

Gadgets

Our monthly roundup of new gadgets



Samsung

Samsung's UN55JS9000 55-inch television combines Samsung's fastest processor in the JS series with a strong set of Smart TV features. The UN55JS9000 runs Samsung's Tizen operating system Smart

TV software, which is wellorganised and easy to use. The Tizen system, which currently is only available in higher-end Samsung televisions, makes use of the Smart Hub menu, to enable users to organise their favourite apps and programs easier than other Smart TV systems. Samsung has implemented social networking updates into its Smart TV functionality

too. It comes with a touchpad remote control that's easy to use with this model. And for those watching HD programming this set can upscale to 4K to take full advantage of the UN55JS9000's resolution.

Price: Rs 186,992 ■

Carbon

Carbon is visually arresting. It's not just a solar charging cell you can strap to your wrist; it's also a quite nice analog to watch out. Carbon is essentially designed to help you charge your phone when you're not near an

outlet. The "face" of Carbon is a solar panel, which of course generates electricity and is stored in a battery in the watch. When you want to charge your phone, all you do is plug it into Carbon using the port on the side. Carbon does its job, powers up your phone, and you've got three extra hours of talk time sitting on your wrist as needed.

Another reason, Carbon is a fairly-classy watch in of itself. The watch face is probably better suited to day-to-day use. And, in a nice touch, Carbon is designed to be compatible with standard watch bands, so if you need something different to match your outfit, you've got it. ■



Color Tiger

Perhaps, the best universal remote app without any extras required is the Smart IR Remote (Rs 500) app from Color Tiger. It's a customisable app, making it easy to control your TV, settop box, and other smart home devices in exactly the manner you need. It also requires only 13MB of storage space, which is great for those who'd rather fill their smartphone storage capacity with photos than memory-hogging apps.

What more, the Smart IR Remote only works with Android smartphones. In fact, many universal remote apps work only with Android devices, because many, not all, have an IR blaster built-in. IR, or infrared, is the method by which physical remote controls send signals to the TV. Apple devices don't contain an IR blaster, so they must connect to a television over a WiFi connection instead. By sticking with an app only, and using your smartphone as the your remote will be a cheaper option than a physical universal remote, though tactical response will be greatly reduced. ■

