

Jeep Compass 85th Anniversary Edition Launch Price Rs 26.70 L Only 85 Units

NEW DELHI, AUG 17: Jeep India has expanded its 85th anniversary celebrations with the launch of a special Compass 85th Anniversary Edition. Limited to just 85 units across India, the new edition gets exclusive cosmetic touches along with additional accessories and safety-related equipment. Prices for Compass 85th Anniversary range start at Rs 26.70 lakh (ex-showroom). The special edition follows Jeep's global celebrations marking 85 years of the brand. Rather than introducing any mechanical changes, Jeep has focused on making this version of Compass more distinctive through exterior and interior updates and a curated range of accessories. On the outside, Compass 85th Anniversary Edition gets 18-inch alloy wheels finished in Gloss Black. These are accompanied by anniversary-themed detailing and commemorative elements that distinguish the limited edition from the



regular Compass range. Jeep has retained the familiar overall design of Compass, including its seven-slot grille, LED lighting and muscular proportions. With only 85 examples planned for India, exclusivity is one of the primary highlights of this edition.

Changes continue inside, where Jeep has opted for an all-black cabin theme complemented by Mayan Gold accents. Contrast detailing and special anniversary elements have also been added to differentiate the

cabin from standard variants. A more significant part of the anniversary package comes in the form of additional equipment. Jeep is offering specially curated 85th Anniversary AXS Personalization Packages with the limited edition. Among the additions is a Digital IRVM (inside rear-view mirror), accompanied by front and rear dash-cams. This should prove particularly useful for recording incidents while driving and provides an additional layer of convenience and security. Another interesting addition is SkyLounge / sunroof illumination, which adds ambient lighting around the sunroof area. Ambient cabin lighting and various other personalization elements are also available as part of the anniversary accessories package. These features are primarily accessory-based additions rather than changes to the core equipment or architecture of Compass.

Kia Likely Working On A New Volume SUV, To Sit Between Syros & Seltos

NEW DELHI, AUG 17: Kia is reportedly working on another SUV for India that could sit between the Syros and Seltos. The forthcoming B-segment model is expected to measure around 4.2 metres long and could become a central part of Kia's plan to expand its locally produced range – particularly as the new-gen Seltos moves further up the price ladder. The new Seltos has also received a far more positive response than the ICE Syros making the smaller SUV's position in Kia's range harder to justify as its sole product below the Seltos. The Syros currently starts at Rs. 8.42 lakh and extends to around Rs. 15 lakh (ex-showroom) creating considerable overlap at one end and a sizeable gap at the other. A 4.2-metre SUV could address that space through a more conventional package targetting those looking for something larger than the Syros but less expensive than the Seltos. The design could also give Kia an opportunity to bring its latest styling language into a lower price bracket. The new Seltos has already demonstrated how effectively the brand's newer visual identity can be applied to a volume product taking cues from SUVs such as the Telluride. The upcoming B-segment model could utilise related design themes while receiving its own unique exterior finishes, cabin layout and equipment list. Kia is also expected to explore several powertrain possibilities for the new model. Existing 1.2L or 1.5L NA petrol, 1.5L turbo petrol and 1.5L diesel engines could be considered while an electrified option could arrive as part of the product's lifecycle. The Syros EV has already taken Kia into another compelling part of the market offering the segment-highest claimed range of 526 km, so an electric derivative could fit the bill. The company is also studying another SUV for the sizeable space between the Seltos and the soon-arriving Sorento.

Maruti Suzuki Hikes Prices By Up To Rs. 30,000 On Arena & Nexa Cars

MUMBAI, AUG 17: Maruti Suzuki Baleno receives the steepest increase while the premium models like e Vitara, Jimny, Invicto and Victoris also get costlier . Maruti Suzuki has revised prices across its entire Arena and Nexa portfolios in India as it has raised the cost of several models by up to Rs. 30,000. The price hike affects hatchbacks, SUVs, MPVs, sedans and the sole electric vehicle. The Baleno premium hatchback gets the steepest increase in the latest round – rising by up to Rs. 30,000 based on the variant chosen. The recently introduced e Vitara midsize electric SUV follows at up to Rs. 20,000 while the Jimny receives a Rs. 15,000 hike. Prices of the Victoris and Invicto have also gone up by up to Rs. 10,000. The increase is not uniform across the range as the final revision depends on the model and variant selected. The brand's entry-level products such as the Alto K10, S-Presso, Celerio and WagonR receive relatively small increases of up to Rs. 2,500. The Swift compact hatchback and Eeco get a flat Rs. 5,000 increase while the Dzire, Tour S, Ertiga and XL6 receive hikes ranging from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 7,500. The Brezza and Grand Vitara see increases of up to Rs. 5,000 while the Fronx gets costlier by up to Rs. 7,500. It comes at a time when many manufacturers are bumping up costs due to external and internal factors. Maruti Suzuki's new price revision covers both its Arena and Nexa sales channels making it one of the more extensive price updates across the company's current range. Consumers planning to purchase any of the affected models will need to account for the revised variant-wise pricing at the time of booking.

Toyota Sales Breakup July 2026 – Hyryder, Hycross, Glanza, Crysta, Fortuner, Ebella, Hilux, Vellfire



MUMBAI, AUG 17: Toyota Kirloskar Motor recorded a positive performance in July 2026, with domestic sales across its model range reaching 30,516 units. This represented 4.65% YoY growth over 29,159 units sold in July 2025. On a month-on-month basis, sales improved by 7.30% from 28,441 units registered in June 2026. Urban Cruiser Hyryder topped Toyota's July 2026

sales chart with 7,187 units. However, sales declined by 18.46% YoY compared to 8,814 units in July 2025. MoM performance was also lower by 21.06%, as 9,104 units were sold in June. Hyryder accounted for 23.55% of Toyota's July 2026 sales. Innova Hycross was second with 6,061 units, registering 4.37% YoY growth over 5,807 units. Its MoM performance was considerably stronger,

increasing 34.39% from 4,510 units sold in June. Toyota has started testing the facelifted Hycross, which is expected to launch in 2027. Glanza occupied third position with 4,461 units. Sales declined 11.12% YoY from 5,019 units, although MoM numbers improved by 27.02%. Innova Crysta followed with 3,915 units, recording healthy growth on both parameters. Crysta sales increased 18.21% YoY and 38.73% MoM. Crysta will be discontinued in 2027 due to emission norms. Fortuner recorded 3,189 units during July, remaining almost flat on a YoY basis with a marginal 1.36% decline. However, compared to June's 2,514 units, Fortuner sales increased by 26.85%. One of Toyota's biggest gainers was Rumion. The MPV registered 2,632 units against just 576 units in July 2025, resulting in 356.94% YoY growth. Sales also improved 10.77% over June 2026.

Upcoming Royal Enfield Himalayan 750 Spied Discarded at Scrapyard?

NEW DELHI, AUG 17: Royal Enfield Himalayan 750 is currently under development as one of the brand's most important upcoming motorcycles. Multiple test mules have been spotted over the past year in India as well as Europe, providing a steady stream of information about Royal Enfield's new flagship adventure motorcycle. Recently, images emerged showing multiple Himalayan 750 test motorcycles lying at what appeared to be a vehicle recycling or disposal facility in the UK. While the unusual sight initially raised questions about why seemingly complete development motorcycles were being discarded, fresh information now provides more context. Royal Enfield Himalayan 411 Facebook group, the motorcycles were photographed at a local scrapyard after being delivered from Bruntingthorpe. The person who shared the images claims that the facility had received as many as eight van loads of Royal Enfield motorcycles that morning. The post describes them as pre-production or



test motorcycles, adding that many reportedly had zero miles on them. While the images clearly show multiple Himalayan 750 development motorcycles, it cannot be independently confirmed that every motorcycle across the reported eight van loads was a Himalayan 750.

Jio Prime offers 1-year tariff guarantee and Rs 600 cashback; Rs 299 plan stays

MUMBAI, AUG 17: Jio has reintroduced its Jio Prime membership as part of its 10-year anniversary celebrations, offering customers a one-year price guarantee at a time when telecom tariffs continue to change. The company has also confirmed that its existing tariff plans, including the Rs 299 plan, will continue to be available for all prepaid users. Jio Prime, for a one-time joining fee of Rs 300, Jio customers can lock in the prices of eligible plans and continue recharging with their preferred plans at today's prices until September 5, 2027. The membership is available to existing Jio prepaid and postpaid users, while customers on other networks can join by porting to Jio or taking a new connection. The main feature of the reintroduced Jio Prime membership is the one-year price guarantee. Members can continue using eligible Jio tariff plans at their current prices until September 5, 2027, even if the company announces price revisions during the guarantee period. This means users who regularly recharge with a particular plan can continue doing so without being affected by any tariff increase applicable



during the membership period. Jio Prime also comes with cashback benefits worth Rs 600. Members receive a Rs 300 cashback voucher that can be redeemed against a new JioHome or JioPC connection. Another Rs 300 cashback voucher is available when adding a new Jio SIM connection for friends or family.

Defender Dakar Street Legal Version Debuts With BMW Twin-Turbo V8, 626 HP



NEW DELHI, AUG 17: At the 2026 Monterey Car Week, the street legal version of the 2026 D7X-R racer named 'Defender Dakar' has been unveiled. Considering the Dakar-winning credentials of the D7X-R racer, the street legal version is likely to be positioned above the OCTA in terms of its performance and off-road capabilities. While not official, it is possible that

Defender Dakar could be offered as a limited edition model. Road legal Defender Dakar has the same BMW sourced 4.4-liter Twin-Turbo V8 engine as used with the 2026 D7X-R racer. Since the road legal version is not restricted by motorsport regulations, it delivers much higher power and torque of 626 hp and 750 Nm. In comparison, the output

of the D7X-R was capped at 394 hp. Defender Dakar has close to 59% higher power output than D7X-R. This engine has also been used with Defender OCTA, offering the same output. However, the power output with the recent OCTA facelift has been reduced to 533 hp. This makes the Defender Dakar a clear winner in terms of performance. In addition to the engine, Defender Dakar borrows most of the other parts from the D7X-R racer. These include the body structure, transmission and drivetrain. Since it copies the exact body structure of the D7X-R racer, the Defender Dakar has a wider stance in comparison to standard Defender models. There are various other differentiating factors such as forged 20-inch alloy wheels, 35-inch all-terrain tyres and higher ground clearance. Defender Dakar also gets coil springs and Bilstein dampers.

New Audi Q3 SUV Teased Ahead Of India Launch

MUMBAI, AUG 17: Audi India has teased their new generation Q3 SUV for the Indian market. The popular German luxury SUV is currently in its second generation avatar in India for the past 4 years and is due for a major upgrade. Third Gen model made its global debut in June 2025 and is now set to launch in India soon. Audi India has now teased Third Gen Q3 for the Indian market. Indian market, Audi has confirmed the launch of Q3, A5 and Q9. Both Q3 and A5 were expected to launch before Q9 and Q3 was to launch first. In that regard, Audi India has dropped two teasers (one yesterday and one today), both hinting at the new Third Gen Q3. The captions on the teasers read – “Designed to keep you curious. Almost Here” and “We’ve shown enough. For now. Arriving Soon”. These suggest that Q3 launch might be right around the corner. The new Third Gen Audi Q3 features the compa-



ny's new design language with aggressive aesthetics along with curvaceous and expressive appearance. When compared to the Third Gen Q3, current model and the predecessor packed subtlety and understated elegance. The new design language has given Q3 a new digital fascia with split lighting setup. It gets LED DRLs on top and LED headlights below. There's a large grille with 2D Audi logo along

with many gloss black elements. At the side, Audi's typical cuts and creases resembling a sharp suit, makes way for a more curvaceous design. Wheel arch claddings are body coloured and wheel sizes range between 17-inch to 20-inch. There's a thick D pillar and at the rear, we can see split tail lights, connected light bar, illuminated Audi logo a sporty bumper.

JioBlackRock Asset Management to Offer Regular Plans Across Its Mutual Fund Schemes from August 17, 2026

MUMBAI, AUG 17: Jio BlackRock Asset Management Private Limited (JioBlackRock Asset Management), a 50:50 JV between Jio Financial Services Limited (JFSL) and BlackRock*, today announced that it will introduce Regular Plans across its eligible mutual fund schemes, effective August 17, 2026, marking an important milestone in its mission to make investing more accessible, inclusive and convenient for investors across India. Since the launch of its mutual fund business, JioBlackRock Asset Management has focused on creating a seamless, digital investing experience for investors. With the introduction of Regular Plans, investors will also be able to invest through registered mutual fund distributors, giving them greater choice in how they engage with and access JioBlackRock's investment offerings. The move expands the firm's distribution reach



while reinforcing its commitment to serving investors through multiple channels and partnering with India's growing financial advice ecosystem. Sid Swaminathan, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, JioBlackRock Asset Management, said:- "At JioBlackRock Asset Management, our ambition is to help investors participate in

the growth opportunities offered by financial markets through simple, accessible and investor-centric solutions. The strong interest we have seen in our recently launched Prism Hybrid Long-Short Fund under the SIF platform reflects growing investor appetite for differentiated investment solutions. As we continue to expand our offering, we are strengthening our partnerships

with distributors, complementing our existing channels and helping more investors access our solutions. The introduction of Regular Plans is an important step in broadening access to our solutions, giving investors greater choice in how they invest while enabling us to partner more closely with India's vibrant distribution ecosystem." Rajiv Chhabria, Chief Business Officer, JioBlackRock Asset Management, said:- "India's mutual fund industry is entering a new phase of growth, driven by increasing investor awareness, rising participation and deeper penetration across cities and towns. Distributors remain at the centre of this evolution, helping bring investing to new audiences across the country. Through the introduction of Regular Plans, we look forward to building meaningful and long-term partnerships with distributors, while making our investment solutions accessible to a broader set of investors."

Bajaj Pulsar N160 4V Review New Benchmark In 160cc Segment?

NEW DELHI, AUG 17: Bajaj Auto has just launched the first major update to their Pulsar N160 model and the prices start from Rs 1,33,511 (Ex-sh) for base S variant and Rs 1,42,585 for the top-spec SS variant. The 2V version continues with three variants alongside the two variants of 4V model, taking the total number of Pulsar N160 variants to five. Pulsar N160 4V version, there are three colours on offer – Black and White, while there is a Blue colour with Orange highlights listed on the website which is yet to receive a price. As part of the national media drive in Pune, only Black and White were available and we sampled the White colour. We experienced the new Pulsar N160 4V in multiple riding conditions to tell you about it. For starters, I liked the White colour more as I generally like the colour White, but Black looks sportier as it gets Red painted alloy wheels and Red highlights in 3D Pulsar



badge. Also, graphics on these colours are slightly different too. Other than the colours, there are no changes to the core identity of Pulsar N160. The tag line for Pulsar N160 4V is 'Gear Neeche, Duniya Peeche', 'The Fast And Intelligent 160'. Main additions with 4V model are electronic throttle with ride-by-wire technology which brings crawl tech and the traction control (switchable) has

unlocked up to 5 riding modes. Dual disc brakes with dual channel ABS, 37mm USD front forks and radial rear tyre, adjustable levers and all LED lighting are notable too. Pulsar N160 4V, it became Bajaj's first ever motorcycle to come with a TFT instrument cluster. This TFT cluster is only available with the top-spec SS variant and comes with a load of features that are welcome not only to 160cc

class motorcycles, but vehicles costing 2-3 times as much as Pulsar N160 4V. Rivals like TVS Apache RTR 160 4V have offered a TFT cluster before, but the way Bajaj has executed it is truly commendable. For starters, it gets new and fancy switchgear to operate this cluster. It has auto day/night themes with a light sensor for auto brightness adjustment. Traction Control can be turned on / off and then rider can cycle between all five Ride Modes – Sport, Road, Rain, Off-Road and Tour. This cluster has a personalizable home layout which can show a 0-60 km/h meter. There's a lap timer and document storage as well. Gear position indicator and other features are present. This cluster works on basic Bluetooth for some notifications and then there's WiFi streaming for complex features like music control, notifications from even third party apps like Whatsapp without interrupting the Maps.