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SIX MUST-HAVE GAMING ACCESSORIES FOR MOBILE

As smartphones more and more indistinguishable from their specifications, a market of smartphone gaming has emerged. The mobile gaming industry hasn't been around for that long, but even within its short stay, we have seen it build a solid base standing on the Google Play Store and Apple's App Store. To support the popular games from these platforms, many manufacturers have made gaming-focused peripherals and accessories. These accessories promise a better gaming experience for these mobile gamers on the go and provide a competitive edge for the serious PUBG Mobile or Fortnite gamers. For the gamers who don't want to compromise, here are seven essential gaming accessories for the mobile gaming enthusiast out there.

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IPEGA 9023 TELESCOPIC CONTROLLER

Ever wanted a Nintendo Switch game controller but still, want the convenience of a phone? Well, there might be a solution for you. Telescopic game controllers are like cases that snap on to your smartphone and

work as controllers. The IPEGA 9023 has two grips, two analog sticks, a D-Pad, and triggers. Quality with these controllers is hit-or-miss, but these are the best telescopic controllers in the market now. These are perfect for portable gaming sessions on the go. Price: Tk. 3,000/- appx.

VR BOX HEADSET

For most people, VR seems like an inconvenience and luxury. But for serious VR gaming enthusiasts, the VR headset is indeed a great accessory to have. These headsets work as a vessel for your smartphone and rely on your smartphone's hardware for head-tracking and interactions. Plenty

of games on the play store are compatible with VR. VR Box headsets are widely available in the market and offer great build quality within low-price. However, it only supports Cardboard VR ecosystem which should be enough to get anyone interested in mobile VR gaming. Price: Starting from Tk. 800/-



GOOGLE CHROMECAST ULTRA

The ultimate mobile gaming machine should be able to hook itself up with a television without any wires. The Switch has a dock to connect itself with a TV, but a Google Chromecast Ultra can stream games directly from your smartphone to a television. Only a handful of games support direct streaming through the Google Chromecast, but if you're okay



with streaming your games to your TV at a lower resolution, the Chromecast Ultra also supports screen mirroring. The cheaper basic model should work fine as well. Price: Tk. 6,500/- appx.



MOGA PRO POWER CONTROLLER

Grip controllers feature the perfect crossover between functionality and portability. These are full-sized video game controllers which have a retractable grip in the middle which supports your phone. These controllers are a bit more expensive but the quality and convenience are worth the price bump. Moga Pro Power is the perfect controller for mobile gaming as it also has a 2200 mAh battery for charging up your smartphone. It also connects through Bluetooth, so you don't have to worry about compatibility issues with different Android smartphones. Price: Tk. 4,500/- appx.

BLUEDIO T2S BLUETOOTH HEADPHONE

No gaming setup is complete without a stylish set of headphones. Bluedio T2 is by far the best-looking headphone within its range. If your smartphone lacks a headphone jack, fret not. The Bluedio is a Bluetooth headphone, and also has a built-in mic for in-game voice chats. In case you run out of battery even with the massive 40-hour battery inside the headphone, you should still be able to use the headphones through the supplied 3.5mm cable. Price: Tk. 5,000/- appx.



AUKEY 20,000MAH POWERBANK

The Achilles Heel for smartphone gaming is the battery. Flagship Android smartphones offer stellar performance and stunning visuals for games but their mediocre battery life holds them from being touted as the ultimate gaming device. Having a massive power

bank with you should alleviate this issue, and Aukey's 20,000mAh power bank is the ultimate bang-for-buck. It also has a lightning port for charging Apple devices and a micro USB port for charging android smartphones. Price: Tk. 3,500/- appx.



Our digital commerce policy in a nutshell

The much awaited digital commerce policy has been the Cabinet approved a draft of "National Digital Commerce Policy 2018" earlier this month. The policy aims to restore trust in e-commerce websites in Bangladesh by making safer digital transactions. The policy has been quite well accepted by the e-commerce community of Bangladesh.

Following this policy, e-commerce websites should see upgraded terms and conditions to enforce consumer rights where necessary. Mobile payment and digital transactions should get safer within a few days, as banks and mobile financial services are to get more secure. Piracy and hacking is going to be handled by the central commerce cell operated under commerce ministry. The central commerce cell also aims to enforce this policy across e-commerce platforms. This announcement finally got implemented after e-Commerce Association of Bangladesh (e-CAB) has been calling for an e-commerce reformation for quite a few years. This policy came as the government's vision to establish a functioning industry and grow exports, eventually creating a sustainable job market for Bangladeshi youth. The policy also promises to provide credible, reputed vendors from e-commerce websites. Codes of conducts are to be implemented for website designing and consumer rights which the e-commerce websites have to follow through. Copyrights are to be respected and enforced fur-



ther. Net neutrality and digital rights are going to be enforced from mobile operators end as well. To create awareness on this policy, the government aims to create offline campaigns in different regions across the country to restore consumer faith in the e-commerce industry. A lawful structure is also to be implemented by the ICT minis-

try to improve consumer satisfaction while buying from e-commerce sites. A digital signature is to be implemented by the e-commerce website on every transaction to strengthen security issues. A centre of excellence will be implemented will be established to further strengthen the e-commerce sector for the future.

ePassport All you need to know

A few days back, the Directorate of Immigration and Passport, Major General Md Masud Rezwana signed a 10-year long contract with Veridos GmbH, a German company to provide E-Passport service and assistance in Bangladesh. The project, called "Introduction of E-Passport and Automatic Border Control System in Bangladesh", should cost around 4,636 crores. It will be implemented by the Department of Immigration and Passports between July 2018 and June 2028. E-Passports are to replace Machine Readable Passports currently in circulation. During renewal, e-passports would gradually replace MRP. 20 lakh passports will be imported, while 2.80 crore passports will be manufactured in Bangladesh. Demographic information, fingerprints, a photo of the cornea and digital signature shall be collected, verified and stored in the server of central data centre

and disaster recovery centre. Around 100 members of the Directorate of Immigration and Passport will be taken to Germany to receive training on delivering the services. Bangladesh is the 119th country to implement this system, with UK, USA, Australia, Canada, and Malaysia introducing it almost a decade ago. It is to be noted that there is currently 2 crore MRP passport holders in Bangladesh. This project comes as a result of MRP's inability to store fingerprints and track data, resulting in forgery. The size of the E-Passport shall remain the same as MRP, except the two pages with passport holder's details will be replaced by a polymer card embedded with a chip containing the holder's information. The passports shall be distributed through regional passport offices, embassies or high commissions.



TECH BITS

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Gorilla Glass 6 is here to withstand your clumsy hands



Landbot gets \$2.2M for its on-message 'anti-AI' chatbot



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