

# Call The Shots

Here are the best smartphones of the season, with more core power, ever better cameras and 5G capabilities, to help you meet the future

## #ATrueFlagship

### OnePlus 8 Pro ◀

This is the most expensive and luxurious Android smartphone from the OnePlus stable: A giant device with a 6.78-inch Fluid display offering a 120Hz refresh rate; quick as ever charging that now also has a wireless option; and a Snapdragon 865 chip at its core. There's also dual Dolby Atmos stereo speakers and a quad-camera system that boasts a 48MP Sony sensor, a 48MP ultra-wide angle lens and a telephoto lens with 3x hybrid and 30x digital zoom. And that hyper image stabilisation feature is something to write home about.



Available in Onyx Black, Glacial Green and Ultramarine Blue; Starting at ₹54,999



## #EasterEgg

### ▶ Realme Narzo 10

Residents of Erangel: The Narzo 10 is a worthy addition to your war chest. Powered by a Helio G80 chipset, a 5,000mAh battery, 4GB RAM and 128GB storage, the smartphone is a great device to sink endless PUBG hours on. It also boasts a surprisingly powerful quad camera system, with a 48MP main camera. Whether you're an aspiring gamer or a TikTok creator, the Narzo 10 has your back.



Available in That White and That Green at ₹11,999



## #AffordableApple

### ▶ iPhone SE

Powered by the industry-leading A13 Bionic chip, Apple's most cost-effective offering is outfitted with a slick 4.7-inch Retina Display, a battery that charges to 50 per cent in 30 minutes and boasts a single 12MP lens on its back, bolstered by nifty software that proves you don't necessarily need a whole system of lenses on your phone. It's also very good for composing high-definition videos, and that Portrait mode is perfect for those under-lockdown thirst traps you're posting after one well-executed push-up.



Available in black, white and red; Starting at ₹42,500



## #TheJackIsBack

### ▶ LG Velvet

They've all got four cameras, but few have displayed the art of arranging them neatly. The Velvet does that: The raindrop camera is the cherry on an all-around beautifully designed smartphone. Inside its curved but rectangular body, there's a Snapdragon 765 processor, 8GB RAM and 4,300mAh battery. The main rear camera is a 48MP lens and a 16MP camera upfront. And surprisingly, there's a 3.5mm headphone jack in there, proving that future-forward design doesn't necessarily mean deleting the past.

Price TBA

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## #LensLeader

### ▶ Xiaomi Mi 10

A 108MP lens is going to become the new normal on premium smartphones very quickly; but that's not the only reason that the Mi 10 is an impressive piece of engineering. Inside its beautiful glass body and 6.67" curved AMOLED display, lies a Snapdragon 865 chip, dual stereo speakers, a 4,780 mAh battery (a full charge in 40 minutes with the 30W charger in box; a wireless charger is sold separately), 8GB RAM and 128GB or 256GB storage options. The front AI camera is 20MP; and that quad camera on the back is a beast, especially if you're into creating 8K videos (who isn't?).



Available in Twilight Grey and Coral Green; Starting from ₹49,999

## #SelfLove

### Vivo V19 ◀

If your social media presence is more #inspo than #convo, the Vivo V19's unique dual front camera might be worth your money. With a 32MP main camera and an 8MP wide-angle lens, and features like night mode and "aura screen light" (which lets you simulate studio-style lights), not only can you capture more of yourself, you can also spend less time beautifying later. Of course there are four powerful cameras on the back too, a long-lasting battery, plenty of RAM and storage, a great display and a strong Snapdragon CPU at its core. Get those poses ready.



Available in Piano Black and Mystic Silver at ₹27,990 (8+128GB) and ₹31,990 (8+256GB)



## #FormFactor

### ▶ Samsung Galaxy Z Flip

An all-screen smartphone that folds was a fantasy, until recently when Samsung showed that it can be done. The Galaxy Z Flip is the first step into a world where flexible screens are backed by solid specs. This one runs on a Snapdragon 855+ chipset, has a 3,300 mAh battery, two 12MP rear lenses and one 10MP front camera, 8GB RAM and Dolby-enhanced speakers (a 5G-enabled version is expected later this year). It'll throw up notifications when snapped shut, and allows for multiple active windows when opened. A slick, if pricey, toy for those who like to stay ahead of the curve.



Available in Mirror Purple, Mirror Black and Mirror Gold at ₹1,09,999



## #DreamScreen

### ▶ Motorola Edge+

Motorola might've taken its foldable back to the lab, but the new Edge+ is a triumphant return for its flagship after four years. It's got every trendy spec of a high-end smartphone, making it fast, smooth, equipped with supreme battery life, and running Android 10 as it was intended. That screen, though, is what elevates this phone a few notches above the rest, as it curves into the sides but thoughtfully so (meaning an accidental tap on the side of your phone won't send off an unintended message on Slack). For true immersion, this is not half bad.



Available in Solar Black and Midnight Magenta for Rs 58,000 (approx)

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