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01 Elon Musk Confirmed to Acquire Twitter for $44 Billion

Elon Musk clinched a deal to buy Twitter for $44 billion on April 25 in a transaction that will shift control of the social media platform populated by millions of users and global leaders to the world's richest person. The Twitter board has accepted an offer from Elon Musk. Parag Agrawal, Twitter's CEO, said, "Twitter has a purpose and relevance that impacts the entire world. Deeply proud of our teams and inspired by the work that has never been more important."

02 WhatsApp Updates Upcoming Feature That Will LetGroup Admins Delete Messages for Everyone

WhatsApp beta feature that will allow group administrators to delete any specific message/ messages for everyone in the group has an update, as per a report. The feature will give more power — in addition to restricting members from sending messages to groups, and preventing members from making any information edits — to admins, which in turn could help keep the group moderated. It was introduced in December last year, and the update has been spotted on WhatsApp beta for Android. The feature is said to be available on WhatsApp beta for iOS, and Desktop.

03 Mumbai Metro One Launches e-Ticket on WhatsApp Facility

Mumbai Metro One Private Limited (MMOPL) which operates metro service on the Versova-Andheri-Ghatkopar route in the city launched an `e-ticket on WhatsApp' facility. Mumbai Metro One is the first MRTS (Mass Rapid Transit System) in the world to offer e-ticket on WhatsApp, it claimed in a release. This was an extension of "Paper QR Ticket" currently available through ticket counters, it said.

04 YouTube Accused by Russia of Blocking Parliamentary Channel's Account

Russian officials accused US video hosting service YouTube of blocking the channel of the lower house of parliament and warned of reprisals. Vyacheslav Volodin, the head of the Duma, said Washington was breaching "the rights of Russians" while foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said "YouTube has sealed its fate".

05 Google Assistant in Chrome Can Now Automatically Detect, Change Breached Passwords

Google Assistant in Chrome can now reportedly automatically change your stolen passwords. This feature was initially announced by the search giant during Google I/O 2021. At the time, Google had said that this feature would be released gradually for Chrome on Android in the US.

06 TikTok Surpassed Instagram, Emerged as Top Downloaded App Worldwide in QI 2022, says Sensor Tower

TikTok has surpassed Instagram and become the world's top downloaded app in the first quarter of 2022, according to a report by app market intelligence firm Sensor Tower. The short-video app, which is banned in India, managed to continue to be one of the top-five top downloaded apps worldwide. However, Meta — the parent company of Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp — retained its dominance in the app market globally, with Instagram, Facebook, and WhatsApp as the three top downloaded apps worldwide after TikTok.

Oil India Receives Rs. 57 Crore Ransom Demand From Hacker 07

PSU major Oil India, which suffered a cyberattack disrupting its operations in Assam, has received a ransom demand of $75,00,000 (roughly Rs. 57 crore) from the perpetrator. A case was registered under various sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Information Technology Act, 2000, after the company lodged a complaint with the police.

08 Apple opens self-repair store with $300 iPhone screens, 19-cent screws

Apple Inc. is making it easier for customers and independent repair technicians to perform surgery on some iPhones and Macs.
You can now access official manuals and parts, but for most people, the minimal savings won't be worth it.

09 UK's First Self-Driving Bus Begins Road Trials in Scotland

The UK's first self-driving bus began its road trials in Scotland on April 25, with plans for transporting passengers within months. The buses are fitted with sensors which enable them to run on pre-selected roads without the safety driver having to intervene or take control, according to Scottish media reports. When operational to passengers, the buses will provide a service capable of carrying up to 36 passengers, 14 miles (22 kms) across the bridge, with a capacity of 10,000 passengers a week.

Apple may start using in-house 5G modem chips on iPhone from next year 10

Apple started offering 5G on iPhones in 2020. The iPhone 12 and iPhone 13 are both 5G enabled, but unlike their processor, which is made by Apple, their 5G modem comes from Qualcomm. Apple is in the process of phasing out third-party suppliers for iPhone components and its next step may be using in-house 5G modems. A new report has said that the iPhone next year may ditch the Qualcomm 5G modem in favour of Apple's self-developed 5G modem.

11 Bitcoin Price Falls to Lowest in a Month as Risk Aversion Takes Toll

Bitcoin dropped to its lowest level in more than a month as cryptocurrency continued to be hurt by investors' risk aversion amid signs of muted new interest in the coins. The largest cryptocurrency fell as much as 4.2 percent to $38,580 (roughly Rs. 30 lakh) on April 18. Second-largest Ether dropped 4.7 percent, declining to as low as $2,902 (roughly Rs. 2.2 lakh). The global crypto market's value dropped about 4 percent in the past 24 hours to $1.9 trillion (roughly Rs. 1,45,06,180 crore), according to pricing from CoinGecko.

12 Man tracks his lost luggage using AirTag, prepares PowerPoint presentation to ask airline for his bags

As per CNN, Elliot Sharod and his wife Helen, were flying to UK from South Africa, where they got married on April 17. They had booked flights with stopovers in Abu Dhabi and Frankfurt but due to the raging pandemic, they rescheduled their flight and headed straight to the UK. However, upon reaching the UK, they realised that their luggage has not arrived. Interestingly, Sharod had placed an AirTag inside each bag to locate them easily. Using the Find My App, they discovered that their bags had reached Frankfurt but they were not put on a Londonbound plane. The couple were travelling in Are Lingus airline.

14 Apple Stops Accepting Debit, Credit Cards for Subscriptions, App Purchases in India

Apple has stopped accepting card payments for subscriptions and app purchases using Apple ID in India. This means that you are no longer able to use your Indian credit or debit card to buy apps from the App Store, get Apple subscriptions such as iCloud+ and Apple Music, or purchase any media content from Apple. The change has come as a result of the new autodebit rules from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) that came into force last year and are disrupting recurring online transactions.

13 Finance Minister Sitharaman Says India to Take a Considerate Decision on Crypto Regulation

Flagging concerns over likely misuse of crypto, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said India will take a considerate decision on regulation around the virtual currency. The decision on crypto will not be rushed through, she said in an interaction at Stanford University. "It will have to take its time...all of us to be sure that at least with a given available information, we're taking the decision. It can't be rushed through," she said. The minister clarified that the government is open to promote innovation and wellgrounded progress made in the distributed ledger technologies, which are coming in the blockchain.

15 WhatsApp May Soon Let Users Use a Single Account onMultiple Smartphones

WhatsApp unveiled multi-device support for Android and iOS users last month. This allows people to use their WhatsApp accounts on up to four devices and one phone simultaneously without an active internet connection. Now, the Meta owned instant messaging platform is reportedly working on a new feature that will allow users to add a secondary device as a companion for their primary phone with WhatsApp on it. With this, users can link their WhatsApp account to use it on another phone. This feature was reportedly spotted on the WhatsApp beta for Android 2.22.10.13 update.