

Gadgets

Our monthly roundup of new gadgets

AirBolt

Traveling is full of anxiety. Especially when it comes to your baggage; it gets lost, it gets knocked around, and you don't want to lock anything valuable in it. It'd be nice to have a lock you know works and you can open it up with your phone. Which is where the AirBolt comes in.

The AirBolt itself is actually a pretty slick little luggage lock even before you get to the digital features. It uses a steel cable that you thread through the zipper tabs, and you lock it down through a sturdy casing. So even before you get to the fun part, it's a great lock for your luggage.

Oh, right, the fun part. The lock isn't keyed to a combination or a tiny key, but to an app and your smartphone. That's right, all you



need to do is put your phone over the lock, tap the screen, and you're taking out your clothes. If your lock is messed with, there's an alarm that goes off. In fact, you can configure it to go off whenever you get too far from your luggage before you check it. It'll even ping you when on the carousel to let you know where your luggage is. You can even revoke the TSA's access to your luggage. And there is, of course, a default button combo you can enter if your phone's dead.

Getting on a plane is often nerve-racking even with just a carry-on. The AirBolt will let you take a lot of the annoyance of trucking around your stuff without having to change much about how you travel. And at just about Rs 3200, it's worth it just to be able to find your luggage on that carousel. ■

Nikon

The Nikon D810 is one of the best DSLR cameras on the market right now, providing high-end features at a reasonable price point. With a 36.3 MP full frame image sensor, the D810's image quality is extremely

impressive for an intermediate-level DSLR. You can shoot in JPEG, RAW, or TIFF image formats, which gives this model some versatility.

The D810's autofocus system is accurate and fast, and you can shoot at a burst mode of between 5 and 7 frames per second. The D810's battery life is well above average. Nikon gave photographers quite a few customization options through numerous buttons and dials with this model, which may make the D810 a bit too powerful for some photographers. But if you have some photography experience and you can fit this model in your budget, it's going to impress you. Price: Rs. 199950. ■



Breville

The Breville BES870XL is the premium choice for mid-range espresso machine buyers.

Although that sticker price may come as a bit of a shock; as far as home espresso machines go the Breville BES870BSXL holds on tightly to the top spot thanks to its superior build quality and long list of premium features.

The semi-automatic BES870BSXL comes with its own internal fine-burr coffee grinder, saving you from the mess of transferring grounds from one place to another, while ensuring that you never overfill your tamping cask to the brim. This also gives you the ultimate fresh espresso, due to the on-demand option to only grind the exact amount of beans you need for any size espresso, one cup at a time.

Other notable add-ons include an intuitive, clean interface which gives you precise control over the shot volumes, filter size, and extraction pressure, as well as a 360-degree steaming wand and its very own internal water filter.

The Breville BES870BSXL guarantees you the best cup of coffee you'll taste from a machine under Rs 65000, thanks in large part to its combination of mid-tier pricing and top-tier features. ■

