

DELHI FIGHTS CORONA

DEDICATED COVID-19 HELPLINE: 1031 SERVICES FOR ALL DELHI RESIDENTS

FOR BED AVAILABILITY STATUS –

Download the delhi corona app from google or apple store. You can also check the updated status on www.delhifightscorona.in. The status is updated every two hours. For real-time status update, you can call up the hospital. Contact details of hospitals are available on both the app and the website. You can also call **1031** for finding out the bed availability status.

NEED FREE TELECONSULTATION WITH A DOCTOR?

Call **1031**. You will be put in touch with a doctor from a team of doctors put together by the Delhi Govt. This facility is available free of cost on 24*7 round-the-clock basis.

FOR COVID POSITIVE PATIENTS ON HOME ISOLATION –

Our teams contact you on your registered mobile number beginning day zero of your positive report till the 10th day. A kit including medicines, oximeter and thermometer is delivered to your place free of cost. For any query / guidance, or if you don't receive the kits, please contact on the district control room numbers given at the bottom

MEDICINES & DRUGS ARE AVAILABLE IN ADEQUATE SUPPLY –

All commonly prescribed drugs for Covid management are available at the local chemists and pharmacies. Remdesivir injections are supplied to Covid hospitals only as per their projected demand. Tocilizumab injections are also allotted to Covid hospitals based on stocks received from Govt. of India. Hospitals shouldn't ask patients to arrange these medicines.

FOR LAST RITES OF A COVID PATIENT WHO DIES AT HOME –

Please contact your District Control Room at the numbers indicated below district-wise. You can also call **1031** if you don't know the district you are located in. The District Magistrate's office will make all arrangements, ensuring Covid-appropriate protocols.

FOR OXYGEN CYLINDER ON THE PRESCRIPTION OF A DOCTOR –

Please go to any of the depots/ dealers mentioned in the list available on <http://oxygen.jantasamvad.org/> with your identity proof, patient's identity proof and doctor's prescription. You may also call **1031** to find out the re-fillers or dealers available around your location.

NEED AN AMBULANCE?

Call 102 or 1099 for round-the-clock free ambulance service of the Delhi Government.

OTHER DELHI 24X7 HELPLINE NUMBERS FOR COVID-19:

- 011-22307145, 011-22300012, 011-22300036, 011-22391014, 011-22302441
- 011-22304568 (For pregnant and lactating women suffering from Covid-19)

DISTRICT CONTROL ROOM NUMBERS:

S.No.	Control Room /Helpline	Contact Number
1.	State Helpline for COVID-19	1031
2.	District- Central	011-23270151
3.	District- East	011-22029103
4.	District-North East	011-22120014, 011-22120015, 011-22120016, 011-22120017, 011-22115287, 011-22115289
5.	District-North	011-27201325 , 011-27201327
6.	District- North West	011-25951182
7.	District-South	011-29533217, 011-29533229 , 011-29533249, 011-29533260, 011-29533262
8.	District- South East	011-26476410, 011-26476411
9.	District- South West	011-25073502, 01125073505, 011-25073507, 011-25073508
10.	District-West	011-25195529, 011-25170142
11.	District -New Delhi	011-23385743
12.	District-Shahdara	011-22120019, 011-22120021, 011-22111077



REVIEW



Time to get trigger-happy

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When I first heard about the Republic Of Gamers (ROG) range of smartphones, I rolled my eyes at Asus' attempt to be ultra-niche. Years later, Asus has me eating my words as thousands of mobile gamers participate in international tournaments for PUBG, Call of Duty Mobile, Fortnite and Freefire, and win lakhs. Over the years, the ROG range of smartphones has remained a centrepiece for these gamers' repertoire.

So this year, like clockwork, Asus launched a new upgrade of its ROG smartphone after last year's ROG Phone 3; the Chinese-made tech brand skipped '4' due to superstition.

What's on board?

A phone with that many more hardware upgrades would feel heavier, but the ROG 5 is marginally lighter than its predecessor. It is a pretty smartphone, with the trademark cyberpunk designs along the back and the signature Aura RGB lighting on the back in the form of the ROG logo.

With a low glare and reflection, the 6.78-inch sAMOLED display is stunning and durable, the latter courtesy Gorilla Glass Victus. Asus has taken into account that mobile gamers often move smartphones like a controller so they have ensured a game would look from any angle. There is a 144Hz refresh rate, which matches the one milli-

second response rate and 23.4 millisecond touch latency, so whatever you are playing, the experience is real-time.

Such responsiveness requires the latest in processors and ROG 5 comes with Snapdragon 888 and has a high-density 6,000mAh power cell comprising two 3,000mAh components. This did not make any difference to me as I still managed to get about 10 hours of solid use from both devices. And DC Dimming, an in-demand feature for many entertainment-oriented AMOLED devices, controls the brightness by varying the power supplied to the circuit; to get the optimal battery use and display simultaneously depending on where you are.

The GameFX audio system and the Audiophile-grade ESS Sabre ES9280AC Pro speaker system with HyperStream complements the vivid display. Thanks to these, the audio no matter how much you up the volume is not shrill or distorted.

The ROG 5 comes with dual USB-C; there are two charging slots, one at the base of the phone and another along the side, ideal for gaming sessions. This innovation is ergonomic as most gamers complain of the weight of the cable at the end of a phone held horizontally, which creates an awkward

Asus' ROG Phone 5 sports thoughtful features that will have most mobile gamers salivating

tilt. The ROG 5's added side slot is helpful while also cleverly encouraging marathon gaming sessions even as you charge using the 65-Watt hypercharge system.

The ROG 3 did not have too many heating issues, unlike the ROG 5, particularly around the centre of the phone where your fingertips would likely rest. This was not too uncomfortable but it is a bit of a let-down given Asus ROG's emphasis on the centre printed circuit-board design and copper 3D vapour chamber that claims to internally cool the phone and dissipate as much heat as possible during intense use. Those keen on keeping the ROG 5 as their primary smartphone and mobile gaming device can opt for Asus' AeroActive Cooler 5, an external cooling attachment.

Native enhancements

The Game Genie app, Asus ROG's in-device game enhancement hub, allows users to check tactics while also offering simple macro support to help automate in-game actions such as looting or grinding so you can focus on the battle and main missions. This was especially helpful in Call of Duty Mobile and Diablo Immortal.

Users can also access the settings for the AirTriggers 5 (the shoulder buttons on the sides of the device) with Dual Partition

functionality that offer up an immersive console-like gaming experience. Be sure to make the most of Game Genie to really get that bang for your buck.

The Asus ROG Phone 5 boasts a 64-megapixel camera that claims



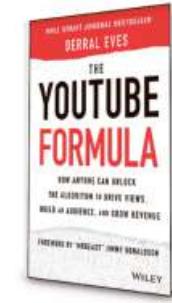
In living colour The Asus ROG Phone 5 ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Now that is a read

'The YouTube Formula: How Anyone Can Unlock the Algorithm to Drive Views, Build an Audience, and Grow Revenue'
by Derral Eves

Leave it to a YouTuber to really break down the platform for the masses. A multimedia marketing consultant with more than 60 billion views on YouTube and having helped 24 channels grow to one million subscribers, Derral Eves is revealing the inner workings of the YouTube algorithm that is responsible for determining success on the platform, and how creators can use it to their advantage.

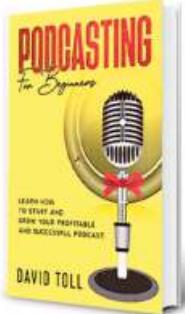
Whether you want to be an influencer or a marketing professional, this book – replete with case studies and data from successful YouTube creators – will be an ideal how-to guide for years to come.



'Podcasting for Beginners: Learn How to Start and Grow Your Profitable and Successful Podcast'
by David Toll

Did you really go through 2021 if you did not consider starting your own podcast? David Toll, a radio speaker with more than 13 years of experience, takes this how-to to the next level and walks you through not just creating a roadmap for your podcast but also creating an additional income stream. Expect sections on analysing different podcasting styles and how to choose the best one based on your audience, the must-have tech, how to monetise your content mindfully and how to get traffic while building listener loyalty.

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GAMESPOT



Survival horror at its finest

Capcom's Resident Evil Village has stunning settings, eye-catching character design and snappy gunplay; and, yes, we finally get to meet the hypnotically-tall Lady Dimitrescu

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After years of a third-person player perspective, the Resident Evil series' switch to first-person, for Resident Evil 7: Biohazard (2017) was a breath of fresh air that the much-loved iconic series needed. Then-new protagonist, Ethan Winters, and his horrifying encounter with the Baker family will stay in my nightmares forever, especially that gory dinner table scene complete with rotting food.

Resident Evil 8, styled as 'Village' for Village, upgrades that same formula with familiar

tropes from the series creating a horror masterpiece that will add to those nightmares.

Scream-worthy gaming

At the start, we see things going great for Winters, who has been living with his wife Mia and baby Rosemary in rural Louisiana, USA. An unfortunate turn of events involving a familiar face has Ethan finding himself in a foreboding European village in search of his kidnapped daughter. This time, he has to out-smart four evil, mutated lords that rule this place like gods – one of them a current Internet sensation, the elegant nine-foot-tall blood-sucker Lady Dimitrescu who is, frankly, the MVP of this game.

Village has a lot of great moments, and some of them are



RESIDENT EVIL VILLAGE

DEVELOPER & PUBLISHER: Capcom

PRICE: ₹3,999 on PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X, PC

not that is Capcom's way of inciting hopelessness in the player, it still does not quite feel like it is connecting. That said, encounters with monsters are intense and scrappy messes. They are some of the best parts of the game, serving up some vividly special gaming memories, though the nerve-shredding boss fights come a close second.

Rather than using the traditional and overdone jump scares which most horror games rely on, Village creates atmosphere with one of the best uses of sound design in a game thus far, particularly when one of the boss monsters who constantly hunt or chase you – a hallmark of Resident Evil games. The positional audio of Lady Dimitrescu's heels as she, bends through doorways and roams the hallways calling out for you as she laughs is hair-raising. The architec-

ture of Castle Dimitrescu is also quite ornate with its stretching hallways, intricate mouldings and sculptures, rich tapestries and sweeping staircases.

The Resident Evil games love their devious puzzles. Like the past games, there are many locked doors for which you have to find all sorts of keys. Village has some strong puzzles, from hidden door codes to fun ones involving unsightly oil paintings. Examine and explore every nook and cranny for any scrap of a clue which will be of use later.

Capcom's proprietary RE Engine is capable of producing some gory visuals – from glistening blood-covered surfaces to glistening and pulsating creatures that have a hundred too many eyeballs. You could find yourself very close to losing your lunch, so be mindful of when you play.

Resident Evil Village is one of the best games in the series so far, with an edge-of-the-seat story, tight gunplay and memorable puzzles. While it does have its flaws, they are easily overlooked as the immersive world design keeps you going. Finally, do not forget to breathe.

The writer is a tech and gaming enthusiast who hopes to one day finish his sci-fi novel

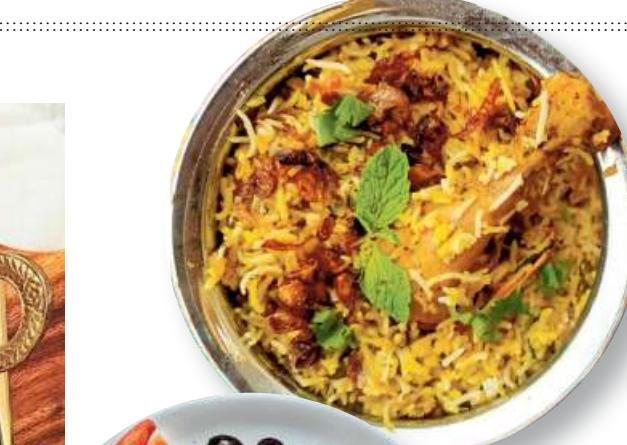
from the cut-scenes, but many of my best moments with the game was in the survival gun-play.

A true survival-horror video game, Village leaves you strapped for life-saving resources: from bullets to medicine, you must leave no stone unturned. You can craft ammo, which the game metes out in a miserly fashion. Crafting is streamlined here, and those annoying plant combinations of past editions are gone.

The first-person gun-play feels snappy, loud and violent, when you have ammo. Given the scarcity, the melee weapon should have been a bit more useful; it feels like stabbing zombies with butter knife. Whether or

fear, embodied Screenshots from Resident Evil Village featuring some of the villain bosses ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT





Carry on doctor

A paediatrician runs a successful cookery channel on YouTube, while a dermatologist and surgeon launch a food subscription service

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While doctors are super busy, we also know many of them pursue other passions – a certain Arthur Conan Doyle comes to mind. Dr Nithya Franklin follows in those illustrious footsteps. She launched a cookery channel, Dr Nithya's Kitchen, on YouTube in April 2020.

Nithya, who works from 8am to 4pm at Vijaya Hospital, Chennai, and has a private practice from 6pm to 8pm, says, "Cooking has been my passion since I was a teenager. I make time for this. I shoot on days when I have few appointments or on Sundays."

Growing up in Salem, dinner conversations always revolved around food. Nithya's father encouraged her to try different cuisines. "I ended up collecting recipe books and documenting family recipes." Even while studying Medicine, Nithya says she cooked on the weekends as a stressbuster.

Taking note

Passion and a desire to document the recipes she collected over the years drove the 48-year-old paediatrician to launch her channel. Nithya started by uploading her hit recipes and then shifted to thematic videos. "Most young mothers ask me about baby food. So I decided to provide informative videos on baby food and healthy snacks for toddlers. I also have a health food series, where I share recipes made using millets and a series on salads. In my videos, I provide scientific



facts about every ingredient I use in a dish, as well as some historical trivia about it."

Healthy living

Dermatologist Dr Karthik Raja and his friend, Dr Mohammad M, a general surgeon, launched Keto Kadai (6379780800) in December 2020. "The idea was to cater to fitness enthusiasts," says Karthik, who did extensive research on various diets when he wanted to lose weight six years ago.

"I tried various diets, understanding the science behind it and how it helps reverse many illnesses. Being a medical practitioner, I began to prescribe a diet with medicines to my patients. Their feedback gave me the confidence to take it to the next level."

No one size fits all

Karthik assesses Keto Kadai subscribers, (currently over the phone) and designs a diet pattern to suit them. "We do not give a standard diet. The diet for someone with Thyroid or PCOS issues is different from that for a diabetic."

"I consulted Karthik three years ago and his diet plan worked well for me," says Mohammad. "Over a period of time we became friends and during last year's lockdown, we discussed launching a diet service and went ahead."

Mohammad's family has restaur-

ants in many parts of the world and when they decided to shut down the restaurant in Chennai, Karthik and Mohammad opted to utilise the infrastructure and chefs for their venture. "All three meals are delivered by 8am," Karthik says. "Those who need to take lunch to the office can do so and dinner can be refrigerated and microwaved."

Mohammad works at Muthukumar Medical College, Chennai, from 8am to 5pm and then oversees the kitchen ensuring hygiene and quality control. "Keto compliant meals require high quality ingredients such as cold pressed coconut oil, ghee, olive oil, fresh meat, paneer and cheese. We source our cheese from Kodai. Healthy, clean eating should be an everyday affair. As a medical practitioner, I find this involvement a fulfilling experience."

"We decided to provide a diet service because we wanted to make life easy for those who wish to adapt to a healthier lifestyle," say the doctors. "Apart from providing a healthy meal, we provided jobs for the staff of the restaurant that was shut down."

POOCH CAFE



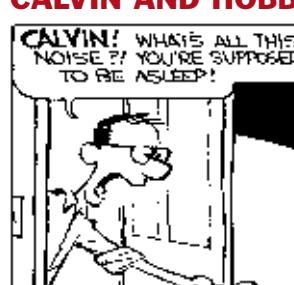
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