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From the Editor

Dear Readers,

Welcome to this issue of Inline4News, where we bring you the latest updates, in-depth reviews, and stories from the world of motorcycles. This edition is special—not just because of the exciting content inside, but because of the conversations it sparks within the riding community.

Motorcycling is more than just a hobby; it's a way of life. Whether you're a commuter weaving through city traffic, an adventure tourer exploring distant lands, or a speed enthusiast chasing the thrill of the track, there's something that connects us all—the love for two wheels.

However, with this passion comes responsibility. In this issue, we shed light on rider experiences, manufacturer accountability, and industry developments that impact every motorcyclist. From new launches and racing highlights to gear reviews and real-world ownership experiences, we've packed this edition with insights that matter.

As we continue to grow, Inline4News remains committed to honest, unbiased journalism in the motorcycle world. We value your thoughts, feedback, and contributions, so don't hesitate to share your riding stories and experiences with us.

Until next time, ride safe, ride hard, and always keep the rubber side down!

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TVS Racing in India: Fueling the Nation's Need for Speed

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When you think of high-octane motorsports in India, TVS Racing is a name that roars the loudest. Known for its unmatched legacy and fierce dominance on tracks, TVS Racing has played a pivotal role in shaping the landscape of Indian motorsports. It's not just about speed—it's about innovation, passion, and putting Indian racing on the global map.

The Legacy of a Trailblazer

TVS Racing, a subsidiary of TVS Motor Company, began its journey in 1982, making it India's first factory racing team. At a time when racing was considered niche and inaccessible, TVS took a bold step to invest in it—not just as a marketing tool, but as a testing ground for engineering excellence.

Over four decades, TVS has transitioned from a homegrown team to a global competitor. Their consistent participation in both national championships and international events like the Dakar Rally speaks volumes about their dedication and technical prowess. This long-standing commitment has earned TVS a cult following and massive respect in the motorsports community.

Shaping Indian Motorsports Culture

One of TVS Racing's most impactful initiatives has been the TVS One Make Championship. This racing format gives young and amateur riders a fair chance to compete using identical TVS Apache motorcycles tuned for the track. It's been instrumental in discovering and nurturing local talent and has even opened doors for Indian racers on international platforms. TVS also empowers women racers, hosting exclusive women's categories and providing professional training through their dedicated rider development programs. Their inclusive approach is revolutionizing racing in India and inspiring the next generation of speed enthusiasts.

Engineering Meets Adrenaline

TVS doesn't just race—they build machines that perform under extreme conditions. Bikes like the Apache RR 310 and specially tuned RTR 200s are bred for speed and precision. These aren't mere race-day machines—they're rolling test beds for innovation. Insights gathered from the tracks help improve the performance, safety, and durability of their consumer bikes.

Their international stints, especially the Dakar Rally, have tested these machines in some of the world's harshest terrains—from the Saharan dunes to rocky South American trails. And they haven't just participated—they've finished strong, often outperforming seasoned global players.

Fueling Aspirations Beyond the Track

For TVS, racing is more than just competition—it's a mission to elevate India's motorsport status. By investing in rider training, supporting grassroots development, and constantly pushing technological limits, TVS is fueling aspirations that go beyond checkered flags. They are building a racing culture in a country still discovering its motorsport heartbeat. With each lap they complete and each trophy they lift, TVS Racing proves one thing: when passion meets engineering, the results are legendary.



From Parking Lots to Podiums: My Journey to the Track

As a passionate biker and MotoGP enthusiast, the dream of feeling my knee touch the tarmac on a racetrack always fueled my riding spirit. That dream took shape when I discovered the TVS ARE GP Championship. Determined, I began training in a parking lot, perfecting throttle control and weaving figure-eights. Eventually, I graduated to go-kart tracks, studying racing lines, apexes, and body positioning.

My dedication paid off. I secured P1 in the ARE GP regional rounds in both 2022 and 2023. In April 2024, I earned a coveted spot in the national finals at the Madras International Circuit (MIC) – my first time on a national-level track. MIC's fast, flowing curves were unlike anything I had experienced. It was there I dragged my knee for the first time – a milestone every racer dreams of.

The competition was fierce, especially against seasoned riders from South India who train regularly. I qualified P7, fought hard in Race 1 to finish P4, and finally clinched P3 in the final race – achieving my dream of a national podium.

This journey taught me more than racing. Track practice sharpened my skills, made me safer and more controlled on the road, and transformed my understanding of riding. It's proof that passion, practice, and persistence can take you from parking lot drills to podium finishes.

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2025 Suzuki Hayabusa: A Two-Wheeled Legend Reborn



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The Suzuki Hayabusa has long been revered as a symbol of speed, power, and engineering excellence. With the 2025 iteration, Suzuki continues this legacy, introducing a host of enhancements that blend cutting-edge technology with the iconic design that enthusiasts have come to love.

Design and Aesthetics

The 2025 Hayabusa retains its aerodynamic silhouette, inspired by the peregrine falcon, ensuring optimal airflow and stability at high speeds. Suzuki has introduced new dual-tone color schemes, including Metallic Matte Steel Green with Glass Sparkle Black, Glass Sparkle Black with Metallic Matte Titanium Silver, and Metallic Mystic Silver with Pearl Vigor Blue, enhancing its visual appeal.

Engine and Performance

At the heart of the Hayabusa lies a formidable 1,340cc inline-four-cylinder, liquid-cooled DOHC engine, delivering an impressive 190 horsepower at 9,700 rpm and 142 Nm of torque at 7,000 rpm. This powerplant is complemented by Suzuki's Ride-by-Wire electronic throttle system and dual fuel injectors per cylinder, ensuring precise throttle response and optimal fuel delivery.

Advanced Electronics and Rider Aids

The 2025 model is equipped with the Suzuki Intelligent Ride System (S.I.R.S.), a comprehensive suite of electronic aids designed to enhance rider confidence and safety. Key features include:

- Suzuki Drive Mode Selector Alpha (SDMS- α): Offers multiple riding modes to tailor the bike's performance to various conditions.
- Bi-directional Quick Shift System: Allows seamless gear changes without the need for clutch operation.
- Launch Control System: Provides three modes to assist with optimal acceleration from a standstill.
- Motion Track Traction Control and Cornering ABS: Utilizes a six-axis IMU to monitor and adjust traction and braking during cornering.
- Smart Cruise Control: Maintains set speeds and now remains active even during gear changes using the quick-shifter.

Chassis, Suspension, and Braking

Built on a twin-spar aluminum frame, the Hayabusa offers a balance of rigidity and lightness. The suspension system features fully adjustable KYB inverted telescopic forks at the front and a link-type rear suspension, ensuring precise handling and comfort. Braking duties are managed by Brembo Stylema calipers with dual 320mm discs at the front and a Nissin caliper at the rear, providing exceptional stopping power.



Instrumentation and Connectivity

The cockpit boasts a blend of analog and digital displays, featuring large analog tachometer and speedometer gauges flanking a central TFT LCD panel. This setup provides real-time data, including lean angle, brake pressure, acceleration, and throttle position. Additionally, the Hayabusa offers smartphone connectivity, allowing riders to access navigation, calls, and music directly from the dashboard.

Indian Market Availability

Suzuki has launched the 2025 Hayabusa in India as a completely built unit (CBU), priced at ₹16.90 lakh (ex-showroom). While it shares most features with its international counterpart, certain electronic aids may vary. The bike is available for booking across all Suzuki Bike Zones in the country.

Conclusion

The 2025 Suzuki Hayabusa stands as a testament to Suzuki's commitment to innovation and performance. By seamlessly integrating advanced electronics with its legendary powertrain and design, the Hayabusa continues to captivate riders worldwide, solidifying its position as an icon in the sportbike segment.



Triumph Trident 660 Triple Tribute: A Bold Nod to British Racing Heritage



Triumph Trident 660 Triple Tribute: A Racing Icon for the Streets

Triumph Motorcycles has unleashed a bold new variant of its popular middleweight—the Trident 660 Triple Tribute Edition. This special edition pays homage to the legendary Slippery Sam, a Triumph triple that made history by dominating the Isle of Man TT races in the early 1970s. Dressed in a distinctive white, red, and blue racing livery, complete with number boards, the Triple Tribute isn't just a motorcycle—it's a rolling tribute to Triumph's racing legacy.

Beyond its retro-inspired looks, the bike retains all the praised characteristics of the standard Trident 660. Powered by a 660cc inline three-cylinder engine delivering 80 hp and 47 lb-ft of torque, the Triple Tribute offers the same approachable yet exhilarating ride that's made it a favorite among newer and experienced riders alike. What sets this edition apart is the inclusion of factory-fitted premium features like a quickshifter and autoblipper, allowing for seamless gear changes without using the clutch—perfect for both spirited riding and daily commuting.

Another visual upgrade is the color-matched belly pan, enhancing the bike's sporty stance while maintaining its clean naked-bike silhouette. Despite these enhancements, Triumph has ensured that the Triple Tribute remains reasonably priced, delivering solid value for those seeking exclusivity with everyday usability.

Whether you're a fan of motorcycle history or simply appreciate standout design and performance, the Trident 660 Triple Tribute blends nostalgia with modern technology in a uniquely compelling package.



KTM Temporarily Halts Production Amid Financial and Supply Chain Challenges

Austrian motorcycle manufacturer KTM has once again suspended production at its Mattighofen facility, citing severe supply chain disruptions and ongoing financial difficulties. This latest halt comes just weeks after the company had resumed operations following a previous shutdown. Supply Chain Disruptions and Financial Strain

The immediate cause for the production pause is a shortage of critical components necessary for motorcycle assembly. Reports indicate that KTM's suppliers are hesitant to fulfill orders due to concerns over the company's ability to meet financial obligations. This hesitation stems from KTM's substantial debt, reportedly amounting to €600 million, which is due for repayment in the near future .

The company has acknowledged that existing inventory is sufficient to produce approximately 4,200 motorcycles. However, without a steady supply of essential parts, further production is unfeasible. Consequently, KTM has announced that the Mattighofen plant will remain closed until July 27, 2025 .

Employee Measures and Operational Adjustments

In an effort to mitigate the impact on its workforce, KTM has introduced a reduced work schedule for its Austrian employees. Starting May 1, around 3,000 workers will transition to a 30-hour workweek, with adjusted compensation, to avoid layoffs during the production hiatus .

Looking Ahead

KTM's ability to resume production hinges on resolving its financial obligations and restoring supplier confidence. The company is actively seeking solutions to address its debt and reestablish stable supply chains. Observers and stakeholders will be closely monitoring KTM's progress in the coming months as it navigates these challenges.



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THE IDEAL COMMUTER MOTORCYCLE IN INDIA: BALANCING EFFICIENCY, COMFORT & VALUE

In India, motorcycles are more than just vehicles—they're lifelines. With growing traffic, fuel prices, and long daily commutes, choosing the right commuter bike becomes essential for millions. The ideal commuter motorcycle should offer excellent mileage, comfort, low maintenance, and affordability, all while being tough enough to handle our diverse road conditions. Let's explore what makes a great commuter and highlight the best models from top manufacturers in the country.

What Makes a Great Commuter Bike?

When selecting a commuter motorcycle, here's what most Indian riders look for:

- Mileage: Should deliver at least 60–70 km/l
- Ride Comfort: Upright seating, good suspension, and padded seat
- Maintenance: Affordable service costs and easy availability of parts
- Price: On-road price generally under ₹1 lakh
- Durability: Capable of surviving poor roads and long usage

Now, let's dive into the best offerings from the major brands dominating India's commuter segment.

1. Hero MotoCorp – The Mileage King

Hero Splendor Plus

- Engine: 97.2cc
- Mileage: 70–80 km/l
- Why Buy: It's India's best-selling motorcycle for a reason. Reliable, fuel-efficient, and dirt-cheap to maintain.

Hero HF Deluxe

- Engine: 97.2cc
- Mileage: 65–75 km/l
- Perfect For: Rural or budget-conscious buyers needing a no-nonsense machine.

2. Honda – Smooth and Refined

Honda Shine 125

- Engine: 123.94cc
- Mileage: 60–65 km/l
- Why Buy: Premium feel, very refined engine, and Honda's stellar reliability.

Honda CD 110 Dream DLX

- Engine: 109.51cc
- Mileage: 65–70 km/l
- Perfect For: First-time buyers looking for comfort and easy handling.



3. Bajaj Auto – Rugged and Practical

Bajaj Platina 110 ES Disc

- Engine: 115.45cc
- Mileage: 70–75 km/l
- Why Buy: Great for daily riders—offers solid comfort, disc brakes, and Nitrox suspension.

Bajaj CT 110X

- Engine: 115.45cc
- Mileage: 65–70 km/l
- Perfect For: Rural terrains with rough roads; built tough with durable frame and accessories.

4. TVS – Stylish and Smart

TVS Radeon

- Engine: 109.7cc
- Mileage: 65–70 km/l
- Why Buy: Retro styling with practicality—offers great comfort and durability.

TVS Star City Plus

- Engine: 109.7cc
- Mileage: 68–70 km/l
- Perfect For: Urban commuters who want good features like LED lights and USB charging.

5. Suzuki – Smooth and Sleek

Suzuki Hayate EP

- Engine: 113cc
- Mileage: 60–65 km/l
- Why Buy: Lightweight, refined engine, and good fuel efficiency for city use.

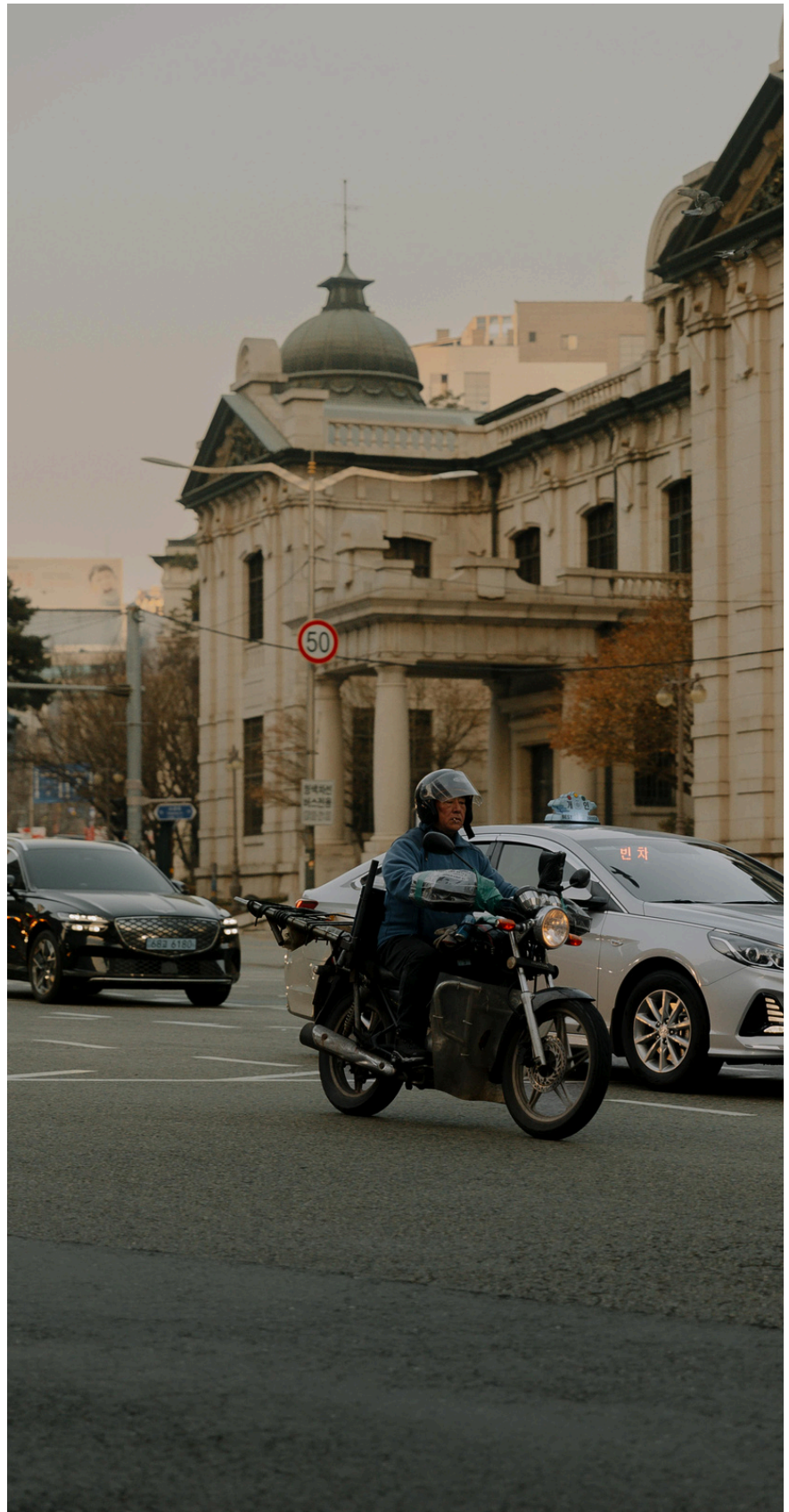
Suzuki Access 125 (Scooter)

- Engine: 124cc
- Mileage: 50–55 km/l
- Perfect For: Riders who prefer scooters with better pickup and comfort.

Final Thoughts

Whether you're battling traffic in a metro or cruising down village roads, there's a commuter bike for every kind of Indian rider. If you're after unbeatable fuel efficiency, go with Hero. For premium feel, Honda delivers. Bajaj offers rugged, high-value options, while TVS gives you smart, stylish choices. Suzuki appeals to those who love a smooth ride.

At the end of the day, the ideal commuter motorcycle is the one that fits your daily grind, budget, and riding style—and thankfully, Indian roads are filled with great options.



Helmet Market and Best-Selling Models Under ₹10,000 in India



India's motorcycle helmet market is booming, and for good reason. With increasing awareness around road safety and strict government enforcement of helmet laws, more riders are opting for high-quality headgear. This shift is reflected in market growth projections—expected to cross ₹7,800 crore by 2030—with a steady rise in both demand and product innovation.

One of the industry leaders, Steelbird Hi-Tech India Ltd., sold a whopping 8.7 million helmets in FY 2024–25 alone and aims to cross the 1 crore mark in the coming year. This spike is driven not just by mandatory safety norms, but by growing rider interest in helmets that offer a mix of style, certification, and comfort—all under an affordable price bracket.

Here are some of the best helmets available in India under ₹10,000, combining international safety ratings with modern features:

1. Axor Apex Venomous

- Price: ₹4,375
- Certifications: ISI, ECE, DOT
- Why Buy: Stylish design, dual visor, aerodynamic shell, and compatible with Pinlock anti-fog inserts.

2. LS2 FF320 Stream Evo

- Price: ₹7,900 – ₹9,500
- Certifications: ECE, DOT
- Why Buy: Lightweight, excellent ventilation, built for long-distance riders. Superior comfort with anti-fog and anti-scratch visor.

3. SMK Typhoon

- Price: ₹4,200 – ₹6,000
- Certifications: ISI, ECE
- Why Buy: Known for dynamic airflow, UV-resistant visor, and sleek urban design. Great value for the price.

4. Royal Enfield Mettle

- Price: ₹7,300
- Certifications: DOT, ECE
- Why Buy: Premium finish with anti-scratch visor, polycarbonate shell, and a plush, antibacterial liner. Designed with classic RE aesthetics.

5. SMK Glide (Flip-Up)

- Price: ₹8,400
- Certifications: ISI
- Why Buy: Flip-up mechanism, breathable interiors, dual visors, and excellent touring ergonomics.

These helmets are top contenders for Indian riders seeking safety, style, and comfort on a reasonable budget. With better safety awareness and wider product availability, the future of helmet use in India looks both promising and protective.



Low-Budget Rider's Gear Guide: Essential Motorcycle Riding Gear Under ₹20,000 (India Edition)

Riding safe doesn't have to mean spending big. For everyday Indian bikers—whether you're commuting to work, touring on weekends, or zipping through city traffic—you can now gear up with quality protective gear under ₹20,000. Thanks to brands like BBG (Biking Brotherhood Gears), Rynox, Raida, Solace, and Axor, affordable safety is now widely accessible.

This guide breaks down everything you need—from helmet to boots—without breaking your budget.

1. Helmet – The First Line of Defense

- Budget: ₹3,000 – ₹7,000
- Certifications to Look For: ISI, ECE, DOT

Top Picks:

- Axor street Series Helmet – Lightweight, ECE certified, stylish street design
- Axor Apex Venomous – Dual visor, Pinlock-ready
- SMK Typhoon – Sporty design, good ventilation

✓ Tip: Look for snug fit, high-visibility colors, and proper safety certification.

2. Riding Jacket – Upper Body Armor with Style

- Budget: ₹4,000 – ₹6,500
- Key Features: CE-rated protectors, mesh panels, abrasion resistance

Top Picks:

- BBG Xplorer V3 / Pro Mesh Jacket – CE Level 2 armor, excellent airflow
- Rynox Tornado Pro 3 – Lightweight mesh, back protector included
- Solace AirX / Tarmac Tex – Breathable, affordable, touring ready

✓ Tip: Never buy jackets without at least shoulder and elbow protection. BBG jackets give maximum value in this range.

3. Gloves – Grip and Crash Protection

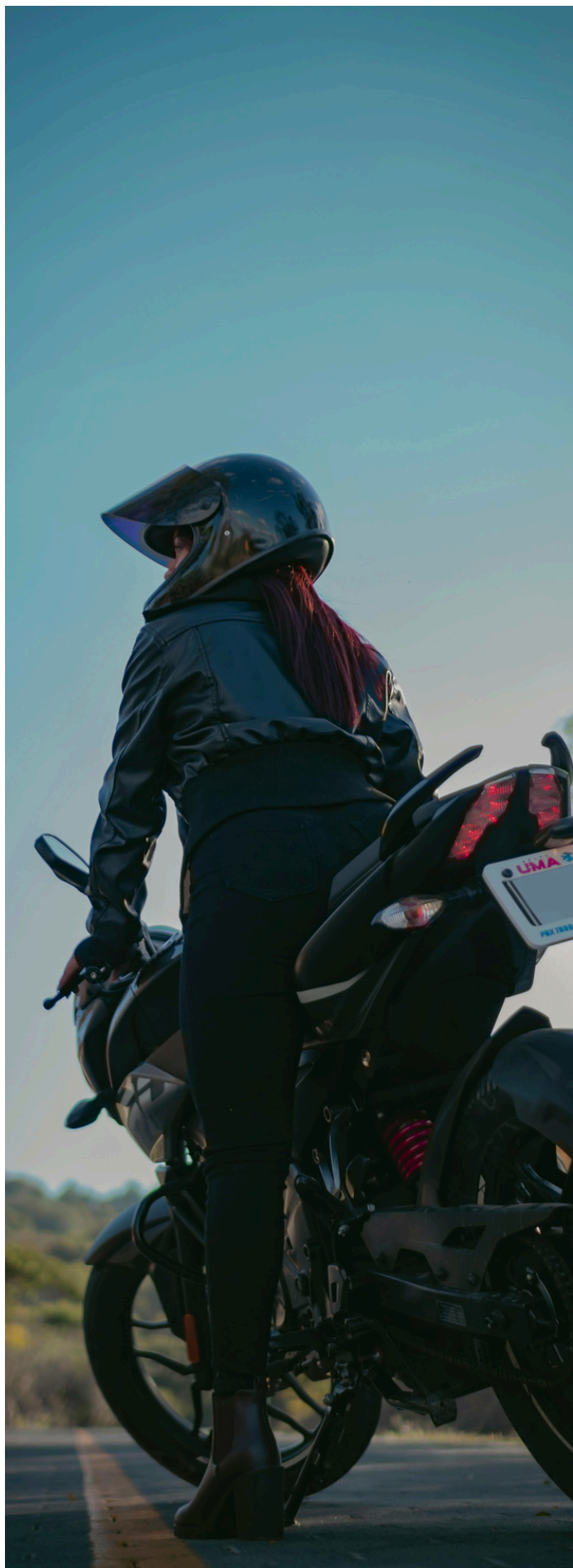
- Budget: ₹1,200 – ₹2,500
- Essentials: Knuckle protection, palm sliders, ventilation

Top Picks:

- BBG Breeze / Urban Gloves – Great airflow and daily use durability
- Raida Tourer / Steelbird Moto Gloves – Versatile, value-for-money
- Solace Airflow / Tarmac Claw – Sporty protection at a bargain

✓ Tip: Prioritize wrist closure straps and palm padding—BBG gloves often punch above their price point.





4. Riding Pants – Full Lower Body Protection

- Budget: ₹4,000 – ₹6,500
- Must-Haves: Knee + hip protection, mesh panels, adjustable fit

Top Picks:

- BBG Xplorer Pants / Carbon V2 – CE Level 2 armor, weather-ready
- Rynox Airtex / Tarmac One – Lightweight and breathable
- Solace Airflow Pants – Touring-friendly with good ergonomics

✓ Tip: If full pants seem expensive, armored riding jeans (also from BBG) can be a smart alternative.

5. Riding Boots – Strong Support for Feet & Ankles

- Budget: ₹2,000 – ₹4,500
- Essentials: Ankle protection, toe sliders, anti-slip sole

Top Picks:

- BBG Race Pro / Urban Riding Boots – Reinforced toe box, city and tourer styles
- Orazo Picus / Raida Rover – Waterproof, rugged
- Axor Street Boots / Solace Terrain – Style plus functionality

✓ Tip: BBG boots often combine track-style looks with road-ready protection, ideal for both street and highway use.

Full BBG Gear Setup Under ₹20,000

Where to Buy BBG and Other Budget Gears

- Official BBG Website: Frequently offers combos and discounts
- Online Retailers: Amazon, Flipkart, Planet DSG
- Offline Stores: Check BBG dealers in major cities like Bangalore, Chennai, Pune, and Delhi

Conclusion: Ride Smart, Gear Up

You don't need to spend big to stay safe. Brands like BBG have made it possible to ride fully protected on a tight budget, with no compromise on comfort or certifications. Whether you're an everyday commuter or a weekend warrior, your safety gear is just as important as your bike.

So, go ahead—ride in style, ride with safety, ride BBG.

Jacket	BBG Pro Mesh Jacket	₹5,000
Gloves	BBG Breeze Gloves	₹1,500
Pants	BBG Xplorer Pants	₹6,000
Boots	BBG Urban Boots	₹3,000
Total		₹19,300

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