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HANDS ON REVIEW

LAVA IRIS 505

Budget phones, particularly the entry level ones (priced under Tk. 3000), almost never feel premium. The Lava Iris 505 though, is quite the bang for the buck with a solid build that gives your hands the feel of a decent budget smartphone.

Paired with a neat UI, Iris 505's 4″ WVGA screen looks rather vibrant. You can't expect a kickass processor from inexpensive phones like these but the 1.3 GHz Dual Core processor does a smooth job of keeping the phone fast and functional. The transitions are not sluggish and make switching between apps a flawless experience.

When it comes down to taking photos, the 2MP front and rear cameras maintain their standards and let you take photos that can be passed off as decent when shot in proper lighting. We loved the fact that even at this price range, there were three camera modes to choose from- FaceBeauty, Panaroma and Smile shot. You can also tweak a few things here and there according to your preference.

The 1400mAh battery might not blow your mind away but it'll last a day unless you spend a lot of time browsing the web. Surprisingly, the Iris 505 has a good sound quality to offer. We loved listening to our favourite songs through the earphones that came with the phone.

PRICE: Tk. 2945/- plus GP bundle offer

iris 505
4.0″ WVGA screen
2 mp rear and 2 mp front camera
512mb RAM. 4gb ROM
1.3 Ghz dual core cpu
1400 mAh battery

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APPLE WWDC 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

This year's WWDC was not about getting more people to use Apple goodies but about making it better for the people who already do. That is one way of saying; it had nothing related to any new hardware other than improvements on the OS front. A new and improved Watch OS, Watch OS 3 was revealed which has a serious performance boost and is faster than the previous version. It also improves the interface with new control features. A new TV OS was also mentioned which has a ton of new native apps and allows you to use your iPhone as a remote. The OS for the Mac has also been overhauled and is renamed as Mac OS Sierra. It has some key new features like Auto Unlock that unlocks your MacBook when you open it wearing your Apple Watch. It also features a universal clipboard which is a common clipboard for all of your Apple devices. The stuff you copy on your iPhone can be used on your MacBook. Mac now

also has SIRI which is open for developers' i.e it can interact with third party apps. The Mac OS also has new provisions for you to pay using a PayPal or Amazon account. Another key announcement was iOS 10. New features of iOS 10 include a way for you to delete stock apps like Weather, News etc. The notifications on the lock screen are also made prettier and now comes with an all clear button. iOS 10 has better integration of 3D Touch. Widgets, for example, can be brought up through that now. Apps made by Apple like the Music and News app have all been reworked and there is a new app called Home that acts like a hub for all of your home appliances. iOS 10 also makes your emoji game strong , it prompts you to replace word in your sentences to be replaced by emojis and the emojis are all three times bigger than before. Another key point on the OS front is the implementation of machine learning. For example your photos app will now be able to categorize photos based on their subjects and will store them accordingly.

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BRINGING THE NEXT BILLION

Shameen Ahsan, the exiting President of BASIS, talks about his tenure and all the initiative of BASIS in an one-on-one interview with BYTES

So tell us what was your key focus during the last four years?

As a body our primary focus for the last four years were exploring and penetrating new markets for our members. Hence each year we organised Digital World, a congress where members displayed products and services for local and foreign market. We were able to showcase our products to more than 4 Lac people in each Digital World Expos. Since various ministries of the government participated in the event, so our member organisations were able to get acquainted with most of the government innovations and the key people behind it. We hosted several match-making events for our member organisations, which helped the members to tap in to new markets. We took the Netherlands Trust Fund project with the sole view to introduce our IT enabled services. Through this project we were able to arrange 22 B2B match-making sessions in Europe. A total 60 member organisations attended these B2B match-making sessions. You would be amazed to hear that these companies combined are exporting more than USD 100 million equivalent services.

BASIS with the assistance of the government was able to get corporate tax exempted for its members and ICT entrepreneurs. We took a project with Asian Development Bank to create 23000 IT professionals. We not only wanted to create businesses but also wanted to create new jobs and qualified professionals to fill up those vacancies.

What do you think are the projects that the new EC members need to focus on right away?

A big project that the current Executive Committee was working on was the amendment in public procurement act. We along with the government, wanted to make scope for local industries to be able to participate directly when the government is procuring IT enabled services. I am sure the new EC will be able to handle this smoothly and be able to give us the good news.

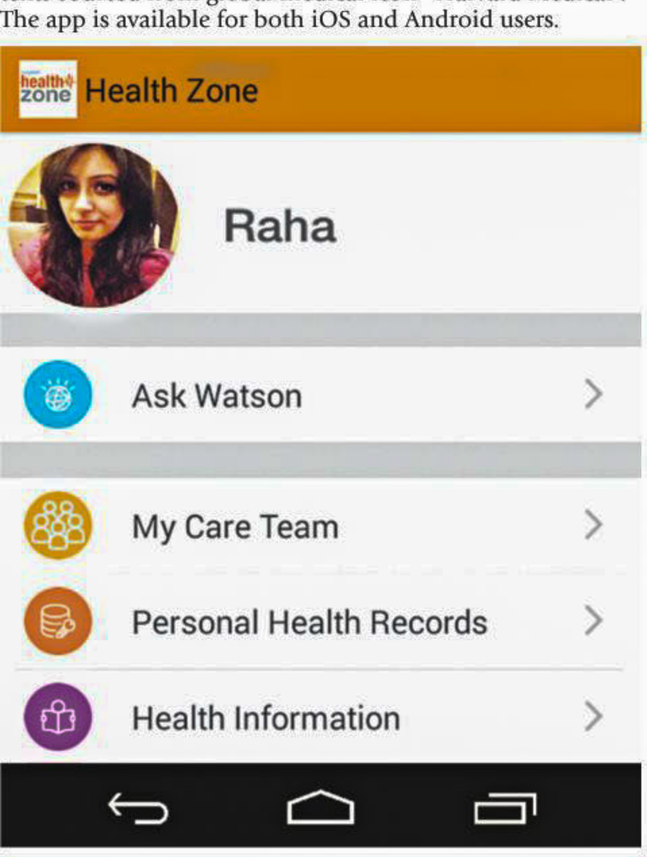
Anything you would want to say to the candidates of the EC election and the members of BASIS?

Firstly, I would want to thank the members of BASIS for their support the entire time. Whatever we were able to accomplish would have been impossible without your support. I would also convey my gratitude to all the associated government and private bodies for helping us in every possible way. Lastly I want to thank the EC members for extending their support to make BASIS an efficient organisation. And to the competing candidates, I wish them best of luck. They all are highly qualified and extremely capable individuals. Whoever takes over the office, I am sure BASIS will be in the right hands.

APPS ON THE FLOOR

Name of App: Banglalink Health Zone
Developer: GenieMD
Platforms: Android & iOS
Size: 37M

Banglalink, a leading digital communication service provider of this country has brought a health app named "Banglalink Health Zone". This app will enable users to enjoy personalised health service, from the comfort of their own homes. Banglalink users will be able to store their comprehensive health data with the app's neatly designed dashboard. The users can also arrange their health-related information and share the data with physicians or care providers through their mobile. By subscribing to "Banglalink Health Zone" users will receive all health contents sourced from global medical icon "Harvard Medical". The app is available for both iOS and Android users.



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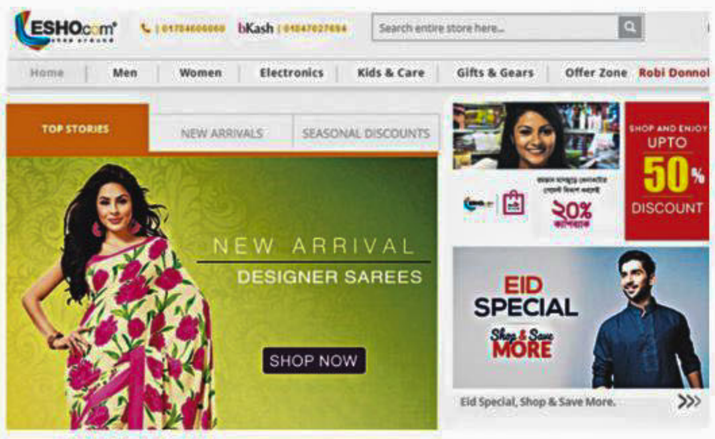

UP TO 50% DISCOUNT AT ESHO.COM IN THIS EID

E-commerce site esho.com has declared 10 to 50 percent discount for the month of Ramadan. The customers will also get up to 20 percent concession if payment is made through bKash. With this offer customers can buy panjabi, saree, shirt, salwar kameez, jeans, shoes, sandals, bags, bed sheets and many more at a discounted price.

HUAWEI OFFERS TO PLAY WITH SHAKIB

Huawei has initiated the 'Play with Shakib' offer for the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr. Customers will be able to avail this offer by purchasing a Huawei smartphone. Purchasing a Huawei smartphone, two lucky customers every day will win an opportunity to play with Shakib Al Hasan, the best all-rounder in the world. Moreover, two lucky customers will win a Huawei tab and 10 lucky customers will win a power bank every day. From June 10, 2016 (Friday) till Eid day, customers will be able to purchase Huawei handsets for a discount of up to Tk. 10,000.

WALTON INTRODUCES PRIMO ZX2 LITE

Walton has launched its latest Android smart phone "Primo ZX2 Lite," featured with Lollipop 5.1, 6-inch full HD screen, 2.5D curve glass, high performance 5020 mAh Li-polymer battery, USB Type C with 'Express Fast Charging' technology to charge the phone in less than two hours. The screen of this phone comes with a 4th Gen Corning Gorilla Glass to protect the display from scratches and cracks while 2.5D Curved Glass will be a delight for the users' touch senses, he said. The built-in 5020 mAh Li-polymer battery coupled with a high performance and low power consumption CPU provides the phone more than 450 hours of standby time and up to 1350 minutes of talk time. In addition, type C USB with express fast charging technology is used in Primo ZX2 Lite so that users can charge this phone in less than two hours and also transfer data very quickly. This mobile set features a 16 mega pixel auto focus rear camera and 8 mega pixel front cameras with BSI sensor and ultra pixel mode, which will help the users capture images at 80 mega pixel resolution by stitching around 5 images. Primo ZX2 Lite has an internal 64GB data storage space based on micro chip, for which the users can save huge files. Besides, the external memory can be extended up to

TECH REPUBLIC SIGNS DEALTO DISTRIBUTE REVE ANTIVIRUS IN BANGLADESH

REVE Systems has appointed Tech Republic as its sole distributor for its anti-malware product, REVE Antivirus, in Bangladesh. Tech Republic is involved in IT Hardware and Software distribution and provides IT solutions. REVE Antivirus is a new generation anti-malware product that comes with a quick scan feature and ability to control the software in multiple PC's from the mobile phone.

TECH BITS

India's ClearTax raises $12M to expand into new financial services

Airbnb launches campaign to ease registration requirements for SF hosts

Zeiss made a really premium Google Cardboard headset

Alienware is also working on one of those VR backpacks

Experimental Firefox feature lets you use multiple identities while surfing the web