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TOP 7 LAPTOPS FOR STUDENTS

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These days' laptops are sort of essential companion of students in colleges and universities and even in schools. And there are good reasons for having a laptop: you need them for you assignments, class notes, running simulations, conducting research on the move, compiling reports and also for binge watching YouTube and movies or TV shows. For this week's issue we compiled a list of top 7 laptops for students. We took in account the price, specs, weight and build when making the list. So here they are:

ASUS ZENBOOK UX305

- WHY BUY**
- One of the most impressive ultrabook on budget
 - Very light and thin body with shiny metal polish
 - Great hardware and very durable build
 - Amazing keyboard and trackpad

PRICE: TK. 70,000/-



ACER ASPIRE E5-473G

- WHY BUY**
- Although a year old still comes with great hardware
 - Inexpensive yet all-round performance
 - Stable and soundless fans
 - Durable; will survive minor bumps without a hiccup

PRICE: TK. 26,000/-



MACBOOK AIR 13

- WHY BUY**
- Superior battery performance; up to 10 hours
 - Metal body and sleek
 - Best for light programming & coding
 - Industry leading keyboard and trackpad

PRICE: TK. 87,000/-



LENOVO IDEAPAD 510S

- WHY BUY**
- Smart design, soothing colour and metal interior
 - Glaze free screen with high colour contrast
 - Decent performance and durable body
 - Above average battery life

PRICE: TK. 50,300/-



ASUS TRANSFORMER BOOK T100TAM

- WHY BUY**
- Probably the best hybrid on a budget
 - Awesome touch screen for tablet mode
 - Better battery than other hybrids
 - Lightweight and compact

PRICE: TK. 36,000/-



DELL INSPIRON 15 5000

- WHY BUY**
- Above average performance due to 6th Gen i5 processor
 - Dedicated AMD graphics
 - Decent build quality with posh exterior
 - 720p camera is great for skype calls

PRICE: TK. 51,000/-



HP 14-AM092TU

- WHY BUY**
- Premium laptop with decent performance
 - Doesn't weight much despite being a bit chunky
 - 6th Gen Intel i3 as daily driver
 - Superb loud speakers

PRICE: TK. 31,500/-



How the telecom industry is evolving in Bangladesh

It has been nearly a year or two since we are seeing a sudden shift in the telecom industry of Bangladesh. The top telcos are now evolving their business model. As data is on the rise and voice based revenue showing a steady decline, we are seeing the telecom operators to expanding to new territories. Starting with Grameenphone, the leading telco, has launched several products in the market. A few of its ventures include: GPAY, Wowbox, Comoyo, Ki Dorkar, GP Music, Bioscope etc. GP also has an accelerator program through which it is actually grooming up and coming startups. They are also taking a sit on the board of the graduating in the startups. Whiteboard, another initiative of GP, is also playing a role in building the eco-system. Ki dorkar is an e-commerce of GP that's selling products to customers and that's beside GP's own handset business.

Robi and Banglalink aren't lagging far behind either in this race. Banglalink's online video streaming site Banglalink is being widely used amongst Banglalink users. Robi on the other hand has been doing pretty good with their Yonder Music service (which is a separate entity by Axiata). Robi, too has recently launched an e-shop to sell out device directly to the customers.

Are these telco's in anyway threatening the local e-commerce seen or are they boosting the competition? Coming soon on BYTES.

JUST IN



CS brings duplex scanner

Computer Source has brought Epson DS 520 Scanner for scanning both sides in one go for the local market. The Epson DS- 520 colour document scanner offers two-sided scanning, a 30-sheet automatic document feeder, maxi-

mum Paper Size 8.5" x 36", a capable scan utility and fast speed. It also can handle OCR well enough for most office needs. It's scanning speed up to 30 ppm/60 ipm. PRICE: TK. 45,000/-

TECH HAPPENING

Online hotel booking sites boosting tourism

According to Jovago, an online hotel booking portal, travellers are adopting technology to find hotel rooms now, more than ever before. More than 50 percent of global hotel bookings are searched, booked, paid and reviewed online. Additionally, 96 percent of primary travel researches are done on the Internet while 50 percent of Hotel accommodations are booked between 48 and 24 hours before check in time. As a result, tourism attraction is increasing here.

Huawei and 100 partners joined CeBIT this year

Huawei joined hands with 100 partners to exhibit ICT strategies and solutions under the theme of "Leading New ICT, The Road to Digital Transformation" at CeBIT 2017. The largest and most internationally represented information technology fair in the world, CeBIT, was held in Hanover, Germany from April 20 to 24. At CeBIT 2017, Huawei released a next-generation wireless communications solution, empowering enterprises to succeed in the digital age. The solution integrates voice, video, intercom, monitoring, IoT, and other services into a single system while providing industry-grade reliability and availability on both licensed and unlicensed bands.

Samsung brings all new Galaxy A7 2017

Samsung launched the new Galaxy A7 2017 smartphone recently. The phone comes with curved glass and metal body, creating a stylish harmony between style and performance. For the first time on the Galaxy A series, the smartphone offers IP68 water and dust resistance, allowing it to withstand the elements, including rain, sweat, sand and dust, making the device suitable for nearly any activity or situation. This device comes with enhanced camera features that makes it more stable with accurate auto focus and enables the users to easily snap a high resolution selfie with the floating camera button. In-built features like S Secure, S Power Planning and Secure Folder is also present in Galaxy A7 2017. PRICE: TK. 44,900/-



HP's 348 G4 laptop in town

The HP 348 G4 notebook is built with durability in mind – inside and out – to meet the needs of professionals on the move. The laptop comes with 7th Gen Intel Core processors, 4 GB RAM, 14.1 inch full HD screens, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and fingerprint security. PRICE: TK. 46,500/-

Walton launches Primo G7 with Android 7

Walton recently launched their first Android 7.0 powered smartphone Walton Primo G7. According to Walton, they are the first OEM to bring such a device in Bangladeshi market. The phone also comes with 5.5 inch screen, 1GB RAM and 8 GB ROM. This phone is currently available at Walton Plazas and branded outlets of Walton. PRICE: TK. 6,790/-



Oppo launches F3 Plus selfie expert

The F3 Plus is an upgrade of OPPO's Selfie expert family of smartphones, re-defining the dual front camera functionality. This model takes the 'Selfie Expert' capabilities to the forefront of the Group Selfie evolution. The phone features dual front camera (16MP + 8MP with 120° wide-angle), the rear camera (16 MP, f/1.7) with a customized IMX398 sensor co-developed with SONY, "six-string" antenna and VOOC charging technology with 4000 mAh battery. PRICE: TK. 39,990/-



DESKERA EXPANDS FOOTPRINT IN BANGLADESH

Deskera, a global-provider of cloud-based software solutions for small and mid-sized businesses, is expanding its presence in Bangladesh to bring enterprises business software. Having seen impressive growth globally—with 400% percent increase in revenue year over year—Deskera is committed to greater investment in the Bangladesh market. As part of the initiative, Deskera has partnered with Sheba Technologies Limited, a sister concern within Sheba Group, Bangladesh, to change the way enterprises do business in the country and thus help them enhance their productivity and growth. "Our increased investment in Bangladesh is integral to our long-term growth in the region and the rest of the world," explained Deskera CEO Shashank Dixit. "Demand for a complete software solution such as ours is high. Our mission has always been to provide world-class technology at an affordable price."

SSL Wireless to develop mobile application for The Guardian Life Insurance



Guardian Life Insurance has signed with SSL Wireless (Software Shop Limited) to develop a mobile application. The signing ceremony was held yesterday, 13th March 2017 at the Head Office of Guardian Life Insurance Limited. On that signing ceremony Mr. M Monirul Alam, the CEO of Guardian Life Insurance Company and Mr. Ashish Chakraborty, the COO of SSL Wireless signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organisations.

TECH BITS Google is working on a new social app for small groups to edit photos together



Tesla Model 3 will get a Performance version next year



Uber reportedly denied recruiters diversity data



Tesla's solar roof tiles will be available to order starting in April



Bangladeshi public toilet app wins UN-World Summit Award 2016

