

Gadgets

Our monthly roundup of new gadgets

Bluesmart

Bluesmart is an innovative carry-on suitcase which a traveller can control using a smartphone. The suitcase connects with your iPhone or Android device via dedicated app, which offers a plethora of interesting features. You can lock and unlock it, weigh it, track it, and it even tells you if you forget it somewhere. The owner gets a notification if anyone tries to unlock the suitcase by other means. Furthermore, the access can be shared with other people you trust, for instance, your family members who may use the suitcase. With Bluesmart, you don't have to find a weighing scale, the

suitcase has a built-in digital scale to weigh itself.

Users also get the ability to find it if it's misplaced or left behind through proximity sensors found inside the suitcase, or via location tracking. Bluesmart features a built-in battery pack which can charge your smartphones, tablets and e-readers. What more, it can also record travel data like miles travelled, airports visited, time per country, among others. Price: Rs 44,980. ■



Wahoo

What if the everyday bathroom scale could perform other tasks that could aid in benefiting the health of the person using it? That would make it valuable. So that's exactly what the Wahoo Fitness Balance Smartphone Scale does. First, the obvious. It's flat and can be stood upon. A glass top gives off a svelte and attractive look, with a small LCD window to peer into for seeing the weight. That's no different than other scales, but that's only the analogue side of

things. If you've an iPhone, or an iPad, opening the Wahoo Wellness app that's been downloaded from the App Store means digital can now take over — showing not just the weight but also the person's Body Mass Index (BMI) based on height and weight. The Wahoo Fitness Balance Smartphone Scale won't take the place of discipline and determination, but it will provide factual and correct information that can help control your weight — or more akin to what the person thinks it should be. Plus, there are number of other apps that will function with the scale as well. Rather than spending a few bucks for an analog needle that swings back and forth and doesn't say a word, opting for a USD 79.99 digital scale that can "talk" you through taking charge of weight seems the way to go. Price: Rs 7938. ■



Bowers & Wilkins

British audio manufacturer Bowers & Wilkins has recently introduced a premium pair of headphones for those of us who don't mind spending a bit more: the P7 Wireless. The company is fully embracing the Bluetooth wireless trend, and has just released this new over-ear to lead the pack.



The company's high quality standards can be seen from the elegant choice of materials to the clean and crisp sound. This cordless P7 variant isn't exempt from a slight weight increase and a hit to its HiFi performance. While the overall sound is enough to pass muster, you'll definitely find clearer and higher reaching detail in more expensive wired offerings. The sub-bass could be more prevalent and the soundstage more expansive — things that could be attributed to the limitations of the Bluetooth function. Overall, it performs masterfully for its class, and it's one of the best wireless headphones around. Price: Rs 53,243. ■