

Gadgets

Our monthly roundup of new gadgets



Crealev

The lamps in Crealev's new light series create an incredible visual conversation piece. The two models Silhouette and Eclipse look like optical illusions, yet one that is kind to the eyes and easy on the mind. While it looks like a normal light, the top, or tip of the lamps are completely wireless, light up and float freely above the base unit thanks to a set of magnets and a touch of engineering genius. Even after you know how the lamps work, they are still fascinating to

behold. They're available in two models, Silhouette and Eclipse, and incorporate LEDs, which are not only energy efficient but dimmable to different moods. A handcrafted wooden base complements the semi-conical "lampshade" of the Silhouette, while a glass base underscores the modern form of the cylindrical Eclipse. Both lamps are finished in matte black fabric, while the lighting element consists of LEDs and mirrors, and are activated via touch dimmer. In short, Light-light is perhaps the first commercially available electromagnetic levitation application — as in MagLev, like the high-speed trains — for household lighting. Owning one of these magnetic floating lamps is the only way techies can satiate their need for all things futuristic. Designed by Angela Jansen, the lamps are available for Rs 91,000 each. ■

Hisense

Haven't heard of Hisense before? Don't worry: we hadn't either, until we did a double-take on that price. The Hisense 50H7GB2 combines decent picture quality at bargain basement prices. This is a 4K TV that simply has no business being as cheap as it is, and looking as good as it does at the same time. How this unknown Chinese manufacturer (usually a huge



red flag) could pack so many premium features into a 4K TV that outprices most standard-HD sets in its cost tier is still a mystery. But it looks great, and does it all on a dime. But cheap price alone does not a spectacular viewing experience make. The cost makes a bit more sense when you see the thickness of the set compared to other models (the set is a hefty 3.2" back to front), and its contrast ratio (3050:1, a middle-performer in its class) could certainly be better. That said, if you're in the market for a 4K set but are shopping on a budget, the Hisense 50H7GB2 can't be overlooked. Price: Rs 34,930. ■

Fugoo

Funny name aside, the Fugoo Sport offers some incredible features. It is particularly light for a high-quality system at just over one pound, and is one of the best speakers for outdoor use. It has more ruggedized features than nearly any player its size, rated to be waterproof, mud proof, snow proof, and shockproof, so you can take it just about anywhere without worrying.

The sound stage for such a small speaker is impressive, as is the amount of bass and all together amplitude it can kick out. And yes, it's loud enough to fill most rooms with audio, albeit there is an inevitable



limit, simply because of the power source and size of the speaker itself. The battery is also impressive, with 40 hours offered on a single charge, plus there are a set of neodymium drivers which drive exceptional sound quality in 360 degrees according to the manufacturer. You can even change its "jacket" if you don't need its rugged capabilities, which in turn reduces its weight. This speaker will set you back at Rs 9600. ■