

Honda Lines Up New SUVs, Hybrids & A Localised EV For India

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Honda Cars India looks to be working on a new product cycle built around SUVs, hybrid technology and a locally developed electric vehicle. The company's Rajasthan plant can produce around 1.8 lakh vehicles annually but current utilisation is well below that level. The same facility can be scaled to nearly 2.2 lakh units if future volumes support the investment. Gaps in the SUV space have hurt Honda in India over the last few years.

The City and Amaze kept the sedan side active but the market moved quickly towards SUVs across several price points. Models such as the BR-V, Mobilio and WR-V left the domestic portfolio without making massive impact while rival brands filled compact, midsize and premium SUV categories at a faster pace.

The latest product activity has started from the upper end of the range. Honda recently revealed the ZR-V Hybrid for India and deliveries are scheduled to



begin in July 2026. Its customer bookings are already open and it will become the brand's most expensive offering currently upon launch. The SUV will arrive as a CBU and sit above the Elevate, so it will act more as a premium technology-led model than a volume driver.

It is equipped with a 2.0L strong hybrid petrol engine producing more than 180 hp. The larger opportunity lies in locally developed SUVs. An electric SUV based on the Elevate platform is under development and could arrive around FY27. The road testing for the midsize e-SUV began a few months

ago and the model may also be evaluated for exports after its domestic introduction.

The compact SUV category is another area Honda wants to re-enter. The WR-V no longer exists in the Indian line-up and the latest global WR-V was not chosen for local sale. Reports indicate that Honda is working on a new sub-four-metre SUV for India which would give the brand access to one of the country's high volume passenger vehicle segments.

Another SUV positioned above the Elevate is also believed to be under consideration. It could help Honda cover the price space between the Elevate and the imported ZR-V Hybrid while more fully-imported models including the Prelude could be in the pipeline. The company sees strong hybrids as suitable for local driving conditions especially in markets where EV charging access differs by region while fully electric vehicles will still be part of the plans.

Suzuki Jimny 5-Door Rhino Edition Is Costliest Variant In Australia

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Suzuki launched the Jimny Rhino Edition in Malaysia. This was based on the 3-door Jimny. Suzuki has now introduced the Rhino Edition in Australia, based on the 5-door Jimny. While the special Rhino branding is based on the same basic idea, the kit is different for both markets.

Suzuki sells both the 3-door and 5-door versions of the Jimny in Australia. The latter is sold as the Jimny XL. With the Rhino Edition, the SUV's off-road capabilities are expressed in a more impactful manner. At the front, the Rhino Edition gets the iconic SUZUKI nameplate on a blacked-out grille with hex pattern elements. The front bumper gets better highlighted with a chrome under garnish. This chrome treatment can



be seen on the side skirts as well. The overall effect is even more pronounced when the front doors open, triggering the side lamps. Jimny Rhino Edition also gets 15-inch diamond cut alloy wheels with wheel nut covers in a black finish. These have a special

Shuriken-inspired design, which gives a sense of movement even when the vehicle is not in motion. Other highlights include special Rhino decals on the front doors. These are combined with stripes in gloss black and satin aluminium finish.

Yousta Brings Global Football Fever to Fashion with New FIFA Collection

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Yousta, the youth fashion destination from Reliance Retail, has launched its FIFA collection, bringing together fashion, sport and pop culture through a vibrant range of apparel for men, women and kids. Inspired by the excitement of global football and the growing influence of sports-inspired fashion, the collection offers a fresh take on licensed merchandise, blending fandom with everyday style.

Available across Yousta stores the collection brings together men's, women's and kids' FIFA licensed products in one space. The range features country jerseys inspired by iconic football nations, alongside trend-forward casualwear, co-ords, graphic tees, sports-inspired denim and character-led collaborations designed for today's youth consumer. Licensing continues to be a key pillar of Yousta's portfolio, enabling the brand to create culturally relevant collections that connect with the passions



and interests of its customers. Yousta actively participates in key cultural moments that resonate with its audience, and global sporting events provide a unique opportunity to bring together fashion, sport and entertainment through accessible, trend-led collections. The collection also includes

the playful "Fun with FIFA" range, a fashion-led interpretation of sportswear featuring co-ord T-shirt and shorts sets, ribbed tanks and sports-inspired denim in vibrant seasonal shades such as tomato red and bright green. Bringing together some of the world's most loved characters, includ-

ing Mickey & Minnie, Peanuts and Garfield, the range adds a youthful and expressive dimension to football-inspired fashion. Kids' co-ord sets have been among the strongest-performing products within the collection.

The positive response to the FIFA collection reflects the growing popularity of sport-inspired streetwear and athleisure-influenced dressing among Gen Z consumers. More importantly, it underscores a shift in how young shoppers engage with licensed collections—not merely as fan merchandise, but as fashion-first apparel that can be seamlessly incorporated into their everyday wardrobes.

By combining global cultural moments with accessible fashion, Yousta continues to create relevant and engaging experiences for young consumers, making international sporting events more meaningful and relatable through style.

JSW MG New Energy Vehicle Debuts 16th July Starlight Based PHEV SUV Likely

NEW DELHI, JUNE 23:

JSW MG Motor India has announced an upcoming product reveal, signalling the next phase of its electrified vehicle strategy in the country. While the company has not revealed the vehicle's name, indications suggest it could be the new midsize SUV based on the Wuling Starlight 560, a model that has already been spotted testing on Indian roads.

The teaser carries the message, "Internet Inside transformed the way India drove. Now, it's time to power the next evolution. Join us as we redefine the way India thinks about New Energy Vehicles." The reference to "Internet Inside" is a nod to the Hector, which was launched in 2019 and popularised connected car technology in the mass-market SUV segment.

The teaser's focus on "New Energy Vehicles" strongly hints at either an electric vehicle or a plug-in hybrid offering. This aligns with MG's



previously stated plans to enter the plug-in hybrid segment in India. Industry sources indicate that the most likely candidate is the upcoming midsize SUV internally codenamed 520, based on the Wuling Starlight 560 sold overseas. The SUV's design patent was recently filed in India, while test mules have also been spotted undergoing road testing.

The Starlight 560 is positioned above the Hector and could become one of the largest products in MG's main-

stream lineup. Internationally, the SUV measures 4,745 mm in length and rides on a 2,810 mm wheelbase. It is available in both 5-seat and 7-seat configurations.

Spy shots and patent filings reveal a boxy SUV design with an upright stance, large grille, LED lighting elements, squared wheel arches and substantial road presence. The overall styling is noticeably different from existing MG SUVs sold in India. At the rear, the SUV gets a near-vertical

tailgate design, connected LED lighting elements and a roof-mounted spoiler. Depending on the variant and powertrain, styling differences are expected between EV and plug-in hybrid versions. International versions of the SUV feature a minimalist dashboard layout with a large 12.8-inch touchscreen infotainment system and an 8.8-inch digital instrument cluster. Other features include automatic climate control, connected car technology and a comprehensive suite of comfort and convenience features. For India, MG could further enhance the equipment list to suit local buyer preferences. Globally, the Starlight 560 is available with both EV and plug-in hybrid powertrains. The PHEV version combines a 1.5-litre petrol engine with a battery pack to deliver a combined output of 197 hp and 230 Nm of torque. It offers an electric-only driving range of up to 100 km under the CLTC cycle.

New Tata Altroz Spied Testing Turbo CNG Engine Like Nexon?



NEW DELHI, JUNE 23:

Tata Motors has been one of the most notable CNG car manufacturers in the country. The company currently offers their intelligent i-CNG tech with dual cylinders with Altroz facelift. Now, Tata Motors is currently testing a new Altroz CNG model extensively around Pune city and it begs the question as to what it could be testing. The steering wheel of this Altroz hatchback test mule had a sticker saying "CNG Only" and it was fully draped in camouflage. Tata is

recently amplifying the fun and excitement part in their vehicles and Punch Turbo is a stark example of that. So, one can speculate that Altroz CNG could be getting a Turbo Petrol engine option like we see in Nexon. If we look at Tata Motors' portfolio, Altroz is the vehicle that does not get enough love from the brand. Sales are dropping as SUVs are cannibalizing hatchbacks and when Safari EV will launch by 2026 end or early 2027, Altroz will be left as the brand's only vehicle without

an EV counterpart. Altroz gets the Diesel engine option, though, making it the only Diesel hatchback in the country. However, a Turbo Petrol engine option for Altroz is still missing in both i-Turbo or Racer forms. If we look at May 2026 sales, Altroz was 11th best-selling hatchback with sales a little below 3,000 units mark.

Tata currently offers Altroz with a NA Petrol, NA Petrol CNG and a Turbo Diesel engine. Previous spy shots of recent Altroz test mules suggested that it might be a Turbo Petrol and the just papped spy shots suggest it could be a Turbo Petrol CNG combination, like in a Nexon, which is rated at 99 bhp and 170 Nm.

The current NA Petrol CNG option in Altroz is rated at 72 bhp and 103 Nm. With a Turbo Petrol engine option with i-CNG powertrain, Tata Motors might be inducing more excitement and drivability into the equation, which current Altroz i-CNG lacks.

New Citroen Aircross Comfort Edition Launch Price Rs 9.09 Lakh

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A few days after launching the new eC3X, Citroen India has now launched the new Aircross Comfort Edition. With this, Citroen is introducing a range of feature additions to the Aircross, aimed at improving the ownership experience while keeping prices competitive. Available as a limited-run model, the Aircross Comfort Edition starts at Rs 9.09 lakh (ex-showroom) and is being offered across multiple variants.

The update comes as customer preferences increasingly shift towards feature-rich vehicles that offer a more premium cabin experience, even at lower price points. One of the key highlights of the Aircross Comfort Edition is the addition of Metropolitan Beige leatherette upholstery across all variants. This makes premium seat upholstery available even on the entry-level version.

Citroen has also added adjustable front and rear headrests across the range, improving comfort and ergonomics for passengers. Depending on the variant, the cabin also gets revised interior finishes with black-grained surfaces, soft-touch elements and silver accents.

The Aircross Comfort Edition is available in three variants. The entry-level YOU naturally aspirated petrol man-



ual variant is priced at Rs 9.09 lakh, while the PLUS naturally aspirated petrol manual variant is available at Rs 9.99 lakh. Buyers looking for additional performance and practicality can opt for the PLUS Turbo 7-seater manual variant, which is priced at Rs 11.99 lakh. All three variants benefit from the Comfort Edition upgrades, including leatherette upholstery and enhanced cabin comfort features.

3 Highly Anticipated Mahindra SUVs Launching Soon In India

NEW DELHI, JUNE 23:

With a significant expansion of its portfolio and consistent upgrades over the recent years, Mahindra has become India's second-largest automaker by volume. The company plans to continue being aggressive on the product front, with 10 ICE and six electric launches lined up by 2031. It will bring three new highly anticipated SUVs to showrooms by early 2027 alone. In the coming months, Mahindra will likely launch the facelifted version of the Scorpio-N. The company has been testing the updated model for a while now, and spy shots captured during this phase have revealed several details about the changes. The Scorpio-N's design has been received well by the market, so Mahindra is planning only subtle updates in this regard.

The facelifted Mahindra Scorpio-N will feature a new radiator grille, a redesigned lower grille, and a revised bumper. The headlamp graphics may also be slightly different. New 18-inch alloy wheels, tweaked tail lamp graphics, and a restyled rear bumper may round up the exterior changes. Inside, Mahindra will redesign the dashboard with new, horizontally positioned centre AC vents and a larger, 10.25-inch touchscreen infotainment system. A 10.25-inch fully digital instrument cluster may also be offered. No mechanical changes are expected with the facelift. Soon after the Mahindra Scorpio-N, the Mahindra Thar 3-door model will likely receive a cosmetic refresh. Spy shots of the new Thar have shown it featuring a Thar Roxx-like radiator grille and LED headlamps with C-shaped DRLs. 19-inch alloy wheels could also be among the key design changes.

Skoda Kodiaq RS Brochure For India Full Feature List, Colours

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Kodiaq RS is being positioned as the quickest Skoda model ever launched in India, with 0 to 100 km/h achievable in just 6.3 seconds.

Skoda RS models have received a good response from performance enthusiasts in the country. For context, a limited batch of Octavia RS offered in October last year was sold out in just 20 minutes. More recently, Skoda opened bookings for the new Kodiaq RS. Ahead of its launch, full details about performance and features have been revealed.

Powering Skoda Kodiaq RS is a 2.0-litre turbocharged petrol engine that generates 265 PS and 400 Nm of torque. Kodiaq RS has a 4x4 setup and is paired with an automatic 7-speed DSG transmission. The standard Kodiaq also uses the same engine, but has a lower state of tune. It generates 204 PS and 320 Nm. On



the Kodiaq RS, this engine likely has a revised ECU and related hardware tweaks to achieve enhanced performance.

Across its exterior, Skoda Kodiaq RS variant uses gloss black elements for a sportier presence. These can be seen on the grille, ORVMs, window line, roof rails and D-pillars. Kodiaq RS also has a different design and larger size for the front bumper. A similar

approach can be seen with the distinctive rear bumper in a black finish, a black diffuser and twin exhausts.

Other highlights include large 20-inch alloy wheels with bright red brake callipers. Skoda is offering the Kodiaq RS in four colour options – Moon White, Magic Black, Velvet Red and Steel Grey. Kodiaq RS uses LED Matrix headlights with cornering function.

Hero Splendor Pro Classic Comeback Possible As Retro Design Gets Patented

MUMBAI, JUNE 23:

Hero MotoCorp has registered a new motorcycle design in India and the patent image points towards a retro-styled commuter that looks close to the old Splendor Pro Classic. The filing carries a registration date of August 5, 2025 and it shows a compact motorcycle with a round headlamp, slim fuel tank, long single-piece seat, exposed side panels and a simple rear section. The side profile has a classic commuter shape but the slightly low stance, narrow bodywork, long exhaust and clean tail section give it a cafe racer inspired finish. The front and rear fenders are short while the upright handlebar and flat seat suggest a more practical design than a pure retro showpiece. The rear three-quarter view reveals a tubular grab rail, twin rear shock absorbers, five-spoke alloy wheels and conventional telescopic front forks.

The engine area is left exposed and the exhaust runs low before ending in a long silencer. The overall treatment is not a direct copy of the earlier Splendor Pro Classic but the resemblance suggests that Hero may be studying a modern return for the concept. Hero first showed the Splendor Pro Classic at Auto Expo 2014 and the motorcycle later reached the market as a small-capacity cafe racer based on the Splendor platform.

It was sold as one of India's rare 100 cc retro motorcycles using clip-on style bars, a rounded headlamp, chrome detailing, a single-seat look and compact body panels. The original Splendor Pro Classic used a 97.2 cc air-cooled, single-cylinder engine. The motor produced around 8.25 bhp at 8,000 rpm and 8.05 Nm at 5,000 rpm – coupled with a four-speed gearbox.

New Avore Electric Motorcycle Teased Ahead Of Launch 250+ Kms Range?

NEW DELHI, JUNE 23:

Avore Electric has released the first teaser of its upcoming electric motorcycle, offering an early look at what appears to be the brand's most ambitious product yet. While the company has not officially revealed the motorcycle's name, teaser visuals show EX/2S branding on the side panels, suggesting that could be the final nameplate.

The upcoming motorcycle was recently spotted testing on public roads in Ahmedabad with camouflage, and the latest teaser confirms several design and feature details that were previously hidden. Avore says the motorcycle has been developed on its indigenous technology platform and represents a significant step forward in the company's electric mobility plans. Teaser images reveal a sharp and aggressive design language aimed at the grow-



ing mid-size motorcycle segment.

The motorcycle features sculpted body panels, a muscular tank section and a distinctive LED headlamp setup with integrated daytime running lights. Additional LED lighting elements can also be seen on the tank shrouds, giving the motorcycle a futuristic appearance. The side profile highlights sporty alloy wheels, split-style bodywork

and dual-tone red and silver paintwork contrasted with matte black metal components. Matte black grab handles for the pillion are also visible, adding a premium touch to the overall design.

At the rear, the motorcycle gets a sleek LED tail lamp and LED turn indicators. Front and rear disc brakes are visible in the teaser, indicating a focus on performance and safety.