

the ultimate kid's

With Eid just around the corner and a change in season, its high time to be out shopping for your kid. Shopping for kids in Dhanmondi and Elephant Road offers a lot of variety, starting from the inceptions of different shopping malls and stores in almost every corner. Elephant road is one place, which is very popular for mothers and "kid-shoppers". Although some people may enjoy surfing around through shops, others may not have the time or enthusiasm to do so. So here are a few highlighted products from different shops around Dhanmondi and Elephant Road:

Kids clothing

Frocks of different designs and material are available at both the Nandan outlets at Orchid plaza and Rangs Anam plaza. It is convenient since you get clothing for all occasions and sizes. Prices of frocks start from about Tk.150 to 450, for ages 1 to 14 years. Small and soft towels for new borns are also available for Tk.195. Bibs are also available here at Tk.60

each. Unisex single T-shirts are priced at Tk.190 to 250, depending on size and design. The products at Nandan are all 100 percent cotton. Socks for school-going as well as kids of different ages are available at Tk.40 to 85.

Cute shalwar kameezes

Shalwar kameezes for kids are available at Baharia at Rifles square. They come different designs and look miniature compared to the adult sizes. Priced at Tk.550 onwards.

Dividers and tops

With a variety of dividers and tops, it is hard to choose but your sure to find the right one. Two shops at Rifles square has nice collections but the prices are relatively bit high. IQU Meni and Makame Ibrahim have good collections.

Powerpuff Girls

If you really want to make a difference to your kid, don't miss out the large Blossom's doll at Archies at Rifles square. It could be an amazing inclusion to you kids room. The figure is priced at Tk.650. Other large teddies are available here at Tk.750.

Disney cartoons

Disney cartoons are ideal for the kids and are available at the CD shops at Rifles Square and Rapa Plaza. They are both educational and entertaining. To add to it all they get a smile to your kid's face.

Kids accessories

Although kids toiletries and accessories are available at most stores, we would recommend Shamsi's Prime collection mainly because most of the other stores sell fake brands. The shop is both reliable and has a great variety of cosmetics for the mother as well as the baby.

Baby shampoos from Johnson's depend on the size and start from Tk.110 for the smallest and Tk.290 for the large one. Mothercare baby shampoos are also available here, which are normally quite rare in the market and are priced below Tk.300.

Moisturising creams from Johnson's are priced at Tk.220 and with winter on its way it is definitely a necessity. Baby lotions from Johnson's are priced at Tk.150 to 290.

Nappy rash creams for your new born is available at Tk.200.

Baby soaps of different brands can also be

found at Prime collection. They also have powders of a variety of brands and are priced between Tk.100 to 300.

One rare product in the market that is available here is the Baby cologne, which makes your kid smell classy and fragrant, as well as protect it from germs due to its antibacterial properties. Shamsi's Prime collection has two stores in Dhanmondi, one in Rifles Square and the other in Road no.5 beside Almas.

Elephant road shopping

Cathay has a number of branches in Dhanmondi itself, lets narrow down on the one in Elephant Road. Cathay has a large collection of cotton as well as fancy party frocks for kids of all ages. The prices vary from Tk.400-650, starting from new borns to 10year old kids. A wide range of T-shirts and shirts are also available at Tk.250- 550. Thai branded skirts and dividers are available from Tk.350 onwards. Cathay is situated in City Super market.

Even's is yet another shop in Elephant road and is situated at the Zinat Mansion. Towels of different sizes and colours for new born are available at Tk.80-200. They also have a collection of frocks, but it is not as impressive as the other stores featured. Frocks for new born fluctuate from Tk.100 to 400 and for ages 2-12 the frocks are priced from Tk.300 to 800. They also have dividers and, tee-shirts and pants. However, Even's has gift packs for new born both from Johnson's and Kodomo, these are priced at Tk.300 to 500. They also have blankets priced from Tk.160 to 200, and with winter coming this seems ideal for that little rascal at home.

Mother and Baby is the last store we would like to feature from Elephant Road. This shop situated in the City Super market has everything from feeders to nappies. The store has feeding bottles, which uniquely tell the temperature of the milk and are priced at Tk.250. However it also had standard feeders priced from Tk.80 all the way upto Tk.190, depending on the brand and quality. The shop has baby wipes and wet tissues available at Tk.100. Gifts for new born include blankets sets together with pillows priced at Tk.450-

650. This could be a thoughtful gift for expecting couples. Shoes are also available at tk.100. They also have nice colourful T-shirts of different designs priced between Tk.100 to 600, both foreign and local products.

Shopping at Elephant road is sometimes a bit hectic but with so many options it is definitely worth. Always remember to haggle with the prices here and be tactful with the shopkeepers.

As we come to the end of our shopping trip, it can be seen that there are an innumerable amount of stores and markets to shop for your little ones. However, it's best to be prepared beforehand and with the shops featured, you'll never run out of options.

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During the eve of Eid it is not only the adults who splurge on fashion but now children of different ages are very aware about what they wear and how they look. I can well set the example of my seven years old brother. In the last Eid he refused to wear a red embroidered punjabi because he thought it looked garish. Instead he preferred to wear a plain blue one instead. Gosh! Parents might have a really

