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Top 5 VR headsets in the world

VR or Virtual Reality Headsets are a new generation of hardware that's expected to set fire in electronic gaming arena in next couple of years. More or less every major player has now dipped their toes in the VR pool already. Of all the VR Headsets available in the market (or upcoming), we here list the top 5:



Oculus Rift

This is probably the first headset to start the VR fever. So far they sold over 100,000 VR headsets globally. After getting acquired by Facebook for USD 2 Billion, everyone is waiting to see what this company comes up with.

PRICE: Tk. 35,000/-

Samsung Gear VR

Korean electronics giant Samsung came up with their solution 'Gear VR'. It tracks your head, connects wirelessly and requires a Samsung Galaxy Note 4 to use this VR headset.

PRICE: Tk. 15,000/- (does not include Galaxy Note 4)



Google Cardboard

Basically it is Google's way of countering all the high end VR headsets in the market. Just download the instructions and make your own headset. But if you are lazy just like me then you can buy it from vendors in many online stores.

PRICE: Tk. 1,200 - 1,500/-



Sony Morpheus

Morpheus (or Project Morpheus as they say it) can easily be hooked up to Sony's gaming console PS4. It employs an OLED display and has a refresh rate of 120Hz. Its expected to be on market by Q1 of 2016.

PRICE: Not announced yet



*ACTUAL PRICE MAY VARY



Microsoft HoloLens

If you haven't seen the demo of HoloLens then you are certainly living under a rock. Microsoft is no longer a follower- this VR alone is the epitome of that very statement. Paired with Windows 10, this VR is going to provide the users a surreal experience.

PRICE: Not announced yet

Students get free laptop under 'One Laptop One Dream' project

Government plans to establish one vocational institute in each of the seven divisions and provide 1 lakh WiFi hotspots in upazillas in order to connect the grass-root level with digital services and build a skilled workforce. The vocational institutes will develop a technologically skilled workforce while the hotspots will provide free internet service. IT & Telecommunication State Minister Zunaid Ahmed Khan Palak made this announcement while distributing laptops to 50 meritorious but financially challenged Dhaka University students at Sonargaon Hotel on

Monday, 18th May. Special Representative of Bangladesh at United Nations Dr. Abdul Momen, South-South Steering Committee

for the Sustainable Development's Executive President Francis Lawrence, and special UN delegate for South-South Co-Operation

Iping Zhao were among those present.

Under the 'One Student One Laptop' campaign, supported by South-South Education Foundation, 10 students from DU Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) and 40 students from Information Technology (IT) Department were provided with a laptop each. It was announced at the ceremony that eventually two thousand students from various public universities will be provided with laptops. Earlier on 3rd May, 250 students received laptops in the first phase of the campaign.



TECH HAPPENING

Upto Tk. 15,000 cashback on Samsung Galaxy S6



Samsung Mobile Bangladesh has come up with an exclusive limited time offer for their latest flagship device Samsung Galaxy S6. Now, with every purchase of Galaxy S6, customers will receive amazing cashback offers. The lucrative offer includes cash discounts of up to Tk. 15,000 with each Galaxy S6 purchase. During the purchase of Samsung Galaxy S6 from any Samsung Store, customers will have to send an SMS with the serial number of the purchased phone to avail this offer. A return SMS will inform the customers the amount of cash back they have received. Upon the SMS confirmation, the customers will receive cash back of up to Tk. 15,000. In this limited time offer, customers will not go back empty handed and will receive guaranteed cash back of at least Tk. 7,000. This offer is available for on-spot purchases only.

Third bdNOG conference concludes

Third bdNOG conference for IT professionals concluded on 23rd May in Dhaka. The conference was inaugurated by Information Minister Hasanul Haque Inu on 19th May. Professor Jamilar Reza Choudhury, Vice-Chancellor of Asia-Pacific University and Chairman of Bangladesh Internet Exchange (BDIX), John Crain, Head of Security, Stability & Resilience of Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), M A Hakim, Chairman of ISP Association of Bangladesh (ISPAB); General Secretary of bdNOG Fakrul Alam, Chairman Nurul Islam Roman and Chairman of bdNOG Board of Trustees Sumon Ahmed Sabir were also present



during the inauguration ceremony. Several workshops on advanced routing and BGP, IP telephony, Linux system admin, and network took place in this period of time at BRAC center for telecom and ISP engineers. It must be mentioned that: the first conference was held on 19-24 May last year in Dhaka.

SSL Wireless to provide online payment gateway service for Grameenphone

Grameenphone Ltd. has recently signed an Online Payment Gateway Service contract with SSL Wireless for SSLCOMMERZ the



largest Online Payment Gateway in Bangladesh to sell its products and services online. As per the agreement, customers will soon be able to buy various GP products and services through their debit or credit cards or through online banking and mobile banking facilities from home. Mr. Md. Asif Touhid, Chief Procurement Officer of Grameenphone, and Mr. Sayeeful Islam, Managing Director of SSL Wireless, signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations at GP House, Bashundhara, Dhaka.

JUST IN

Lenovo introduces new Tab A7-50

Lenovo introduced a new model of tablet in Bangladesh: A7-50. This new blue color TAB comes with Android Kit Kat 4.4. In addition to that it also has 1.30 GHz Quad Core, 2M Cache, 1 GB RAM, 16 GB ROM, 7" HD IPS display and multi touch screen. It has 3G voice calling, 5 Megapixel Back Camera & 2 Megapixel front Camera.

Price: Tk. 18,000/-



2 TB WD wireless external HDD launched

WD's latest external HDD is a 2TB wireless hard disk. This device allows user to connect with up to 8 devices at the same time to stream videos, photos and music. Powerful rechargeable battery gives the power to continuously stream video for 6 hours. Password lock system keeps the data secure and the device can be controlled from the dash board.

Price: 25,000/-



Samsung brings 27 inches curved monitor

Samsung has brought curved monitor 'LS 27 D 590 CS' for users in the local market. This 27 inch monitor has 3000:1 dynamic contrast ratio, 178 degree viewing angle, 4ms response time and 60Hz frequency. The monitor supports FHD 1920 X 1080 resolution.

Price: 38,000/- plus 3 years warranty



KASPERSKY SECURITY UPDATE

Maritime industry is easy meat for cyber criminals

Merchant vessels are continuously becoming bigger and getting more electronic systems. Seafarers often depend on technology data more than their own skills, knowledge, and senses. Crews are becoming smaller as computer systems are being used for navigation, as well as for rapid unloading, handling, and tracking of goods at ports. Unfortunately, these systems are also highly vulnerable to cyber threats.

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Ninety percent of the world's freight goes by sea. Each hack can cost millions of dollars to ship owners, and in some circumstances even wrack the national economy. Breaking into key container terminals, criminals can bring down the operation of regional and national supply chains. E.g., the British government has revealed that cyber attacks cost the UK oil and gas industry about 400 million pounds (\$672 million) a year.

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TECH BITS
The next Firefox OS devices will focus on quality, not cost



Human gene sequencing gets an official yardstick



NASA patched Curiosity rover's autofocus problem over the air



CIA shuts down program using spy satellites to track climate change



Daimler and Qualcomm team up on connected car tech

