing your car before heading out. As always, stay safe and have a great weekend!

Shams Rashid Tonmoy
Sub-editor & Feature Writer

TOGGLE

Editor and Publisher
Mahfuz Anam

Editor (Toggle)
Shahriar Rahman

Team
Zarif Faiaz
Shams Rashid Tonmoy
Tanzid Samad Choudhury

Graphics
DS Creative Graphics

Production
Shamim Chowdhury

Published by the Editor from Transcraft Ltd, 229, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka on behalf of Mediaworld Ltd., 52 Motijheel C.A., Dhaka-1000.

Samsung launches Galaxy A03

Samsung has recently launched its latest addition to the budget smartphone lineup: Samsung Galaxy A03.

Samsung Galaxy A03 consists of a dual-camera set-up, with a 48 MP primary camera, a 2 MP depth camera and a 5 MP front camera. It runs on UNISOC dual 1.6 GHz and Hexa 1.2 GHz octa-core processors.

The phone also features a 3-4 GB RAM, 32-64 GB memory space (extendable up to 1 TB) and a 5,000 mAH battery. Its Infinity V 6.5-inch HD+ display is paired with Dolby Atmos sound system.

Samsung Galaxy A03 is currently priced at Tk. 11,999/- and available at Samsung stores.



Rossgram, the Russian Instagram, launches soon

Russian tech entrepreneurs are reportedly set to launch the Russian version of Instagram, Rossgram. This announcement follows the Instagram ban on Russia earlier this week.

The new service, a picture-sharing application like Instagram, will launch on March 28 and have additional functions such as crowdfunding and paid access for some content, its website said on Wednesday.

"My partner Kirill Filimonov and our group of developers were already ready for this turn of events and decided not to miss the opportunity to create a Russian analogue of a popular social network beloved by our compatriots," Alexander Zobov, the initiative's public relations director, wrote on the VKontakte social network.



Russian state communications regulator Roskomnadzor blocked access to Instagram from Monday after its U.S. owner Meta Platforms said last week it would allow social media users in Ukraine to post messages such as, "Death to the Russian invaders".

Meta, which also owns Facebook, said the temporary change in its hate speech policy only applied to Ukraine after Russia's invasion,

saying it would be wrong to prevent Ukrainians "expressing their resistance and fury at the invading military forces".

Meta said on Sunday it was narrowing its content moderation policy for Ukraine to prohibit calls for the death of a head of state.

Russia, which has already banned Facebook, has opened a criminal investigation against Meta and prosecutors asked a court to designate the U.S. tech giant as an "extremist organisation".

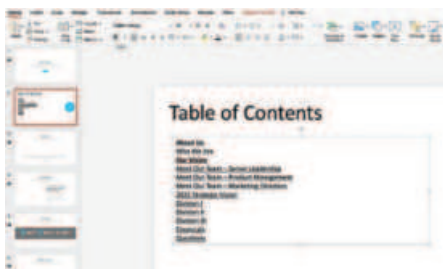
Russia has in recent months been developing its domestic technology, including AYYA T1 smartphones produced by state conglomerate Rostec.

In November, Gazprom Media launched Yappy as a domestic rival to video-sharing platform TikTok.

Essential Google Workspace add-ons to streamline your work

SUMAIYA TASNIM ADIBA

Google Workspace is the cloud-based collaboration and productivity suite that we use in almost every aspect of our professional lives. To bring out the best adequacy of these services, Google provides many add-on extensions to make productivity and collaboration more effective. These add-ons are precise to the need, user-convenient, intuitive to access and above everything, free to use in most cases. Here are our top five picks for the Google Workspace add-on to streamline your work.



ONELOOK THESAURUS For Docs

Ever experienced the complicated mess of juggling between different tabs on your browser while working on Google Docs? Whether you are working on an academic paper as a student, teacher or academician, delving deep into your creative editorial as a writer or maybe just working on critical documents related to your business, there is scarcely anybody found who never once elapsed between the trouble of finding the right vocabulary for the perfect end result. Those who did, just know what a tight spot it is for their collective productivity to pick up in such scenarios. But the perfect solution already exists at the right place, merely one or two clicks away.

With OneLook Thesaurus, you can find the right words needed in your document's workflow and easily incorporate them with a simple click. Available as a Google Docs add-on on Google Workspace Marketplace, you can avail synonyms, antonyms, proverbs, quotes and even lyrics relevant to the word or phrase you have selected on your working document. It is easy to use and the convenience almost feels like a blessing at times, as most everyday users of Google Workspace will tell you.

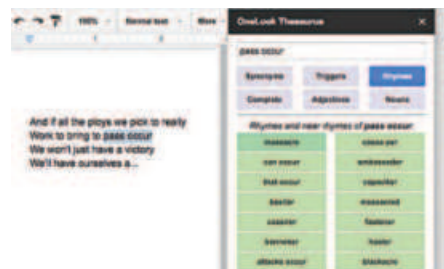


LUCIDCHART DIAGRAMS For Drive, Docs, Sheets and Slides

With more than 10 million installations, LucidChart is one of the most impressive on-demand add-on applications for

mass users. It is a cloud-based 'visual collaboration suite' best designed for boosting the performance outlay of individuals, organizations and teams specific to their needs. As the hub of numerous visual solutions, you are bound to be moved by how effective this collaborative tool can be. It is a go-to blend for the solutions you need for increased productivity as well as for the answers you did not even know you need for your workplace before. Line diagrams, flowcharts, company workflow architecture, structural layouts for your projects, presentations and organizational documents with little to no effort can be seamlessly created with this third party application in order to make you stand out from the rest.

The diagrams and documents you create with Lucidchart can be incorporated in almost every other major Google application, i.e., Sheets, Docs and Slides, easily. As Lucidchart preaches 'Visualize Your Work' - this add-on can be the literal representation of your ultimate flawlessness at workplace. Some features that are offered here are premium but the free ones are enough to do most of what you will need.



QUILGO For Forms

This collaborative apparatus can be a lifesaver for those who deal with Google Forms and relevant functionalities of maintaining the responses on a regular basis. With Quilgo, you will not go wrong on how you intend to sustain your workflow, exclusively at Forms. Oftentimes, keeping track of the form responses and perfecting time duration for the tests, quizzes or activities you create are hectic. So from right now, mark Quilgo on your mind and make it the must addition for your work time on Forms. As featured in the last update listing on Marketplace, Quilgo will

automate time tracking, provide screen tracking and camera tracking for the respondents and most importantly, it will integrate your forms with Google Classroom in the most feasible manner.

To add to this amazing list, exam modes can also be created and activated so that you can schedule a date and a specific time to run online tests or quizzes. Quilgo makes your work efficient, effective and impressive. In a sense, it is the tool that will do everything for you. With the multifunctional dashboards, you will be better than ever at managing your forms in real-time as well as making the activities more interesting and tangible for your respondents. There is another resourceful add-on available for Forms called Form Notifications, which can automate the email sending procedure for both form respondents and form editors.



AUTO-LATEX EQUATIONS For Docs and Slides

If you have ever used Google Docs or Slides for making academic documents and presentations, you must have come across the difficulty of not being able to add mathematical equations to the content in a built-in manner. Even if the formats of these special characters are not disintegrated on the online platforms, copying the equations first from MS Word or from the internet and then pasting them is a time-consuming process in most cases. At first look, you may feel confused at the dilemma about how this add-on works, but a little time to look into the description and instructions provided will be enough to grasp its course of action.

Here's how you use this add-on. Type your equations in a manual format and tap on the Render Equations button to bring out the correct appearance of the equation. For instance, if you wish to include that 3 square equals 9, simply type $3^2 = 9$, enclose the

equation within $$$$ and click on Render Equations. Automating the procedure for implementing equations in Docs and Sheets with Auto-Latex Equations will make the process smoother and lessen the overall time consumed in the work. You are also free to de-render your equations to make necessary editing and changes. More extensive features are included that you can explore and implement to transform your time into highly productive work hours.



SLIDECONTENTS For Slides

For better management of your presentation slides, SlideContents may be the most practical solution out there. While presenting, we often face the lagging issue caused by too many slides sequenced at once, and of course, the slow pace of the internet. SlideContents prepares a new window on top of your Slides screen and lists the title of each slide in the presentation. Each member of the list is the hyperlink for you to directly travel across and reach a particular slide. Using SlideContents in the most effective manner will make your presentations more seamless and easy-going.

Theme and font management for your slides are also offered among the wide array of features of this add-on application for Google Slides. You can do convenient modifications to your slides for the perfect layout and synchronization. Use the Unsplash add-on for attaching images directly on Google Slides instead of opting to open a new tab on your browser and search for the image. Delivering high-quality presentations has never been easier - once you start experiencing the increased capabilities of Google Slides with these add-ons, you will come across a newfound level of productivity and collaboration.

TRANSCENDING BOUNDARIES

In conversation with Dotlines President Mahbubul Matin

Mahbubul Matin is a seasoned Bangladeshi tech entrepreneur and the founder of Dotlines, a technology-powered service and business solution group, working across 12 countries with its headquarters in Singapore. In a candid interview, Matin shared his entrepreneurial journey and mentioned how Dotlines is shaping the robust tech ecosystem of not just Bangladesh but also the world. You are better described as an investment banker from your early career. From there, you went to an entrepreneurial pursuit.

What was the motivation and aspiration behind it?

When I started thinking about being a tech entrepreneur almost 18-19 years back, there was a market opportunity with local talents. My career growth was initially very fast and I had the opportunity to look into a diverse field of business, from textile manufacturing to internet service providing. Such opportunities motivated me to pursue entrepreneurship.

What were the challenges then and what are the challenges that you face now?

Dotlines promotes a different brand of business. It is the result of multiple well-thought-out plans coming to fruition. We have always seen individual-centric organisations being built, but legacies not carried forward by successors. Decisions are taken only by high officials. As a result, we are unable to reach the limitless potential of local businesses. There are a few exceptions that are doing well in Bangladesh, but what I want to build is a business full of professionals that



should discuss and promote new and creative things every day. Ultimately, it has become difficult for me to sum up what Dotlines is. We do not try to inform the public about our business but rather focus on building the business first.

Do you have any regrets in terms of your career?

I feel that I'm still at an early stage in my career. At this point, I haven't even realised 0.5% of my potential. So every day is a regret for me in that sense. On the contrary, every day is an achievement for me as well. I feel a tremendous sense of positivity when I see people working, talking and collaborating. This gives me an immense sense of fulfilment. I still believe that Dotlines can grow much bigger.

How does Dotlines process different businesses?

Dotlines is an investment company. We

believe that you primarily need two types of capitals - financial and intellectual.

We can create multiple businesses by joining the different talented dots in the ecosystem and creating value out of the combination of finance and talents. Dotlines is also a network of talents. The reflection of this can be seen in the form of pickles, pulse, audra, iCarnival, Lattu or Mulamuli, which is a next-level gamified eCommerce platform.

As a student of economics, I look at this business as a combination of assets. You have to ensure optimal utilisation of available resources. As I work in the finance sector, my optimum input is human resources. I need to invest in both R&D and infrastructure. That's why I need a mix of capital and diversified talents, from core marketers to hardcore programmers. You will get a touch of everything here - Accounts, Finance, Legal, Distribution.

Dotlines wants to promote a different brand of entrepreneurship and a different brand of venture capital investments. I believe that budding entrepreneurs need an available ecosystem for monetisation. You can create anything in the world if there's a market for it. The issue is where you will sell your products. Where will you monetise it? Dotlines does just that. It enables an ecosystem for monetisation. It is creating its own startups as well as enabling third-party startups to flourish. Dotlines can create startups faster than any other organisation with its capital and human resources. We strongly believe that you need to have the relevant elements to have a sustainable business running.

What are the most important aspects to take into consideration when building the ecosystem?

For the Bangladeshi aspiration, I wanted to create two verticals - services directly to the consumer such as Carnival, Bangla Cut and eCourier, and pure core technology such as Audra and Pulse. While the service-based businesses are working in the local market, the core technology based-enterprises are working globally.

From our consumer base of 2 lakh families to our future consumers, everyone needs healthcare, education and logistic support. We want to integrate everyone into our ecosystem. Dotlines and Carnival are focusing on building a digital lifestyle towards productivity, prosperity and happiness. With active initiatives from the current government, we are also seeing infrastructure development in rural areas outside Dhaka.

Like us on [Facebook](#) /Sandalina

ঐতিহ্যের আর এক তাম্র আধুনিকতা
ঠিক যেমন রূপচর্চার আভিজাত্য মানেই

স্যান্ডালিনা
সোপ

রূপচর্চার আভিজাত্য...

KOHINOOR CHEMICAL