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Special Edition: Highlights of the 2023 Auto Expo

India's premier biennial motor show, the Auto Expo, gives us an exemplary glimpse of new car launches and what we can expect from automotive giants over the next few years. Thus, as a homage to this spirit, here are some of the major highlights from the 2023 Auto Expo.

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Maruti Suzuki eVX Concept

One of Maruti Suzuki's biggest draws at the Auto Expo was the eVX electric SUV concept. Designed and developed by Suzuki Motor Corporation in Japan, the eVX concept is powered by a 60kWh battery pack that offers a driving range of up to 550kms. The eVX also previews Maruti Suzuki's first-born EV SUV (codenamed YV8) which is expected to debut sometime in 2025. It will also debut an all-new dedicated EV platform co-developed with Toyota.

Maruti Suzuki Jimny 5-door

The hotly-anticipated Jimny 5-door made a grand global debut at the 2023 Auto Expo. India will be the first market where the Jimny 5-door will go on sale in May 2023, followed by other global markets. It will be manufactured at the brand's Gurugram plant for domestic sale as well as export. With the launch confirmed, Maruti has opened bookings for the Jimny 5-door. The sub-4 metre five-door SUV is powered by a 1.5-litre K15B petrol engine.



Maruti Suzuki Fronx

Maruti Suzuki's Baleno-based coupe SUV (codenamed YTB) debuted at the Auto Expo as the Fronx. Bookings for the Fronx were opened soon after its revealing and it is expected to go on sale by April 2023, via the brand's premium Nexa outlets. Like the Baleno, the Fronx is also based on Maruti Suzuki's Heartect platform. The Baleno RS' 1.0-litre Boosterjet turbo petrol engine makes a comeback with the Fronx, with a choice of two gearbox options.

Hyundai IONIQ 5

After much anticipation, Hyundai launched the IONIQ 5 crossover at the Auto Expo, at an introductory ex-showroom price of ₹44.95 lakh. With this, the IONIQ 5 is not only Hyundai's second electric offering here after the Kona EV, but it also marks the India debut of Hyundai's global EV sub-brand. Bookings for the crossover were opened for ₹1 lakh. Powering the IONIQ 5 is a 72.6kWh battery, which gives it an ARAI-certified driving range of 631kms.



Toyota Land Cruiser

Toyota's flagship off-roader, the Land Cruiser 300 SUV, was showcased at the 2023 Auto Expo and it has been priced at an eye-watering ₹2.17 crore (ex-showroom). In India, the SUV is available only with a 3.3-litre diesel engine, which is good for 302bhp and 700Nm of torque. The LC 300 replaces the legendary LC 200, and it is now based on Toyota's modular TNGA platform. Thanks to this, it's nearly 200kgs lighter than its predecessor.

2023 Lexus RX

Lexus unveiled the 2023 RX at the Auto Expo. The fifth-generation SUV is based on an enhanced version of the brand's GA-K platform, with an increased wheelbase of 60mm. It will be available in two trims - 350h Luxury and 500h F Sport Performance. Bookings for it were opened at the Expo and the car will launch before the end of March 2023. The RX will be launched with two strong-hybrid powertrain options and will be available as a five-seater only.



MG Hector / Hector Plus Facelift

Just a few days after revealing them, MG Motor launched the facelifted Hector and Hector Plus SUVs at the Auto Expo. Prices for the Hector facelift start from ₹14.73 lakh, while the three-row Hector Plus facelift has been priced from ₹20.80 lakh (ex-showroom). In terms of changes, both SUVs get heavily reworked front and rear fascia, an overhauled interior, a new exterior colour, and numerous feature additions. However, they remain mechanically unchanged from the pre-facelift models. This is their second facelift since their 2019 launch.

Tata Curvv

Shown as a near production-ready vehicle, the Curvv coupé SUV concept was one of the star attractions for Tata Motors at the 2023 Auto Expo. Expected to go on sale next year, the Curvv Concept had made its debut as an EV but it is expected to launch with a turbo-petrol powertrain first. As for its electric iteration, the Curvv SUV will be built on Tata's new Gen-2 EV architecture, which has been developed to feature multiple body styles and powertrain options. Tata also showcased the Sierra EV and an EV version of the Harrier SUV at the Expo.



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