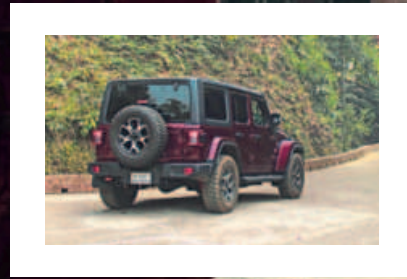


Jeeps in the wilderness

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Most people in Bangladesh refer to “Jeep” as SUVs or even Crossovers, what they don’t know is that Jeep is an American automobile manufacturer that introduced SUVs to the world.

The term SUV was first used in the brochure of the full-sized Jeep Cherokee SJ in 1974 but the first ever SUV is considered to be the 1984 Jeep Cherokee XJ, other than that Jeep vehicles were used by the U.S military during World War II.

Last Friday, Jeep Bangladesh hosted an event which was more of a trip for forming a club for Jeep owners. The journey started with everyone gathering at 300 feet road in front of Australian International School around 6:30 a.m. We waited there for everyone to arrive and meanwhile we had a light breakfast since we were running behind schedule and it was a very long drive.

At 7:30 AM, everyone arrived and we set sail and started the journey. There was a roadside assistance car that escorted us and helped line up all the Jeeps. Soon enough we reached the first toll booth for entering the highway. Of course, Jeep

Bangladesh had got us covered and we entered the highway.

Upon entering the highway, after going a bit, we switched routes and opted for a shortcut through a village, the roads were very narrow and not in the best condition, it was almost like touge, with hairpin blind corners and cars coming from the opposite side, took us almost an hour to cross that area and go up to the highway again.

We cruised along the highway till we reached Jannat Restaurant and Resort for a proper breakfast, it was a really short break and we got back to the road as soon as everyone finished. The next stop was around 1 PM for Friday prayers at the nearest mosque there and after that, we didn’t stop anywhere else as we still had quite a bit to travel and the daylight was going away.

After 9 and a half hours of travelling, we finally reached our destination: Nazimgharh Wilderness Resort in Lalakhal, next to the Bangladesh-India border. Lunch was served right after we checked in and after we had lunch and rested for some time.

Around 8 PM, Jeep Nations Club launch event was in order which meant live music, BBQ and the showcase of all the Jeeps there. The live music by Blues Brothers and Soul Sisters started upon going to the spot and a few moments later the Jeeps started to fill up the spot.

The first one to enter was also the oldest and most unique of the bunch,

a Jeep Cherokee XJ, which has a 4-litre displacement, inline 6, 12 valve, petrol engine. Back then the big displacement was used to produce torque, so, even though it has just 176 horsepower, it produces about 301 nm torque which is great for off-roading. After that, slowly the new Jeep Wranglers started to enter.

Most of them were Rubicons with 3.6-litre V6 naturally aspirated engines with SELEC-TRAC 4X4 system in them. The SELEC-TRAC 4X4 system automatically engages four-wheel drive when it is required for maximum traction, giving you the best experience for off-roading. There was a turbo Sahara variant as well, 2-door, 4-door, hard top, and soft top, all the variants were there. All of them were parked pointing towards the live music stage. The bonfire started eight after the cars were parked, things that day wrapped up after the live music ended and it was time for dinner.

The next day after breakfast we went off-roading towards zero point, displaying the off-roading capabilities of the cars and it was no surprise they handled it like a champ and wanted more. After an hour of sweaty and sandy off-roading, we headed back to the resort, freshened up and started to head back to Dhaka.

On the way back we had lunch at Grand palace and made several other stops along the way, after another long 10 hours the journey had finally ended.



AI WILL NOT REPLACE YOU, BUT PEOPLE WHO USE IT MAY

Artificial intelligence (AI) has been a hot topic for debate in recent times and has generated a lot of hype and speculation. Some believe that AI will soon replace most jobs and leave many people unemployed. However, this is a myth and a misunderstanding of the true capabilities and limitations of AI. Let’s take a look at why AI will not replace your job and why there is no need to fear its integration into the workforce.

First, AI is still in the early stages of development and has limited capabilities. It is not yet advanced enough to replace human intelligence and creativity. For example, AI can process and analyse large amounts of data quickly, but it cannot match human intuition, empathy, and critical thinking skills. These are unique human abilities that cannot be replicated by AI. Moreover, AI is still not capable of dealing with unstructured data and making decisions in complex situations, which are essential tasks for many jobs.

Second, AI is not designed to replace humans, but to enhance and augment their capabilities. AI is meant to be a tool that can assist humans in their work and make their lives easier. For example, AI can help doctors diagnose diseases by analysing medical images, but it cannot replace a doctor’s expertise, experience, and patient interaction skills. The goal of AI is to work with humans and help them do their jobs better, not to replace them.

AI also requires human oversight and

maintenance. AI systems require constant monitoring and updating to ensure they are functioning correctly and to avoid errors and biases. This means that there will always be a need for human experts who understand how AI works and can manage its deployment and use. In addition, AI algorithms require training and data sets to be updated regularly, which also requires human intervention.

There are also ethical and legal considerations that must be addressed when using AI in the workplace. AI algorithms can be biased and make unfair decisions if the data they are trained on is not representative or free from bias. There are also privacy and security concerns when it comes to the use of AI and the processing of personal data. These issues require human experts to oversee the use of AI and ensure that it is being used ethically and responsibly.

Finally, AI cannot replace the human touch in many jobs. For example, in customer service, personal interactions are crucial for building trust and understanding. AI-powered chatbots may be able to handle simple inquiries, but they cannot replace the emotional intelligence and empathy of human customer service representatives. Similarly, in education, personal interaction and mentorship are critical for student success, and AI cannot replace the role of teachers and instructors.

It is also important to note that AI is not a one-size-fits-all solution. The

potential applications of AI are numerous and varied, but it is not suitable for all jobs. Moreover, the impact of AI on the job market will depend on the specific industry and job type. Some industries, such as finance and healthcare, are likely to adopt AI more quickly and see more significant changes. Other industries, such as the arts and creative fields, are less likely to be impacted by AI. This is because AI is not yet capable of replicating human creativity, imagination, and artistic expression.

It is also important to consider the potential benefits of AI for workers and the economy as a whole. AI can help to increase efficiency, reduce costs, and improve productivity. This can lead to the creation of new and better-paying jobs, as well as the development of new industries and businesses. For example, the development of AI-powered customer service chatbots has created new jobs for experts who design and manage these systems.

Another important factor to consider is the role of government and employers in ensuring that workers are not left behind as AI is adopted in the workplace. Governments and employers have a responsibility to invest in training and education programs that help workers acquire new skills and stay relevant in the changing job market. This includes programs that help workers adapt to new technologies and prepare for the jobs of the future.

AI is a tool that can assist and augment human intelligence, not replace it. While AI has the ability to automate many routine tasks, it does not have the emotional intelligence, creativity, or ethical judgement that are unique to human beings. This means that AI is best used as a tool to enhance human capabilities, not as a replacement for human workers.

Now, the fun part. Parts of this argument were put forward by ChatGPT, the AI that many of us in the writing and editing field fear will replace us. We found its arguments convincing. But we also found our fears manifesting because of how well it constructed its arguments and how decently it was written, albeit without much creativity, emotion, or structure.

But as it argued, and it showed in its demonstration, the AI is nowhere near perfect. At least for now, it remains merely a tool. Like many of our counterparts, we at Toggle, will not shy away from using it for research and presentation, despite it possibly being our biggest threat.

By the looks of it, no doubt that in the near future, the tedious and repetitive work of research and non-creative writing will be taken up by AI, at least by some margin. But the fact that we still had to heavily edit, rewrite and reconstruct this entire article to get it ready for publication, tells us that, that day is not today.

Judgement day, not just yet. But John Connor better be ready.

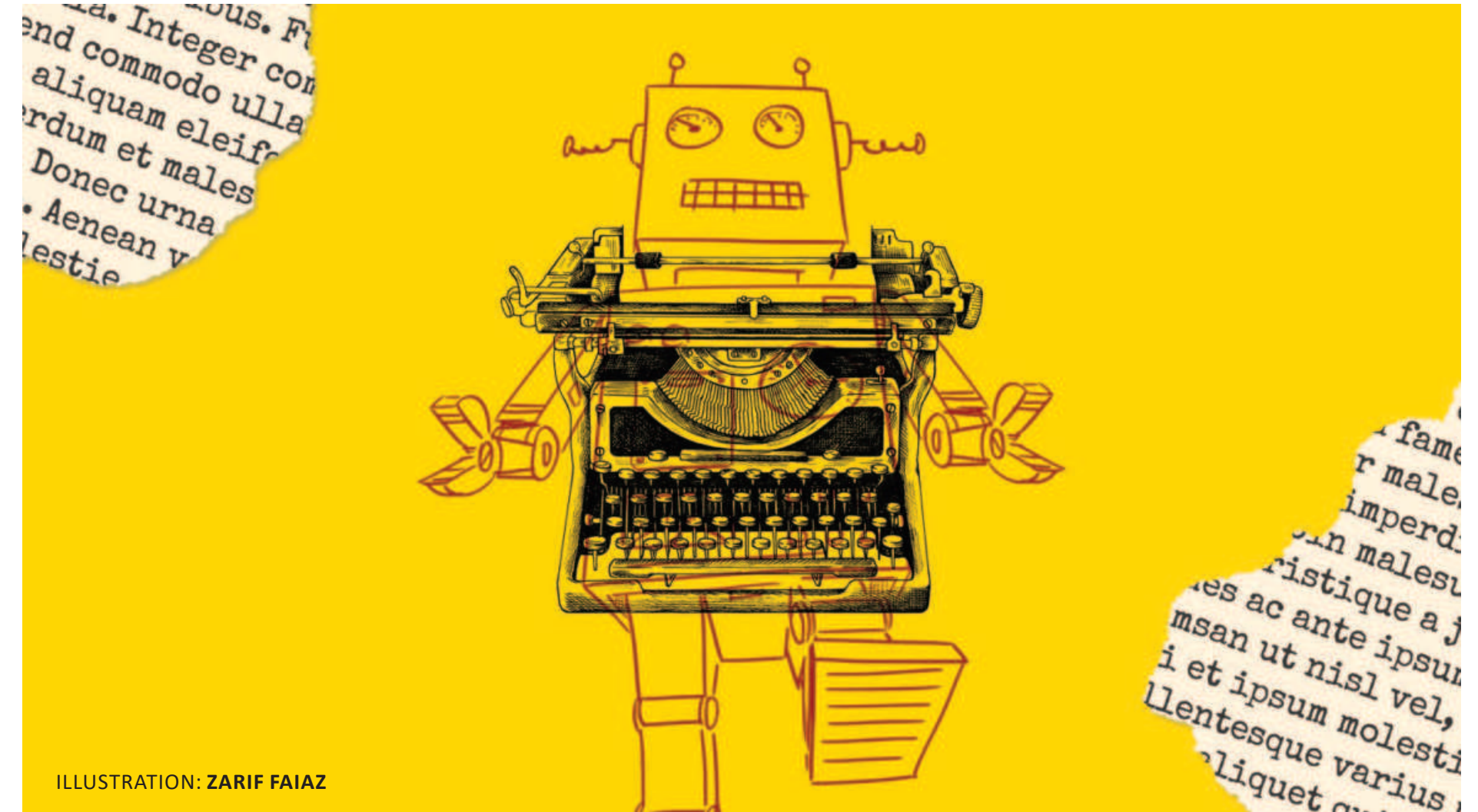


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