

# Gadgets

Our monthly roundup of new gadgets



## Fujifilm

Fujifilm has blended compactness and performance in its latest X-E3 camera, a powerhouse that comes in a small body. The Fujifilm X-E3 sports a retro look and comes bundled with all the latest features. Weighing about 337 grams, the petite camera body comes with silver top and rubber body which definitely looks good and feels sturdy. The top panel comprises of two dials; one for shutter speed and one for exposure composition and auto-mode selector lever. The rest of the control buttons are located above and on the right side of the screen. The X-E3 does not have the standard navigation - what it has

is a joystick to change your focus. The X-E3 features an APS-C 24.3 megapixel X-Trans CMOS III sensor and the X-Processor Pro image processing engine. It features a 325 autofocus system and 15 colour profile modes. Daylight pictures were very impressive, very sharp with a balanced bokeh effect. Like most cameras in this price bracket, the X-E3 can also shoot 4K videos. The quality and colour is great. The device also supports wireless connectivity and bluetooth for transferring files. The X-E3 uses a NP-W126S Li-ion battery and has a decent battery life. The X-E3 is priced at Rs 70,999 (body only), with 18-55mm kit it comes for Rs 102,999 and with 23mm F2 kit it is priced at Rs 89,999. ■

## Bose

The latest headphone from Bose is the QC35 II --- in terms of design and looks, it looks exactly like its predecessor. The built-in Google Assistant on the left ear cup is new. The Bose QC 35 II doesn't disappoint in comfort. The ear cups have leather coating which is really soft and comfortable even if you use it for couple of hours straight. The plastic body feels sturdy and durable with the control buttons and the power on/off button located conveniently within reachable distance. The headband has a soft fabric on the inside and leather on the outside -- this ensures that it's lighter and softer on the head while still managing to look premium and durable. These are seriously light headphones and really make a difference for music buffs. The Bose QC35 II comes in



two colours: black and silver. The moment you turn it on, the noise outside just seems to disappear. Bose has been synonymous with high-quality headphones and the QC35 II lives up to the legacy. It strikes all the right notes and doesn't miss a single beat - literally and figuratively. The audio clarity is excellent - even though it doesn't support Hi-Res audio - with the highs, lows and mids completely in sync. The bass could have been punchier but still delivers good output. From Bob Dylan to George Ezra, from George Michael to Sam Smith, from Lauren Hill to Kehlani and from Mick Jagger to Harry Styles, the Bose QC 35 II gives you a delightful listening experience. It comes with 20 hours of battery. With the QC35 II, Bose seems to have another winner on its hands. Price: Rs 29, 363. ■

## Vitra

There's a new incredible office chair making the rounds in the business community, and it's reinventing the way people are thinking about how they buy the best office chairs. The company is called Vitra, the chair is called the Pacific, and it's popular enough that Jony Ive, the chief design officer for Apple, bought the very first one available and eventually made them a mainstay in Apple's gleaming, cult-like new headquarters. The Pacific is an interesting sort of chair, with a different design philosophy than the popular office chairs of past years. Past office chairs were designed with the idea that people were going to be spending a whole lot of hours in them, getting some serious computer work done. They were designed for minute, manual customisation, comfort, support, and ergonomics for long periods of work. The Pacific...is not. Instead, it's designed around the philosophy that many of today's workplaces are fast moving environments where people fill different roles and don't spend a lot of time sitting down. These chairs are designed for active conversations, energetic art or design work, fast-paced meetings, and getting things done. That philosophy extends to other features the chair has, as well: you customise a lot of when you first order the chair, and much less when it arrives: Most of the mechanical components are entirely hidden by the backrest. This leaves you with choices for just three different heights, light or dark colours, and movable or immovable armrests. If this stark, movement-oriented approach sounds good to you, you can get a Pacific chair for only around Rs. 76,098. ■

