

New BMW M5 India Launch Price Rs 1.99 Cr 727bhp, 1000Nm, 3.5s 0-100

MUMBAI, Nov 21: Iconic German luxury performance car manufacturer, BMW, has just launched the new M5 in India. This is the most powerful version of M5 ever launched and draws its power from a Hybrid setup. The launch price BMW Group India has set for all-new M5 is Rs 1.99 Crore (Ex-sh). Because of its Hybrid powertrain, it has gained some weight too. BMW M5 is offered in Alpine White, Black Sapphire, Sophisto Grey, Brooklyn Grey, Fire Red, Carbon Black, Isle of Man Green, Storm Bay, Marina Bay Blue and Frozen Deep Grey exterior colour options along with BMW Individual paintworks option. Full Leather Merino upholstery can be had in Red/Black, Kyalami Orange, Silverstone/Black and Black combinations.



An M5 is a performance sedan first and a luxury sedan later. So, we have to talk about the powertrain first. Powering the M5 is the legendary M Twin Power Turbo S68 4.4L V8 along with an electric motor. No downsizing strategies with BMW M5, like we saw with the just launched Mercedes-Benz AMG C63 E Performance.

Total system output of BMW M5 is 727 bhp and 1,000 Nm, out of which, the S68 4.4L V8 engine contributes for 585 bhp and 750 Nm. Unlike Merc's C63S E Performance, new BMW M5 gets a large 18.3 kW battery pack with a claimed pure electric range of (nice) 69 km on a single charge (WLTP cycle).

With M HYBRID powertrain, BMW M5 can sprint from standstill to 100 km/h in just 3.5 seconds and to 200 km/h in just 10.9 seconds. The top speed is limited to 250 km/h as standard, but it can be taken to 305 km/h with M Driver's Package. In pure electric mode, BMW M5 can hit a top speed of a respectable 140 km/h.

The powertrain is mated to an 8-speed automatic gearbox and has a standard xDrive AWD system, channelling the power across all four wheels for optimum traction. But one can choose to drive in 2WD mode, powering rear wheels with DSC (Dynamic Stability Control) turned off and go mental doing donuts in safe environments.

BMW M5 gets rear-wheel steering as standard too and has adaptive M Suspension. Because of the heavy M HYBRID powertrain, BMW offers M Carbon Exterior Package with a Carbon roof, shaving 30 kg. Mirror caps and rear spoiler are also made of carbon fibre. M Light alloy wheels can go up to 21-inches and the new BMW M5 has M twin exhaust pipes and M compound brakes. M Carbon ceramic brakes can be had as an option.

2025 Hyundai Ioniq 9 Debuts At LA Auto Show Based on Kia EV9

NEW DELHI, Nov 21: Following the launch of Kia's EV9 flagship 3-row electric SUV, Hyundai has now detailed the new Ioniq 9. It will be on display at the LA Auto Show between 22 Nov - 1 Dec, 2024 showcasing the company's first three-row electric SUV. It will be a global product, launching across markets in North America, Europe and South Korea while a launch in India might also be on the cards.



The new Hyundai Ioniq 9 is also a 3-row electric SUV like the Kia EV9, on which it is based, and it will share some similarities. It is built on Hyundai's Electric Global Modular Platform (E-GMP), which also underpins models such as the Ioniq 5, Ioniq 6 and Ioniq 5 N. The Ioniq 9 will be offered in two variants, Long

Range and Performance, with both rear-wheel drive and all-wheel drive options offered with the Long Range variant. Ioniq 9 gets striking exterior colour options of Celadon Gray Matte, Celadon, Gray Metallic, Ionosphere Green Pearl, Sunset Brown Pearl, and Cosmic Blue Pearl. In terms of dimensions, the upcoming Ioniq 9 will stand 5,060mm in length, 1,980mm in width and 1,790 mm in height while it gets a 3,130mm long wheelbase. It is seen with the company's 'Aerosthetic' design philosophy inspired by boats. It receives square-shaped LED headlamps and a single-strip LED DRL panel. A-Pillars are swept back, flowing towards the rear end. Other exterior design elements include flush door handles, flared wheel arches and 19-inch wheels offered as standard.

Hatchback Sales Oct 2024 Swift, Baleno, WagonR, i10, i20, Tiago, Altroz, Glanza



NEW DELHI, Nov 21: Hatchback sales in Oct 2024 stood at 89,369 units. This was a 3 fold increase over the sedan sales which stood at 27,941 units. Hatchback sales dipped by 20.68% YoY in Oct 2024 over 1,12,665 units sold in Oct 2023. This was a volume decline of 23,296 units. MoM sales however, improved by 8.94% when compared to 82,037 units sold in Sep 2024.

Maruti Suzuki commanded the hatchback sales list once again with 6 of its models in the top 10 list. Swift was the best-selling hatchback last month with 15,539 units sold, down by 14.85% over 20,598 units sold in Oct 2023. MoM sales improved by 7.99% when compared to 16,241 units sold in Sep 2024. Swift currently commands a 19.63% market share.

Also from Maruti stables was Baleno with 16,082 unit sales last month, a 3.09% YoY decline but a 12.52% MoM growth. It was followed by WagonR with 13,922 unit sales, also suffering a YoY decline of 36.95% but showing a MoM improvement of 4.37%. Alto saw both YoY and MoM sales fall to 8,548 units in Oct 2024. These 4 top selling hatchbacks together commanded a 62.77% market share. Breaking the Maruti Suzuki stronghold were two models from Hyundai. Hyundai i10 NIOS and i20 each saw a 4.48% and 25.76% YoY decline in sales to 6,235 units and 5,254 units respectively. MoM performance saw more positively with a 22.18% and 20.91% growth respectively.

Ultraviolette F77 takes on RS 457 and KTMs in this epic track shootout Results will blow your mind!



MUMBAI, Nov 21: As seen in the video, Ultraviolette F77 smoked the opposition and emerges victorious. The bike's stellar acceleration in Ballistic Mode unlocks all of its 40.2 bhp of peak power and 100 Nm of peak torque instantly, delivering 'Ballistic' performance to smoke the competition in this

particular track shootout. Speaking of competition, the ICE motorcycles in this track shootout appear to be Aprilia RS 457, a previous Generation Yamaha R3, KTM RC 390 (373cc engine) and the new KTM 390 Duke (399cc). All these motorcycles are subjected to a hot lap at the famous Kari Motor Speedway in

Chettipalayam, Tamil Nadu, India. Previous Gen Yamaha R3 finished this hot lap around Kari Motor Speedway taking 01:22:728, KTM RC 390 (373cc) did it in 01:21:932, KTM 390 Duke (399cc) took 01:20:934 and Aprilia RS 457 took 01:20:168. With 01:20:168 to beat, a race-tuned Ultraviolette F77 Mach 2 did the hot lap around Kari Motor Speedway in just 01:19:338, which is around a whole second quicker than the quickest rival. This particular Ultraviolette F77 Mach 2 is a track-tuned version of a F77 Mach 2 electric motorcycle. But our internal sources say that this is very close to the standard bike sold to motorcycle enthusiasts across Ultraviolette Showrooms around India.

Mahindra XUV700 Prices Up In India By Up To Rs. 50,000 New Price List

MUMBAI, Nov 21: Mahindra & Mahindra has revised the pricing of its XUV700 SUV, focusing on select higher-end variants. The updated prices, effective immediately, reflect increases of up to Rs. 50,000 depending on the variants and configurations. This move impacts specific trims featuring automatic transmissions, diesel and petrol engines, and multiple seating options. SUV safety features. The most significant price adjustments apply to the AX7L diesel automatic variants including the 7-seater AWD, 7-seater FWD, and 6-seater configurations, each witnessing a hike of Rs. 50,000. Petrol automatic variants under the AX7 and AX7L trims, as well as the diesel AT models, have also seen their prices rise by Rs. 30,000. These changes primarily affect configurations with higher specifications and additional features, emphasising Mahindra's focus on premium



variants. Meanwhile, variants equipped with manual transmissions, such as the AX7 petrol MT and AX7 diesel MT, have been spared from this revision. Similarly, other models in the XUV700 lineup remain unaffected. Despite the revisions, the Mahindra XUV700 retains its broad appeal with pricing that ranges from Rs. 13.99 lakh to Rs. 25.49 lakh (ex-showroom). The SUV is celebrated for its extensive feature set and versatile configurations including

multiple seating layouts, drivetrain options, and powertrains. The equipment list comprises seven airbags, Level 2 ADAS system, a set of 18-inch diamond-cut alloy wheels, a 6-way powered driver seat with memory function, automatic headlamps and wipers, dual-zone automatic climate control, leatherette seats, a 360-degree camera system, EPB, ventilated front seats, LED sequential turn indicators, connected features, panoramic sunroof and more.

Citroen C3 Aircross Scores 0 Star Safety Rating Latin NCAP Crash Test

NEW DELHI, Nov 21: At a time when there is increased awareness about passenger safety, getting a zero-star safety rating seems quite disappointing. Citroen C3 Aircross / New Aircross (Made in Brazil) tested by Latin NCAP received a 33.01% safety score for Adult Occupant and 11.37% for Child Occupant. Other Stellantis cars tested earlier by Latin NCAP as per current protocols also have low scores in the range of zero to 2 stars.



Safety features available with the model tested by Latin NCAP include front airbags, belt pretensioner, belt load-limiter, seat belt reminder, ESC and pedestrian protection. However, Citroen C3 Aircross / New Aircross misses out on other critical safety features such as side head curtain airbag, side chest airbag, side pelvis airbag and knee airbag. The model tested also does

not have AEB pedestrian, AEB city, AEB inter-urban, speed assist system and lane assist system. Unavailability of critical safety equipment is one of the key reasons for low safety rating. Latin NCAP performed various tests such as side impact, frontal impact, ESC, pedestrian protection and whiplash. Side pole impact test did not even take place because the model tested does not have any side

Honda Activa EV Confirmed To Feature Swappable Battery Packs

MUMBAI, Nov 21: Honda has been building anticipation for its first electric scooter for India, the Activa EV, with a series of teasers ahead of its market debut on November 27, 2024, in Bengaluru. These glimpses have unveiled significant details about the e-scooter, which seems to borrow heavily from the internationally sold Honda CUV e. The latest teaser confirms swappable battery packs as one has been lifted from the charging dock and put beneath the seat where another battery can also be seen. The CUV e features a dual-battery setup with swappable Honda Mobile Power Pack e: units, providing the convenience of quick and hassle-free battery replacement for extended usability and the same will be available in the e-Activa too. The Honda CUV e: is positioned as a 110 cc-equivalent electric scooter. Derived from the SC e: Concept showcased at the Japan Mobility Show 2023, this e-scooter features a motor capacity of 1.3 kWh per battery, delivering a claimed range exceeding 70 km. Honda highlights that each battery requires just three hours to charge from 0 to 75 per cent, ensuring quick and efficient energy replenishment.

The overall styling of the Honda Activa EV is expected to take cues from the CUV e: as well. Teasers have already confirmed the inclusion of an LED headlamp. Honda is expected to price the Activa EV competitively, aiming to attract high-volume sales and establish a strong foothold in the rapidly growing electric scooter segment.

Rupee breaches 84.50 mark as foreign funds continue to sell stocks

MUMBAI, Nov 21: The rupee, under pressure for almost two months now, has plumbed new lows breaching the 84.50 mark on Thursday as foreign funds continued to dump domestic equities on one hand and the dollar kept pace with its northward-ho. The rupee closed the trade at 84.501, on a day when the equity market was whacked after Adani group stocks fell nine pins after a US court criminally indicted chairman Gautam Adani and six other key officials for alleged bribery and other legal breaches in raising funds and securing solar power project contracts. The rupee had closed at 84.4137 close on the previous trade on Tuesday.



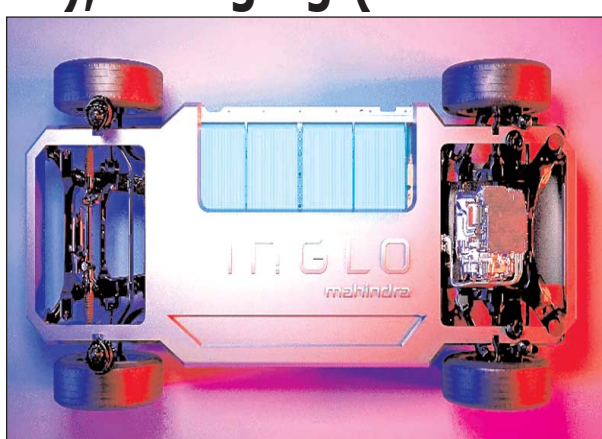
The rupee was dragged by selling in equities by foreign portfolio investors and a strong dollar index, traders said. The rupee has been under pressure since last month on higher dollar demand and FPI selling along with higher interest rates in the US on the treas-

ury notes are also prompting FPIs to move their money back home in search of better returns, which is also putting pressure on the local currency. "A strong dollar continues to create a depreciating bias for currencies globally and is likely to sustain FPI outflows from domestic markets in the near term. However, interventions

by the RBI, supported by the country's healthy foreign exchange reserves, should help keep rupee volatility in check," said Rajani Sinha, chief economist at Careedge Ratings. She expects the rupee to be rangebound and trade around 84.5 against the dollar by the end of December. However, she pointed out

Mahindra BE 6e and XEV 9e New Details - Battery (59-79 kWh), Charging (20-80% in 20 min)

NEW DELHI, Nov 21: Mahindra is set to shake things up in the electric mobility space with the upcoming BE 6e and XEV 9e SUVs, both built on the brand's innovative INGLO Electric Origin Architecture. Designed from the ground up with an "Electric Origin" philosophy, INGLO represents a purpose-built platform for next-generation EVs that prioritize efficiency, safety, performance, and sustainability.



At the core of INGLO's innovation is its lightweight skateboard structure, offering a flat-floor design that eliminates the central tunnel and maximizes cabin space. This design enhances comfort, seating flexibility, and stability. The modularity of the INGLO platform allows Mahindra to adapt the architecture across diverse models, seamlessly transitioning from the athletic BE 6e to the elegant XEV 9e without compromising quality or performance.

The INGLO platform redefines battery performance with options of 59 kWh and 79 kWh capacities. Using advanced LFP battery chemistry and cell-to-pack technology, Mahindra promises not only long-lasting durability and safety but also exceptional range. Fast-charging capabilities allow the battery to charge from 20% to 80% in just 20 minutes with a 175 kW DC charger.

Safety is paramount in the INGLO platform. The low placement of the battery pack enhances stability and handling, addressing the common high center of gravity in SUVs. Built with ultra-high-strength boron steel, the structure integrates the battery into the underbody, forming a protective cage around the passenger cabin. With an ultra-lightweight skateboard platform, INGLO maximizes efficiency without sacrificing performance. The compact three-in-one powertrain, which combines the motor, inverter, and transmission, delivers power outputs ranging from 170-210 kW for rear-wheel drives, ensuring a dynamic and thrilling driving experience. In the INGLO based electric SUVs, the vehicle and the driver will become one, says Mahindra. The BE 6e and XEV 9e are engineered for exceptional handling, featuring a semi-active suspension system, high-power steering, and brake-by-wire technology. The addition of intelligent drive modes ensures seamless adaptation to diverse driving conditions. With a global outlook and an Indian heart, the BE 6e and XEV 9e represent Mahindra's commitment to redefining electric mobility. The INGLO platform combines cutting-edge technology with practical innovation to create SUVs that are dynamic, spacious, and efficient.