

SEVEN BEST CAMERA SMARTPHONES ON A BUDGET

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Did you know that seven out of ten Bangladeshis, while buying a smartphone, prefers one with a better camera than a bigger battery? Well, I made this fact up but it is definitely true that people nowadays prefer buying smartphones with a better camera than anything else. Hence manufacturers don't tend to take cameras for granted anymore. But buying a great camera phone might put a dent on your pocket. Starting from BDT 40k, the price tag can go up to BDT 100k. But there are few phones out there with pretty good camera that might satiate your needs. Here's a list of the best camera phones under BDT 25,000/- that are available in the market currently.



Oppo F1s
Camera Specs:
Primary: 13 MP, f/2.2, phase detection autofocus
Secondary: 16 MP, f/2.0, 1/3.1" sensor size
Why Buy: The tagline of the phone is 'Selfie Expert'. I think that clears things up. The phone comes with a huge front camera sensor making sure group selfies are pristine and sharp. The back camera of the phone is an awesome shooter as well. We recommend buying it if you take 90% of your photos with the front camera.
Price: Tk. 23,900/-



Moto G4 Plus
Camera Specs:
Primary: 16 MP, f/2.0, phase detection & laser autofocus
Secondary: 5 MP, f/2.2, auto-HDR
Why Buy: A simple user interface coupled with a powerful image processor makes this phone a must have for snap-bugs. The camera out performs even some high end cameras thanks to its impressive phase detection and laser autofocus.
Price: Tk.18-20,000/-



Helio S2
Camera Specs:
Primary Camera: 13 MP with SONY IMX258 chipset and f/2.0
Secondary: 8 MP with OV8865 chipset and f/2.2
Why Buy: Only local brand to make our list, with reason. The S2 comes with a camera that's simply hard to beat. Wide range of options in pro-mode and an array of filters makes every photo as brilliant as your Instagram feed.
Price: Tk. 15,990/-

OnePlus X
Camera Specs:
Primary:13 MP, f/2.2, 1/3" sensor size, 1.14 µm pixel size
Secondary: 8 MP, f/2.4
Why Buy: If you want a phone that gives you exceptionally

detailed close up shot then OnePlus X is definitely worth checking out. The phone can struggle a bit at night but at day time the camera can beat most entry level DSLRs.
Price: Tk. 22,000/-



Google Nexus 5X

Camera Specs:
Primary: 12.3 MP, f/2.0, 26mm, 1/2.3" sensor size, 1.55µm pixel
Secondary: 5 MP, f/2.0, 1/4" sensor size, 1.4 µm pixel size, HDR
Why Buy: In the pre-PIXEL universe, Google's Nexus 5X was considered the go-to phone for an awesome camera on vanilla android. The phone's '1.55 micro pixel-ed' rear camera could trap more lights from environment resulting in superb captures in low light.
Price: Tk. 24-25,000/-



Xiaomi Mi5

Camera Specs:
Primary: 16 MP, f/2.0, OIS (4-axis), 1/2.8" sensor size, 1.12 µm pixel size
Secondary: 4 MP, f/2.0, 1/3" sensor size, 2µm pixel size
Why Buy: If you want your selfies to cover a wide angle and don't plan on losing details, pick this. The rear snapper is sharp as always. We particularly love that the camera could guess the age and gender of people in real time.
Price: Tk. 24-25,000/-



ASUS ZenFone 2

Camera Specs:
Primary: 13 MP, f/2.0
Secondary: 5 MP, f/2.0
Why Buy: Though this phone came out almost a year ago, with the same price tag and spectacular camera on offer - it's a phone that you can consider when you don't have a deep pocket. The rear camera takes excellent photos without even turning HDR on.
Price: Tk. 24,600/-



FOR THE RIDES THAT DON'T MATTER

Taking the stairs is rare these days unless and until you're someone who loses sleep over calories. You come home after a long day, jam your fingers on the elevator button twice or thrice or up to the point where someone asks how bad your day went and get inside for a few awkward seconds standing beside strangers who are equally eager to get off from this temporary confinement. We don't really care about something as trivial as "how good the elevator functioned". Call it our habit of shutting out certain matters we deem as insignificant or simply being ignorant- ironically, there's an entire industry that cares a lot about how smoothly you get from the ground floor to your apartment or to that kickass hotel suite.

Machine Room-Less elevators or MRLs are not a new concept. But they are uncommon in our country when you consider the extent of authenticity that most manufacturers claim to have. Not everyone has it, not everyone does it right. And as an architect, it's a hassle to think about lift machine rooms. It's space you could use for other purposes and a very power-hungry way to provide a service that is used by the mass all day.

Manufacturers like Kone, though, have changed the industry through innovations that are designed to make our lives easier. Instead of a heat-packed room that serves as a control base for the elevator and draws in a lot of electricity, why not have a single compact motor that does the job better, smoother and quicker while taking up minimal space and being energy-efficient? Kone's EcoDisk motor saves up to 3.5 lacs for you in an entire year with the energy savings percentile going over 50. Pair that up with what they call the UltraRope, you've got a perfect elevator solution for mid to high-rise buildings.

And Kone's impressive clientele backs up their reputation for being one of the best at what they do. From leading landmarks such as the Olympic Stadium in Beijing or the Princess Tower in Dubai to luxurious hotels like the Marina Bay Sands in Singapore, they've brilliantly designed the entire experience of moving from concrete bottom to sky high.



How much we don't know about the things we use every day is amusing. It's alright, though. We care about getting from point A to point B and what happens when we do and then there are those who work to make that journey, no matter how insignificant, significantly better. It's a fairly well-balanced system.

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TECH HAPPENING

SSD-TECH & BFP-B funded DFID signs agreement



Business Finance for the Poor in Bangladesh (BFP-B), funded by the Department for International Development (DFID) of The UK Government has signed a contract with a consortium led by Systems Solutions & Development Technologies Limited (SSD-TECH). The consortium consisting of SSD-TECH, Mind Initiatives and eCourier would provide 'Access to Finance and Outsourcing Services for micro & small sized (MSE) e-commerce retailers'. The contract was signed by Buddhika Samarasinghe of Nathan Associates London, representing BFP-B Challenge Fund and Hasan Mehdi, CEO of SSD-TECH in a simple ceremony held at SSD-TECH's Corporate Office in Dhaka.

Maiden data centre summit kicks off in dhaka

Two day long eight-nation summit on data centre and green technology kicked off in Dhaka last Friday. Engineers' Institute Bangladesh President Kabir Ahmed Bhuiyan inaugurated the international summit as chief guest at Krishibid Institute. Bangladesh Computer Society, Computer Engineering Division of IEB, ASHRARE and DCicon jointly organised this one of a kind summit. While addressing as the chief guest, IEB President Kabir Ahmed Bhuiyan said that Bangladeshi engineers has excelled in data centre technology in recent years. "This kind of summit becomes an occasion for national and international level experts in the field to strengthen the resource through knowledge sharing. There are over 500 data centres in our country where the engineers, manufacturers are providing global standard services," Bhuiyan added.

Linux Pathshala received Red Hat awards

Linux Pathshala has been awarded in three categories out of four at the RedHat India annual conference in Sri Lanka recently. Red Hat is a global platform of the developers, researchers working on the open source solution based on Linux. Linux Pathshala Chief Executive Nasir Uddin Pavel received the awards as overseas partners at the Red Hat Annual Partner Conference of Redhat India. Red Hat rewards the international partners every year in four categories – RHCSA, Certification of Expertise, Maximum Courseware ad Maximum Open Batch.

Huawei launches budget dual camera phone GR5 2017 Edition



Huawei launched the GR5 2017 Edition at Radisson Blu Hotel in the capital this Thursday. The phone features a dual camera at a reasonable price. It comes with 12MP and 2MP rear cameras that work together to autofocus in 0.3 seconds. It also gives users a dynamic depth of field and wide-angle shots unlike single lens cameras. The smartphone's 8MP front camera has a 78° wide angle visual range and 4P lens array along with panoramic selfie mode. Pre-booking for GR5 2017 began on Dec 1 and will continue till December 15. During pre-booking period, customer can business backpack, selfie stick or even 32GB SD card.
Price: Tk. 21,900/-

