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HANDS ON REVIEW

# HUAWEI G7 PLUS

Smartphones are like men dressed in black tuxedos at an Oscar event. Everybody wears the same thing because that's the epitome of class. For smartphones, that'd be metal casings: brushed aluminium is the new black. Huawei is taking part in the same Oscar event dressed up in sleek machine cut metal. It looks the part, does it have the chops?



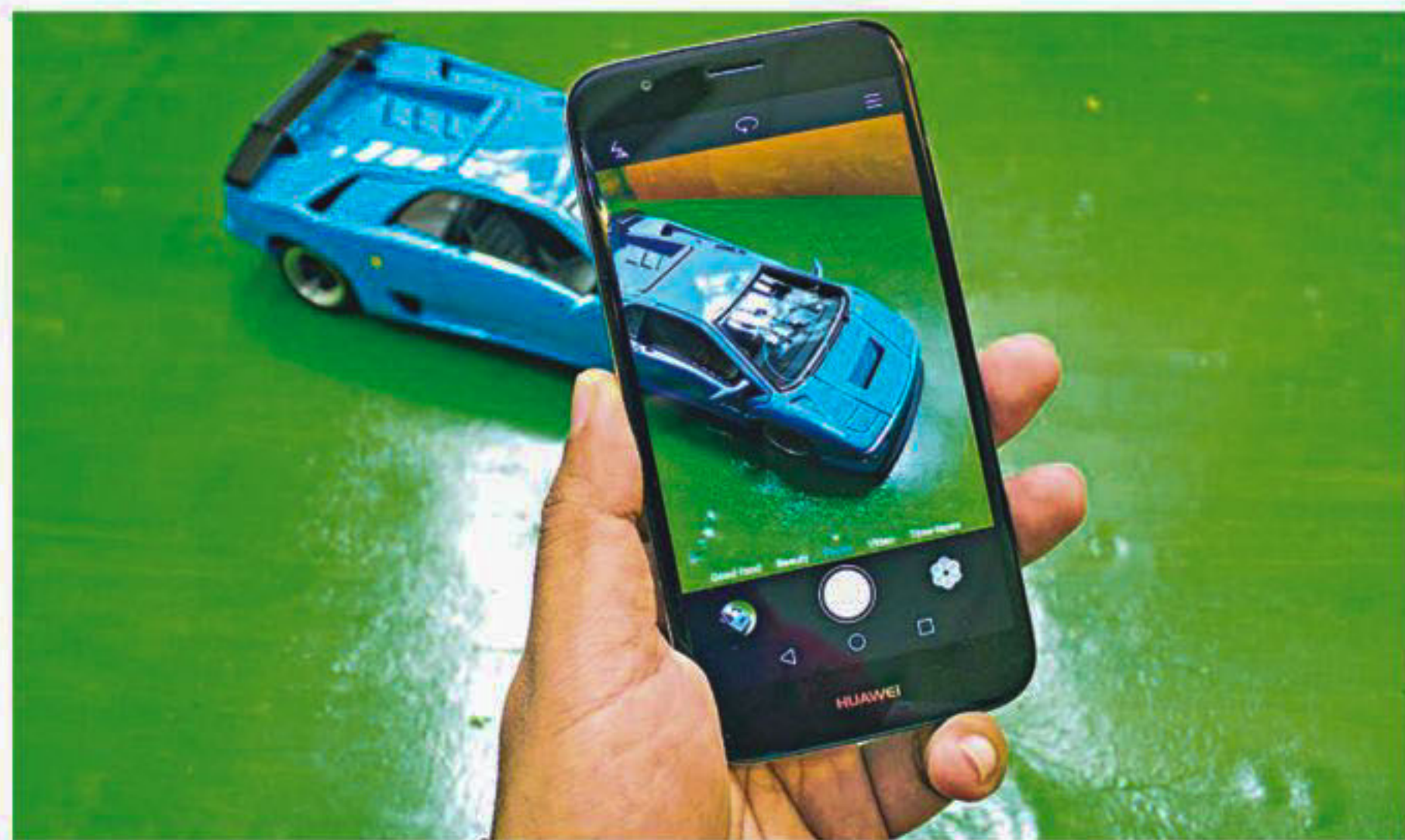
ising on paper and provided smooth multitasking over the long period we've had this. The scores are posted online with Antutu showing a base score of 35424.  
**OS**  
It jumps out of the box with Android 5.1 skinned with Huawei's custom EMUI 3.1 which has so far shown a smooth integration with stock OS. It comes packed with multiple themes that offer slick personalisation amidst a library of options. Look into the additional control over which apps use Wi-Fi or mobile data. This can help cut down a



lot on your data costs.  
**CALLS**  
Call quality is fine with the secondary noise cancelling on-board microphone ensuring a quiet background during calls.  
**CAMERA**  
You'll find a by-now-standard 13MP sensor for the rear camera and a 5MP one up front. It has a very clean interface offering superbly intuitive features. Huawei knows what photos people will be busy taking. You'll find special features that enhance the photos and these are clearly marked Beauty and Good food modes: Hello

Instagram. The fingerprint sensor also acts as a shutter button when you hold it for a second. As seen in earlier Huawei devices, the panorama mode is excellent, providing properly stitched images that are quick to process. It also comes with a built-in watermarking feature in case you're worried of your photos circulating without due credit. Video records 1080p at 30fps. Both images and video are sharp.  
**SPECIAL TRICKS**  
The fingerprint reader is one of the best we've used so far. It is mighty quick to respond and is always accurate.

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**SPECS:**  
Display: IPS 5.5 inches, 1080 x 1920 (~401 ppi),  
CPU: Octa-core 1.5 GHz Qualcomm Snapdragon 616 MSM 8939  
OS: Android OS v.5.1 + EMUI 3.1  
ROM: 32 GB  
RAM: 3 GB  
Camera: Rear- 13 MP, f/2.0, OIS; Front- 5 MP  
Battery: 3000 mAh  
Sensors: Fingerprint, accelerometer, proximity, compass etc.  
Price: Tk 34,990/-  
Comes with freebies: USB Flash, Bluetooth Speaker, Selfie Stick, Car Phone Holder, Slim LED Light and Stainless Steel Mug (limited offer)

**VERDICT**  
It wins on build quality and appearance. It definitely looks like a phone double its price tag. The long lasting battery is a much appreciated plus point even when you go full dual-SIM mode. Fingerprint security and functionality takes just a few seconds to get used to and then it becomes second nature for the user. The slight downside is mid-range powerhouse. It will definitely power all your multitasking needs especially with that 3GB of RAM to support all those activities. But you do get a snappy camera and a smooth UI to boot. Huawei has made very likeable phone that offers good performance wrapped up in stellar looks.



APPS ON THE FLOOR



**Name of App:** Sheiboi  
**Developer:** Raven Systems Ltd  
**Platforms:** Android/iOS  
**Size:** 9.61 MB  
**Launched:** July 21, 2015  
**Our Rating:** 8/10

eBook readers are pretty standard apps in any app store out there but like always, it's the small things that make a good app, great. Sheiboi is a Bangla eBook app by Raven Systems that was released last year and it comes very close to being perfect. There's a dedicated online store which contains a huge collection of both free and paid books and can be downloaded through the app into a personalized library. You can either sign up for free and access your books from any device or you can take the quicker road and get straight into reading. Now, while similar apps like this often make Readers that are buggy and uncomfortable for the users, Sheiboi exceeds all expectations by having a wonderful eBook reader within the app. It covers all the basics and lets you change fonts and backgrounds according to your needs and switching between pages feels exactly as it should be, fast and natural. The only downside of the app is the lack of popular books in the library. However, that is a problem that'll solve itself over time as more updates roll out and new books are added. Overall, Shieboi is an amazing option with a very easy to use interface if you want to read Bengali eBooks right on your mobile device.

## iPhone 7: What to expect?



With every new iPhone that comes out, the rumor sack keeps getting bigger. While not all of them see the light of day, there's nothing wrong with getting excited about what could be.  
**HOLEY OR UNHOLEY:**  
The biggest rumor about the iPhone 7 is that it might not have a headphone jack. But this drastic change is not to make the iPhone thinner but to increase space inside the shell either for more battery or better internals. Also using the lightning port for audio output enables the iPhone to put out high definition audio.  
**OLED or IPS:**  
OLED displays are gorgeous but it is a relatively new technology. And Apple just invested about 4 billion dollars on Foxconn for developing TFT panels. So, while OLED looked great on the Apple Watch, it's still work in progress and thus not likely to be chosen for new iPhones.  
**BEEFIER INTERNALS:**  
The iPhone 7 will definitely have its internals upgraded and will have Apple's new A10 processor beating away at its heart. This chip will have a new fan out design that puts it in the circuit rather than on it,

further saving space inside. And when it comes to performance, it's safe to say that it will be a significant improvement from the previous A9.  
**NEW FORM FACTOR AND CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES:**  
The iPhone 7 is likely to use a liquid metal construction technique which is able to make it thinner and at the same time stronger so we might be looking at an even thinner but bend proof iPhone. Patents indicate that Apple will finally get rid of the ugly antennae lines with help from a new technology that blends the antennae with the shell. There's even a report about it being weatherproof.  
**THE 7 PLUS GETS EVEN BIGGER:**  
The 7 Plus is rumored to get a 256GB variant in terms of storage. And there is pretty strong evidence that the internals might be more powerful on the 7 Plus than the 7. As the former has more pixels to push. The 7 Plus will even get a bump in the battery size to 3100 mAh which is a huge upgrade for an already efficient device.

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## TECH HAPPENING

### SAMSUNG SCORES MORE THAN 100 AWARDS AT CES 2016



Samsung Electronics announced that it won more than 100 awards in key categories including Home Entertainment, Home Appliances, Mobile, and Internet of Things at the 2016 Consumer Electronics Show (CES). It must be mentioned

that CES is the global gathering place for all who thrive on the business of consumer technologies. Among Samsung's CES 2016 award wins are 38 CES 2016 Innovation Awards, including a Best of Innovations Award in TV.

### CHALDAL.COM MAKES Y COMBINATOR'S TOP TEN LIST



Y Combinator, the globally acclaimed seed accelerator, has nominated the best ten entrepreneurs among 500 new entrepreneurs across the globe. Bangladesh's grocery shop chaldal.com also made the list and secured a whopping 9th among all the global startups. Chaldal currently operates three

warehouses and has an inventory of more than 4000 products. Every day it serves nearly 400 customers. It must be mentioned that Washim Alim, Tejas Biswanath and Zia Ashraf co-founded chaldal.com in 2013 in a bid to provide online shopping facilities to the Bangladeshi customers.

### WIKIPEDIA CELEBRATES 15TH ANNIVERSARY IN BANGLADESH



On January 15th, 2016 Wikipedia marked its 15th anniversary in Bangladesh. To celebrate this joyous occasion, Wikimedia Bangladesh arranged a special event this Friday. Eminent Film Director Mostofa Sarwar Farooki was present as a special guest in

this event. In this event SM Munir from Shahjalal University of Science & Technology was awarded as the winner of the Wikipedia contribution contest to celebrate this anniversary. The event was concluded by cutting a celebratory cake.

### BASIS HOLDS WORKSHOP ON SOFTWARE COPYRIGHT ISSUES



To reserve copyrights in the software or IT sector a workshop was held in the capital on Saturday. The workshop titled 'Protect Your Software Product, App, Game and Creative Ideas' was organized by Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS) and the Copyright Office, said a recent

press release. BASIS President Shamim Ahsan was the Chief Guest at the workshop which took place in the BASIS auditorium. ICT Specialist Mustafa Jaber was the host for the event and among others who spoke was, Copyright Office's Copyright Deputy Registrar Zohra Begum and BASIS Director Ashraf Khan.

TECH BITS

Pluto probe sends back photos of possible ice volcano



Microsoft bundles 1TB Xbox One with 'Tom Clancy's The Division'



Microsoft HoloLens can talk to just about any device



Iran shuts down most of its nuclear program



Amazon Echo can read your Kindle books aloud on request

