



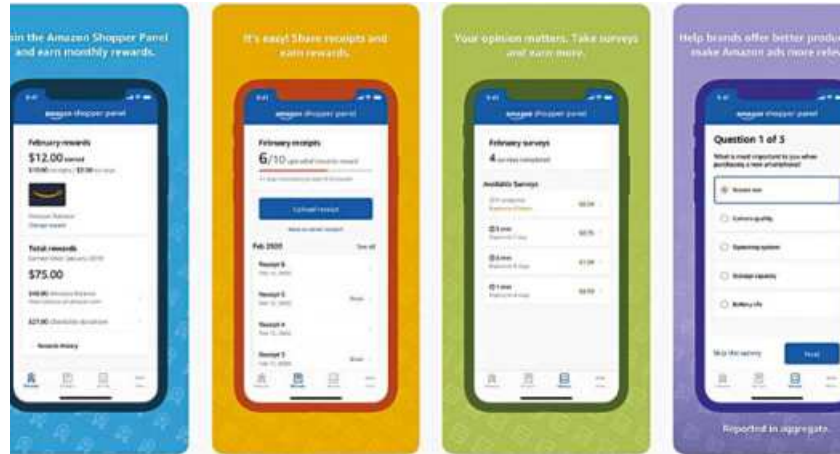
NASA spacecraft successfully complete asteroid touch-and-go

NASA OSIRIS-REx probe has completed its mission to collect samples from asteroid Bennu and is currently on its way back.

OSIRIS-REx, short for Origins Spectral Interpretation Resource Identification Security — Regolith Explorer, was launched in September of 2016. Its mission was to briefly land and collect samples from the surface of 101955 Bennu, a B-type asteroid located three hundred and thirty-four million kilometers away from Earth. Scientists consider Bennu is to be a “time capsule” as it’s origin dates back to the earliest stages of our solar system and hopes the sample will give them valuable insights.

The spacecraft is expected to return at around September 24, 2023, whereupon it will eject its sample capsule toward a specific location in the Utah desert. Afterward, the vehicle will perform a final maneuver away from Earth and will begin its final journey toward deep space.

Amazon will pay consumers for their non-platform purchases data



Amazon has introduced a new program that will pay its users for information about products purchased outside of Amazon.com.

Named the Amazon Shopper Panel, the program asks participants to send 10 receipts of any items purchased from non-Amazon retailers every month. Examples include grocery stores, entertainment outlets, drug stores, etc. The receipts can be sent through the company’s newly launched Amazon Shopper Panel app or can be forwarded to receipts@panel.amazon.com.

Successful completion will earn participants a \$10 reward that can they can apply to their Amazon account.

Additional rewards can be acquired by partaking in optional surveys about brands, products, as well as advertisements. The reward for each survey will vary.

The program is currently optional limited to the US. Amazon claims it will delete any sensitive information from the receipts but will store users’ personal information per its existing Privacy Policy.

EDITOR’S NOTE

I’m not a fan...

of writing these. They make me uncomfortable, worried and let loose a swarm of butterflies in my stomach. But as per my editor’s decree, I must complete this side quest to level up my skill tree. He puts it forward to me like a game and that makes it a little easier to manage. Level up, gain skill points, become a little better at what I do. And just like that, you can too by picking up one of the four online learning apps we featured in this issue.

While you take a break from upgrading skills, check out how the fantasy game industry is growing in Bangladesh. And if you’re a parent or know one, we have an app for someone to level up in that area also.

Rahbar Al Haq

Roleplaying as a Human Trainee Reporter

New bikes this week

Honda makes the Grom modular, Kawasaki brings back retro goodness

For those who are not in the know, the Honda Grom is an adorable 125cc city commuter that for some reason is not sold in Bangladesh. The 2021 model has bought in a plethora of new changes to the tiny bike, such as new headlights, relocated signal lights, and most importantly, quick-release body panels that can be swapped for easy customization. The update engine makes around 9.6 HP and 7.74 lb-ft of torque, which is sent to the rear wheel through a new five-speed transmission. Hopefully, Honda will now consider bringing it into the country, because I want one.

Moving from modern to Retro, we the Kawasaki W175. The styling of the bike is perfect, looking like a



perfectly preserved 80’s motorcycle at first glance. The attention to detail is amazing, with Kawasaki going as far as to add an analog gauge cluster and a small, vintage-style name plate. The 177cc engine makes around 16 HP and 10 lb-ft of torque, which is



sent to the rear wheel through a five-speed. Unfortunately, that extra 10cc is just enough to prevent the bike from coming to Bangladesh. So if you want to take this beauty out for a spin, better book a ticket to India after this pandemic is over.

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