

imo brings new features to safeguard online privacy

Instant messaging app imo has recently introduced three advanced security features – ‘Time Machine,’ ‘Block Screenshot for Calls,’ and ‘Friend Request’.

The three new features were announced during imo’s new campaign, ‘Your privacy, Your Control,’ intending to offer enhanced privacy protection and ensure cyber security for the users.

These features will help users solve any security or privacy issues faced by them in any stage of their communication with connections.



The Time Machine feature will allow users to delete the selected chat history timelessly. Additionally, the Block Screenshot for Calls feature will provide users with the opportunity to stop the person on the receiving end from taking screenshots during calls.

This way, imo users can avoid awkward and dangerous situations even after making connections with others. Besides, imo’s Friend Request feature will further protect users’ safety by prohibiting unknown people from reaching out when they are not a connection.

Meta to bring its very own Twitter replacement: reports

Meta Platforms Inc, the company behind Facebook, WhatsApp and Instagram, is planning on launching a new text-based social media app to rival Twitter, states a report by Reuters. In an emailed statement to Reuters, a Meta spokesperson claimed that Meta is exploring a “standalone decentralised social network for sharing text updates”. According to the statement, Meta believes that there is currently an opportunity for “a separate space where creators and public figures can share timely updates about their interests”.

The new app will reportedly be based on a framework similar to Mastodon, a social media app that functions very similarly to Twitter.

The report by Reuters state that with the current condition of Twitter, an alternative option for a text-based social media app would be beneficial for Meta. A lot of companies pulled back their support of Twitter after the social media platform allowed paid account verifications, which resulted in scammers impersonating notable figures and companies.

It is currently unclear when Meta plans to launch this Twitter-like app or exactly how the new social media platform will work. According to the Indian news portal Moneycontrol, Meta’s new standalone text-based app will support Instagram login and will be interoperable with Mastodon.



OPPO Reno8 T launched in Bangladesh

OPPO has recently launched their latest addition to the Reno series, the OPPO Reno 8 T. It comes with a fibreglass-leather stitch design, 48-month fluency protection, certified SGS eye care display, ColorOS 13, 90 Hz refresh rate and 5000 mAh battery with 33 W SUPERVOOC.

In terms of camera, the



smartphone comes with a 100 MP portrait camera, 40x microlens, 2 MP depth camera, 32 MP front camera and features such as bokeh flare portrait, selfie HDR and AI portrait retouching. OPPO Reno8 T is available in two colours: sunset orange and starry black. It is currently priced at Tk. 32,990/-.

TikTok banned in Belgium’s government phones

European nation Belgium is the latest country to impose a ban on the entertainment app TikTok over concerns about privacy, misinformation and cybersecurity issues, according to Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo.

The Chinese-owned entertainment app will be temporarily prohibited from devices owned or paid for by Belgium’s federal government for at least six months, according to a post on Alexander De Croo’s website.



According to AP, TikTok said that it is “disappointed at this suspension, which is based on basic misinformation about our company.”

The company said it’s “readily available to meet with officials to address any concerns and set the record straight on misconceptions.”

The tussle over TikTok is part of a wider global rivalry between China and the US and its Western allies over technological and economic supremacy.

EDITOR’S NOTE

Nothing like being too careful

Fire hazards have been common instances lately. With the ever-increasing number of AC explosions and similar accidents, it certainly pays to be careful. As such, this week’s Cover Story is all about being safe from fire hazards, and how you can stay one ahead of such unfortunate occurrences.

On other pages, we look into some new smartphones that were featured in the latest MWC Barcelona event, discuss the implications of the 30 km/h speed limit rule for motorcycles and, like always, talk about AI and how you can take advantage of it.

With that, another week wraps up. Stay safe everyone. Until then.

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Govt launches national browser ‘Torjoni’

The ‘national mobile browser’ Torjoni, made under the initiative of the ICT Division, was officially launched last week. The launch took place in an event held at the BCC Auditorium commemorating Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman’s historic 7th March speech.

The Torjoni browser was launched by BCC’s (Bangladesh Computer Council) Establishment of Secured Email for Government and

Digital Literacy Centre. According to an official press release, the browser has been made to make it easier for everyday Bangla users to navigate the internet more easily. Torjoni works in both Bangla and English, and is available in the Google Play Store for all local users.

Aside from the regular search and tab options of web browsers, the app has quick portal access to national websites such as the

Prime Minister’s Office (PMO), Bangladesh Parliament, National Board of Revenue (NBR), Grievance Redress System (GRS), Cabinet, etc.

The app’s home screen has a ‘What’s new’ section with selected news regarding government initiatives and recent national projects. There is also a ‘latest happening’ section, which shows news from both home and abroad.

