

Reliance Retail joins hands with Department of Consumer Affairs to reaffirm commitment to consumer safety

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On National Consumer Day, Reliance Retail Limited, India's largest retail conglomerate, reaffirmed its dedication to consumer safety by signing the Consumer Safety Pledge, an initiative led by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India. The signing ceremony, held in the presence of the Sh. Pralhad Joshi - Hon'ble Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Sh. B L Verma - Hon'ble Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Smt. Nidhi Khare, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, marks a significant step towards enhancing awareness about product safety regulations and responsibilities among Indian sellers and consumers. Sh. Ravi Gandhi, President and Chief Public Policy & Regulatory Officer, Reliance Retail Limited, signed the pledge on behalf of



Reliance Retail, including platforms such as JioMart, AJIO, Reliance Digital, and Netmeds. This initiative highlights Reliance Retail's commitment to ensuring the highest compliance with safety standards and advocating consumer rights across its extensive ecosystem. Speaking on the

occasion, Sh. Ravi Gandhi emphasized, "Consumer safety has always been a cornerstone of our operations. By signing this pledge, we reiterate our unwavering commitment towards fostering a safe and secure e-commerce marketplace, that benefits millions of consumers across. Sh. B L

Verma, Hon'ble Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution commended the initiative, stating, "The proactive initiative of the Dept of Consumer Affairs under the guidance of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi ji, is a testament to the commitment of the Government to consumer prosperity. I also appreciate the commitment of all those e-commerce companies that have signed the pledge for creating a safer ecosystem for consumers. Let's work together towards a future where every consumer has access to safe and reliable products." Reliance Retail's adherence to the pledge underscores its ongoing efforts to integrate cutting-edge technologies, such as AI-enabled monitoring, to detect and eliminate unsafe products across its platforms. Additionally, the company also commits to proactively engage with the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) and other enforcement agencies to address safety concerns promptly.

Kawasaki KLX230 Launch Price Rs 3.3 Lakh Brand's 1st Road Legal ADV

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Ever since Kawasaki has been operating in India, we have seen quite a few off-roaders on sale. But they weren't road legal and enthusiasts craved a good offering from Team Green. Kawasaki has responded with the launch of KLX230 in India that has been priced at Rs 3.3 lakh (Ex-sh), which is around twice the cost of a Hero Xpulse 200. With Indian automotive market evolving, more and more enthusiasts have been adopting premium vehicles. Within motorcycling realm, ADVs and off-road bikes have seen a lot of love from enthusiasts. Hero MotoCorp, Royal Enfield and Yezdi have been catering to this niche. Now, Kawasaki has just entered the race with the KLX230. This is not the



higher-spec KLX230S that we were hoping. At Rs 3.3 lakh (Ex-sh), KLX230 is more expensive than Himalayan 450. Looking at the motorcycle's specs and

features, Kawasaki KLX230 directly rivals to Hero Xpulse 200 4V and Xpulse 200 4V Pro that are priced at Rs 1.51 lakh (Ex-sh) and Rs 1.64 lakh (Ex-sh) respectively.

2025 Royal Enfield GT750 Render Based On Leaked Spy Shots

MUMBAI, DEC 24:

Ever since the Continental GT 535 was launched, Royal Enfield sparked the interests of motorcyclists across the world. The idea of a Cafe Racer bike from Royal Enfield based on a higher-performance large capacity engine with good quality cycle parts was an enticing proposition. So enticing that Royal Enfield carved out a Cafe Racer version of its 650cc bike at debut called Continental GT 650 and it has been one of the best-selling multi-cylinder bike on sale in India. Now, a 750cc version of Continental GT is incoming, inducing immense excitement. Here's a digital render of the upcoming Continental GT 750 based on the leaked spy shots. Royal Enfield is on the verge of expanding its portfolio with a new platform. We're talking about the 750 platform, which is highly likely to be a big-bore version of the current 650 platform. There will be multiple body styles based on this platform, given Royal Enfield's past trends and the spy shots



that have emerged. Rendering artist, Pratyush Raut, has penned down Rushlane's render of the upcoming Royal Enfield Continental GT 750. These renders are based on the recent spy shots that emerged mid-November 2024. Unlike the Continental GT 650 on sale today, Continental GT 750 will feature a semi-fairing for a more dedicated Cafe Racer appeal. As seen in the renders, the overall silhouette is very

close to that of Continental GT 650. There are a few stark changes in the form of a new fuel tank and side body panels that look very close to what we saw with the Interceptor Bear 650. Seat seen on this render is slightly stepped and will accommodate a pillion comfortably. The fairing is downright beautiful and it engulfs Continental GT's original circular headlight. Turn indicators are neatly integrated into

this fairing and it extends slightly below the fuel tank. Wheels are alloys on these renders as it brings out this motorcycle's sporty character. It is also more preferable as it is compliant with tubeless tyres. Rear tail lights and turn indicators are carried over from Continental GT 650 along with most of the components. Spy shots showed RSU telescopic front forks and rear twin shocks and that's what we can see on these renders too. Front USDs and rear mono-shock would be sportier, but okay! Dual up-swept exhausts and dual disc brakes at the front complete the big bike look needed for a 750cc bike. Speaking of engine, it is likely to be a big-bore version of the current 650cc unit. We can expect up to 55 bhp of peak power and 60 Nm of peak torque mated to a 6-speed gearbox and a slipper clutch. We may see debut of the Royal Enfield Continental GT 750 in 2025 at the EICMA, and a launch might happen in early 2026.

India-Spec MG Cyberster Details Revealed 510bhp, 725 Nm, Scissor Doors

NEW DELHI, DEC 24:

JSW MG Motor India is poised to bring about a revolution in Indian automotive segment within the EV substrata. After consolidating their position as a leading mainstream EV manufacturer, MG is now bringing the big guns in the form of Cyberster 2-Door electric sports car. Ahead of Bharat Mobility Expo, details about India-spec model have been revealed. Over the time, India has evolved to become one of the world's leading automotive markets. Apart from the home-grown Indian brands, there are many foreign companies who operate in Indian market now. However, these brands often don't bring cars which Indian enthusiasts crave. JSW MG Motor India thinks otherwise.

The company is poised to launch their new 2-Door Cyberster electric sports car in India. It would be the first to launch via MG Select premium dealerships. Where pricing is concerned, there is very less clarity. However, given MG's



aggressive pricing strategies in the past, we can expect Cyberster to be priced around Rs 60 lakh to Rs 70 lakh (Ex-sh). Since this is a performance oriented vehicle, we have to get India-spec Cyberster's performance aspect out of the way. Underpinned by a potent chassis and a sizable 77 kWh battery pack, MG Cyberster is capable of sprinting to 100 km/h from standstill in just 3.2 seconds. This battery powers two electric motors on

Cyberster on both axles for AWD layout. Being a sports car, MG Cyberster also needs to handle like a sports car. In that regard, MG has provided Cyberster with double wishbone suspension at the front and independent multi-link suspension at the rear. Indian market has had Roadsters on sale for a very long time. But not at a price point that MG Cyberster is speculated to launch. Many would consider Cyberster an achingly pretty

vehicle with 2-door Roadster format. The main highlight is that it has Scissor doors that open outwards and above. Lamborghini doors, as they are crudely called.

MG Motor India is expected to launch Cyberster in one fully-loaded variant with all the bells and whistles. The interior layout is modern and awe-inspiring with high quality materials expected from a vehicle of this calibre. The multi-screen layout on the dashboard, massive centre console, sporty flat-bottom steering wheel and leather upholstery are some of the notable attributes. Other notable attributes include drop-top roof, frameless windows, full LED lighting, massive wheels, large underbody diffuser for extensive aerodynamics and more. MG Cyberster will be unveiled at Bharat Mobility Expo and a launch will happen by the end of 2025. Before that, MG is expected to launch the Mifa-9 electric MPV by FY 25.

All New Kia Seltos Hybrid SUV: What It'll Look Like

NEW DELHI, DEC 24:

The South Korean automotive giant Kia is relentlessly working on the development of the new-generation Seltos. Dubbed the SP3 HEV, the spy shots of this upcoming SUV are now surfacing on the internet. Recently, based on these spy shots, a rendering of the next-generation Seltos has been generated. This particular rendering gives us insight into how the new model could look once launched in India as well as in international markets. For the new second-generation model, Kia has ditched the styling approach it had with the first generation. Gone is the signature "Tiger Nose" grille, and in its place is a new and more futuristic-looking 16-slat grille. This time around, the LED headlights have also been given a thorough redesign. They have now become rectangular, with two LED DRLs encasing the actual LED projector headlights.

Another notable detail is the addition of vertical LED DRLs, which house the cornering and fog lamps. Moving a little below, we can observe that the front bumper has also been completely redesigned and gets a sizable air dam and a silver skid plate with extended triangles that add a premium touch. Moving on to the side profile, the rendered model gets a new and more boxy silhouette. It looks inspired by the Kia Telluride, which is the brand's flagship model in international markets. It also gets a set of new diamond-cut alloy wheels with a geometric pattern.

Also, the rendered model gets flush-type door handles. There is a kink in the rear quarter panel as well. Other highlights include pronounced roof rails, chunky side claddings, and new sportier-looking ORVMs.

India's First Maruti Alto 800 With Volvo Bus-Style Air Suspension

MUMBAI, DEC 24:

Maruti Alto 800, or 'Lord Alto' as it is fondly called, needs no introduction. We have seen a lot of modifications and builds based on this hatchback. A recent video shows a White Alto 800 from Goa that has been bagged- which means it's got an air suspension like what you see in Volvo buses! You can adjust the height and ground clearance of this vehicle with just the press of a button. Let's delve into the further details of this vehicle.

Firstly, this car gets 15-inch alloy wheels from the Maruti Swift. In its stock form, the Alto 800 comes with 12-inch wheels. This modified Alto 800 also has a high-flow air filter and an unrestricted exhaust. The engine sounds racy and would give you that extra dose of dopamine with its acoustics.

The biggest talking point here is the air suspension kit. The air bag suspension setup on this Alto has been manufactured by Kerala's Air 1 Customs, and installed in Goa. It costs around 1.5 lakh rupees. And what do you achieve by installing air suspension on an 800cc car? Well, it drops like it's hot at the press of a button and rides low and steady! NO other big claims.

There are definitely downsides to bagging (we'll discuss the term in detail further down in this article) your car. You ride low and could sometimes scrape your underbody, or rub your wheels against the inner walls of wheel wells. And there are more. But the presence it gives your car and how unique it makes it are all worth mentioning. This could be one of the cheapest examples to exist in India, of a low-rolling car! Usually, we see air suspensions being installed on more expensive, and more powerful cars and SUVs. You get to find air suspensions on luxury cars and public carriages- with extremely different traits. This versatility is what makes an air bag setup excel. This suspension setup has three main parts: air bags that sit near the wheels, an air cylinder and a compressor or an air pump.

Benelli Leoncino Bobber 400 Breaks Cover 60-Degree V-Twin, Belt Drive



NEW DELHI, DEC 24:

QJ Motor and its subsidiary brands including Benelli and Keeway are not known to be pushing significant volumes in India. However, they have quite a few motorcycles in global markets like China we hope we get in India. The just debuted Benelli Leoncino 400

Bobber is definitely one of those motorcycles.

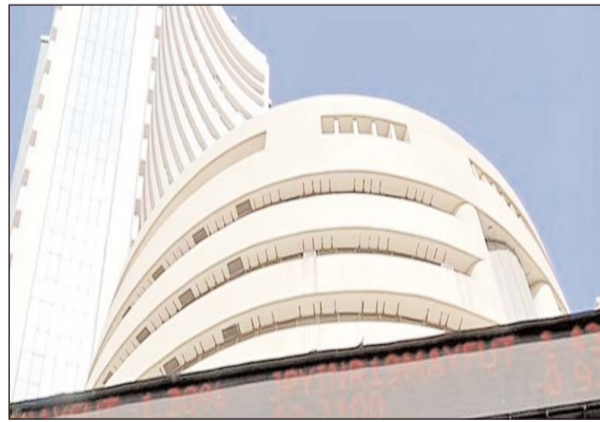
Currently, Harley-Davidson is known for a V-Twin engine and belt-drivetrains in one package. That said, QJ offers a similar formula with two of its motorcycles sold under Keeway brand. These motorcycles are called Keeway K-

Light 250V and Keeway V302C. Both bikes get a V-Twin and belt-drive.

Extending the formula, we now have a larger motorcycle with V-Twin and belt drive, but under Benelli brand, this time around. Called Benelli Leoncino Bobber 400 and it is positioned under the Leoncino 500 which is powered by a parallel-twin engine. While Leoncino 500 is a neo-retro cruiser, Leoncino Bobber 400 is a Bobber, as the name suggests.

Benelli Leoncino Bobber 400 is not confirmed to launch in India, but we wish it does. This motorcycle bears handsome looks that could potentially attract a lot of buyers and boost sales for the brand. Currently, Benelli portfolio starts with Leoncino 500 at the lower end that costs Rs 4.99 lakh (Ex-sh).

Nifty 50, Sensex fail to hold gains; auto, FMCG stocks rise



NEW DELHI, DEC 24:

Benchmark indices erased all gains in the afternoon to trade in the negative on Tuesday. The update came after a downturn in metals and PSU bank stocks, which dampened market sentiment.

The Nifty 50 closed 0.11% lower, settling at 23,727, while the Sensex ended with a minor 0.09% drop at 78,472.

On Nifty, the gainers were Tata Motors (1.92%), Adani

Enterprises (1.43%), Bharat Petroleum Corporation (1.00%), ITC (0.89%), and Eicher Motors (0.89%). On the losing side were Power Grid Corporation of India (1.65%), JSW Steel (1.62%), SBI Life Insurance Company (1.30%), Titan Company (1.28%), and State Bank of India (1.11%).

Nifty Auto and FMCG led the sectoral indices, and the Nifty Oil and Gas index also posted gains, climbing 0.54%.

However, Metal and PSU Bank indices faced profit booking, slipping up to 0.8% after a 1% rally in the previous session.

Top laggards in the metal pack included National Aluminium, APL Apollo Tubes, SAIL, JSW Steel, Hindalco Industries, and Ratnamani Metals & Tubes, all of which lost between 1% and 2%.

The Nifty PSU Bank index ended the session with a 0.56% cut, followed by Nifty IT, Nifty Media, Nifty Consumer Durables, Nifty Energy, and Nifty Realty, all closing with losses ranging from 0.08% to 0.56%.

Nifty Auto stocks managed to close in the green with a gain of 0.57%. Similarly, Nifty Oil & Gas and Nifty FMCG wrapped up the session with gains of 0.54% each.

Market volatility eased further, with the India VIX dropping another 3% to fall below the 13.5 mark.

Nissan & Honda Merger To Create 3rd Largest Carmaker In The World

MUMBAI, DEC 24:

Nissan and Honda have announced plans to explore a business integration, formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed yesterday. This move could lead to the creation of a joint holding company, aiming to address the challenges of a rapidly evolving automotive industry. The companies intend to finalize their decision by January 2025, potentially redefining their approach to innovation, production and market strategy. Nearby car dealerships Both manufacturers have identified shared goals in electrification and vehicle intelligence, aligning their efforts to accelerate progress in these critical areas. Earlier collaborations included joint research into software-defined vehicle (SDV) platforms, laying the groundwork for intelligent and electrified mobility advancements.



Through this integration, they aim to enhance their ability to respond to industry shifts while retaining their brand identities. The proposed partnership emphasizes streamlining operations and leveraging economies of scale. The companies plan to reduce development costs, improve manufacturing efficiency, and deliver more competitive products by standardising vehicle platforms across segments.

Integration of supply chains is also on the agenda, with a focus on sourcing common components to optimize production and meet diverse global market demands. A unified research and development framework is central to the partnership's strategy. Combining technological expertise and eliminating redundancies is expected to enhance innovation while reducing costs.

2025 Honda SP160 Launch Price Rs 1.22 Lakh



MUMBAI, DEC 24:

Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) is on a launch spree. After launching new Activa 125 and SP125, they have now launched the updated 2025 SP160, designed to meet the needs of modern riders. Featuring an OBD2B-compliant engine, bold styling, and cutting-edge technology, the new SP160 is priced starting at Rs. 1,21,951 (ex-show-room Delhi). This update aims

to cater to young, ambitious riders seeking a perfect blend of performance, style, and functionality. The new Honda SP160 is powered by a 162.71cc, 4-stroke, single-cylinder engine that delivers a maximum power output of 9.9 kW at 7500 RPM and a peak torque of 14.58 Nm at 5500 RPM. Paired with a 5-speed gearbox, the SP160 promises a refined and efficient performance that complies with

OBD2B norms. The bike also features a 4.2-inch TFT display with Bluetooth connectivity through the Honda RoadSync app, offering turn-by-turn navigation, call and SMS alerts, music playback, and seamless access to essential ride information. Additionally, the SP160 is equipped with a USB Type-C charging port to ensure riders can charge their devices on the go. Built with a sporty yet practical design, the SP160 features a muscular fuel tank with shrouds, an aerodynamic undercowl, a bold muffler with a chrome cover, and an all-LED headlamp and taillamp setup. Dimensions-wise, the SP160 measures 2061 mm in length, 786 mm in width, and 1113 mm in height, with a wheelbase of 1347 mm. It offers a ground clearance of 177 mm, a seat height of 796 mm, and a fuel tank capacity of 12 liters.