

Grand Finale of D1 Cup Bangladesh 2022 takes place



The Grand Finale of Esports Championship 'D1 Cup Bangladesh 2022' was recently held in International Convention City Bashundhara in the capital.

Prottoy Hossain, Chairman, Discovery One Ltd, and other high officials from Dekko ISHO Venture Capital, Paramount Venture Capital, and Level 7 Solutions Limited were present during the tournament's closing ceremony.

A total of 128 teams participated in Mobile Legends: Bang Bang (MLBB) and Valorant while 36 teams participated in the Dota 2 game.

Team Covenant won the Dota 2 tournament while Septem Exierant clinched victory in Valorant and Venom CR triumphed in Mobile Legends: Bang Bang (MLBB).

The month-long tournament started on 14th June onwards, with a prize pool of over BDT 40 lakh.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The wonder of two wheels

Nowadays, motorcycles have established themselves as the tried-and-tested method of beating the ever-present Dhaka city traffic. Tune into our two-page Cover Story this week for a fresh batch of recommendations on motorcycles you can buy right now. The best part? They are all under the elusive Tk. 1 lakh price tag.

If you're looking for more product guides, check out Bytes for our picks on modern kitchen appliances. We also compiled a list of productivity apps, helpful for anyone, on Tech Tips.

Stay safe everyone. See you next week. Until then.

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Facebook and Instagram to push more recommended content at users

Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg recently announced that Facebook and Instagram will soon begin pushing more recommended posts to users. Posts, links and short videos recommended by AI, even from accounts the user doesn't follow, will appear more often in Facebook and Instagram feeds.

In his official Facebook profile, Zuckerberg stated that there has been positive growth in community engagement in the latest quarter. He attributed this boost in the public interest to Reels and Meta's AI-based products, reporting over a 30% increase in people's usage of Reels on both Facebook and Instagram.



Stemming from this growing success of Reels, he emphasised the increased focus on the AI-recommended content system.

According to Zuckerberg, content from recommended profiles account for about 15% of the overall content on Facebook. The number is said to be

higher on Instagram.

Pushing recommended content will help build the discovery engine, which Zuckerberg says will allow more business opportunities, as many of the AI-pushed content is monetised.

Zuckerberg also stated that despite the emphasis on an AI-based discovery engine to push recommended content, the company will continue to focus on the social connection aspect of Facebook and Instagram.

According to him, Meta plans to create a "flywheel of discovery", which he hopes will inspire more people to create content themselves and increase engagement on those content with friends on the platforms.

Gmail rolls out new look and features

Google has recently launched a brand new look for its email app, Gmail. With the new features available in this UI update, users can now customise and navigate between other Google apps when using Gmail as well as reply to chat notification bubbles in either full windows or pop-ups.

Here's how you can use the new features in the latest Gmail UI update.

Access Mail, Chat, Spaces and Meet in one app

Google has integrated its Mail, Chat, Spaces and Meet apps into the main menu of Gmail. Users can now find each of these features displayed in a collapsible panel in the Gmail app.

If you want to hide or show the collapsible panel, click the Show or Hide main menu option on the top left.

If you want to customise apps in the main menu, click Settings in the upper right corner. From there, you will see a new menu with an 'Apps in Gmail' section. Click 'Customise' from there and select which apps you want to use in Gmail. At the time of writing, only Mail, Chat, Spaces and Meet are available to be used in the Gmail app's new UI. New chat options

The Chat tab will give the user access to private or group chats. You can open any individual chat screen in a smaller window by clicking the 'Open in a pop-up' option at the upper right side of the chat window.

Notifications for new chat messages appear in the bottom left corner. Pointing to the notification bubble that pops up

will allow the user to preview what the message entails. To reply to the message, click the bubble.

You can also turn on notifications for these chat message bubbles. You can find the option at the top right of the Gmail window. Click on the Status Indicator and then 'Chat notification settings'. Check 'Allow chat notifications' and 'Open chat bubbles for new messages' to allow the chat messages pop-up features.

You can turn the feature off in the same way by unchecking the 'Open chat bubbles for new messages' instead.

How to switch to the new UI

Google has specified instructions on how you can use the new layout. However, to get access to the new UI, 'Chat in Gmail' option must be turned on and set to the

left-hand panel.

You can set the 'Chat in Gmail' option by going to the Settings option in the main Gmail app menu and clicking on 'See all settings'. From there, go to 'Chat and Meet'. Check either 'Google Chat' or 'Off' in the 'Chat' option there. In the 'Chat position' option, keep 'Left side of the inbox' checked.

Now that you have activated 'Chat in Gmail', go back to the main Settings option in the main Gmail app menu. Under 'Quick settings', you will find 'Try out the new Gmail view'. Reload the app to launch the new view!

If you want to switch back to the older UI, follow the same steps but under 'Quick settings', click the option that says 'Go back to the original Gmail view'.

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