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HANDS-ON REVIEW

INFINIX NOTE 3

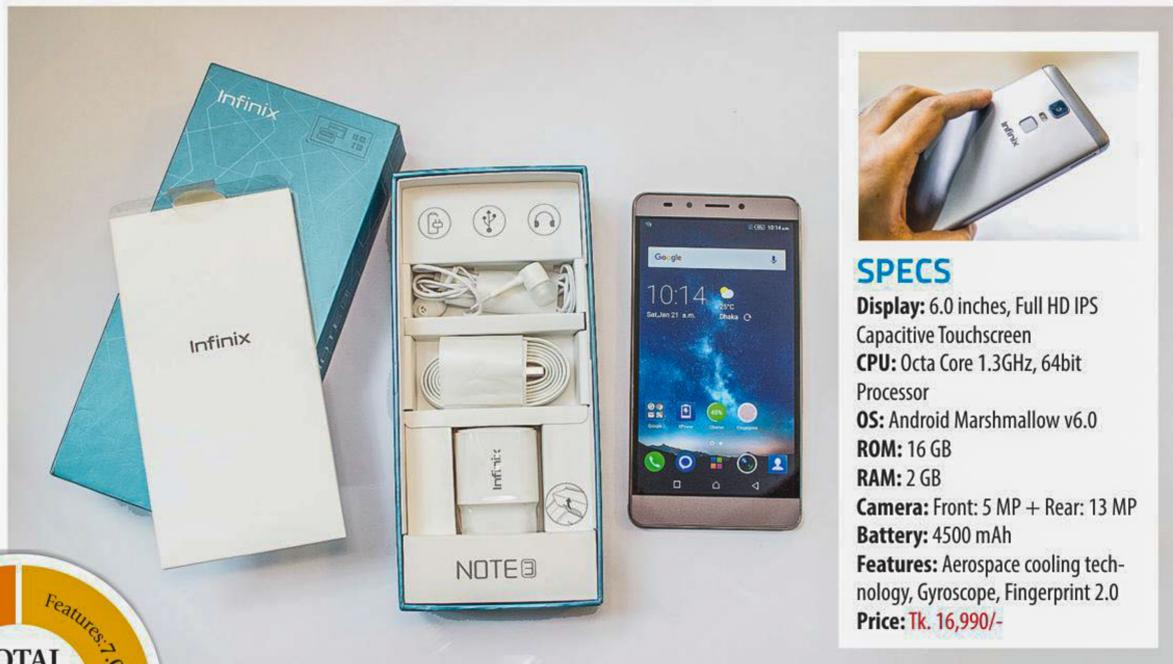
Just like fried chicken outlets, almost every other week we have a new smartphone name popping up on in Bangladesh. Do all fried chicken taste like chicken? Do all smartphones come up to be smart? We'll try to answer at least one of those questions fully. Infinix is a new company started a few years ago. Based in Hong Kong, they do their R&D in France and Korea with manufacturing sent to China. No surprise in the last bit because everything other than Kanye West is made in China. No one wants that.

FIRST IMPRESSION

The Infinix Note 3 is a 6-inch phablet. The packaging is kept minimal with solid colors as is the norm now for any device wanting to appear premium. The usual headphones, charger and data cable come in bright white. It's nice of them to include a hard, thin screen protector. Design follows contemporary cues with rounded corners and smooth chamfered edges. It's the same way fried chicken outlets don't mess with the traditional recipe: stay safe with what works. The buttons are all on the right and a fingerprint scanner at the back. The slippery metal allows it to pass the pocket test but barely. Expect an awkward bulge for tight pants.

DISPLAY & HARDWARE

The IPS 1080p 6-inch display is sharp and



SPECS

Display: 6.0 inches, Full HD IPS Capacitive Touchscreen
CPU: Octa Core 1.3GHz, 64bit Processor
OS: Android Marshmallow v6.0
ROM: 16 GB
RAM: 2 GB
Camera: Front: 5 MP + Rear: 13 MP
Battery: 4500 mAh
Features: Aerospace cooling technology, Gyroscope, Fingerprint 2.0
Price: Tk. 16,990/-

feature known as soft flash that lights up your face in low light situations without causing a glare typical of LED flashes. I'm quite surprised how well this basic unit captures plenty of resolved detail. Selfie experts will appreciate this and the fact they can use the fingerprint scanner or gestures to record their smiles.

CONNECTIVITY & BATTERY

No 4G capability and NFC. One we don't get yet so no need to bother. But no NFC? C'mon. NFC makes things like file sharing so much easier. Does it all last though? We've managed to go through a whole day thanks to the large 4500mAh Li-Po battery, a range typical of phablets of this spec.

VERDICT

To answer our initial question. No, all fried chicken do not taste the same. Some don't even taste like chicken. And is the Infinix a smart contender? It's a familiar design and solidly built like a fried chicken you've eaten before. It's big but easy to handle: haven't dropped it while riding a jittery rickshaw through Indira Road. It does all you need and run any game you want. But the occasional laggy interface can be a minor annoyance. This is balanced by good selfies and a host of built-in security features. So far it ticks all the right boxes for a price that is easy on the wallet.

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bright at 368ppi. The power is provided by 1.3 GHz octa-core CPU of the MediaTek Helio X10 MT6753 chipset. In this day of nearly double digit phablet RAM, this device manages to go by with 2GB of RAM. The GPU is an ARM Mali-T720. Scores on AnTuTu were 37997. Geekbench scores show 601 for single core performance and 2581 for multi-core performance. You can see comparative scores via link on our site. The fingerprint scanner is accurate and fast.

Device runs smooth, performs well and runs our games like Real Racing 3 without hiccups. Which is at odds with the occasional laggy feel of the simple tasks like switching apps and swiping across the interface.

OS

The device comes with its own customised user interface known as the XOS Chameleon based on Android 6.0 Marshmallow. The UI has a few custom features especially for security such as Xhide and Freezer which help hide your info. Xmanager provides locking option of different apps. We like that they

have not loaded it up with bloatware apps no one wants.

CAMERA

The main camera is a 13MP with phase detection autofocus, face and smile detection and a dual LED flash. Autofocus locks on within a couple seconds. Pictures come out bright with neutral colors. If you zoom in and look closely, there are jagged edges especially on text. A bit like the skin on fried chicken. But for the most purposes, it provides pictures with plenty of clarity. Secondary front camera is 5MP with a cool

TECH HAPPENING

Grameenphone and OPPO announce bundle offer with new devices



Grameenphone, in association with Smartphone brand OPPO, has announced bundle offer with two new devices, OPPO F1s and A33F. The devices and offer were announced at an event held at GP House in the capital. Yasir Azman, Chief Marketing Officer of Grameenphone; Yi Haijun Navy Yi, Managing Director of OPPO Bangladesh; Li Zepeng Bruce Lee, Marketing Manager of OPPO Bangladesh; Ahmed Iftekhar Sunny, Marketing Operation In-charge of OPPO Bangladesh; Ravinder Parashar, Head of IOT, M4D & Device of Grameenphone; Sarder Showkat Ali, Head of Device of Grameenphone, and other GP officials were present at the event. Grameenphone is offering 1GB free data with OPPO F1s and A33F devices. Customers can also purchase 2.5GB data at BDT 427 and can avail another 2.5GB data free for 7 days 6 times in 6 months.

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D-Link invests in enhancing support infrastructure in Bangladesh



D-Link recently has announced the launching of D-Link Service Centre in Bangladesh. D-Link has appointed Computer Source Limited (CSL) as the service partner for Bangladesh. Present at the service center inauguration Mr. Sanket Kulkarni, VP - Channel Sales, India & SAARC said, "As an undisputable leader in end-to-end networking solution, D-Link offers the finest & latest in connectivity equipment's along with best in class support. Customer satisfaction remains a key focus area, and D-Link is committed to invest in building a solid support infrastructure."

REVE Antivirus with advanced parental control

Welcoming the modern parents, REVE Systems - a Bangladeshi multinational software company - has brought own branded antivirus. The 'REVE Antivirus' features Advanced Parental Control which includes Remote Surveillance through free mobile app apart from blocking. Apart from Advanced Parental Control, REVE Antivirus - the OPSWAT certified antimalware - also ensures PC never goes slow.

JUST IN

Samsung launches new refrigerator with digital inverter technology

Samsung Electronics has announced the launch of its innovative bottom mount refrigerator at the Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF) 2017 in its pavilion at Sher-E-Bangla Nagar. It comes in two different model names RB21KMFH5SE/D2 and RB21KMFH5SK/D2. Price: Tk. 42,900/-



TELECOM INDUSTRY'S IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY OF BANGLADESH

- 6.2% contribution to total GDP in 2015
- 1300 crore USD contribution to the economy in 2015
- 780,000 working directly or indirectly here in 2016
- 20% of the total users are using 3G now
- 10% of govt's revenue is directly or indirectly linked to this industry
- 33% cellphone user growth in Q4 of 2016

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TECH BITS

Defense and Homeland Security Secretaries confirmed controlling \$86.7 billion in tech spending



Apple Suing Qualcomm for \$1 Billion



Sundance merges VR with real life through props, AR, and vibrating suits



Obama returns to his original Twitter handle and launches Obama.org



President Trump has officially taken over @POTUS

