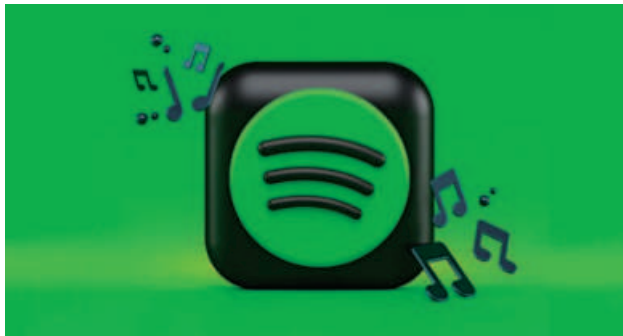


Spotify will let users get personalised messages from their favourite artists

Popular audio-streaming platform Spotify is introducing a new feature that will allow users to get personalised messages from their favourite artists. The artists will upload and send personalised video messages using the new feature called 'Your Wrapped Soundcheck' which is available through Spotify for Artists.

The top fans, who have supported the artists throughout the year, will get the opportunity to receive the videos and offers as a part of Spotify's Wrapped experience. The new feature will allow fans to be rewarded for streaming their top artists throughout the year and let artists connect with their top fans ahead of this year's Wrapped season.



EDITOR'S NOTE

World Cup fever reigns supreme

Many students in their senior year may find the idea of graduation to be quite daunting, as they have to enter the rat race soon after graduation. Hence, planning is crucial to get a head start in the workplace. For this, we have prepared a comprehensive plan to help you prepare for the workforce in your last year of university in today's Cover Story.

As the Quarter Finals of the FIFA World Cup get underway later tonight, look into Bytes for our Projector guide to help you watch the crunch matches on the big screens in the comfort of your home with friends and family.

We have also listed a few apps for you to stay updated with all the details of the FIFA World Cup on Tech Tips. As for the rest, read on to find out more about what we have in stock for you this week.

Have a great weekend!

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Now you will finally be able to message yourself on WhatsApp

Instant messaging app WhatsApp has finally started to roll out a feature that allows you to message yourself. The 'Message Yourself' feature on WhatsApp will allow users to send notes, reminders, and shopping lists to themselves.

When users start a new chat on WhatsApp, their contact name will appear at the top of the contacts list. When they tap that contact, they will be taken to the chat screen, where they can send messages to themselves. Users can also pin their self-chat messages to the top of the conversation list if they do not want to search for them in their cluttered chats list.

Walton launches BRTA approved electric bikes

Walton has officially launched their new line of electric scooters for the Bangladeshi market. Called 'Takyon e-bikes', these environmentally friendly electric scooters have been approved by BRTA. According to Walton Digi Tech's website, the Takyon 1.00 comes with a top speed of 50 km/h, 60-70 km of driving range and runs on a 72 V,

23 AH graphene lead acid battery. The curb weight measures 76 kg and the battery weighs 40 kg. The Takyon 1.00 also supports 180 kg of maximum loading capacity. The lead-acid battery takes up to 6 to 8 hours to fully charge.

Takyon 1.00 is currently priced at Tk. 1,27,750, as per the official website.



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YouTube removes 112,930 videos from Bangladesh

Popular video sharing platform YouTube removed 112,930 videos from Bangladesh, according to its recently released Transparency Report for Q3 2022 (July-September 2022). According to the report, Bangladesh ranked 8th worldwide for the largest volume of videos taken down for Community Guidelines violations between July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022.

Over 5.6 million videos and more than 5.8 million channels were removed globally during the same period, with 67.9% of videos removed before getting more than 10 views for violating Community Guidelines. Additionally, YouTube deleted over 737 million comments, the vast majority of which were spam. More than 99% of deleted comments were automatically detected.

Jahangirnagar University crowned Champion of CTO Forum Innovation Hackathon

The grand finale and prize distribution of 'CTO Forum Innovation Hackathon 2022' organised by CTO Forum Bangladesh was held with the aim of finding solutions to six practical problems of creating Digital Bangladesh. Jahangirnagar University was the champion of this year's event. The champion team was awarded a monetary prize of 1 lac taka to the winners.

International University Chittagong has won second place. They get a monetary reward of 75 thousand takas. American International University Bangladesh secured the third place. Bangladesh Digital



University secured fourth place and A Jet Technology secured fifth place. On November 28 (Monday) afternoon, the prizes were handed over to the winners at the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) campus in the capital.