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THE TOP TRAVEL TECH FOR 2017

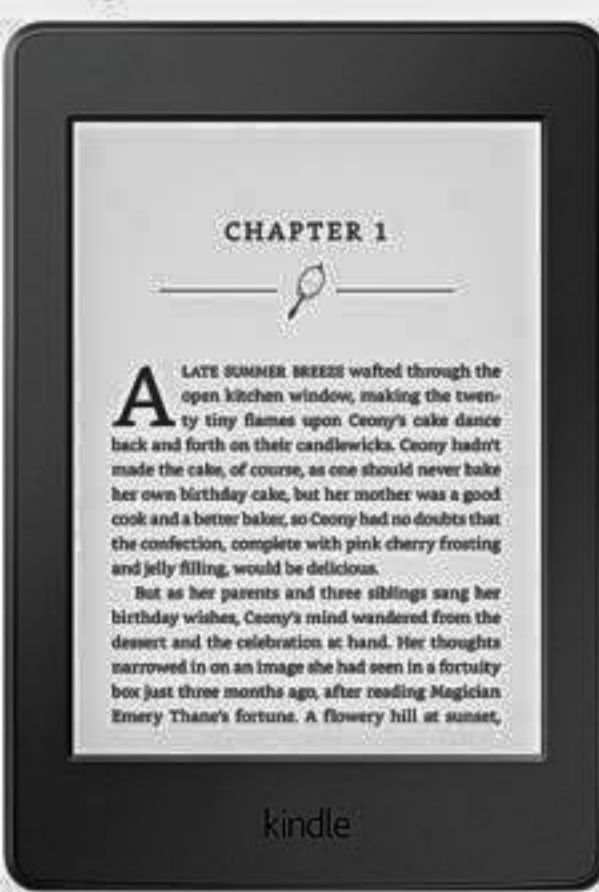
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Travelling is all about leaving it all behind. But here are the coolest tech items the seasoned traveller might not want to leave behind.

ENTERTAINMENT

AMAZON KINDLE PAPERWHITE

If you love reading books, this is THE gadget. Soft lit front to avoid eye strain in the dark. Charge once a month. **\$120**



LIGHTWEIGHT NOTEBOOKS FOR TRAVEL

When you travel, you need the lightest notebook you can get. And yes, there are great options that are not named Air. Lenovo LaVie Z550 is lighter than a hip Air at 0.78kg. 13-inch, dual-core Broadwell processor. **\$1,300**. Asus ZenBook 3 is 12.5 inches, gorilla glass, full-size keyboard and a fingerprint reader. i7 processor, 16GB DDR3, 128MB Intel HD Graphics 620. 512GB SSD. Weighs 0.91kg and lightens your wallet by **\$1,600**.

ROKU STREAMING STICK (3600R)

If you're stuck in a hotel for a long time, play your stored content by streaming to a smart TV. Up to 1080P video. Powered by a TV's USB port. **\$49**



SURVIVAL

LIFESTRAW

You're travelling to some place with dubious drinking water supply. This straw is a microbiological purification unit capable of filtering 1,000 litres of water sucked up through the straw. Removes 99.9999 percent of waterborne bacteria and parasites. No chemicals, no batteries and no moving parts. Cons: It will NOT remove salt. Won't work on ocean water or in extreme cases, your own bodily water supply. In case of zombie attack in the desert, you can drink your pee through Lifestraw; it will be clean but salty. Ultra-light, weighs only 56 grams. **\$20**



OVERBOARD PROVIS WATERPROOF GADGET BAG

Waterproof, compact at 30 litres, high visibility colors. Cons: Only available in those two high visibility colors. Won't match your brown leather hiking boots. Starts from roughly **\$40**.



ROYCE FREEDOM WALLET

It won't transform into a suit. But it will protect your data via an RFID shield that prevents hackers from accessing the info on your passport's RFID chip. It has a Bluetooth tag that syncs with your phone. Lose it and the phone notifies you. **\$99**

STAY CONNECTED

HOOTOO TRIPMATE ELITE TRAVEL ROUTER

Stuck in a hotel room with single device wi-fi connection? Use Ethernet, connect multiple gadgets. Two-port USB chargers for phones and tabs. 6,000mAh battery for outdoor charging. Hook up flash drive to share files with other devices. Retail for about **\$47**.



BATTERYPACK CASES

Everybody drops their phones. The universe has set a law that the newer/pricier the phone, the easier it breaks. You need a protector while tackling mountains or shopping mall stairs. BuQu Tech PowerArmour Case protects your smartphone accidental falls. Provides one full recharge. Nifty LEDs show how much charge remains. Retail for about **\$80**. Anker Ultra Slim Extended Battery Case, also for iPhone 6 retails for **\$46.99**. Adds less than 1/4th inch thickness. Adds additional 120% charge. The other popular device Samsung Galaxy S7, has PowerBear come to the rescue. 4,500 mAh. 24 Month Warranty and included screen protector. Retail for about **\$30**.



TAKE NOTES



EQUIL SMARTPEN 2

Helps take notes on a tablet like the iPad and write on paper like a ballpen. It will sync with your device and saves your ink scribbles. Pricy pen at **\$170**

BAMBOO SOLO FROM WACOM

Carbon fibre tip, weighs only 10grams to write, tap, draw on any device. Available in four colors. The Inkspace service easily lets you store, shape and share your ideas. Also much cheaper at under **\$20**.



SMART LUGGAGE

TRUNKSTER

Roller suitcase with the only zipperless, garage-door style opening. Built-in charger for your phone, GPS for tracking and it can weigh itself. **\$345** for the 22 inch carry on luggage. Is it worth buying? That depends on how deep your pocket is!



RADEN

Built-in charger, GPS, measuring scale to avoid excess weight. Comes with app providing relevant info such as best routes, TSA wait times and weather updates. Scratch-proof and available in seven colors. The 22-inch carry-on case is **\$295**; the 28-inch check-in case is **\$395**. The two cases are sold together for **\$595**. Trust me, traveling couldn't have gone more techier!



COMING UP:

Delsey Pluggage is a prototype that includes interior lighting, a fingerprint ID lock and a speaker for playing tunes from your phone while you wait. On the other hand, Samsonite, one of the oldest name in luggage is working on "self-propelled" luggage. Like a little puppy it will trail the owner six inches behind. And unlike a puppy, it will not hump. Most items here are not available for retail in Bangladesh. You can purchase online for which prices are shown in dollars. Or you can nag your favourite uncle to bring it for you.

JUST IN



Dell launches 7th gen Intel processor powered Inspiron 5567 Series laptops

Dell has announced an addition in its Inspiron 15 5000 series of laptops in Bangladesh, with the launch of the Inspiron 5567. The company claims that the laptop is suited for work, education, and even for entertainment needs of its users. The Inspiron 5567 laptop packs a 15-inch full-HD (1080x1920 pixels) TrueColor display. Powered by 7th Gen Intel Core i5 Processor, Windows 10 Home, 4GB memory & 1TB hard drive.

PRICE: TK. 58,500/-

TECH HAPPENING

ACM-ICPC Asia regional contest held in Dhaka

ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest (ACM-ICPC) is an annual multi-tiered competitive programming competition among the universities of the world. Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), University of Asia Pacific (UAP) hosted this year's Regional Final of the International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) at UAP city campus. The inauguration ceremony took place on Friday, November 18 and the prize giving and closing Ceremony took place on Saturday, November 19, 2016. Professor Dr. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice Chancellor, UAP was the Asia Dhaka

Regional Contest Director and Dr. Bilkis Jamal Ferdosi, Associate Professor & Head, CSE is the Program Coordinator of this year's event.

The competition is held in two rounds: online preliminary contest and onsite contest. A total of 1,665 teams were registered for the online preliminary contest. Among them, these 1,566 teams from 81 institutes had participated on October 15, 2016. This year all-Girls' team participation was record high - a total of 129 teams. A total of 125 teams competed for the onsite contest to be held on Saturday, November 19, 2016.



SSLCOMMERZ to provide online payment gateway service to Eastern University Chalo brings new features



SSLCOMMERZ will provide online payment gateway service for Eastern University. An online payment gateway service agreement has been signed between Eastern University (EU) and SSL Wireless. Connecting with SSLCOMMERZ's online payment gateway, EU will be able to collect all sort of payments from students easily and securely. Muhammed Siddique Hossain, Treasurer and Chief Operating Officer of Eastern University & Ashish Chakraborty from SSL Wireless signed the agreement on behalf of their organisations.

Bangladeshi technology startup Chalo has introduced four new services including - Air Ticket, Packet, Microbus and Short Message Service (SMS). For, impromptu family tours, a user can order avail the Microbus feature. Chalo Packet offers logistics support to send documents and or any other small packages within Dhaka city in minimum 2 hours. Users can now avail services with SMS too. Regarding the new features, Chalo's Chief Executive Officer Dewan Shuvo informed The Daily Star, "We pledge to integrate new services in Chalo to ease the lifeline of users day by day. The four new features are a part of its progress."

TECH BITS Intel is laying off a major portion of its wearables group



Japanese unicorn Mercari is gunning for eBay's crown



Google reverses its 'digital death sentence' for Pixel phone resellers



Facebook authorizes a \$6B stock buyback



Sony's Xperia Ear wearable voice assistant will be available in December for \$200

