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BEST 7 SMARTPHONES UNDER 30K

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For a generation that prefers being glued to a screen, smartphones are probably now part of lifestyle. We know smartphones in different shapes and sizes. We also understand, you can't go crazy over a single purchase and buy a high-end phone that'll drain all your greens. So, here's a compilation of the best phones under 30K:

ONEPLUS X

OnePlus has been quite the sensation for tech-enthusiasts since the very first day. Their first mid-range smartphone is a hit among those with slightly smaller pockets. A stunning 5" Corning Gorilla Glass at 1080p with 440ppi feels like a breath of fresh air. The cameras are decent for your regular day to day shots with 8MP up front and 13MP at the back. A Qualcomm Snapdragon 801 powers the phone backed by a 2,525 mAh LiPo battery to get you through the day. PRICE: Tk.26,700/-



SAMSUNG GALAXY J7 2016

The J7 and the J5 are wonderful options to consider when looking for a smartphone at this range. It's decent and a quick grab if you don't have particular preferences and are looking for a product that won't let you down. Coming with a 5.5" screen and a 1.5GHz Octa-core processor it has 1.5GB of RAM and a 16GB ROM. There's a 5MP front camera and a 13MP one at the back. 16GB of internal memory should be enough for your songs and photos



XIAOMI REDMI NOTE 3 PRO

Xiaomi's strong fan base is there for a solid reason and with every new phone it just keeps getting larger. The Redmi Note 3 Pro is for you if you're a customization freak who likes a simplistic approach to tech. The 5.5" screen has a resolution of 1080 x 1920 pixels with a pixel density of 403 ppi. Inside there's a Qualcomm Snapdragon 650 with 3GB RAM and 32GB storage. The 16MP back and 5MP front cameras won't disappoint you



ASUS ZENFONE 2 LASER ZE601KL

Zenphones look cool, act cool and is a solid choice for power users. Packed with a Snapdragon 615 processor, 3GB of RAM and a 3000mAh battery, this is a phone that'll keep on running without bumps all throughout a busy day. One of the best things about Asus phones is their ZenUI-beautiful, neat and unique, it's designed with a user-first approach in mind. PRICE: Tk. 24,300/-



LG NEXUS 5X:

Nexus phones are a list-topper for any category, performance or design-wise. With a 5.2" FHD screen above a Snapdragon Qualcomm 808 processor, 2GB RAM and a 2,700mAh battery, this is a premium device that meets all your needs and more. The 5MP front camera is great for selfies and the 12.3MP camera at the back has laser-assisted autofocus and lets you capture video in 4K. PRICE: Tk. 26,000/-



MOTOROLA MOTO G4 PLUS:

One of the best things about Motorola are the personalization options they offer for their smartphones. From front and back colors to the greeting message on your phone, you can change it all according to your preferences. The Moto G4 Plus is no rookie on the inside either. Running Android Marshmallow on a Qualcomm Snapdragon 617 and 2/4GB RAM, it's a top competitor. The 16MP back camera (5MP front) lets you take brilliant photos. The 5.5" display has a resolution of 1920x1080 at 440ppi. PRICE: Tk. 25,500/-



HUAWEI G7 PLUS:

Huawei has rolled out a few decent phones over the past couple of years and the G7 Plus is no different. Run by a Qualcomm 8-core processor, 3GB RAM and 32GB ROM, it has all the top notch bells and whistles at this range. The 3000mAh battery is a treat for those of us who spend time on their phone a lot. When it comes to taking photos, there's a 13MP primary camera and a 5MP secondary one. PRICE: Tk. 27,990/-

TOP 5 MOST ANTICIPATED GAMES OF THE LAST HALF OF 2016

Here we bring you a list of games from different platform. We know you have been waiting for them for quite a while. Well the wait is almost over so hold your horses. And people who didn't know what awesome games are coming out; it's your lucky day:

1. NO MAN'S SKY

Platforms: PlayStation 4, Microsoft Windows
Release date: August 9, 2016
Publisher: Hello Games
Genres: Adventure & Survival

DESCRIPTION: This game, since first unveiled at E3, has been creating buzz globally. Developed by Hello Games, an Indie studio, this game features a deterministic open universe, which includes over 18 quintillion planets, many with their own set of flora and fauna. It has already been announced as the most anticipated game this year by Amazon.



3. FORZA HORIZON 3

Platform: Xbox One
Release Date: Sept 27, 2016
Publisher: Microsoft Studios

Genre: Racing
DESCRIPTION: The extremely popular racing game is making a comeback. Whether you are a petrolhead or not, the intense gameplay and stunning graphics is more than good enough reason to buy this game (and even buy an Xbox One).



2. FIFA 17

Publisher: EA Sports
Release date: 27 September 2016
Platforms: Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One

Genre: Interactive Sports
DESCRIPTION: EA Sports, as part of their yearly ritual, will be sprouting out yet another FIFA. The game is being developed using Frostbite game engine. And like every year it will be one of the best selling games...again.



4. FINAL FANTASY XV

Platforms: PlayStation 4, Xbox One
Release date: Sept 30, 2016
Publisher: Square Enix
Genre: Role playing action

Description: The 15th issue of the role playing action game series Final Fantasy is back. This game is going to be available on PS4 and Xbox One. The current story arc is set on Eos and has a some added twist- according to the developers.



5. BATTLEFIELD 1

Platforms: PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Microsoft Windows
Release date: October 21, 2016
Publisher: Electronic Arts
Genre: First-person shooter

DESCRIPTION: Battlefield is back... and this time it's going to on the backdrop of First World War. The grubby latest addition of the game set on the early twentieth century provides a welcome change of pace for the series that has been focusing on modern warfare lately. Super Excited!

TECH HAPPENING

NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY TO HOLD 'CYBERNAUTS 2016'

North South University Computer and Engineering Club is organising daylong event 'Cybernavts', a talent showcasing platform for NSU students as well as students from all over Bangladesh that will be held from 15th July to 18th July, 2016 in the North South University. This event will enable our Bangladeshi students to gather knowledge from outside and explore their IT talent. They will get the chance to expose and face global competitions. The event will feature 4 National inter-university contests on- 1) National Programming Contest -



15th & 16th July, 2) Line Follower Robot Contest - 15th and 16th July, 3) Engineering Project Showcase - 15th July and 4) Cyber Athletics (Gaming Contest) - 15th, 16th and 17th July. There are 110 teams in National Programming Contest, 90 teams in Line Follower Robot Contest, 20 teams in Engineering Project Showcase, 60+ teams and 200+ individuals in Cyber Athletics is participating in this event. There is a huge amount of prize money and gift vouchers for champion team and runner up teams. For more details about the event, please go to <http://nsucec.org/cybernavts> or visit the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NSUCEC/> or check out the event page <https://www.facebook.com/nsuceccybernavts/>

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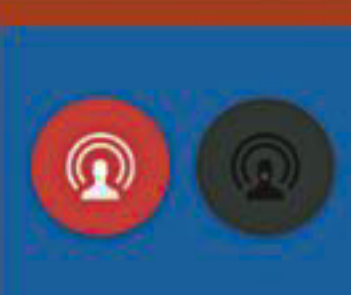
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