

# REVIEW

## GOOD GAMING EXPERIENCE

This powerful gaming device flaunts a big 10.1 inch IPS screen with resolution of 1280x800 pixels that assures 100 percent of pure entertainment every time you use it. It has a 10 point multi-touch screen with capacitive touch panel for giving its users the ultimate smooth using experience.

The user can take a look at 4-1 multiple videos on a single screen. Simmtronics XPAD XQ1 is built on Android 4.1 Jelly Bean platform. It has 1.0 GHz Quad-core Cortex A7 processor with G-Sensor for fast and smooth running of the various applications. One can easily plug-in the XPAD XQ1 with 3G USB Dongle and enjoy surfing the internet on it. It also supports built-in Wi-Fi Module 802.11 b/g/n



**RATING: 4/5**

**SIMMTRONIC  
XPAD X-Q1**

connectivity so that you can go online anywhere at any time. Also, find other handy connectivity features such as Bluetooth, Micro USB port, 3.5 mm audio jack, Micro SD slot, Mini HDMI port, HDMI version 1.4 Output that supports 3D vision as well. Picture quality is good in multiple formats such as JPEG, PNG, BMP etc with its 0.3 MP front camera and 2.0 MP rear camera. The gaming tab therefore, can also support video calling and video chatting functions along with video recording. This gaming tab supports various music and video formats so that the user never has a dull moment with it. Carry on with your work or entertainment for longer hours as it has battery power of 6000 mAh. This gaming tablet has storage space of 16 GB that can be expanded up to 32 GB.

— Siddhant Raut



# Domestic vendors to bid for Aakash 4 but ₹2,500 a challenge

**NEW DELHI:** Handset makers which have manufacturing plants in the country have expressed interest in bidding for Aakash 4 tablet order but are finding it difficult to maintain the price level of ₹2,500 apiece in the absence of Government support.

Canadian phone maker Datawind which has supplied about 1,00,000 low-cost Aakash tablets to the Government till date says that it would be a challenge to supply the device at ₹2,500 a unit due to rupee volatility and other factors.

"We will be able to bid for Aakash 4 at a price below ₹2,500 a unit. However, it is a challenge to maintain it at that level. We have seen fluctuation of about 20 per cent in the value of rupee and the uncertainty remains," Datawind CEO Suneet Singh Tuli told the news agency.

The Aakash project was Union minister Kapil Sibal's brainchild when he was the HRD Minister. The idea was to provide low-cost computing device at subsidised rate to students to enable them access internet for educational purposes.

The Directorate General of Supplies & Disposals has floated a tender for the latest Aakash tablet with technical specifications of 7-inch scratch resistant capacitive touch screen, Wi-Fi, 2G, 3G and 4G connectivity, 4GB internal stor-



age, external memory card slot with storage capacity of up to 32 GB, front camera etc.

However, the number of units to be supplied has not been mentioned in the tender. The last date for submission of bids has again been deferred till January 28.

Telecom Minister Kapil Sibal had said that the Government wanted a price of around ₹2,500 for the latest device.

Besides Datawind, domestic handset maker Simmtronics and other vendors, who wished not to be named, expressed interest in bidding for the latest Aakash tablet order.

Simmtronics said its "price will be competitive", but did not reveal the likely price to be quoted in the bid.

"Low quality products will fail to qualify technical bids. We will qualify but maintaining desired price level in present form is a challenge as most of the components are imported.

"There are duties on components which should be waived as Aakash 4 will be sup-

plied to Government," company's Managing Director Indrajit Sabharwal said, adding that multinational chipset companies have approached it to supply processors at minimal cost.

A company, which plans to set up manufacturing unit in the country, said it does not expect a quality product can be supplied for ₹2,500 as desired by Sibal.

"Government wants talk time of 20 hours which even high-end phones don't give. Its not possible to match price as desired by minister (Sibal)," a top official of a company, which partnered with a PSU for selling tablets, said.

Another vendor which plans to bid expressed disappointment on lack of Government support for the project.

"We have been asked to quote price of product but have not been informed about the number that we need to supply. There is a huge risk and we expect only 4-5 companies to bid for this project," a company official said. **PTI**

