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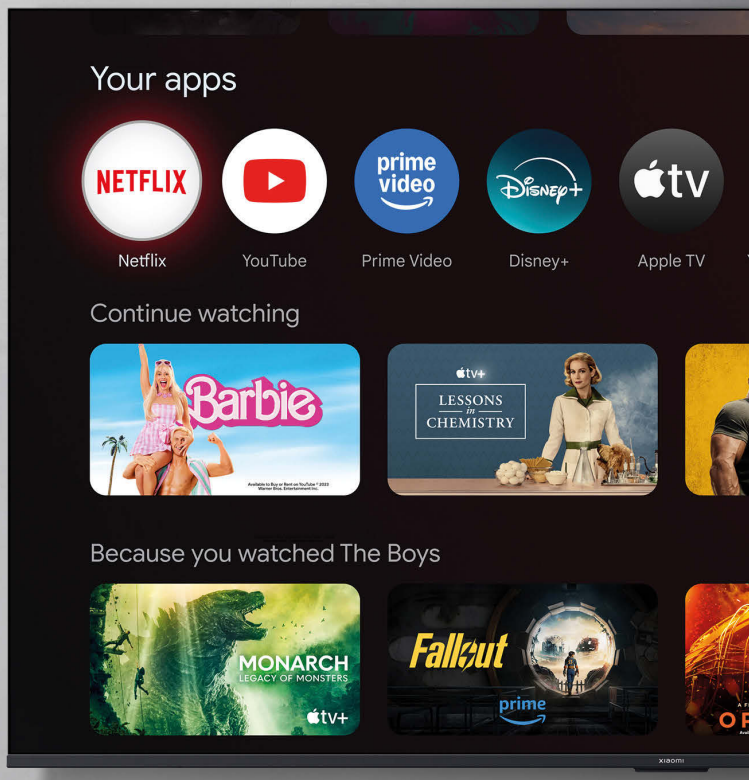
Does this year's X Pro QLED model keep up the tradition, or is it just last year's tech in a slightly shinier wrapper?

₹64,999 / mi.com

It's smart, it's minimalist, and it looks more expensive than it probably is. The premium metal bezel is so thin it's practically on a diet, meaning all you really see is a glorious screen. Whether you plump for the 43, 55, or the whopping 65-incher, it's got that modern, 'all-screen' aesthetic.

Around the back, the ports sensibly placed. You get three HDMIs (one with eARC for your booming soundbar), a couple of USBs, Ethernet for the Wi-Fi phobics, optical audio, and even an old-school AV input. Nothing revolutionary, perhaps, but it's got the essentials covered.

They've tweaked the remote too – it's taller now, with curvier sides for a comfier grip during those channel-hopping sessions. Nice touch. There's a dedicated mute button with hot keys for the well-known OTT services. Running Google TV means you get a slick, content-focused interface pulling shows and movies from all your apps into one place.



4K quantum stuff
This is a 4K QLED panel, meaning tiny Quantum Dots are doing a flashy disco dance to give you punchier colours and brightness than your standard LED telly. And for the most part, it delivers the goods.

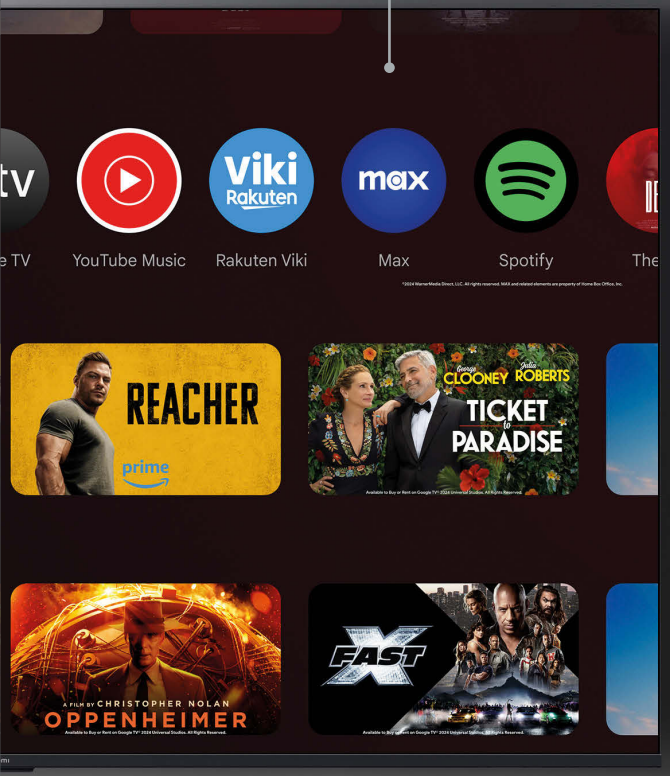
Crushing over
There's a smidge of crushed black, meaning some really dark details get swallowed up, but overall, you can still make out what's lurking in the shadows. Again, not perfectly inky blacks, but better than you might expect.

Stay true to films
Where this telly really starts to sing is with modern shows mastered in Dolby Vision, especially with Filmmaker Mode flicked on. Something like the intense arrest sequence in Netflix drama Adolescence.

GOOD
MEH
EVIL

- Punchy colours and brightness
- Top marks for Film-maker Mode
- Upscaling could've been better
- Edge lighting can be a bit uneven
- Dolby Vision & HDR look ace
- VRR for gaming should've been there

Improved but not a lot
Sound-wise, the 55 and 65-inch models get 34W speakers. A dedicated soundbar will blow it out of the water.



Tech specs

Screen 43-inch, 55-inch, and 65-inch **Resolution** 3840 x 2160 pixels **Panel Type** QLED, VA panel **Storage** 32GB **Refresh Rate** 60Hz (Native). Supports up to 120Hz via DLG (Dual Line Gate) tech **HDR** Dolby Vision, HDR10+, HLG **RAM** 2GB **HDMI** 3 ports (Port 1 supports eARC)

Besides the Dolby stuff

While the Filmmaker mode adds a ton of joy into the picture quality, there is room for improvement.



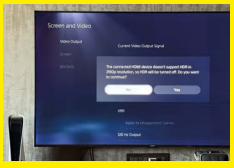
Not a native

The 2025 model boasts DLG (Dual Line Gate) tech, letting the native 60Hz panel mimic 120Hz for smoother gaming or sports – though this likely comes at the cost of resolution.



Let there be light

Colour uniformity isn't its strongest suit, particularly around the edges where things can look slightly off compared to the centre because this uses edge-lit backlighting rather than full-array.



What is this game?

There's no VRR or ALLM for gaming either, and the TV doesn't support HDR at 4K gaming. So if you're plonking your PS5 into this, HDR wouldn't be supported which is a bummer for gamers.



Kinda edgy

Highlights in Shogun's episode with flickering flames are tight, and brightness is fairly uniform towards the centre. However, darker scenes viewed near the edges have a mild halo effect.

With Filmmaker mode
The velvety, slightly noisy picture, the well-judged warmth – it feels cinematic, just as the director intended, without the TV mucking about with artificial smoothing or pumped-up colours.

Find the old stuff
Upscaling standard HD stuff, like old episodes of The Big Bang Theory, is admirable but not perfect. Things can look a little soft compared to native 4K. Motion handling and clarity, however, are well-judged.



The 2025 Edition isn't a massive leap forward from its predecessor. It's more of an iterative update, polishing the software, adding Filmmaker Mode for the cinephiles, and tweaking the sound and remote. The QLED panel delivers vibrant colours and handles HDR content (especially Dolby Vision) impressively well for the price. *@khumailthakur*

STUFF SAYS ★★★★☆
This QLED bargain bursts with colour and smarts, mostly dazzling for the dosh despite slightly fuzzy edges.

Let's do a fit check

These are for anyone struggling to keep the stick-styled in their ears.



Thick box
The case is shaped like a mini burger which makes it too fat for your trouser pockets. It should've been a slimmer case.

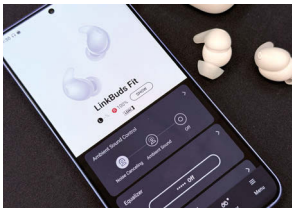
₹18,990 / sony.co.in

When it comes to earbuds, fit is king, and Sony seems to have taken that to heart. The LinkBuds Fit come with these nifty "Air Fitting Supporters" and soft ear tips, designed using a mountain of data on ear shapes. The result? These earbuds sit snugly in your ears, feeling light as a feather – we're talking a mere 4.9 grams each.

The supporters have a soft, hollow tail to reduce pressure, while the bit that hooks into your ear is nice and firm to stop them from falling out. Even the earbud tip shaft is made of soft silicone, adding to the overall comfort.

We wore it for runs and gym sessions, this thing sticks in only if the fin hooks into your ear size. For my ears, the fin hooks weren't big enough and the fins only come in one standard size so if they don't sit in your ears properly, you'll never be able to fit them.

Sony's got a new feature called Wide Area Tap which lets you control your music and calls by tapping in front of your ears. It uses an accelerometer to detect vibrations in front of your ear and registers a tap. It works sometimes. I much rather use the buds for touch controls. Which, too, is not very perfect compared to stem-based TWS.



Pair it well

These support LDAC which isn't lossless but it's surprisingly better than Apple's AAC. Our Samsung Galaxy S25 Plus supports LDAC but the buds don't support LHDC which is widely compatible with Android.



Water buddies

Battery life is a solid 21 hours of total playback with the case and 5.5 hours on a single charge per bud, with a quick 5-minute charge that gives you an hour of juice. Plus, they're IPX4 water-resistant.

Tech specs

Driver 8.4mm **Frequency response** 20Hz – 20,000Hz (AAC), 20Hz – 40,000Hz (LDAC) **Bluetooth** 5.3 **Formats** SBC, AAC, LDAC, LC3 **Weight** 41g per bud

STUFF SAYS Comfortable earbuds with good audio and plenty of features ★★★★☆

Tell me about the sound quality?
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These definitely sound a bit forward than Sony's own WF-1000XM5. The cymbals in Waste a Moment by Kings of Leon sound a wee bit sibilant. However, the overall presentation is perfectly judged for the price. The LinkBuds Fit's focus on the midrange, especially on vocals gives it a bit of a smooth character in the sound presentation.

Thump music

The 50S promises to make chit-chat on the go smoother than a freshly paved highway.

Riding shotgun
Sena partnered with RE, offering co-branded solutions for those who want a one-stop shop for riding gear. It's the same product though.

₹35,990 / store.royalenfield.com



■ First impressions? The 50S unit itself isn't exactly tiny, but it avoids looking like you've bolted a brick to the side of your precious lid. It's reasonably sleek, finished in a classy silver and black, and feels reassuringly solid. Attaching it to your helmet is a fairly standard affair.

■ The star of the show, ergonomically speaking, is Sena's signature jog dial. The 50S's big, twirly, pressable dial makes navigating menus, adjusting volume, and initiating connections a relative doddle, even with winter mitts on.

■ How well does it actually work? Pairing via Bluetooth to your phone is straightforward, letting you take calls, listen to tunes, or get nav instructions beamed into your ears. Call quality is surprisingly great, with clever noise cancelling doing its best to mute the hurricane raging around your head.

■ Music streamed via Bluetooth sounds pretty punchy thanks to those upgraded speakers – certainly good enough to liven up a motorway drone, though don't expect audiophile nirvana amidst the wind noise. Even then, these are a shockingly good-sounding pair of speakers. There's proper stereo imaging here with a slight emphasis on bass and highs, creating a V-shape EQ.

Tech specs

Mesh Network Mesh 2.0
Bluetooth 5 **FM Radio** Yes



For long chats

Battery life is stonking – Sena claims up to 14 hours of talk time, which should easily cover even the most ambitious Sunday ride-out. Plus, a quick 20-minute charge allegedly gives you hours more juice.

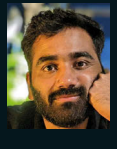


Hands-free

You can control your GoPro and Insta360 cameras using voice commands and even tap into Siri and Google Gemini to get some voice-controlled music shuffle or simply calling home. It's very easy and robust.

STUFF SAYS Mesh magic and posh audio make group rides easy and fun ★★★★★

How is the mesh system?
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With the 50S, you get two Mesh modes: Open Mesh and Group Mesh. Think of Open Mesh like a public party line. Press the Mesh button, and you can chat with basically any other Mesh-enabled Sena user within range. It even has multiple channels. Group Mesh is your private chat room for up to 24 riders (yes, twenty-four!). Set up a private group, and only those invited can join the natter.

Gaming gains are real

Both cards are swaggering into the ring, promising to render your games faster than a caffeinated squirrel and prettier than a pixelated peacock. But who's got the proper technological trousers?

Nvidia GeForce RTX 5070 Ti

What's the story?
AMD's contender has a Base Clock of 2.4GHz and can boost up to a zippy 2970 MHz. Nvidia's card has a Base Clock of 2.30 GHz and boosts up to 2.45 GHz. Both cards are packing 16GB of VRAM, but the 9070 XT uses GDDR6 running at 20 Gbps on a 256-bit bus, giving it an effective memory bandwidth of around 640GB/s. It also features 64MB of 3rd-Gen AMD Infinity Cache. The 5070 Ti uses newer GDDR7 memory, also on a 256-bit bus, with bandwidth speeds of up to 896GB/s.

Is it any good?
Nvidia's RTX 5070 Ti struts onto the scene like it owns the place, especially when it comes to fancy lighting tricks. In Assassin's Creed Shadows, it serves up a respectable 49 average FPS with all the ray-traced bells and whistles maxed out (53 FPS if you ease up a bit). Cyberpunk 2077 sees it initially sweat a bit at 34 FPS with max ray tracing, but switch that off, and boom – 78 FPS average. Flick on the magic Frame Generation switch, and you're laughing at 117 FPS average. Black Myth Wukong runs nicely at 62 FPS average, though ray tracing halves that. Frame Generation claws some back to 58 FPS. The Last of Us 2 Remastered? A smooth 115 FPS average, jumping to 140 FPS with Frame Gen.

Price from ₹108,500 / nvidia.com
Key specs 2450 MHz ● 750W ● 16 GB GDDR6 VRAM ● Up to 896 GB/s

Stuff says ★★★★☆
Pricey but if ray tracing is important to you then it makes sense.

AMD Radeon RX 9070 XT

What's the story?
Team Red is built on their shiny new RDNA 4 architecture, crafted using TSMC's N4P process node. Team Green's RTX 5070 Ti counters with the mighty Blackwell architecture on TSMC's N4process node. The 9070 XT packs 64 Compute Units, 64 3rd Gen Ray Accelerators, and 128 2nd Gen AI Accelerators. The 5070 Ti boasts a hefty 8960 CUDA Cores, powered by Blackwell shader cores, 5th Generation Tensor Cores delivering 1406 AI TOPS, and 4th Generation Ray Tracing Cores crunching 133 TFLOPS.

Is it any good?
AMD's RX 9070 XT comes out swinging, often matching or even besting the Nvidia card when ray tracing isn't invited to the party. It nabs a slightly higher 51 average FPS in Assassin's Creed Shadows (though can get a bit jittery with ray tracing on). Like its rival, Cyberpunk 2077 with ray tracing is a slideshow (22 FPS average), but turn it off and it matches Nvidia's 78 FPS average. Frame Generation pushes it to a mighty 148 FPS, albeit with some stutters. Interestingly, in Black Myth Wukong, AMD's Frame Gen delivers a cleaner, more stable 99 FPS compared to Nvidia's 58 FPS. And in The Last of Us 2 Remastered, it takes the lead with Frame Gen on.

Price ₹78,700 / amd.com
Key specs Up to 2970 MHz ● 750W ● 16 GB VRAM ● Up to 640 GB/s

Stuff says ★★★★★
Pure value for money and matches Nvidia in everything and undercuts it by a lot!

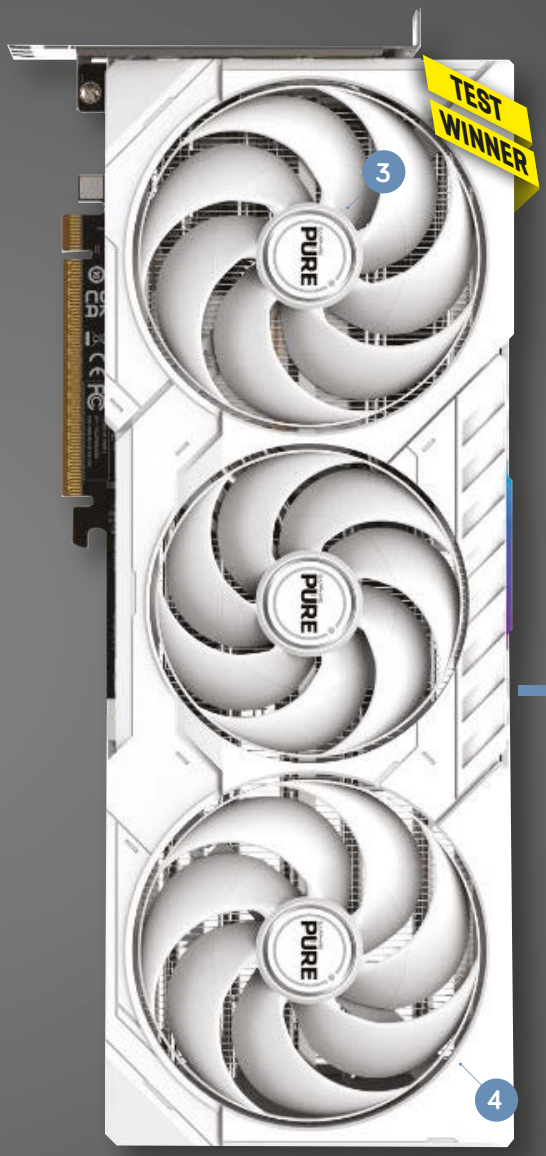
LET'S TALK A BIT ABOUT THAT PRICING

● Forget the MSRP pricing because you're not going to get that in the market right now. At the time of writing this review, the price for our AMD RX 9070 XT (Sapphire Pure) is ₹78,700, meanwhile, the Nvidia RTX 5070 Ti (MSI Ventus) is ₹108,500. So it's pretty clear that the winner of this versus is AMD simply by price-to-performance ratio. Even though Nvidia has a 5 to 10% better performance on raster and ray tracing, the price difference between the two cards is not enough to justify the 5070 Ti's performance. However, you find an Nvidia closer to AMD's price then your buying decision can change so make sure you find the right price!

[**Words** Khumail Thakur]

1 Upgrade is here
This supports HDMI 2.1b and DisplayPort 2.1b as well. There is not much of a difference between the two, Nvidia's DP might support longer cables.

2 Just tell the AI to do it
DLSS 4 includes Multi Frame Generation on the 50-series generating up to three extra frames for every real one. Pretty cool!





3 Future proof
The RX 9070 XT supports HDMI 2.1b and the future-proof DisplayPort 2.1a (UHBR13.5), along with PCIe 5.0 x16.

4 Details matter
AMD FidelityFX Super Resolution 4 (FSR 4) is an ML-powered upscaler promising better temporal stability and detail preservation.



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Detective Dotson

Our chap, Dotson, is on a mission to sniff out the truth behind his old man's rather inconvenient death. Sounds a bit grim, eh? But hold your horses, because this game is about as gloomy as a bag of Skittles.

Imagine, the folks from Taarak Mehta ka Ooltah Chashmah bungled into a particularly odd episode of CID – that's the sort of vibe we're getting here. The main plot? Solve the Dad puzzle. Simple enough. But first, you've got to untangle a few smaller knots – local kerfuffles that, wouldn't you know it, all tie together.

Your first case involves a damsel apparently distressed enough about her fella to consider inspecting a well from the inside. We won't spoil the juicy bits, as there are only about three main cases to crack in the whole thing, which should keep you busy for a solid three, maybe four, hours tops.

This is proper modern-day India, the sort you rarely see pixelated. None of the mysticism and jungle stuff that Uncharted: The Lost Legacy and most western games try to spin. We're talking bamboo scaffolding around unfinished buildings, aunties having a good old gossip at kitty parties, street vendors flogging their wares, and the odd wedding procession bringing traffic to a standstill. It's brilliantly recognisable, a cracking 3D backdrop for the 2D characters milling about. Top marks for authenticity.

India runs on trade, right? From Bollywood bigwigs to hopeful prayers, everything's got a price tag. And in Dotson's world, haggling isn't just encouraged, it's practically the main event. Need info? Need a trinket? Get ready to bargain. You'll be bartering with street hawkers and trying your luck at the slightly less flexible mom-and-pop shops.

Look, it's missing a fair chunk of promised stuff at launch, but the few hours you do get are genuinely engaging. The humour, poking fun at everything from Sadhus pitching AI start-ups to the price of bribing officials.

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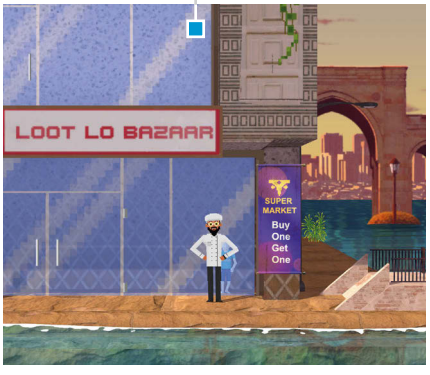
STUFF SAYS A charming, funny, and authentically Indian slice of detective work ★★★★☆



Food of the gods. Even the hopeful Delhiites will agree, yes?

No Big Bazaar or Reliance Mart were harmed in the process.







Put your Sherlock hat on...

You'll spend a fair bit of time trotting about, swapping goods and info. Oh, and the streets are a bit messy, so pop any litter you see in a bin – you get points towards hints for your detective board. Sticking clues together feels a bit like being an errand boy initially, but once you foil your first bomb plot (as you do), things perk up, and you actually start feeling like a proper sleuth.

Dotson's also got a dressing-up box. Don the Sadhu disguise to read minds (dead handy!) or slip into the Karishma outfit to infiltrate kitty parties for prime gossip (just as handy!).

Here's the rub. Just as you're getting into the swing of things after the third mystery, the game... well, it sort of stops, teasing more to come. It feels a tad like it's still in Early Access, and maybe you should treat it as such. The devs promise more free content is dropping in June, including couch co-op for PC later on, and a console version is supposedly due around August/September.

Now, about those promises of more stuff coming down the pipe... usually, we'd take that with a pinch of salt, but the crew behind this, Masala Games, aren't just any old hopefuls. We're talking folks with a hefty 20 years knocking about in the games and film biz.