

## AUTO EXPO



### Renault launches Pulse

NEW DELHI: As part of the plan to introduce five new products in India during the year, carmaker Renault India on Friday launched its premium compact car 'Pulse' in the domestic market at 11th Auto Expo here.

The company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Renault, also unveiled a mid-size crossover Duster which will hit the Indian roads before Diwali.

"We plan to launch a complete portfolio of five new products before the end of 2012," Renault India Managing Director Marc Nassif said after the launch.

Talking about the Pulse, he said it is a product designed and developed by the company's India design studio in Mumbai, focusing on the Indian customers' aspirations, tastes and preferences.

The Pulse, which was first showcased in October last year, is priced between Rs 5.77 lakh and Rs 6.25 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi).

It is powered by the Renault K9K diesel engine mated to a 5-speed manual transmission.

### GM unveils Sail, MPV concept

NEW DELHI: Carmaker General Motors (GM) on Friday unveiled the first two products from its joint venture with Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation (SAIC) - the Chevrolet Sail premium hatchback and the Chevrolet MPV Concept - at the ongoing 11th Auto Expo in the capital.

"The two products have been tailored for local market conditions and the need of local consumers for economical, user-friendly personal transportation," General Motors India President and Managing Director Lowell Paddock said at the Auto Expo here.

He said the multi-purpose vehicle (MPV) will be available in the domestic market by the year-end, while the hatchback will be launched by June-July this year.

Talking to reporters, General Motors India Vice President Corporate Affairs P Balendran said both vehicles will be rolled out in both petrol and diesel variants.

However, prices of the models were not

revealed. "Both models will be competitively priced," Balendran said.

He said the engines will be manufactured at the company's Talegaon plant near Pune. *UNI*

### Ducati launches Monster 795

NEW DELHI: Italian bike maker Ducati on Friday launched the most-awaited 'Monster' model M795, priced at Rs 6.99 lakh (ex-showroom). "The new Monster 795 has been eagerly awaited in India...We have priced it attractively to make it easier for 'Ducatisti' to own their favourite brand," Ducati India CEO Ashish Chordia told reporters at the 11th Auto Expo here.

With a six speed gear box and 3-spoke alloy wheel, it has 803cc L-twin, air cooled engine which produces 87PS of power and 78Nm of torque at 6250rpm. Asked about the competition in the domestic market. With the launch of M795, which is the highest selling model for Ducati all over the world, he said the company expects to increase its sales "significantly". *UNI*



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