

TRAVEL-FRIENDLY GADGETS FOR THE AVID TRAVELLERS



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Travel gadgets can always make your journey a bit easier, regardless of where or how you're going. Whether for business or pleasure, travel can be fun, energizing, and exciting – or exhausting, frustrating, and boring. You can control – or at least minimize – many of the inevitable inconveniences with some advance preparation and the right equipment. We've dug through the thousands of travelling accessories and latest technology gadgets out there and compiled this travel toolbox. They're all affordable, they're all small, and there's something for everyone, no matter if you're headed out on a luxury urban

weekend or a back-to-basics camping adventure. Take a look and find your next travel must-have.

DIGITEK BLUETOOTH SPEAKERS

Digitek, an Indian market leader in Photographic and Smartphone accessories has launched two premium Bluetooth speakers - DBS 004 and



DBS 005 designed for audiophiles and music enthusiasts. A perfect blend of style and functionality, the speakers make an ideal companion for sports activities, camping super-portable, trendy and waterproof, the palm-sized DBS 004 speaker is IPX5 enabled which means it is water resistant. This speaker features a built-in 600mAh Li-ion battery and with just 2-3 hours of charging will give you an uninterrupted music playback for 3-8 hours. It has a built-in microphone that supports a hands-free call for 4-5 hrs at a stretch and supports Bluetooth, AUX IN, TF Card as well as FM Radio. With Bluetooth 4.2+EDR, an output of 6 watts and towering

range of 10 meters, the speaker gives much more flexibility in playing. Digitek DBS 004 and DBS 005 are affordably priced at MRP of Rs. 1595.00 and Rs. 2995.00 respectively. The speakers can be purchased from various Mobile Accessories and Electronics outlets and other e-commerce platforms like Amazon, Flipkart, Snapdeal, etc.

ZOOK ZB-SOLAR MUSE SPEAKER

French Company Zook, a pioneer in innovative consumer technology



products, has introduced India's first ever solar powered waterproof speaker, the ZB-Solar Muse. A speaker like no other, this is a next generation, one-of-a-kind innovation in India with an all-weather portable device designed to give you the best ever 3D surround sound. Switching to solar power is now extremely easy with no more hassles of connecting speakers to power plug-ins or adaptors while you are on the go. No cables, no electricity, just good music with the ZB-Solar Muse.

Zook's ZB solar muse is shockproof, dustproof and waterproof. Not only does it have a 30-hour battery backup, but an integrated solar panel charges the lithium battery that keeps your music going when you are out and about at a beach party or a camping trip. With detachable velcro-straps, cyclists can easily strap the speakers on to their bikes to enjoy music on their excursions. Easy operation with a hybrid power you can wirelessly stream music from any Bluetooth device (be it phones, MP3 players or music players). This handy

speaker needs only 10 min of sunshine to give you 30 min of uninterrupted music. Priced at Rs. 4999, the ZB- Solar muse has been made available at all leading online platforms and offline stores.

SHARP PORTABLE AIR PURIFIER (IG-GC2) WITH PLASMACLUSTER TECHNOLOGY

In yet another innovation to expand the benefits of Plasmacluster technology



for in-car applications, Sharp launched its portable Car/Personal Air Purifier IG-GC2. The IG-GC2 equipped with Plasmacluster technology works by dispatching the ions to each and every corner of the car, thus reaching out to the source of the hidden smell in the mat, ceiling, seat covers, and dashboard; destroying them not only from the air but even from the surface. Additionally, the washable PM10 filter ensures that most road dust particles that penetrate the AC filter can also be trapped which makes our drive safe and pleasurable. The most significant part of this marvel from Sharp is no recurring cost and can be used for up to 19000 hours or 10 years. With the handy front-tilt cylindrical design and adjustable louvre angle, the IG-GC2 comes with 2-port USB car adapter to charge the device. The purifier also combats the dangers posed by exposure to VOCs, PBDEs, and phthalates in your car. Plasmacluster Technology can best be described as the next generation of Air Purifiers. They

work by using an electrical discharge to create both Positive and Negative ions, which are then surrounded by water and then released into the air. This process can clean the air and surface from irritants including dust, fungi, viruses, pollen, smell, gases and mold apart from improving skin texture. These high-density Plasmacluster have been proven to be safe and effective by 28 independent labs. Sharp's Plasmacluster technology has already earned accolades when it announced the sales of 70 million units, the highest in air purifications. The Sharp IG-GC2 is competitively priced at Rs. 12,000 and is available in major cities across India through online and Offline partners. With just a monthly cleaning of filters, there is actually no running cost for up to 10 years; this product is value for money considering factors like the time we spend commuting in our cars. It can be connected to a USB port and conveniently placed inside the car to provide filtered air. Besides that, you can also connect it to your laptops and PC's and use it in your office or personal space.

RAZER ELECTRA V2 HEADPHONES

Kaira Global, an IT distribution house driven by the passion to provide customers quality products launched Razer Electra V2 and Razer Electra V2



USB. Both the headsets are carefully crafted for the ultimate audio experience and versatility without breaking the budget. The Razer Electra V2 is an essential headset for gaming which is compatible with the widest array of devices. The headset is designed to deliver outstanding sound quality and versatility regardless of the device being used. Its 40mm Neodymium drivers are custom-tuned to provide the best possible audio experience while gaming on PC or consoles, or when listening to music on a phone. A unified audio and mic-connector makes it easy to use with any PC, Mac, Xbox One™, PlayStation®4, or phone with a 3.5 mm audio jack. A removable boom microphone complements gamers' mobile lifestyles. The Razer Electra V2 USB shares all the features of the Razer Electra V2, additionally it is optimized for PC-only use via a single USB connection.

Razer Electra V2 comes with MRP of Rs. 5699/- and Razer Electra V2 USB comes with MRP of Rs. 6499; both come with a warranty of one year.

NKD'SPOD+ WATER BOTTLE

A British start-up, Nkd has shaken up the global bottle market with the launch of its pod+. Representing the next generation of filtration, this little beauty allows you to fill up your bottle from the dirtiest lakes, rivers, ponds and



puddles – in fact, any source except sea water. Then as you drink, the state-of-the-art technology, from the NASA space programme, almost immediately filters-out up to 99.9% of bacteria, viruses, heavy metals, chemicals and pharmaceuticals. pod+ cleans, it actually supercharges, resulting in water that is slightly more alkaline, ionised and higher in antioxidants thereby helping to hydrate you faster and take away old debris from your cells!

The pod-shaped water bottle is impact-resistant and leak-proof while the fully attached cap protects the mouthpiece from exposure to dirt or germs. Then, of course, there are the benefits to the environment of using the pod+ in place of bottled water. In the UK, 75% of plastic bottles end up in landfills where they can take up to 1000 years to decompose; whilst in the Pacific, 90% of surface debris in the ocean is attributed to plastic. The striking and easy-to-use 585ml bottle comes in six different colours. The pod+ filter lasts 300 bottle refills, equivalent to 175 litres of water or around two months' regular use before it needs to be replaced. The Nkd pod+ is available at Croma, Relay Airport Stores, Amazon, Flipkart and Croma Retail Online across India. The bottle is priced at Rs. 2,499 and the filter is Rs. 999.

AMBRANE'S RUGGED POWER BANK

Ambrane one of the leading IT brands in computer peripherals and mobile accessories further brings the range of innovative devices, with the launch of its first rugged Power Bank WP11 exclusively designed for the traveller. Designed for outdoor enthusiasts and suitable for every backpack or emergency kit, the 10050



mah Rugged Outdoor Power Bank offers double the power for those who need as much juice on the go as possible. With the IP67 certified rating, the Power Bank can be submerged up to 1 metre for 30 minutes with the waterproof lid closed. Further, it comes with 360-degree shockproof exterior and is also dustproof. The Power Bank comes with Dual output USB ports that offer 2.4A and 1A power and 2A input. It also has an efficiency of 85-90 percent and automatically adjusts output based on the device. The ultra large capacity of power can full-charge your Iphone on an average 3-4 times, sufficiently enabled for talk time and support with multimedia devices, along with the ability to withstand 300 power cycles in its lifetime beginning a new battle in power! Priced at Rs 2999, this BIS certified power bank equips a multitude of advanced safety features - short circuit protection, over-charge protection, over-discharge protection and over-voltage protection, that assures maximum user and device safety at all times.

Travellers try to get most out of the limited vacation time by planning their trip properly and packing essential gadgets that ensure comfort while travelling. Indeed, technology can be a saviour when there is no one to share your boredom during a journey. So, wherever you go next time, never ignore the fact that you have to carry a tech gear in your bag. □