

Tata Nexon EV Gets Two New Colours Total Six Now, Including Dark

NEW DELHI, JAN 23: With its strong EV portfolio, Tata Motors continues to lead the segment with a market share of close to 40%. One of the bestselling models is Nexon EV, preferred for its dependable performance and comprehensive range of features. To cater to specific tastes and preferences, Tata has introduced two new colour options for the Nexon EV. Let's check out the details.

Nexon EV was available with colour options of Pristine White, Daytona Grey and Empowered Oxide. Among these, the Empowered Oxide colour was offered exclusively with the top-spec Empowered trim. As is evident, colour options for Nexon EV were fairly limited before this date. Potential buyers now have more options with the addition of the two new colours – Ocean Blue and Pure Grey. Both these colour options are available across all trims of Nexon EV (45-kWh) – Creative, Fearless and Empowered. Ocean Blue is especially refreshing and



will be hard to miss on the streets. From the images, the Ocean Blue colour appears to utilize a mix of blue and green tones. This shade works well to highlight Nexon EV's contemporary features and dynamic presence. The

ics. Nexon EV also gets a new Pure Grey colour, which is essentially a light grey shade. As the colour itself does not evoke any strong response, this theme works well to highlight the EV's sharp features. Elements such as the distinctive lighting signatures, contemporary bumper design and sleek DRLs become far more conspicuous.

Apart from the new colour options, there are no other changes to Nexon EV. Buyers can choose either the Medium Range (MR) version with a 30-kWh battery pack or the Long Range version with a 45-kWh battery pack. The MR variants get power from a 95 kW (130 PS) electric motor, whereas the 45 kWh variants utilize a 106 kW (144 PS) electric motor.

Torque output of 215 Nm is the same for all variants. The 45 kWh variants have a claimed range of 489 km. MR variants of Nexon EV can achieve 0 to 100 km/h in 9.2 seconds. In comparison, the 45-kWh variants can complete the job in 8.9 seconds.

Mahindra Thar Price Hike January 2026 Up To Rs 20k

MUMBAI, JAN 23: Mahindra Auto has updated Thar in 2025 with a host of new features, technology and creature comforts. Now that Calendar Year 2026 has started, Mahindra has given Thar a price hike, which has affected all of the LXT trims, except for the base AXT trim. Let's take a closer look and compare the new prices with old ones.

The lifestyle SUV segment was considered dead before Mahindra Auto revived it single-handedly with the launch of Thar in 2020. Ever since it was launched, Thar has received unprecedented demand and popularity and has trumped all of its rivals that followed soon after in the Indian market. It continues to be the most popular lifestyle off-road SUV in the country with negligible volumes from



its rivals. Mahindra has hiked the prices of Thar in January 2026 for all LXT trim variants, while keeping the base AXT variant prices untouched. The price hike for all LXT variants is uniform, pegged at Rs 20,000.

So, the base AXT 1.5L Diesel 2WD MT continues to be priced at Rs 9.99 lakh (Ex-sh), as it does not get any price hike. LXT variants now start from Rs 12.39 lakh instead of Rs 12.19 lakh for LXT 1.5L Diesel 2WD MT. 4WD Petrol MT now starts from Rs 14.89 lakh and Rs 15.69 lakh for 4WD Diesel MT (all prices Ex-sh).

Citroen Aircross X Max Turbo 5S, C3 Live (O) New Variants Launched

MUMBAI, JAN 23: Citroen India is on an evolution journey as the company is navigating through Indian automotive market. Currently, the company has employed a new strategy for Indian market called Citroen 2.0. Under this strategy, Citroen introduced major updates to its portfolio in the form of X versions.

Now, Citroen has introduced new variants with its Aircross X and C3 Hatchback to broaden its appeal in the country. In that regard, we get Aircross X Max Turbo 5S and C3 Live (O) variants which are aimed to boost sales for the brand. Let's check out the finer details and see which variant gets what. Currently, Aircross X is the company's flagship mainstream offering and it is offered in both 7S and 5S versions, depending on the trim level. Speaking of, Aircross X is offered in three trims – You, Plus and Max. Before, only the



You and Plus trims got 5-seater configuration with the larger 444L boot. On the other hand, Max trim level came as standard with 7-seater config, which is more of a 5+2 seater than being an outright 7-seater. Now, Citroen has introduced Aircross X Max Turbo 5S variant for a price tag of Rs 12.41 lakh (Ex-sh), which will come with a Manual gearbox, positioned below Max Turbo 7S which is priced at Rs 12.8 lakh (Ex-sh). The three colour

New Hyundai Compact SUV Test Mules Spied In Mumbai Traffic

NEW DELHI, JAN 23: A mystery Hyundai SUV has been spotted testing on Indian roads for the first time, sparking fresh speculation about Hyundai's future product strategy for the booming compact SUV space. The camouflaged test mules were seen earlier today in Mumbai, moving in city traffic as a three-car convoy, and have been independently captured by MotorBeam, Autocar India and us.

The test vehicle was seen running on thick-profile MRF tyres and what appear to be 16-inch dual-tone alloy wheels, hinting at a comfort-focused, urban SUV rather than a hardcore off-roader. These features already place the mystery SUV above entry-level offerings in terms of technology. Automotive enthusiast Sidk, who spotted the convoy claims to have clearly seen a tailpipe with some liquid dripping from it, strongly suggesting that this is an internal combus-



tion engine vehicle.

Adding to this, he also mentioned that the SUV appeared to be roughly the size of Tata Punch, placing it firmly in the micro SUV / sub-4m SUV category. He spotted the SUV today in Mumbai near dockyard. This raises an interesting question. Hyundai already has a Punch rival in the form of the Hyundai Exter. While Exter has found decent trac-

Volkswagen India Begins Local Assembly Of 7-Seater Tayron R-Line

MUMBAI, JAN 23: Volkswagen India has announced the commencement of local assembly of the Tayron R-Line at its Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar manufacturing facility in Maharashtra. With production now underway, the Tayron R-Line is on track for its official market debut in the first quarter of 2026 and it has already been revealed via images along with some key information. As the most premium SUV in Volkswagen India's portfolio, the seven-seater Tayron R-Line will be packed with features. Introduced internationally around a year ago, the model's arrival shows the German brand's global-first approach bringing overseas products to the local market with minimal delay buoyed by the good reception for the Golf GTI and Tiguan R Line lately. As for the design, the Tayron R-Line comes with a muscular stance, clean body surfacing and distinctive illuminated light signatures at both ends. The sporty R-Line package adds flair through unique styling elements and large 19-inch Coventry alloy wheels. The SUV has already secured a five-star Euro NCAP safety rating and was awarded the Golden Steering Wheel 2025 for Best Family Car in Europe. Stepping inside, the Tayron R-Line features a driver-oriented layout with a floating 15-inch touchscreen infotainment system supporting wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto interface. Built on a long 2,789 mm wheelbase, the SUV promises generous interior space across all three rows.

Nissan Gravite Compact MPV To Arrive Soon In India

NEW DELHI, JAN 23: Nissan's upcoming Gravite compact MPV is set to play a critical role in the brand's long term plans for India as it is part of a three-model product offensive scheduled over the next year and a half. Alongside the Gravite, Nissan will introduce the Tekton five-seat C-segment SUV on February 4 while a larger three-row C-SUV is already confirmed for production in 2027.

All three vehicles will be manufactured in India and they are earmarked for exports to global markets. Originally planned for an official debut on January 21, 2026, the Nissan Gravite's unveiling was deferred with the company yet to announce a revised launch date. Despite the delay, the MPV will still become Nissan India's first product launch of 2026 with dealership activities and customer deliveries likely to begin by March.

The timing of the Gravite's arrival coincides with a strong phase for Nissan's export operations. In December 2025 alone, the brand shipped 13,470 vehicles overseas – its highest monthly export figure in over a decade. For the full calendar year, cumulative exports surpassed 1.2 million units reaffirming Chennai plant's importance as a manufacturing and export base for Nissan. Powertrain options will include a 1.0-litre petrol engine offered in both naturally aspirated and turbocharged versions. Buyers can expect a choice of manual and automatic transmissions. Competitive pricing could be one of the Gravite's strongest selling points upon arrival just as its Renault sibling.

Under the skin, the Gravite is based on the CMF-A platform which also underpins the Renault Triber. However, Nissan has worked extensively to give the MPV a distinct visual identity. Up front, it features a wide blacked-out grille area paired with a slim LED light strip, integrated headlamps and sculpted bonnet creases. The Gravite nameplate is prominently displayed on the nose to set it apart.

Tata Tigor Petrol, CNG Variant Launched For Taxi Market Priced From Rs 5.59 L



NEW DELHI, JAN 23: Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles has expanded its XPRES fleet portfolio of Tigor taxi version with the launch of Petrol and Twin-Cylinder CNG variants, aimed at addressing a wider range of professional mobility requirements. Until now, the XPRES range was available only as an electric sedan, and the introduction of ICE options strengthens Tata Motors' multi-powertrain strategy for

fleet operators.

The new Tata XPRES Petrol has been launched at an introductory price of Rs 5.59 lakh, while the XPRES CNG is priced from Rs 6.59 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi), making them among the most competitively priced fleet sedans in their respective categories.

Designed specifically for high-usage commercial applications, the XPRES Petrol and CNG are powered by Tata Motors' 1.2-litre Revotron

MG Majestor For India Launched In Kuwait As MG Rakan 4x4



MUMBAI, JAN 23: India's large SUV segment (D+ SUV) has been waiting for the launch of MG Majestor for some time now. The company showcased Majestor at the beginning of 2025 at Bharat Mobility Expo and it was slated in India positioned above Gloster. However, that launch did not happen in 2025 and is set to happen on February 12th, 2026. Majestor has been spied testing in India

multiple times and could prove to be a befitting contender to Toyota Fortuner. Ahead of India launch next month, MG has launched this vehicle in Kuwait with a new name called Rakan 4X4. Let's take a closer look.

The automotive fraternity is no stranger to badge engineering in the industry. There have been multiple instances where OEMs have badge engineered vehicles for different markets.

MG Motor has been doing something similar too for a long time. Like the Baojun 530 is rebranded as Wuling Almaz, Chevrolet Captiva and MG Hector.

Similarly, MG Majestor has multiple names under multiple brands too. Depending on the market, it goes by Maxus Territory, Maxus D90 Max, LDV D90 and MG Majestor. Interestingly, the same vehicle under the same MG brand, is launched as MG Rakan in Kuwait, which is the first time an MG vehicle has been offered with an Arabic name.

Where design is concerned, all five vehicles look exactly the same, except for different logos and names. We get a large grill up front flanked by vertical LED DRLs and LED headlights. There are horizontal LED DRLs positioned above the headlights too. Side profile is reminiscent of Gloster, except for new alloy wheel designs.

JioBlackRock Asset Management launches JioBlackRock Sector Rotation Fund, powered by Systematic Active Equities (SAE)

By leveraging BlackRock's SAE approach, the fund seeks to identify opportunities by dynamically rotating exposure among sectors

MUMBAI, JAN 23: Jio BlackRock Asset Management Private Limited (JioBlackRock Asset Management / The AMC a 50:50 joint venture between Jio Financial Services Limited ("JFSL") [BSE, NSE: JIOFIN] and BlackRock Inc. [NYSE: BLK], announced today the launch of its latest equity offering: the JioBlackRock Sector Rotation Fund, powered by BlackRock's Systematic Active Equities (SAE) approach.

The JioBlackRock Sector Rotation Fund is designed to complement core equity allocations such as a flexicap strategy, by focusing on harnessing sector alpha rather than stock alpha, offering investors an additional lever to navigate changing market cycles.

While flexicap funds are bottom-up, focusing on stock selection across market capitalisations, the JioBlackRock



Sector Rotation Fund systematically adjusts sector exposures dynamically as economic and market conditions evolve thereby focusing on a top-down sector-driven approach. Used together, the two funds can enhance diversification, improve risk-adjusted outcomes, and can help smooth portfolio returns over time-making the JioBlackRock Sector Rotation Fund a suitable incremental allocation for investors seeking to strength-

en, rather than replace, their existing equity investments.

How is the JioBlackRock Sector Rotation Fund different?

"Risk-controlled, benchmark-aware investing

Unlike traditional sector funds that usually rely on concentrated calls, the approach is to follow a risk-controlled, benchmark-aware systematic approach-seeking to outperform the Nifty 500 Index through active

Re tests another low, nearing 92-mark; closes at all-time low of 91.88

NEW DELHI, JAN 23: The rupee is a whisker away from breaching the psychological 92-per-dollar mark, having plunged to a fresh lifetime low of 91.99 on Friday. The currency was weighed down by a sharp selloff in equity markets, which extended losses to four of the five trading sessions this week, along with month-end dollar demand from importers and heavy dollar outflows from equities.

Analysts are now seeing the rupee at well below 92 sooner than later.

The battered rupee began the day low losing 20 paise from Thursday close of 91.58 but by afternoon trade was a bad patch and plunged to 91.99. At that level RBI began selling dollars leading a mild recovery and the currency closed the session at 91.88, down 30 paise from the previous close.

The rupee is now down more than 1% this week and 2% this month so far which comes on top of the near 5% cut it had



taken in 2025. With this the rupee has lost nearly 60% of its value since this came to power in May 2014 promising that if voted to power, the rupee would be made so strong that each rupee will fetch a dollar!

Dilip Parmar, research analyst at HDFC Securities said, "the rupee fell to a record low, bucking under the weight of dollar demand from importers and corporates ahead of the

long weekend and the upcoming budget.

"This fragility intensified as domestic equities faced a fresh bout of liquidation, erasing Thursday's tentative recovery. The outlook for spot dollar-rupee pair remains resolutely bullish; we anticipate the pair may eclipse the psychological 92 threshold while find the support at 91.10."

According to Jateen Trivedi,

VP research analyst -- commodity and currency at LKP Securities, "the rupee traded weak by 0.30 paise at 91.90 as persistent FII selling in the secondary markets continued to weigh on the currency. The rupee is expected to remain under pressure in the near term, with a weak trading range of 91.35-92.25."

The rupee is weighed down by demand from bullion and other importers, speculative dollar buying by offshore players and foreign outflows from equities, traders said, who added had it not been RBI intervention the unit would have crossed the 92-mark.

Foreign investors have pulled out close to \$3.5 billion from equities till Thursday, pushing the Nifty down nearly 5% in the month. They had ripped the market over \$18.9 billion off last year. The selling has intensified this week, with the index down more than 3%, reinforcing pressure on the rupee.