



HANDS-ON REVIEW

OPPO F11 PRO

Gimmick... is that all you need to sell a smartphone these days? Well, the market study shows you need a little bit more. You need the right kind of gimmick packed in the right kind of hardware, and who knows that better than OPPO? The smartphone brand has never failed to climb on the bandwagon of gimmicks: Swivel camera? OPPO has it. Notch Selfie Camera? OPPO has it. Now the latest one in the market: Pop-up selfie camera. YES! OPPO has got that too. In today's issue, we bring you the OPPO F11 Pro, the first smartphone with a motorised pop-out selfie camera from OPPO.

OK, first thing's first – the design of the phone is magnificent. The colour gradient on the back and the bezel-less screen gives it a real classy look, despite the smudges your fingers may leave on it. The phone sports a 6.5-inch Full-HD LCD screen. You will be getting a notch-less uninterrupted viewing experience thanks to the sharp and crisp pixel rendering. Our love-hate relationship with Colour UI finally comes to an end thanks



to all the improvements found in the UI's sixth iteration. It clearly resembles plenty of resemblance Samsung's One UI, since both were launched with an aim to cut out the unnecessary bits. And OPPO's Android Pie based Colour UI 6.0 does that by opting for non-performance hogging tricks.

Speaking of performance, the phone delivers above average performance. The Mediatek P70 coupled with Mali G72 MP3 will be good enough for your daily abuse unless you are into hardcore gaming. We tried playing PUBG in medium graphics and we noticed a slight lag every now and then. And it goes without saying that other less intensive games ran without any hiccups either. Another great part about the phone is its battery. It comes with a 4,000 mAh



SPECS
Display: 6.5" IPS LCD 1080 x 2340 pixels
OS: Android 9.0, ColorOS 6
Chipset: MediaTek Helio P70 (12nm)
CPU: Octa-Core 2.1 GHz
GPU: Mali G72 MP3
RAM: 6 GB
ROM: 128 GB
Camera: Rear- 48 MP and 5 MP, Front- 16 MP Rising Camera
Battery: 4000 mAh Li-ion Battery
Price: Tk. 36,990/-

VERDICT
 OPPO has always been bringing some competitive midrange every year and this year's mantle goes to the F11 Pro. Except for the mechanised pop-out camera, there isn't much gimmick. It's a solid device with a stunning design. The performance of the phone might not be the best in class but it manages to kick the competition to the curb with its superb battery life and multimedia viewing experience.

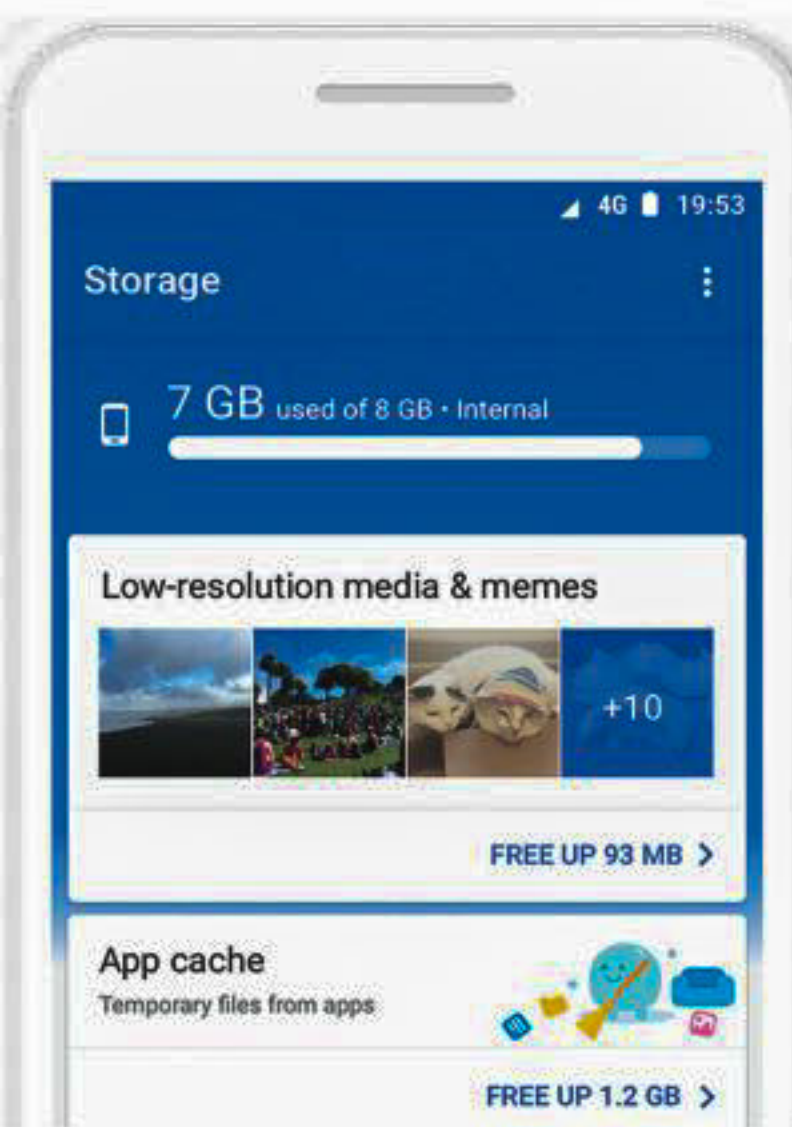
battery which is kind of standard these days for phones with above 6 inches of screen real estate. An average user will get nearly 14-16 hours of daily usage on a single charge. The phone however does not have USB-C.

Last but not most importantly: the camera! OPPO has been the reigning king (or Queen) in the market of midrange selfie cam for quite a while now. The mechanised selfie camera comes with a powerful AI-backed Beauty mode to turn you group selfies into works of art. There is also a noticeable separation between the subject and background in the shots. Although, the phone camera comes with a 48MP shooter, the default settings will be on 12MP. You can always switch to 48MP manually but there's a trade-off – be ready to give up on the HDR, digital zoom, and automated mode detection. The best of the rear camera is probably the ultra-night mode as it enhances the quality remarkably.

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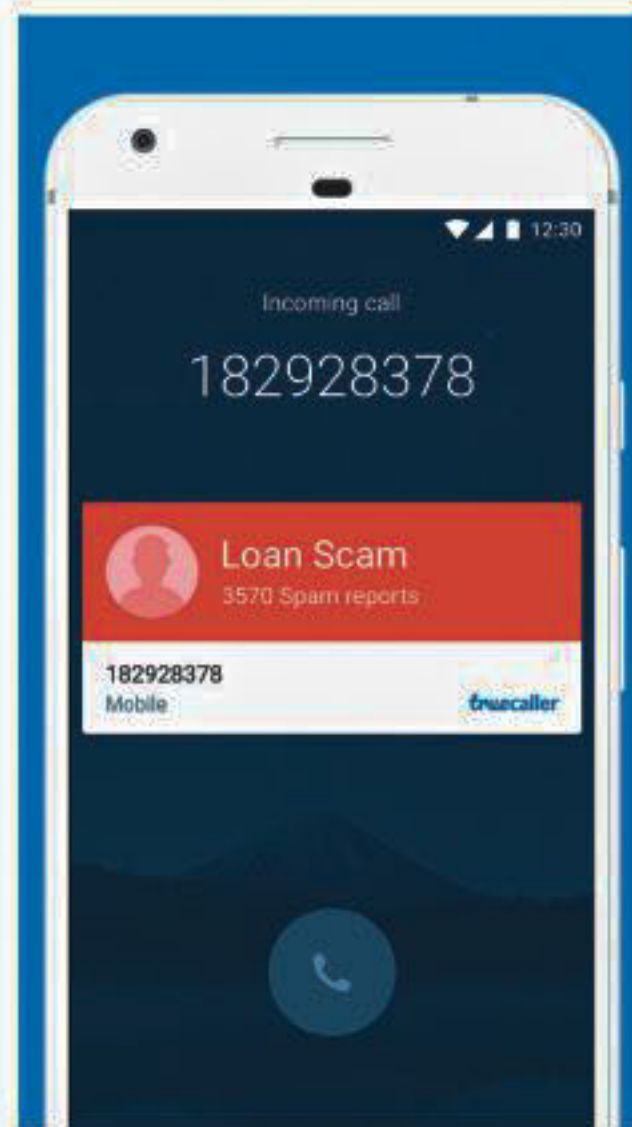
Best alternatives to stock Android apps

Stock Google and Android apps are generally optimized to run smoothly on most devices. But these apps are not customizable and offer nothing past the basic functionalities. So here are a couple of alternatives to regular stock apps.

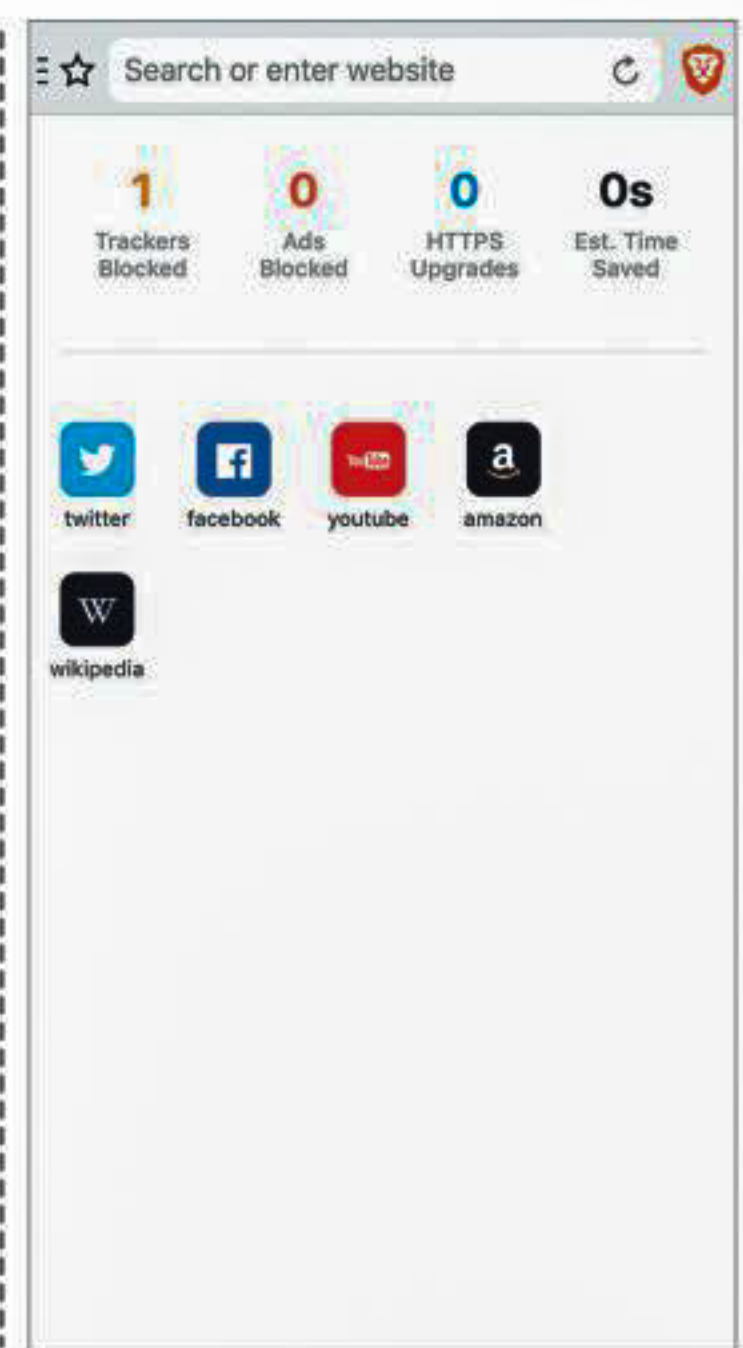


Files Go
 Your file explorer, streamlined by Google. The general file explorers on Android are okay, but Files Go by Google is extensive in its categorisation. It takes the Google Drive experience and brings it offline to your phone. Plus it's free and is tied to your phone's storage, and not limited to Drive's limited 15 GB. Files Go also let's you transfer files like SHAREit.

Truecaller
 The most robust calling app. Truecaller needs no introduction regarding its features but what a lot of people don't know is that the infinitely growing phone book that is Truecaller is also a much better alternative to the regular messaging and phone app. And Truecaller's spam protection features makes it the only calling app that's worth your time.



Curator
 Local, offline and as smart as Google Photos. More often than not, pictures are lost on our phones tied to unambiguous dates they were taken on, with no other cues to help us find them. Thankfully, Curator does all the face-by-face and place accordance photo compilation all offline and all on your phone. So now you can finally clear out your Google Photos and bring all your memories under one local device.



Brave Browser
 A faster and more secure browsing experience. Brave Browser is a free open-source browser for Windows and Android and it offers a lot of privacy and security options that Google Chrome does not. It's also not as power hungry as Chrome as it's built on the same Chromium engine foundation of Chrome, albeit with far better optimisation. Brave Browser is available on both Android, iOS, Windows and Macintosh OS.

FACEBOOK CRACKS DOWN ON GROUPS



Since last week, Facebook has been busting a number of local groups which they deemed were violating its community standard. From bootleg CDs to human trafficking, a range of illegal activities happening on the Facebook groups, forced the social media giant to go for a full-scale crackdown. The crackdown resulted in many popular groups with hundreds of thousands of users were closed down; in some cases, the admins of the groups found their profiles to be disabled too. The crackdown is part of Facebook's global initiative to weed out groups that have been violating its community standard guidelines. But later Facebook Some groups admins got their profiles and groups opened again after they appealed against Facebook's decision. Later Facebook informed that some groups were erroneously removed. In an official statement, they informed that they are "working to restore" a number of groups that were erroneously removed or affected by "sabotage." Facebook is working to restore any groups affected and to "prevent this from happening again", the statement said.

HOW IT ALL STARTED

The situation allegedly began on May 13th. A popular meme account on Facebook known as Crossovers Nobody Asked For (CNAF), which boasts more than 500,000 members, was suddenly shut down. The news spread quickly, and caused thousands of popular Facebook pages to switch from "private" to "secret" mode in order to prevent themselves from being shut down. In Bangladesh, a few weeks before the FB's crackdown, several f-commerce and review groups with 50,000+ plus active members got hacked simultaneously by some local hackers. Since then most of the popular groups started to go secret from closed or open status.

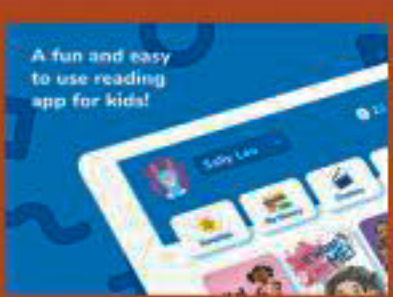
LOCAL GROUPS THAT GOT AFFECTED

Experts estimate, approximately 400 groups in Bangladesh were affected. However no concrete number has been announced by Facebook. In Bangladesh, Desperately Seeking Dhaka (DSD), We are Bangladesh, Shreya, Upwork Bangladesh, Search English, Traffic Alert, Voice of Rights, Cinemakhor, Cricketkhor, Serial khor etc popular groups were deleted by Facebook. But later most of the admins were able to retrieve their groups.

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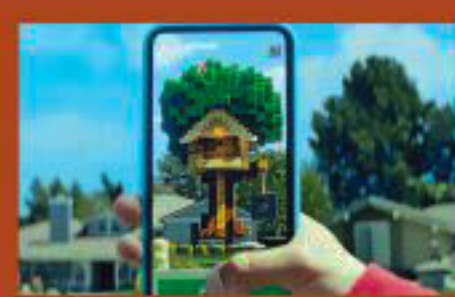
TECH BITS
 Rivet, Google's latest app, uses speech processing to help kids learn how to read



An exploit on WhatsApp allow hackers to install government-grade spyware on your phones



Mojang announces a Pokémon Go style AR game called, Minecraft Earth



Sony and Microsoft signed an MOU which has opened the possibilities of cross platform and cloud integration for both PlayStation and Xbox consoles



Spotify Lite launched in India

