# Reflecting Society Through Playwriting: A Mirror to Social Challenges



**New Delhi, August 31**
The monthly symposium at the Central Office of *Sanskar Bharati* once again emerged as a vibrant confluence of art, literature, and culture. This gathering witnessed a rare harmony of music and theatrical literature, leaving the audience deeply moved and inspired.

The evening commenced with a soulful performance by young vocalist **Suhani Kaushik** and flutist **Sumit Sharma**, whose melodious notes transported the audience into a realm of devotion and artistic grace, setting the perfect tone for the sessions ahead.

The highlight of the symposium was the intellectual discourse

on *"Playwriting from a Social Perspective: Possibilities and Challenges"*, led by **Prof. Rajnish Kumar Mishra** of Jawaharlal Nehru University and **Prof. Chandan Chaubey** of Delhi University.

Prof. Mishra emphasized that no art can achieve true meaning without immersing itself in the life of the people. He observed that even today, society often feels uneasy when confronted with literature that dares to mirror its realities. Prof. Chaubey, on the other hand, highlighted how devotional traditions found their widest expression through performing arts, which have carried culture directly into the hearts of the masses. He further reflected on the responsibility of playwrights, noting that their craft contributes to shaping the cultural and historical dimensions of character creation.

The thought-provoking addresses inspired the audience towards deeper reflection and dialogue. The session was skillfully moderated by **Raj Upadhyay**, Stage Arts Coordinator of Delhi Province.

More than just a platform for artistic expression, *Sanskar Bharati's* monthly symposium reaffirmed its role as a forum for meaningful intellectual engagement on art, society, and culture. Once again, the event underscored the timeless truth that art, literature, and society together shape the cultural personality of the nation.

The program was graced by eminent Mohan Veena artist **Ajay Kumar**, Sanskar Bharati Delhi Province Minister **Dr. Prashant Upadhyay**, along with distinguished professors, research scholars, and students of Delhi University.

The success of the symposium was made possible through the dedicated efforts of Program Coordinator **Kuldeep Sharma**, Symposium Coordinators **Shruti Sinha, Bharti Dang, Garima Rani, Sneha Mukherjee, Harshit Goyal, Saurabh Tripathi, Vijender Kumar, Sushank, Brijesh** and team members. A special

appreciation goes to **Vishwadeep**, who not only played a vital role as co-coordinator but also skillfully conducted the stage proceedings with grace and excellence.

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# India needs more of Sonu Sood and Gautam Gambhir

By **Sunil Sarpal**

Their names should be revered with a lot of respect and gratitude as they are the Role Models in our society.

Both resurrect the society where Administration fails in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities towards mankind, particularly down-trodden strata of society.

During Covid time, when migrant workers were rendered homeless and hapless, Sonu Sood came to their rescue and provided them with suitable transport so that they could reach their homes safely.  In doing so, he had to deal with a high level of dignitaries to get permission to transport them from one state to another.  He turned out the messiah for the down-trodden then.

Sonu, by profession, is an actor and plays generally the role of a villain in South movies.  But for the above cause, he turned out to be a real hero in the public eye.

Gautam Gambhir, an ex Indian Cricketer is another live example whose heart beats for the poor and down-trodden.  He is running 4-5 outlets where free food is supplied to the poor of society.  He claims to have no such means to provide food but earn this money by playing competitive cricket.

Society these days has turned selfish and self-centered.  They hardly think in terms of less privileged.

Me and mine are the buzzwords.  .

Human being sans humanity is in the blood of today's man.  As a result, people keep fighting for petty issues.

God provides money to fulfill our basic necessities i.e. ROTI, KAPRA, AND MAKAN.

What is the difference between a human being and animal if the latter consumes animal food  We are human beings and humanity should be reflective in our persona i.e. in thought, action and reaction.  If not, we need to still improve upon otherwise we remain animals in human form.  If we remain animals in human form, what kind of society we are building.  What kind of heritage we are leaving behind for our next generation to step into.

When will we improve upon even if people like Sonu Sood and Gautam Gambhir set unprecedented examples in front of us.  If we still do not improve upon,  we are cowards and 'C' class citizens of society.

Even if we are rich and people just gather around us, of what use.  One of them will stab us on our back and run away with our false pride
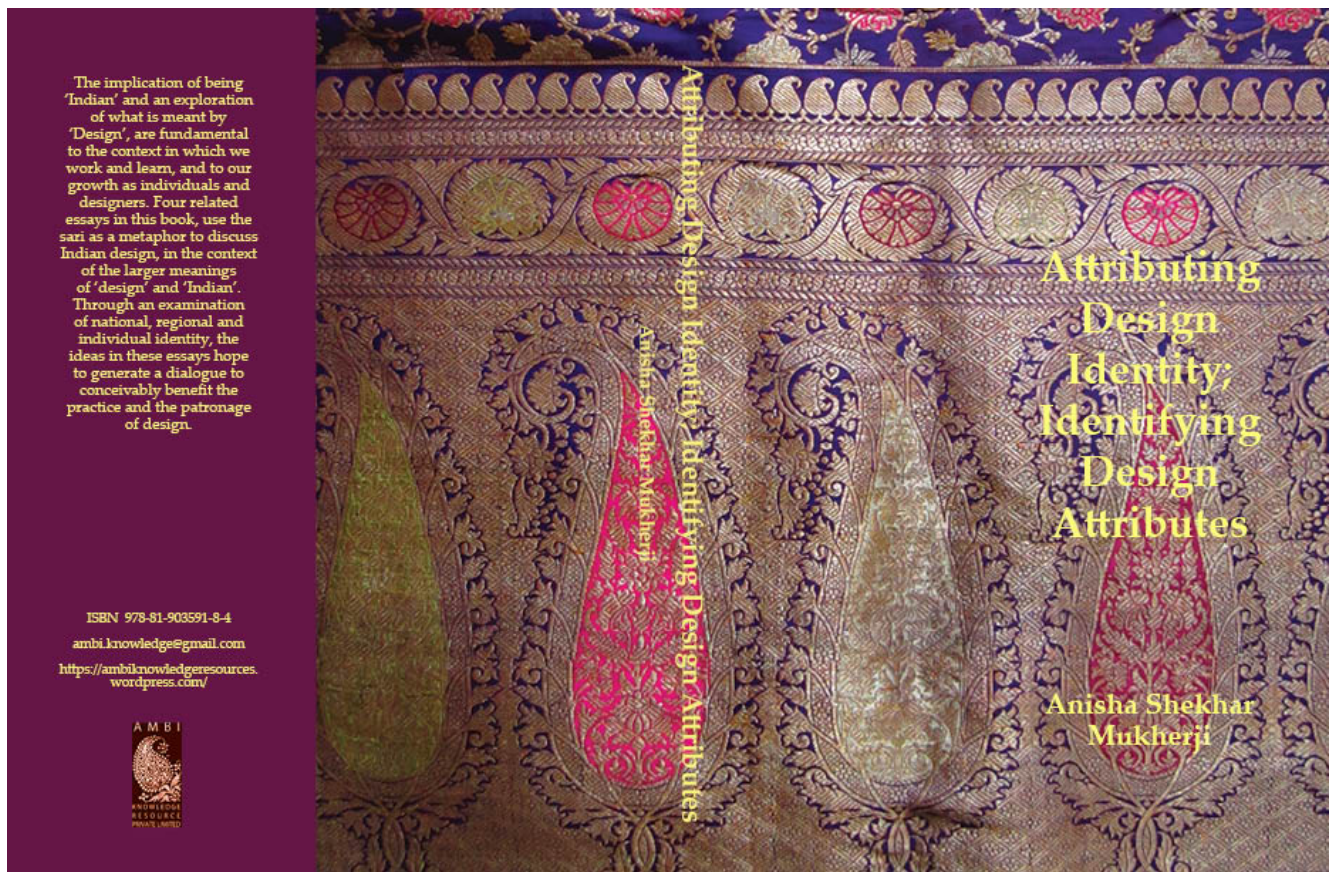
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# Samsung S10 Review

Overall, the fingerprint scanner is more convenient built right into the screen but isn't as fast as traditional capacitive sensors. Apart from that, the wireless power-sharing option that has been introduced by Samsung is also

pretty a handy feature. This allows the Galaxy device to work as a wireless power-bank for other smartphones capable of wireless charging. Talking about its UI, the Galaxy S10 runs Samsung's new One UI version of Android 9 Pie which is a big upgrade over previous Samsung's software.

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# Identity and Design & Identity in Design



Taking off from the previous talk on Design Thinking and Attributes of Identity (see Design Thinking — and the Idea of India) this talk is a continuation of the exploration of the relationship between design and identity.

Through a comparative analysis of the meanings of 'modern' and 'Indian', as seen in contemporary and earlier pieces of

architecture and design in India, we see how culture, society and philosophy affect aesthetics and ethics – and thus, the appreciation or articulation of design.

Both these talks were prepared and recorded as part of an online set of public lectures for the students of the School of Architecture, World University of Design in February 2021. For more information on the rest of the talks in the series, please see http://anishashekhar.blogspot.com/p/talks-and-videos.html

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# Myth of Social Media / Gouri Nilakantan

This self indulging practice that we are consumed with, becomes thus our daily practice show, our daily practice rehearsal, and our daily practice "for viewership and arduous, colossal, consumerism".

# Sony Xperia 1 Review

# Highlights

- Massive 6.5 inch OLED display
- Unique screen size
- Great colour reproduction
- 21:9 aspect ratio
- 3840 x 1644 pixel resolution, 4k display
- 64/128 GB, 6 GB RAM
- Edge-to-Edge display

**Introduction**

The Sony Xperia 1 doesn't play by the rules of iPhone, Galaxy S10 or Huawei P30 Pro. In the era where everyone is competing for a perfect notch-less edge to edge display, Sony Xperia 1 takes a different approach to the game by focussing on what the consumer wants. Let's find out more about Xperia 1.

**Price**

Although Sony Xperia 1 is the latest flagship from the brand.

But it hasn't released the Xperia 1 in India as of now. Though according to some reports, we can see it launch at ₹ 79,999 in the 3rd week of August 2019.

**Design**

For starters, the Xperia 1 has a full edge-to-edge 4K screen with a 21:9 aspect ratio. That's significantly taller than most smartphones on the market nowadays, allowing you to display much more of your social media feed, and watch the latest blockbuster movies without intrusive black bars above and below the screen. Apart from that, being a skinny phone, your hands will now be able to easily access the full-screen single handedly . Reaching the top of the screen with a thumb is now a completely different story. In terms of build quality, Sony Xperia 1 uses the latest corning gorilla glass 6 on both sides along with a robust aluminium frame and will be available in 2 colours — Black and Purple.

**Display**

With Xperia 1, Sony sports industry-first notch-less 4K HDR OLED display along with a uniques aspect ratio of 21:9. This also means that many Netflix films will now look stunning with no letterboxing or cut-off. Moreover, thanks to its 4k Resolution, clocking in at 1644 x 3840 pixels, the Xperia 1 is sharp, delivering over 643 pixels per inch (PPI).

**Camera**

Sony has always been a leader in the game of camera quality. Moreover this time it also has adopted the triple-lens system for Xperia 1. All the 3 lenses (wide, ultra-wide and telephoto) have 12 Mega Pixels. This time what sets Sony apart is its cinema pro app which is an alternative video recording tool for those who have an interest in shooting cinematic video. This app also allows user control a lot of features once reserved for professional video shooting. You can change the shutter speed, base point marker, frame rates or even

choose either to shoot in 16:9 or 21:9. Furthermore, you also have the option to disable image stabilisation in case you want to use more professional alternatives such as tripod or slider.

**Features**

Powered by snapdragon 855, 6 GB RAM and 128 GB internal storage you get plenty of space for all your photos and videos. Moreover this time Sony has still kept the expandable microSD card slot which can give you a boost of up to 1TB storage. With dolby atmos, the sound quality of Xperia 1 is fantastic and combining it with Sony's HDR 4K display, the movie-watching experience becomes truly immersive. The only thing which seems to be missing now is a 3.5 mm headphone jack which now uses an adapter to connect. In terms of battery life, Sony has a 3,330 mAh battery along with an 18W fast charger. Though I think for shooting 4K content it seems a bit less, However for day to day tasks like watching movies and gameplay it works fairly well. Overall the Xperia 1 is an interesting smartphone that dares to do something different than the competition and can be considered as the most versatile smartphone when it comes to photos and videos in my opinion.

**Key Specifications –**

- Screen  – 6.5-inch OLED Display at 1644 x 3840 resolution
- Processor  – Qualcomm SDM855 Snapdragon 855, Octa-core
- Memory  – 64/128 GB, 6 GB RAM with expandable microSD storage upto 1 TB.
- Rear camera  – 12 MP + 12 MP + 12 MP (wide + telephoto + ultra-wide)
- Front camera – 8 MP HDR lens
- Battery  – 3,330 mAh
- Charging  – Fast battery charging 18W
- Software  – Android 9.0 (Pie)

◦ Biometric security -￼ Fingerprint (side-mounted)

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# Samsung S10 Review



Image Source: www.samsung.com

## Highlights

- In-display fingerprint sensor
- Triple lens camera set up
- Corning gorilla glass 6
- Wireless Power-share
- 6.4 inches Dynamic AMOLED display

**Introduction**

Samsung S10 is one of the most anticipated phones of 2019. Samsung Galaxy S10 offers a brand new look to its flagship, catching everyone's attention, especially the dual punch holes on the display itself. This is Samsung's way of mimicking a notch-less display experience for the consumer. With the Galaxy S10, Samsung has made a big and bold design statement as it offers the best screen estate you can expect.

**Price**

The price of Galaxy s10 starts from ₹ 61,900 for the 128 GB base model and ₹ 76,900 for the 512 GB model.

**Design**

Samsung Galaxy S10 is light, thin, and looks simply gorgeous in the half dozens of display that Samsung offers (Prism Black, Prism Blue, Prism White, Flamingo Pink, Prism Green and Canary Yellow). This revamped design is perhaps its most noticeable change which sets it apart from Samsung Galaxy S9. The chassis is now surrounded by an iPhone X like silver tinted trim. Moreover, the one of a kind punch-hole display also blends seamlessly well with the display which also helped in increasing the screen to body ratio to a whopping 93.1%.

**Display**

Samsung Galaxy S10 sports a 6.1 inch Dynamic AMOLED QHD display which according to Samsung supports HDR 10+ content. In theory, this provides greater dynamic contrast and more inky-looking black levels. Therefore you can expect an effectively perfect contrast making this to be one of Samsung's best-ever display.

**Camera**

This phone features a triple-lens camera setup i.e 12 MP wide-angle lens, 12 MP telephoto lens and finally 16 MP ultra-wide

camera lens. Also, props to its neural processing unit, which allows the camera to identify the object in the frame, be it a chair, dog or even a plant and adjusts the camera setting accordingly for the best image possible. Furthermore, on the front, it uses a 10 MP single camera

**Features**

This time the fingerprint reader is also embedded under the screen to make it more convenient for the users. This technology is based upon the ultrasonic sensor that is placed beneath the display which senses fingerprint more securely than the commonly used optical sensor. Overall, the fingerprint scanner is more convenient built right into the screen but isn't as fast as traditional capacitive sensors. Apart from that, the wireless power-sharing option that has been introduced by Samsung is also pretty a handy feature. This allows the Galaxy device to work as a wireless power-bank for other smartphones capable of wireless charging. Talking about its UI, the Galaxy S10 runs Samsung's new One UI version of Android 9 Pie which is a big upgrade over previous Samsung's software. S10 is also equipped with stereo speakers and features haptic vibrations a mimic of Apple's Taptic Engine used in the iPhones. Overall the performance is good, the camera's good and the software is the start of a rethink of how we use big phones. The ultrasonic fingerprint scanner works well enough too and there's even a headphone socket. If you're looking for a great phone that has all the latest sci-fi features, there aren't many better options than the Galaxy S10.

**Key Specifications –**

- Screen⬚ – 6.4-inch Dynamic AMOLED capacitive touchscreen
- Processor⬚ – Qualcomm SDM855 Snapdragon 855
- Memory⬚ – 6GB/8GB/12GB
- Rear camera⬚ – 48 MP + 16 MP ultra-wide sensor + 8 MP telephoto sensor

- Battery⬚ — 4100 mAh battery
- Charging⬚ — Fast wireless charging 15W
- Software⬚ —  One UI⬚, Android 9.0 (Pie)
- Internal storage⬚ — 1 TB, 12 GB RAM, 128/512 GB, 8 GB RAM
- Biometric security⬚ — In Display Fingerprint sensor

# Samsung Galaxy Fold Review



Image Source: www.samsung.com

## Highlights

- Innovative Folding Screen
- 6 Cameras
- Massive battery life
- Multitasking of up to 3 apps

**Introduction**

Samsung's most ambitious project the galaxy fold which was scheduled to be launched in April is still waiting to go public. Though Samsung is still delaying the launch due to reports of screen durability issues. Though there isn't still any official date for its release as of now. But what makes this phone to be worth a $2000 smartphone? Let's find out.

**Price**

Unlike other phones, which might stand out in terms of the multitude of cameras, notch- less display, massive battery life, the galaxy fold is a massive 7.3-inch foldable screen. This takes the innovation to the whole another level as the day it does become available for the general public, more competitors will try to indulge in this game of foldable screens. Which in my opinion will benefit the crowd since as the demand increases, the Chinese companies like Xiomi, Oppo, OnePlus One will try to play the price game which could mean that a budget model for these foldable smartphones is also possible in the future.

**Design**

The entire purpose of a foldable phone is to provide an immersive experience for displaying videos, playing games and reading a book. The Galaxy Fold has two screens, but it's the 7.3-inch inner display that's your real living space. This inner screen is sadly made from plastic which makes it prone to scratches a lot easier. That means the screen's about as soft and tender as a young shoot, and just as easily mangled. On the outside, there is a 4.6 inch dynamic AMOLED panel when you want to use it as a phone. All this setup is backed by a complex hinge mechanism which Samsung calls as the infinity flex, is capable of folding the screen up to 200,000 times which is quite impressive. Apart from that, the galaxy fold will be available in 4 premium colours – Space Silver, Cosmos Black, Martian Green and Astro Blue. Moreover, Samsung also gives the user the privilege of customising the colour of the

device's hinge, allowing up to 16 possible combinations!

**Camera**

The Galaxy Fold has total of 6 cameras in it, On the rear, there is a 16 MP ultra-wide lens, 12 MP wide lens and 12 MP telephoto lens. On the inside, it has a 10 MP lens and 8 MP depth camera. Finally, in the front it has a 10 MP camera lens. This is the most amount of camera lenses ever placed in a smartphone so far. Though quality wise, its par with the S10 lineup.

**Features**

This device has a lot of powerful features. Some of them are — Qualcomm Snapdragon 855 chipset, Wireless power-share, allowing to wirelessly reverse charge smartphones. It also supports UFS 3.0 which allows lightning-fast data transfer rates. Though unfortunately this time the fingerprint sensor isn't ultrasonic in-display sensor (as seen on Samsung Galaxy S10 lineup) a dedicated physical unit on its side. It has the base option of 512 GB of internal storage along with 12 GB of RAM which honestly seems optimal for a smartphone like this. Furthermore, it also packs in 4380 mAh battery along with 18W fast charging. Though it's still not clear when can we see its release. However, Samsung seems to be in no hurry right now. According to rumours, the Samsung Galaxy Fold will not be unveiled before the "Unpack" event for the Note 10 on 7th August.

**Key Specifications —**

- Screen□ — 7.3 inches Dynamic AMOLED display at 1536 x 2152 resolution
- Processor□ — Qualcomm SDM855 Snapdragon 855, octa-core
- Memory□ — 512 GB, 12 GB RAM
- Rear camera□ — 12 MP + 12 MP + 16 MP (wide + telephoto + ultra-wide)
- Main camera□ — 10 MP + 8 MP (wide + wide with depth

sensor)

- ○ Battery  — 4,380 mAh
- ○ Charging  — Fast battery charging 15W and Fast wireless charging 15W
- ○ Software  — Android 9.0 Pie
- ○ Biometric security  — Fingerprint (side-mounted)

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# Redmi Note 7 Pro Review



## Highlights

- ▪ Premium Design
- ▪ Dual Camera Setup

- Long Battery Life
- Fast and smooth performance
- Priced at ₹ 15,999 in India

Xiomi launched the note 7 series back in February. Though it got its media attention back last week when Xiomi announced a new variant of the Note 7 lineup with 6 GB RAM and 64 GB inbuilt storage. Moreover, on Xiomi's official website, there is also a Jio cash-back offer going on which provides double data benefit on all prepaid recharges worth ₹ 198 and above. So now let's dig into the specs of this smartphone.

**Price**

Priced at ₹ 15,999, Xiomi Note 7 Pro is a perfect budget smartphone with decent specifications such as 6GB RAM and 64 GB internal storage. This phone comes in 3 shades — Neptune Blue, Nebula Red and Space Black. All models have a gradient tint which honestly looks great and provides a premium feel.

**Design**

In terms of design, the phone offers a truly immersive and enriched smartphone experience. The Xiaomi Note 7 Pro has a 6.3-inch full HD bezel-less display with a stylish water-drop notch and 1,080 x 2,340 pixels resolution. It has a pixel density of 409 PPI for a good viewing experience and comes with Corning Gorilla Glass 5 protection against scratches and marks. Furthermore, the back is also surrounded by the gorilla glass panel thus providing a premium holding experience.

**Camera**

Redmi Note 7 Pro has a dual-camera system on the back — 48 MP wide lens camera along with 5 MP depth sensor. This setup is capable of shooting 4K video recording and also uses Artificial intelligence for scene detection, portraits and

night mode. On the front, it sports a 13 MP camera sensor surrounded by the water droplet like notch.

**Features**

Powered by Qualcomm Snapdragon 675, the phone is equipped with USB type C port and has a fingerprint scanner on the back. The Redmi Note 7 Pro packs a 4,000mAh battery that supports Quick Charge 4.0. Moreover, being a budget phone, it has a fingerprint scanner on the back instead of an in-display fingerprint. It's also worth noting that besides the RAM and storage, all other specifications of the new model of Redmi Note 7 Pro are the same as the two other old variants. The overall performance of the device is the fastest in the segment with substantial battery backup and on-point connectivity.

**Key Specifications –**

- Screen☐ – 6.3-inch IPS LCD display at 1080 x 2340 resolution
- Processor☐ – Qualcomm SDM675 Snapdragon 675, octa-core
- Memory☐ – 128 GB, 6 GB RAM or 64 GB, 4/6 GB RAM
- Rear camera☐ – 48 MP + 5 MP (wide + wide with depth sensor)
- Front camera☐ – 13 MP
- Battery☐ – 4,000mAh
- Charging☐ – Fast battery charging 18W (Quick Charge 4)
- Software☐ –  MIUI 10, Android 9.0 (Pie)
- Biometric security☐ – Fingerprint (rear-mounted)

# Oneplus 7 Pro Review



## Highlights

- Notchless 6.7 inch QHD amoled display
- 90 Hz refresh rate
- Triple lens rear camera setup
- Motorised selfie camera
- In-display fingerprint display
- Qualcomm Snapdragon 855
- 4000 mAH battery life
- 30W warp fast charging

**Introduction**

Ever since OnePlus debuted with the OnePlus One Smartphone in 2014, It's mission in this industry has been to create flagship smartphones without flagship pricing. This time they have taken this game to a whole another level. From specs,

impressions, cases, and more, here's everything you could need to know about the OnePlus 7 Pro.

## Price

Unlike most flagship smartphones that easily cross $1000 (~ ₹ 68000) mark nowadays, the one plus 7 pro's pricing starts at $669 ( ~ ₹ 48999 ). The OnePlus 7 Pro is "fully loaded" and has almost all the features that the one-grand-and-up flagships have. With its stunning design, incredible display, improved fingerprint sensor, the OnePlus 7 Pro is the best option out there by a long shot if you are looking for a budget yet premium smartphone experience.

## Design

Coming to its design, it has a whopping 88.1% screen to body ratio. Moreover its also equipped with dual corning gorilla glass 5 (industry's standard nowadays) panes along with metal chassis. It comes in three beautiful shades — Aurora Blue, Almond and Mirror Gray which honestly looks pretty great in person.

## Display

With a 6.67-inch AMOLED display with QHD (1,440 x 3,120 pixels) resolution, this device features a pixel density of 515 PPI, which adds sharpness to its content. Apart from that even more impressive, is the 90Hz refresh rate. Most phone screens have a refresh rate of 60Hz, meaning that everything on the OnePlus 7 Pro moves faster and more fluid than just about anything else.

## Camera

One Plus 7 Pro has a triple-lens camera set up; 48 MP main lens, 16 MP ultra-wide lens, and 8 MP telephoto lens. This set up allows it to capture vastly better photos than any of its predecessors. Coming to the motorized selfie camera, I think

this is what the ongoing trend is shifting all the smartphone manufacturers too. However I think the design is pretty sturdy, also what's neat is that if you drop it, the pop-up camera automatically retreats back into its protective shell while in free-fall.

**Features**

It comes with Qualcomm's latest top Snapdragon 855 processor along with your choice of 6GB, 8GB or even 12GB of RAM. Moreover it's also one of the first smartphones to use UFS 3.0 allowing much faster data transfer rate. Furthermore, it also sports an optical in-display fingerprint sensor which is pretty impressive for this phone. Though coming to its battery, it packs 4000 mAH. It doesn't feature wireless charging which is a bummer but it does come with a warp 30 cable charging. A full charge only takes around 75 minutes from dead. Though I think there are still some drawbacks such as the motorized selfie camera, which also raises the concern of introducing mechanical parts that can be prone to limited shelf life due to debris and dust particles. Moreover, it doesn't have wireless charging nor IP water resistance rating. Besides that, I think OnePlus 7 Pro is a phone that undercuts rivals on price and offers a better experience in almost every meaningful way to the general consumer.

**Key Specifications —**

- Screen — 6.67-inch QHD AMOLED display at 3120 x 1440 resolution
- Processor — Qualcomm Snapdragon 855, octa-core, up to 2.84 GHz
- Memory — 6GB/8GB/12GB
- Camera — 48 MP + 16 MP ultra-wide + 8 MP telephoto lens
- Battery — 4,000mAh
- Charging — Warp charging at 30W
- Software — Android 9.0 Pie with OxygenOS
- Internal storage — 128/256GB

- UFS 3.0
- Biometric security — In-display fingerprint sensor, face unlock