

Google Map adds payment options for US users

Google Map users in the US can now pay their parking or transit fare directly through the app.

Launched as part of an expanded partnership with transportation software companies Passport and ParkMobile, this contactless payment feature will cover more than 400 U.S. cities and will include over 80 global transit agencies.

Currently, the feature is only available on Android, but Google said they will introduce it to the iOS version of the app soon.

The aim is to help users pay for parking without having to touch a meter, said Google Maps product manager Vishal Dutta and Google Pay's Fausto Araujo.

"Now you'll be able to plan your trip, buy your fare, and start riding without needing to toggle between multiple apps," The company wrote in a blog post.



Sennheiser and Formlabs to make customized headphones

German premium headphone maker Sennheiser announced a partnership with 3D printing technology developer Formlabs technology to print custom earphones.

Sennheiser's Ambeo division said the goal will be to create custom headphone eartips. Users would be able to scan their ears with a smartphone app and send it to the company to get a tip printed.

The headphones will be made using Form 3B, a printer design to use biocompatible material for dental applications.

In a press release, Formlabs

audio head Iain McLeod said, "Our technology collaboration with Sennheiser seeks to change the way customers interact with the brands they love by enabling a more customized, user-centric approach to product development," adding, "Formlabs' deep industry knowledge and broad expertise in developing scalable solutions enable us to deliver tangible innovations to our customers."

No details regarding the product's availability and pricing have been disclosed at the time of writing this article.

New car this week

Newly refreshed BMW 5 series launched

HASEEB CHOWDHURY

Executive Motors Limited has rolled out the LCI of their BMW 5 series at their showroom on February 16, 2020.

Life Cycle Impulse or LCI is the terminology BMW assigns to their mid-cycle refresh, more aptly called facelift models. Changes include full LED head and tail lights, L-shaped daytime driving lights, enlarged kidney grille, and many more.

Unlike the outgoing diesel variant, the 530e is a petrol-driven plug-in hybrid. The new four-cylinder engine makes 184 horsepower, and the hybrid system tacks on another 109 horsepower. Aptly so, the car makes 420 nm of torque (258 lb/ft) which



is necessary to move a car of this bulk around. The car is fully loaded with modern luxury features such as powered seats, ambient lighting, a premium sound system, etc. BMW has changed their direction from being a completely Motorsport driven brand to one that blends sport and luxury, and



it shows with this new 5 series.

The 530e starts at BDT 1.18cr with 5 years free parts & service warranty up to 60,000 km. The optional luxury line will cost a bit more, and is set to be sold at BDT 1.25cr.

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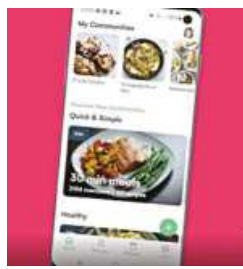
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