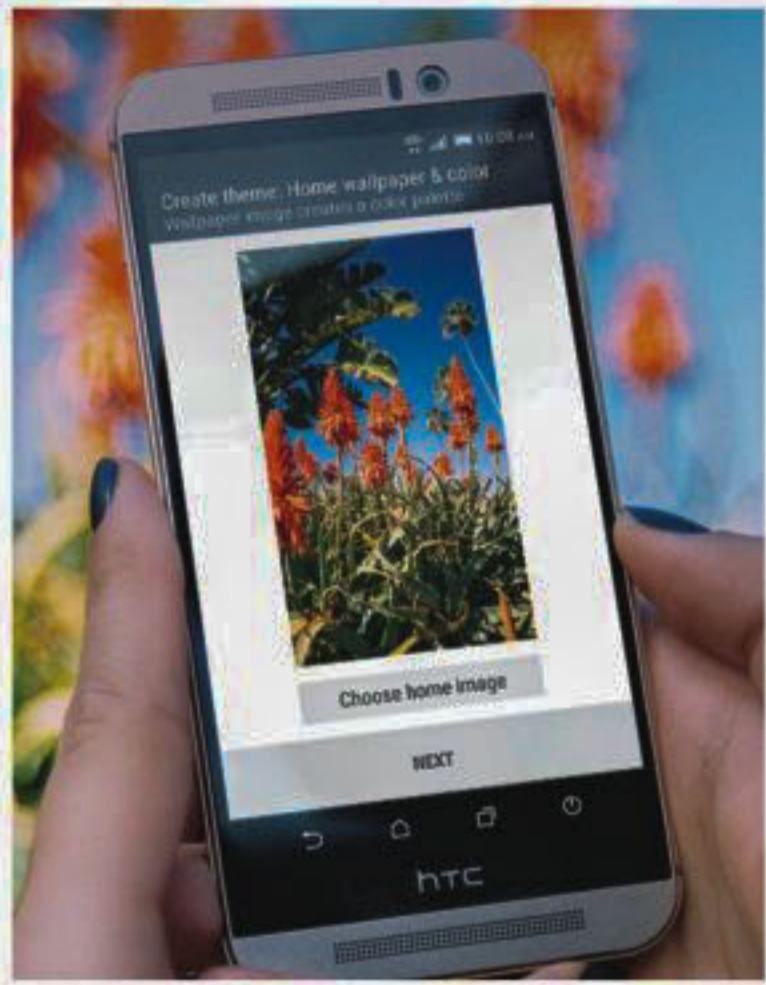# Top Gadgets of Mobile World Congress 2015

HTC ONE M9

Design-wise the HTC One M9 isn't at all a game-changer, but specs-wise this phone might create some waves. The smooth aluminum unibody is surely tasteful with HTC Sense 7, and Snapdragon 810 processor.

SAMSUNG GALAXY S6 & S6 EDGE

After MWC15, the world was divided in to two major groups: the one that loved the latest Samsung Flagship and the one that hated it. We actually have high hopes for this premium-feeling flagship. Yes, the shape and design definitely gives an iPhone vibe but still we think people will love the non-plastic back. As long as it comes with a decent price tag it surely will be a market hit.

HTC VIVE VR

HTC and Valve brings a new VR system called 'The Vive'. Hands on users have reported the system to be 'mind-bending and mind blowing'. The entire system consists of a headset, two motion-sensing controllers and the two base stations. This system is clearly a competitor of Oculus rift and Samsung VR.

MICROSOFT'S LUMIA 640 AND 640 XL

Microsoft this time came up with two new devices at the MWC15: Lumia 640 and Lumia 640 XL. In short we can say these two are: 'the best bang for your buck'. Out of these two, we will be seeing Lumia 640 XL in Bangladeshi market next month.

ALCATEL ONETOUCH IDOL 3

The Idol 3 comes in two different variants, a 4.7-inch model and a 5.5-inch model. Both phones carry over the same aesthetic and many of the same features, though the 4.7-inch version has a smaller battery, lower resolution display and a few other changes. We loved the simple and minimalistic design that's entirely made of plastic, but feels great in the hand and is very light in weight.

HUAWEI MEDIAPAD X2 & SMARTWATCH

Huawei has launched Mediapad X2 at MWC15, that's old news. But they also showcased a elegant looking smartwatch- that's the headline. This all metal jewelry-style watch comes with with a fully round screen. We are really eager to see this smartwatch in local market.

LG WATCH URBANE LTE

Running a version of LG's WebOS, the Urbane LTE has the ability to connect to a wireless carrier without tethering to a phone. The experience with this smartwatch is better because Google's confusing, messy watch interface is not here. Design-wise, urbane gives a vintage and classy feel which some of the competing devices offer.

NOKIA N1 TABLET

Nokia's N1 tablet was available for hands on experience at the mobile world congress this year. The form factor and design is similar to iPad Air, but N1 runs an android. With this particular device, some believes that Nokia will be able to relive its glory days.

LENOVO VIBE SHOT

Lenovo's Vibe shot is an awesome camera with a built in android phone. It features a refreshing design and the back of the phone is reminiscent of a point-and-shoot camera. Certainly a device we are excited about.

RUNCIBLE

Runcible is a device for people who hate smartphones. It is based on Firefox OS, so you can use web apps for basic connectivity, but don't expect a full-blown app store or a traditional smartphone interface. It will be having a hefty price tag so make sure you save up before buying this artsy device.

Cloud, Security & Government: What's coming?

Mohammad Zaman is an experienced IT strategist with decades of experience on Governance framework, business revenue and IT cost alignment with optimal resource utilization. He is also one of the co-founders of Cloud Camp Bangladesh. He briefly shared his concerns about Govt. cloud with The Daily Star:

What are the difference between last year and this year's Digital World?

Zaman: This year's Digital World event is much better and much more interesting compared to last year. Last time there were same pre-built kiosks, so the companies weren't able to showcase their creativity. But this year they got to customize their kiosk. So that's a start. This year's sessions were really good. The speakers and session topics were really interesting, certainly got me psyched. I also noticed three major tech events last year. All the events that took place over the last one year covered the concept elements. Now this year, we are seeing tons of activities - all of which have matured a lot. In addition to that, I am seeing

ICT Division and Access to Information (a2i) program of the government has accelerated various initiatives which are really positive.

Government is increasingly taking steps to go cloud. How are they addressing the security issue of cloud?

Zaman: In the last 2-3 years we have seen the growth of cloud based services both globally and locally. We are seeing more and more users are going cloud everyday for the ease of access and reducing hardware overhead costs. This trend is certainly good news. But the greatest news is government's initiative to go cloud. We have already seen a huge amount of smartphones in the

market. So the users are more or less ready, now the government has to take steps to ensure that they have the right kind of cloud infrastructure ready. Govt. now should have a national policy about how they want to handle data of each segment. This is where the term data-governance comes in to play. Data governance is basically the way how the data are governed with the storage structure. To do that, first you need to identify the types of data you are handling. After identifying them, a developer will understand which data is classified as sensitive and which isn't. Now after understanding the nature of data, a policy should be on place to understand how these data are treated. Various European countries have already developed policies. So all we need to do is rewrite those policies according to our standards. I am sure a2i and ICT division are already working on these. As soon as we have these policies we will be securing our cloud storages in no time.

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TECH BITS

UK arrests man over US Department of Defense hack

Self-driving vehicles and robotic clerks could take your job in 20 years

Microsoft sues Kyocera over Android phone patents

Curiosity rover's arm is suffering short circuits, but it's OK

Robotic glove and games help patients regain control of their hands