



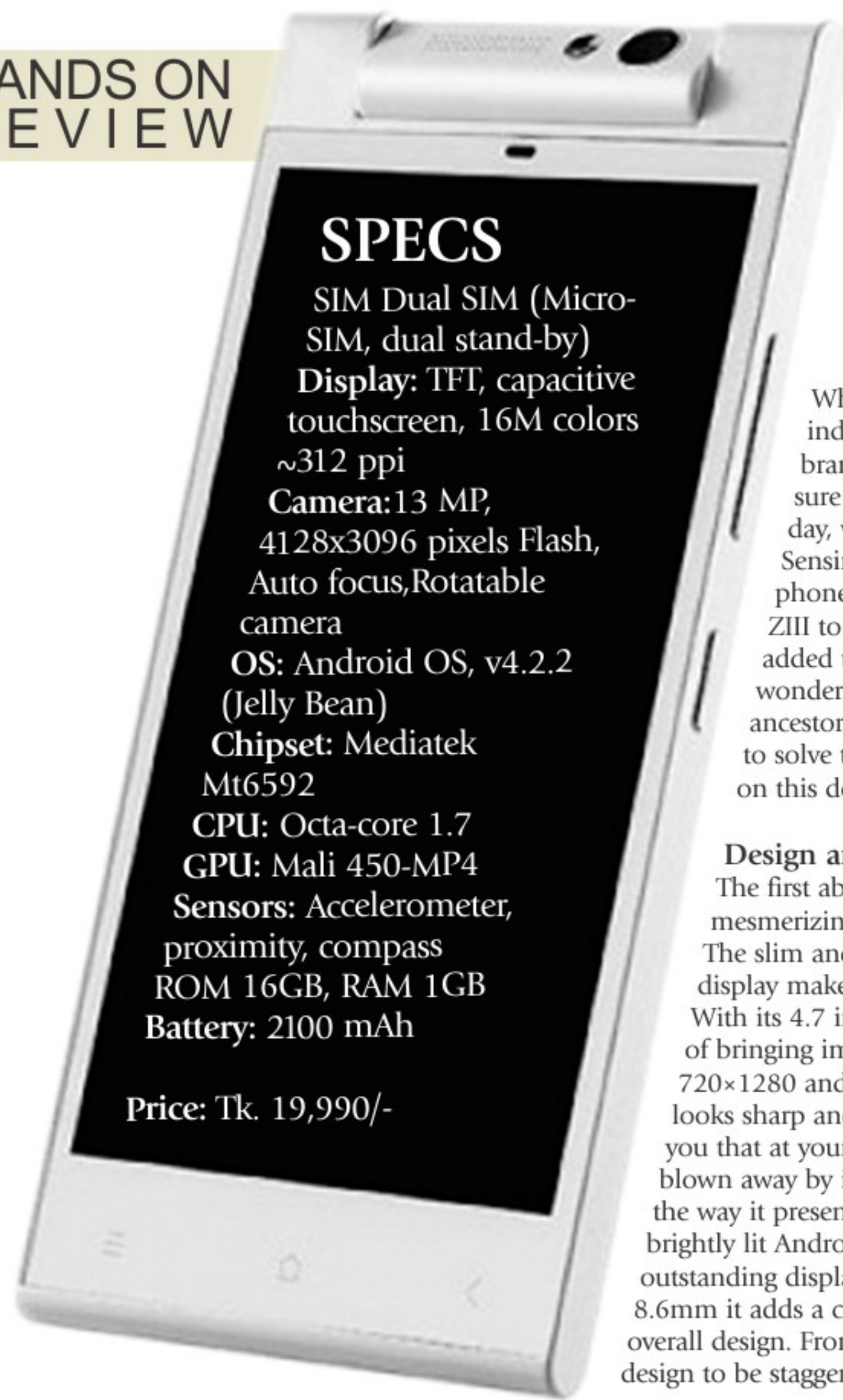
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## SPECS

SIM Dual SIM (Micro-SIM, dual stand-by)  
**Display:** TFT, capacitive touchscreen, 16M colors ~312 ppi  
**Camera:** 13 MP, 4128x3096 pixels Flash, Auto focus, Rotatable camera  
**OS:** Android OS, v4.2.2 (Jelly Bean)  
**Chipset:** Mediatek Mt6592  
**CPU:** Octa-core 1.7  
**GPU:** Mali 450-MP4  
**Sensors:** Accelerometer, proximity, compass  
ROM 16GB, RAM 1GB  
**Battery:** 2100 mAh

Price: Tk. 19,990/-

When it comes to the Smartphone industry of Bangladesh, Symphony is a brand that needs no introduction. I am sure you come across at least five people a day, who is using a Symphony phone. Sensing the rising demand for affordable phones Symphony decided to add Xplorer ZIII to enrich its arsenal. As the tech giants added this phone to their Xplorer series I was wondering if it is an overhauled version of its ancestors or something dazzling. So, in order to solve the enigma I decided to put my hands on this device and add my views to it.

### Design and Display:

The first about ZIII that will attract you is its mesmerizing outlook with a rotatable camera. The slim and smooth body shape and crystal clear display makes it unique from its predecessors. With its 4.7 inch HD Display the screen is capable of bringing images to real life. With a resolution of 720x1280 and a pixel density of 312ppi the screen looks sharp and smooth. I can pretty much assure you that at your first sight you will be completely blown away by its mesmerizing display of colors and the way it presents it. Below the display there are three brightly lit Android capacitive buttons. With this outstanding display when you put a thickness of only 8.6mm it adds a completely new dimension to the overall design. From a neutral point of view I found the design to be staggering, especially when you compare it

to its price.

### Hardware:

As we all know that looks can be deceiving and what matters most is the performance of the phone. Xplorer ZIII is well equipped with a 1.7 GHz Cortex A7 Octa Core Processor, which is creating all the hype in the Smartphone arena. The chipset has an octa-core CPU which runs on 1.7 GHz making it the ultimate multitasking gadget. For graphics it packs a Mali 450 GPU, alongside a 1 GB RAM ensuring that applications are processed pretty fast. Even after opening several applications the device didn't slow down or showed any similar sign.

### OS:

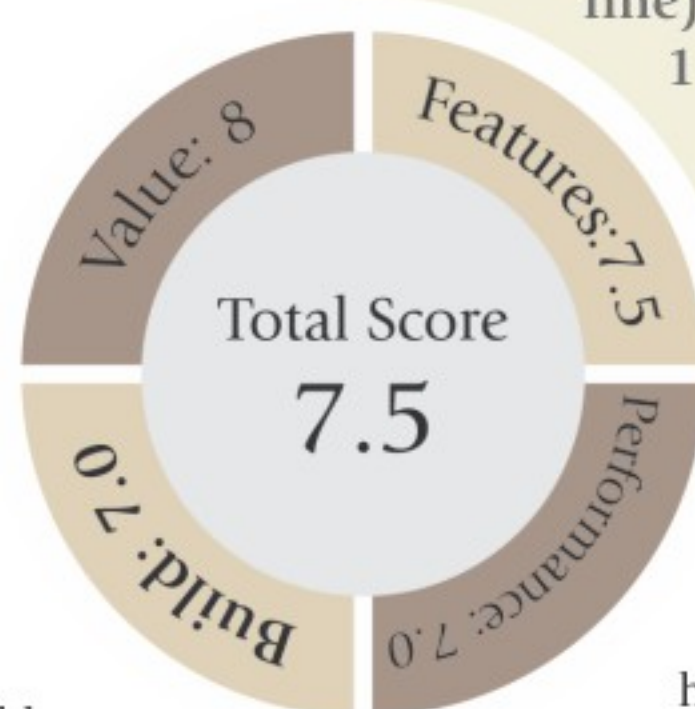
Xplorer ZIII runs on the late android 4.2.2 Jelly Bean, which was quite a disappointment. Although the OS is user friendly and the phone is stuffed with pre loaded apps I was looking forward to the latest version of Android. Infact, when I first looked at the Ad displaying a Kitkat Launcher, I thought it was running on the latest Android. Nevertheless the OS is pretty much user friendly and smooth.

### Camera:

If only one word could describe it properly- it would most definitely be "Amazing". The 13Mp Rotatable Camera is yet another reason why you should definitely go for this phone. It will allow you to capture every passing moment of your life and make your selfies more dynamic. The image quality is brilliant and the rotatable property is unique and will allow you to relive every moments of your

## Verdict

With an impressive design and well equipped processor the Xplorer ZIII is an extraordinary device with its affordable price tag. If you love taking your own photos then with a 13 megapixel rotatable camera this is definitely your device. The build might disappoint some people (but to us- it was fine). Also the laggy sensors and only 1 Gigabyte RAM are two major let downs if you are very much in to mobile gaming. But the other features of the phone pretty much makes up for it.



life.

### Performance:

The overall performance of this eight-hearted beast is pleasant. The games and graphics ran smoothly. The phone also was able to render 1080 P video without the slightest hiccup. The only issue that we found with the phones performance was the accelerator sensor. When playing games like Asphalt 7, these sensor lags become an issue.

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## WWDC: Top three things to expect!

For Apple fans, WWDC is probably the single most important tech event in their calendar. Every year Apple arranges this conference in California or San Francisco to showcase its upcoming patches and upgrades, OS and hardware. Unlike the years before where Apple used to handpick the attendees for the conference; this year, for the first time, any developer from the "Apple developer Program" could buy tickets online to attend this NerdVana! This year's WWDC Amongst all the speculation that's roaming on the air, we list below the top 3:

it's going to be a 'Refined' version of iOS 7!

### Smart Home Automation:

There are strong speculations that Apple is going to revolutionize home automation by bringing grid connected Smart home technology.

OS X: Apple was planning to amalgamate iOS and OS X for a long time. The online technology journal, The Verge quotes: '.....that'd be a



logical next step too: with an increasing number of apps in common, a similar style

would bring the two operating systems closer together than ever.'

## TECH HAPPENING

### BASIS urges to implement dot Bangla top level domain (TLD)



Bangladesh Association of Software & Information Services (BASIS) met with Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC) and Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) at BASIS Conference Room. BASIS President Shameem Ahsan presided over the meeting and it was decided that BASIS will work in coordination and in collaboration with APNIC and ICANN with regards to Network administration training in software development. Also, BASIS has urged ICANN to implement dot Bangla (TLD) as early as possible. BASIS have also discussed with APNIC and ICANN to provide training and Awareness in collaboration with BASIS Institute of Technology Management (BTM) in regards to the IPV6 model to make the programmers in Bangladesh adapt to IPV6.

### Chittagong Holds Women Mozilla Tech Fest

The port city holds the tech based event "Women Mozilla Tech Fest". The event was a joint initiative of the Firefox Clubs of Chittagong, alongside Mozilla Bangladesh and Independent University Chittagong. Teachers from 18 different districts of different colleges, universities and other institutes participated in this event held at the campus of Independent University Chittagong. The special initiative Women Mozilla "WOMEZ" managed by the women working in Mozilla holds different sorts of tech events internationally. The event was a part of the different international events, undertaken by "WOMEZ", specially organized for the women.



## JUST IN

### ASUS 9 Series gaming motherboards

These motherboards built around the Intel® 9 Series chipset that features the LGA 1150 socket and supports Intel® 4th, New 4th, and 5th-generation Core™ processors (codenamed Haswell, Haswell Refresh, Haswell Refresh K-series/ Devil's Canyon). These new motherboard offerings from ASUS-branded, Republic of Gamers (ROG), The Ultimate Force (TUF) and Workstation (WS) Series feature exclusive technologies that maximize the potential of the Z97 and H97 chipsets to deliver better user experiences, performance, stability, and upgrade options.

Price: Tk. 10,000/- to Tk. 25,000/-



### D-Link Dual router at market

D-Link has introduced this router's DIR-803 in the local market. Its data transfer rate is 750 Mbps. This Router can transfer data through dual band frequency of 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz. It has a 10/100 fast Ethernet WAN port and four 10/100 fast Ethernet LAN ports.

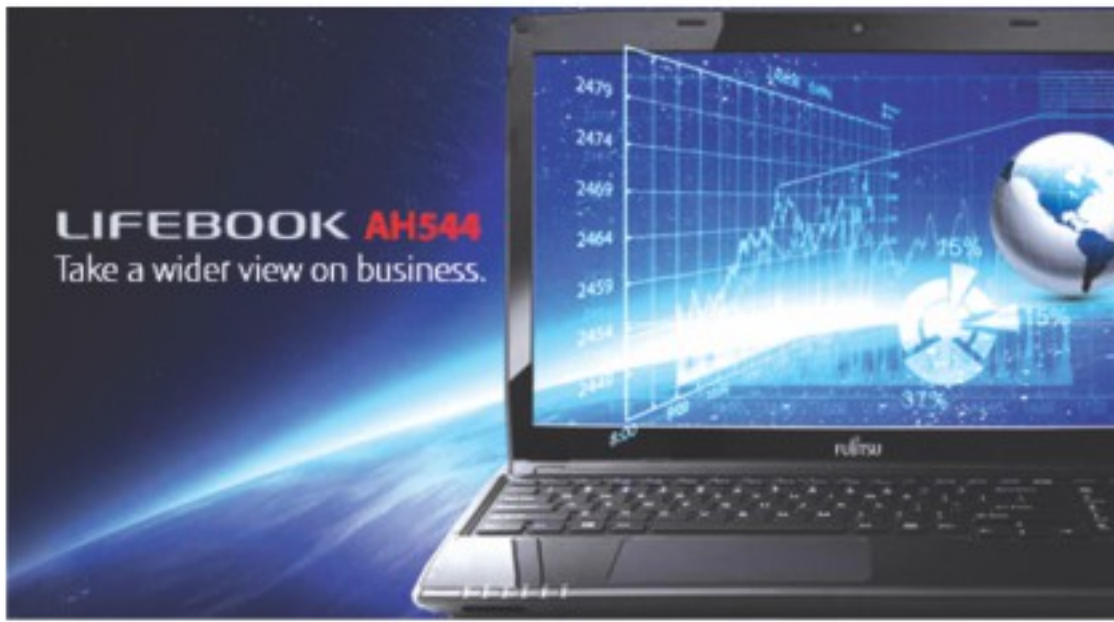
Price: Tk. 4,500/-



### Fujitsu Lifebook for Info-security

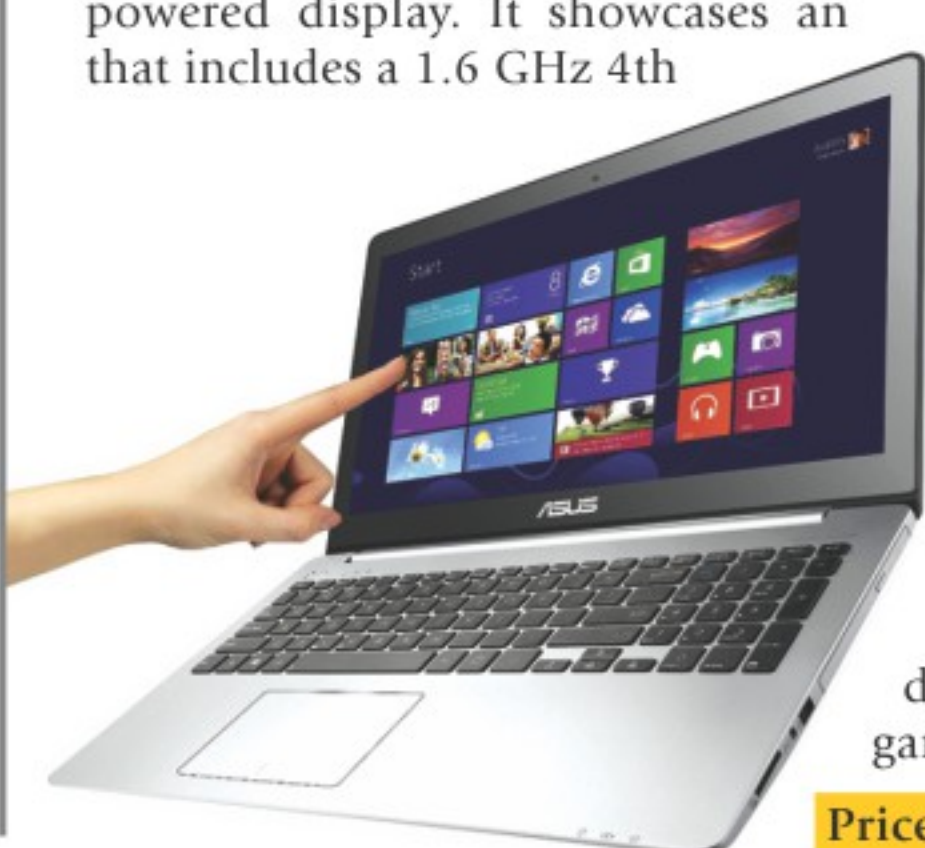
Originated from Japan; this fourth gen Lifebook, Fujitsu AH544, comes with Intel core i5 processor (clock speed is 2.5GHz). With its Turbo Boost Technology the working speed of this Lifebook is up to 3.1GHz. It possesses Trusted Platform Module (TPM) that facilitates the authentication of the platform. Moreover, this laptop has 15.6 inch display with Intel HD 4600 Graphics card, 500GB HDD, 4GB DDR 3 RAM. In case of necessity users might use 8 GB RAMs in each of the two slots, which means it can be turned into a 16 GB RAM. Once fully charged this Fujitsu A-series laptop can give back up for 5 hours.

Price: Tk. 58,000 /-



### ASUS VivoBook S451LA - powerful & stylish touchscreen notebook

The ViviBook S451LA is a powerful and stylish notebook with a 14-inch touch-powered display. It showcases an that includes a 1.6 GHz 4th



attractive, durable, and portable design generation Intel® Core™ i5 processor for excellent multitasking performance, touch enabled high-definition display, ASUS SonicMaster audio. In addition to this, the notebook has 4 GB of on-board RAM, 1 TB hard disk drive, integrated graphics Intel HD 4000, HD webcam, wireless LAN, Bluetooth, Gigabit LAN, USB 3.0 port, HDMI port etc. With this filling can easily work in fairly demanding programs, and launch new games on minimum settings.

Price: Tk. 58,500/-

## TECH BITS

Shikhok.com to introduce monthly Google Hangout meets



SpaceX shows off capsule for ferrying astronauts to space station



Robot-assisted surgery starts in Bangladesh



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