



City Bank's Freelancer Account officially launched

City Bank has officially launched their new Freelancer Account service. The launching ceremony took place on 22 December with a joint MoU signing between City Bank and BFDS (Bangladesh Freelancer Development

Society). Representatives of both City Bank and BFDS were present at the event.

City Bank Freelancer Account holders can receive all types of loan benefits for credit cards, including

receiving a remittance certificate every six months. According to an official statement, the facility will soon be made locally available in other banks as well to benefit the freelancer community in Bangladesh.

Meta to settle Cambridge Analytica scandal case for \$725m

Facebook owner Meta Platforms Inc has agreed to pay \$725 million to resolve a class-action lawsuit accusing the social media giant of allowing third parties, including Cambridge Analytica, to access users' personal information. The proposed settlement, which was disclosed in a court filing late on Thursday, would resolve a long-running lawsuit prompted by revelations in 2018 that Facebook had allowed the British political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica to access

data of as many as 87 million users.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs called the proposed settlement the largest to ever be achieved in a U.S. data privacy class action and the most that Meta has ever paid to resolve a class action lawsuit. Meta did not admit wrongdoing as part of the settlement, which is subject to the approval of a federal judge in San Francisco. The company said in a statement settling was "in the best interest of our community and shareholders".



realme's new feature phone now available in Bangladesh

Dizo Star-400, a feature phone from realme, is now available in Bangladesh. According to a press handout, the feature phone is made in Bangladesh.

The dual sim phone has a 2.4-inch display and a 1430 mAh battery. It has the capacity to store up to 1000 contacts. This phone supports a 64 GB memory card. There is a flashlight with its 0.3 MP camera. It is available in black, blue and green colours.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Ending the year on a mixed note

2022 was a roller-coaster ride. The world of technology and business saw tremendous, seismic shifts. The year of post-Covid recovery was riddled with mass layoffs, billionaires playing to their whims, the tease of exciting technological marvels and their subsequent disappointing nosedives (yes Metaverse, I am looking at you) and as the year wraps up, the debate of whether AI is good or bad is still raging on.

Both locally and globally, 2022 has been a happening and exciting year. Today, we pay a tribute to 2022's biggest events and look forward to a more eventful 2023.

Here's to one more ride.
- Zarif Faiaz, Sub-editor

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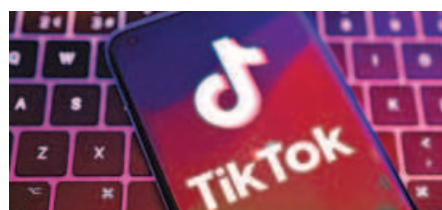
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TikTok reveals its top creators and trends in Bangladesh

TikTok has unveiled 'Year on TikTok 2022', its annual year-end report that celebrates its global community along with the trends, creators and moments. According to a press handout, the report was based on internal research and trends analysis conducted from January to October 2022. According to the report, in 2022, Samira Khan Mahi, Hamza Khan Shayan, Anirban Kaisar and Mehazabien Chowdhury were among some of the top TikTok content creators and celebrities who produced quality content and kept up their engagement with their followers.

10 Minute School's TikTok account was mentioned among some of the top creators in the educational content



categories. In the music segment, Beni Khuley by Muza and Habib Wahid, Nei Proyojon by Muza and Xefar, and Golapi For TikTok by Zoov Ex Belzi and The Tx topped the charts on TikTok. Other than that, creators Anuradha Datta, JhohanFreestyle and Shamima Afrinomi were mentioned in TikTok's breakthrough stars segment.

Accidental Delete



WhatsApp introducing undo button to recover deleted messages

With the 'Accidental Delete' function, WhatsApp users now have a five-second chance to retrieve accidentally deleted messages. This feature will serve as a safeguard for WhatsApp users, allowing them to undo accidental deletions or choose how they want a text to be deleted.

Currently, there are two ways to

delete messages on WhatsApp: 'Delete for me' and 'Delete for everyone'. 'Delete for me' makes the message unavailable to the user but visible to everyone else. The undo feature is automated and will show up as an 'Und' button on a floating bar at the bottom of the app once a user selects 'Delete for me' on a message.