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TECNO CAMON I

PREMIUM DESIGN AT A BUDGET PRICE

The sub 15,000 BDT smartphone segment has an ever-expanding list of capable contenders, but Tecno impressed us last year with their well-built 'i7', which had a decent set of hardware for the price you would be paying. This time around, their flagship comes paired with a smaller blow to the wallet, but with some small compromises to the spec sheet.

DESIGN

It looks brilliant. The plastic unibody design, even though not metal, feels decidedly superior to its competitors in the market, while the 18:9 aspect ratio display makes it look much more expensive than it actually is. It sits quite comfortably in hand and feels quite light; well too light actually, if that's a thing. I can't stress enough how the Camon i does not feel like a sub 15,000 BDT device.

DISPLAY

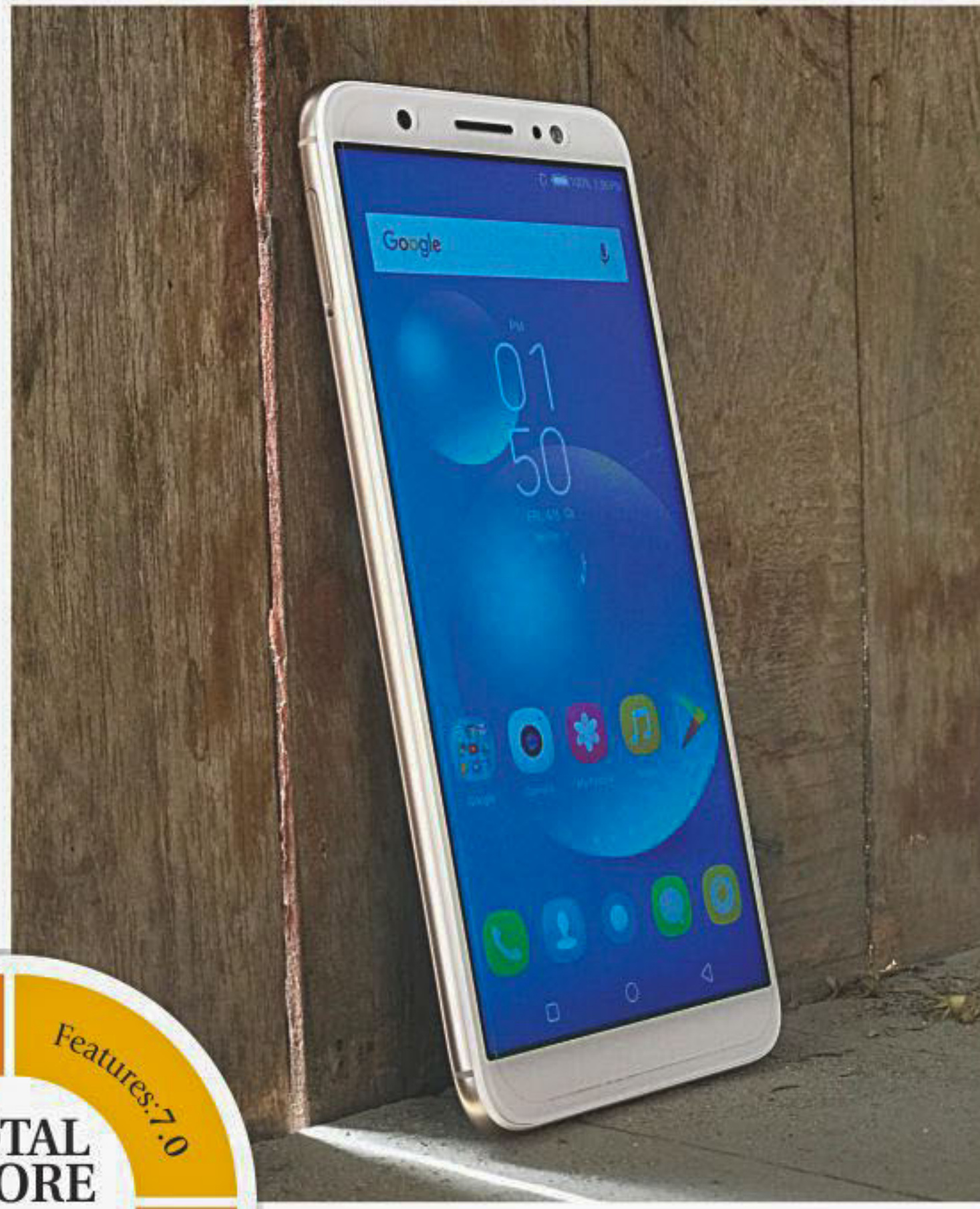
The tall 5.65" IPS LCD display is praiseworthy, delivering bright colors and great viewing angles. Visibility under the sun was remarkably good. One small gripe would be regarding the display's refresh rate, which felt to be slightly on the lower end of the spectrum as scrolling fast through the app drawer showed some unpleasant motion blur effect.

The pixel density on the 1440x720 HD+ panel is average at this size, with slightly soft edges visible when peered closely at the screen. Where it makes up for the pixels is with the brightness - you will not need to squint or hide behind a taller person to see why the person you're sharing a ride with is driving further away from you on the map, only to find that he or she is waiting right next to you.

A good display panel on devices in this price bracket is a rare find these days, and we quite liked the colors on the Camon i.

PERFORMANCE AND BATTERY

As with almost all new phones but the latest iPhone, the Tecno comes with a pretty quick fingerprint sensor at the back. The rest of the phone stands quite well with the competitors as well. It is powered by a 1.3GHz quad-core



MediaTek MT6737 processor and comes with 32 GB on-board storage and 3 GB of RAM. No microSD slot, unfortunately. Although an entry-level processor, the phone did not face any notable slowdowns and completed everyday tasks without any drama. The regular usage scenario included strolling around in the usual social media applications, with 10 to 12 tabs open in Google Chrome and the SoundCloud music application running in the background. Applications open fairly quickly, and switching between them was pretty swift. Graphics

intensive games like Dead Trigger 2 and Asphalt 8 took a slight toll on the performance, but not frequent enough at all to be discouraged. The 3050mAh battery easily lasts a full day with the regular everyday usage.

UI

The Camon I runs on Android Nougat 7.0, flared out with the custom HiOS UI. Our long-term review of the Camon I's precursor, the i7, proved that Tecno is committed with updates to their phones, and we hope the Camon I will not disappoint in this regard. HiOS comes with notable visual tweaks over stock, and adds gesture features, like drawing alphabets to launch particular apps, to do regular tasks a bit

easily. There is some bloatware, most of which can be disabled if not deleted.

CAMERA

The 13MP rear shooter isn't amazing, but it isn't awful either. The camera is marketed as the highlight of the Camon series of products from Tecno, but our tests showed that the photos produced were just above average. Images in good lighting conditions were decently sharp, with good color reproduction. The camera app tends to slightly overexpose for photos in good lighting conditions, but manually selecting the exposure gave much better results. Low light is where the camera struggles quite a fair bit. Photos aren't too

THE VERDICT

The Tecno Camon i is a very good looking, well-built phone. The 18:9 display provides a brilliant source for consuming multimedia content if you're not pixel-peeping. The camera albeit not great, is actually above average for the price you would be paying for the device. Battery will soldier on for a full day before being needed to be plugged in, and performance in day-to-day tasks are handled without much disappointment. The Camon i is, as the popular figure of speech goes, a jack of all trades but a master of none.

SPECS

Display: 5.65 Inch HD+ IPS Touch Screen Display
OS: HiOS based on Android 7.0
CPU: 1.3 GHz MT6737 Quad Core Processor
RAM: 3GB RAM
ROM: 32GB
Camera: Front-13MP & Back-13MP
Features: Fingerprint sensor, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, FM Radio
Colours: Champagne Gold, Midnight Black and City Blue
Battery: 3050 MAh
Price: Tk. 14,690/-

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- 87 MILLION**
Number of people affected globally according to facebook
- 70+ MILLION**
US user's information was leaked, out of all the affected users
- 19.7%**
percentage of users around the world who were affected by the data breach including UK, Australia, Philippines, India etc.
- \$40,000**
settlement for each violation of the 2011 settlement; Facebook could be looking at catastrophic financial damages
- 2014**
The year when Cambridge Analytica started to collect psychographic information on Facebook users.

One of the hottest news in the tech-arena is how Facebook, world's largest social media, has divulged piles of confidential psychographic data to the political consultancy group 'Cambridge Analytica'. The data was used to influence voter opinion on behalf of politicians who hire them. Following the breach, Facebook apologised and experienced public outcry and lowered stock prices, calling the way that Cambridge Analytica collected the data "inappropriate." The breach was significant for inciting public discussion on ethical standards for social media companies, political consulting organizations, and politicians. Consumer advocates called for greater consumer protection in online media and right to privacy as well as curbs on misinformation and propaganda. Facebook is in hot water now and is being globally being criticised for mishandling user data. Here are some stats about the data breach:

TECH HAPPENING

3rd iteration of NSU Cybernauts held

North South University Computer & Engineering Club (NSUCEC) organised 'Cybernauts', an ICT based talent showcasing competition for students all over Bangladesh, for the third time in the North South University premises from 18th to 25th March. It consisted of four major segments: national programming contest, engineering project showcase (senior and junior level), line follower robot contest and cyber athletics. For the very first time, 'Cybernauts' provided an opportunity to the students of schools & colleges to showcase their talents and innovative skills in the Junior Division of the Engineering Project Showcase. More than 1000 techno-enthusiasts from all over Bangladesh participated in this platform to share their unique experiences. For more details about the event, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/nsuceccybernauts/> or visit the official facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NSUCEC/>.



OBHAI app conducts driver orientation

Ride sharing service OBHAI conducted an orientation programme for its registered drivers recently. Around 800 drivers of car, CNG auto-rickshaw and motorbike attended the orientation at Kochi Kachar Mela Auditorium in the capital. The objective of the daylong session was to train the drivers and offer them a platform to share their experiences with their peers and learn from them. OBHAI periodically arranges orientation and training for drivers to provide the best ride experience to its customers.

GSMA reports on spectrum and tax reform issues

The GSMA recently released a new report outlining the rapid growth of the Bangladesh mobile industry over the last decade, which now places it as the fifth largest mobile market in Asia Pacific. The GSMA Intelligence country overview also highlights some of the obstacles that may hinder the government's efforts to achieving its Vision 2021 goals, including affordability of mobile services, taxation and spectrum pricing. Complementing this study, the GSMA also released the findings of a report it commissioned from EY on the potential economic impact of tax reform on the Bangladesh mobile industry.

CP PLUS security & surveillance product launching event held in Bangladesh

CP PLUS, a security & surveillance solutions provider, had their product launching event held recently. The event was organised by UCC, a renowned local computer vendor. In this event, UCC's Senior AGM Mr. Shahin Mollah, Senior Manager-Product, Mr. Jynus Salakeen Fahad, CP PLUS's National Channel Manager for Bangladesh Market Mr. Yasin Arafat and representative of at least 100 computer sales organisations of the country and members from media were present.

JUST IN

Prebooking of Huawei Y9 2018 starts



Huawei launched a device of Y series - the Huawei Y9 2018 in Bangladesh recently. With four cameras, HUAWEI FullView display, big battery and three card slots, Huawei Y9 2018, the mid-range smartphone is highly popular among the youth. This new phone features a Huawei FullView 5.9-inch display which supports 1080x2160 resolution,

13MP and 2MP rear camera and 16MP and 2MP front camera, is supported by a powerful 4000 mAh battery and runs on Android Oreo OS. The Huawei Y9 2018 is equipped with 3 GB RAM, 32 GB ROM and Hi Silicon Kirin 659, 64bit Octa-Core 2.36 GHz & 1.7 GHz.

Price: Tk. 19,590/-

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