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## TOP FIVE UNDER 35

Very often we get requests from our readers to recommend them a smartphone within a particular budget. We are used to these requests and we respond to our readers by compiling the list of smartphones based on the queries we get. Recently many of our readers have emailed us asking for smartphones within 30-35K price range. So responding to their request we have compiled a list of top five smartphones under BDT 35K. This list comprises of devices from brands that are officially selling in Bangladesh as well as the grey market products.

### Samsung Galaxy J7Pro

PRICE: TK. 30,900/-

**Why Buy:** In our opinion, Samsung J7Pro an impressive device in the entire J-line up. Sadly, due to fierce competition, this device remained a bit underrated. Except for the processor, we loved this phone's sleek design and 5.5 inch super AMOLED display.



### LG Q6

PRICE:

TK. 24,900/-

**Why Buy:** LG Q6 is a nifty slim device that many might fall in love with at the very first sight. The incredible form factor is coupled with above average specs have made this phone one of the of the top choice in this price bracket. The only annoying thing about this phone is it lacks a notification light on the front.

### Xiaomi Mi A1

TK. 23,490/-

**Why Buy:** Android One alone is a good reason to buy this device. MiA1 runs the latest generation of unmodified Android OS, providing the users a blissful experience. The dual camera on the back has already garnered quite some accolades. And for the price, it does come with some powerful hardware.



### Xiaomi Mi Max 2

PRICE: TK. 28,490/-

**Why Buy:** Bigger is always better- Xiaomi Mi Max 2 is the very epitome of that. Packing a 5300 mAh battery, this phone meant to last longer than any other standard smartphone in the market now. The all anodized full metal aluminum casing does provide a really premium feel. If you love watching movies on the go then this phone is worth considering.

### Moto Z2 Play

PRICE:

TK. 35,000/-

**Why Buy:** The Moto Z2 Play is a solid mid-range device. The swappable back might be a bit too high tech for most, but we actually loved it. Disregarding the modular feature, the phone has an above average hardware with a really good battery life. Good enough to be your next phone!



### Honourable Mentions

There are several devices that we would like to mention. These didn't make the actual list because of their lack of availability or for being a bit old or post-sales service and warranty issues. Starting with One Plus 3T which will cost you around 30K in the current market. It is a great device, despite having a bit of old gen hardware. There are several others including Huawei Honor 8, ZTE Axon 7, Samsung Galaxy A7, Sony Xperia XA Ultra etc.

### JUST IN

## Symphony brings 4G enabled FHD Display smartphone P9 plus

Symphony recently launched a new smartphone, the P9 plus. This camera phone is equipped with 13MP cameras with special beauty mode and a 13MP front camera, along with selfie spotlight. P9+ also comes with a 2.5D Curved Full HD IPS display, Mali-T720 MP3 GPU, 64-bit Octa core processor with a clock speed of 1.3GHz, 3GB RAM, 32GB ROM, Android Nougat 7.0 OS and 3000 mAh Li-Poly battery.



PRICE: TK. 13,490/-

## TECNO launches 'Camon I' at 'Smartphone & Tab Expo 2018'

TECNO, the premium smartphone brand of TRANSSION Bangladesh, unveiled 'Camon I' in Bangladesh recently. The phone sports a 5.65-inch HD with 18:9 Full Vision IPS TDI display, 3GB RAM and a 32 GB ROM, 1.3 GHz Quad Core processor, 3050mAh. It also has 13 months warranty.

PRICE: TK. 14,690/-



## Smartphone & Tab Expo ends with record visitors

Winter edition of Smartphone and Tab Expo wrapped up on Saturday night. According to the organisers, this iteration experienced overwhelming crowd since the very first day and the visitors kept coming throughout all three days usual at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital. Techshohor is the title sponsor of the expo for this edition. Renowned smartphone and tablet brands including Samsung, Tecno, Xiaomi, We Mobile, Huawei, LG Mobile, Oppo,

Symphony, LAVA, Nokia, Leveno, WinMax, Micromax, DCL, DTEL and other partners – Adata, Kiksha dotcom, Ajker Deal, Bijoy Digital have been installed here. When asked about the expo, Strategic Planner of the event Muhammad Khan said, "We have experienced a record-breaking numbers of visitors than our previous editions. The participating companies delighted the customers with great offers." Talking to spectators, it was clear that offers were the primary reason for them to visit.



## Samsung announces pre-order of its new Galaxy A8+

Samsung unveiled the latest addition to its smartphone lineup – the Galaxy A8+. On pre-ordering Samsung Galaxy A8+, customers will get up to 42GB free Grameenphone internet bundle, avail Samsung Never Mind Offer, 35% discount at Nazimgarh Resorts and 20% discount at Artisan. Customers can pre-order this device through online www.preordera8plus.com from January 11, 2018 to January 31, 2018, at all authorised stores of Samsung, GPC or GP Online Shop.

PRICE: TK. 62,900/- till pre-booking period.



### TECH HAPPENING

## Teletalk and Robi to share network sites

Teletalk and Robi have agreed to share each others' telecom network located across the country. This measure will also help to make the most optimal use of the existing network sites of the companies. Sharing of network sites will also enable the companies to expedite the 4G network roll-out process as soon as the 4G license is awarded to the mobile network operators. In this connection, Robi's Managing Director and CEO, Mahtab Uddin Ahmed and Teletalk's Managing Director, Kazi Md. Golam Kuddus recently signed an agreement on behalf of their respective organizations at the Teletalk Head Office recently. From Teletalk, the company's Project Director, M&E Project, Md. Shahab Uddin, General Manager, Planning and Implementation, Md. Anwar Hossain, General Manager, Admin, Kazi Fazlul Haque and Deputy Manager, M&E Project, S. M. Luthfullahil Mozid were present.

## iPay officially launches operation



iPay Systems Limited has officially announced commencement of its operations through a ceremony at iPay office at Gulshan-1 Avenue last week. The ceremony was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Mr. Md. Shahidul Ahsan, Chairman, and presided over by Mr. Zakaria Swapan, CEO. Directors, Messrs Md. Mizanur Rahman, Md. Manzanur Rahman, Rezaul Hossain, Ms. Rehnuma Ahsan and Mohammed Nurul Amin, Advisor along with employees of iPay Systems Limited were also present at the event. iPay is the First Online Payment Platform in Bangladesh and it has recently completed its beta phase. Now it is fully ready to operate in the market. iPay is a secure payment system for one's daily transactions. Anyone can pay from their mobile phone or computer, connected to the internet.

### TECH BITS

New bill bans US government agencies using contractors with Huawei or ZTE tech



Snapchat's big redesign bashed in 83% of user reviews



Google is shutting down Chrome's parental control features



Google claims its Spectre and Meltdown mitigation results in no performance degradation



WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is now an Ecuadorian citizen

