

Equipping Bangladeshi Youth for the Global Job Market

AYAT Education, in partnership with Seneca College, recently organised a discussion on '21st Century Skills for the Global Market' at Pan Pacific Sonargaon, Dhaka.

Bangladesh has made tremendous economic growth over the last 50 years, but needs to resolve the youth unemployment and skills gap and reap the benefits of demographic dividend for sustaining its development.

A survey conducted by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) in 2021 reports that 66% of the students who graduated from colleges affiliated with the National University are unemployed. Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) said 2 million people are being added to the labor force of the country every year but there is no creation of employment in that proportion.



To address these pressing issues, AYAT Education signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Seneca College that will enable knowledge-sharing and academic research opportunities to identify and bridge the youth skills gap and create avenues for specialized learning for future jobs.

The MoU signing was followed by an interactive panel discussion on '21st

Century Skills for the Global Market'. Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury, Deputy Minister of Education, David Agnew, President of Seneca College, Angela Dark, Counselor and Senior Trade Commissioner of High Commission of Canada and Tahsin Aman, Chairman of AYAT Education took part in the panel discussion in presence of 150 youth and faculties from different institutions.

Grammarly to introduce AI-powered GrammarlyGO

Online writing app Grammarly is introducing an "on-demand contextually aware" generative AI-powered writing assistant called 'GrammarlyGO' to enhance its services for precise writing. "GrammarlyGO will uniquely offer relevant, contextually aware suggestions that account for personal voice and brand style while staying true to its augmented intelligence philosophy

to keep customers in control of their experience," according to Grammarly's official blog post.

Grammarly will start rolling out GrammarlyGO in April for subscribers to Grammarly's Premium, Business and Education. It will also be available to users of Grammarly's free plan in the US, UK, Australia, Canada, Germany, New Zealand and Ukraine.

Meta to cut another 10,000 jobs and freeze 5,000 open roles

Meta, formerly known as Facebook, will cut an additional 10,000 jobs through multiple rounds of layoffs over the coming months, CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced on Tuesday. This comes just four months after the company laid off 11,000 employees in November last year. The first wave of layoffs will affect Meta's recruiting organization, followed by tech roles in April and business roles in May.

Zuckerberg aims to make these organizational changes as soon as possible so the company can move past



this uncertain period and concentrate on crucial work ahead. In an earnings call in February, Zuckerberg said that he wants

to make this year the "year of efficiency" while the company continues to spend billions on building out its vision of the metaverse.

Despite the decline in revenue and significant job cuts, Meta plans to launch a new Quest 3 headset later this year and establish teams dedicated to building tools powered by artificial intelligence and AI "personas." The company plans to release AR and VR hardware devices over the next few years, including its first pair of AR glasses in 2027.

Microsoft announces AI-powered Copilot

Microsoft has announced the launch of Copilot, its modern AI-powered assistant that will revolutionise how people generate emails, documents, presentations and more. The Copilot will be powered by GPT-4 and work together with Microsoft 365 apps, namely Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.

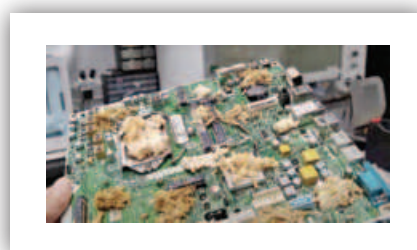
As a result, Microsoft Office users will be able to generate text in Word files, create spreadsheets on Excel and prepare presentations through PowerPoint seamlessly. Users can even ask Copilot to make a complete PowerPoint presentation from a Word document since it effectively functions as a chatbot.

The tech giants said that the Microsoft 365 Copilot is currently being tested with 20 users and that the preview will be enhanced in the upcoming months, according to its blog post.

This computer is powered by real mushrooms: Here's how

Yes, you read that right. The picture above depicts the motherboard of a PC that is quite literally powered by mushrooms.

According to the scientific publication Popular Science, researchers at UK's Unconventional Computing Laboratory at the University of the West of England Bristol have developed mushrooms that are capable of establishing memory links similar to how brain cells form habits. This is due to the presence of fungal threads called mycelium in mushrooms that allow the movement of electric signals to retain memories. The presence or absence of a spike can be used as



the basis of 0s and 1s in the binary language that a computer uses. Moreover, if the mycelium receives signals at two distinct points, then it vastly enhances conductivity.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Revving it up

The annual Dhaka Motor Show took place last week, and, like always, we came loaded with photos of new cars and bikes featured in the event. Tune into our 2-page coverage of all things automobiles in what should be a treat for local motor enthusiasts.

As for other pages, check out our recommendations of Google Chrome extensions to enhance your ChatGPT experience in Tech Tips, and a look into how you can work remotely from Spain in Spotlight. Since Ramadan has just arrived, we also have handy tips on how to conserve energy during the month of fasting, in Next Step.

Stay safe everyone. Have a great weekend.

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