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EXCLUSIVE DRIVE

New Suzuki S-Cross

Maruti's all-new crossover has the Duster in its sights



THREE-WAY FIGHT

Xcent vs Amaze vs Dzire
Who comes out on top in this clash of diesel compacts?



NEW SUVs DRIVEN



Mercedes-Benz GL 63 AMG



New BMW X5

PLUS » SsangYong's new mid-spec Rexton RX6
» Renault Koleos gets more power with auto

FIRST RIDE

Made-in-India new Harley Street 750



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» Aventador Roadster
» Jaguar XF 2.0 petrol



WAGNER FLEURY COURRÉ NOW EVEN BETTER TO DRIVE



New Honda City makes a splash

Passenger car sales in April-March period dropped by nearly five percent as the slowdown continued to affect buyer sentiment. The excise duty cuts announced in the budget did not quite translate into an expected surge across the sector though some individual models ended with all-time high sales numbers.

Maruti sold 25,590 Altos in the month, its highest-ever for the year while the Swift and Dzire sold 19,304 and

17,237 units, respectively.

The Hyundai Grand i10 sold 10,614 units in March, ending the year with 72,789 units sold since its launch last September. The Eon sold 7,473 units in March, averaging 7,000 units a month for the entire year. Nissan's Datsun Go, launched 10 days before the end of March, sold 2,072 units; the company claims to have received close to 50,000 inquiries.

In the mid-size segment, the City had a tremendous

month with 9,518 units sold, ending up at the top of its segment.

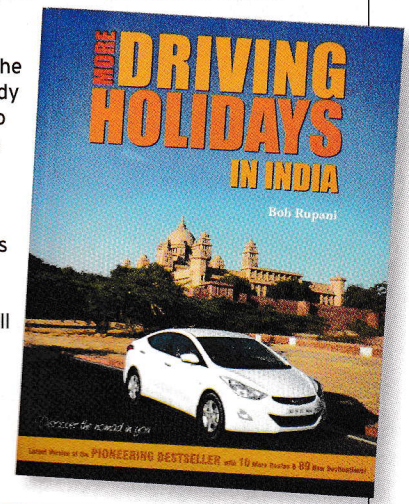
In the UV space, the Bolero and Scorpio had their highest ever tallies with sales of 11,294 and 5,605 units, respectively while the EcoSport and Duster sold 3,904 and 3,075 units, respectively. Audi India sold 1,404 units in March and cumulatively sold 10,126 units for the entire financial year.

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Around India with Bob Rupani

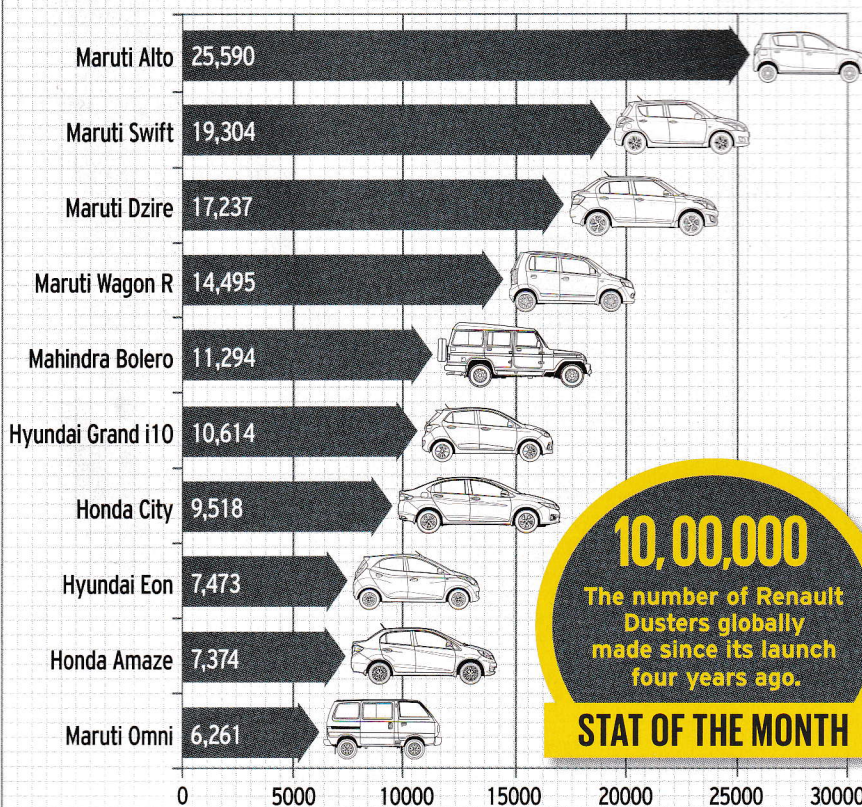
VETERAN AUTO JOURNALIST Bob Rupani, known for his informative books on driving destinations and holidays across the length and breadth of India, has yet another travelogue gem to offer. His latest work, *More Driving Holidays in India*, is a tribute to the original volume published in 2005. The author provides handy tips and directions to all those who wish to traverse the nation by road. It is based on the author's personal experiences of not just driving to different destinations but of all the people met and unique experiences had on the way. There are 10 new routes and 89 new destinations added

to this volume. The book is lucidly written with great photos and road maps making things easier. The author even covers dining at dhabas and various funny road signs found all across India. Priced at Rs 750, the book is available on stands.



TOP 10 MODELS - MAY 2014

UNITS SOLD



WAY BACK WHEN

ONE YEAR AGO
MAY 2013

Our cover story was Chevy's Ertiga-rivalling Enjoy MPV and first drives included the Audi R8 V10 Plus and the BMW 7-series facelift. We put Honda's then



launched Amaze sedan through a road test and pit it against the Maruti Dzire. On two wheels, there was Kawasaki Ninja 300. We also got down and dirty in a XUV500 rally car.

FIVE YEARS AGO
MAY 2009

On the cover was the second-gen Honda Jazz, then launching in India. Audi's then smallest SUV, the Q5, was taken for a first drive and the Honda Accord



V6 was given a road test treatment. We compared the Skoda Superb and VW Passat. We also covered the first-ever edition of the Parx Supercar Show in Mumbai.

TEN YEARS AGO
MAY 2004

In this issue, we broke the story of the Hyundai Tucson coming to India. We took another Hyundai, the Elantra, for a road test and drove the Qualis-beater



Chevrolet Tavera. We also decided to race to Pune in a train and a Tata Indica diesel. In two wheelers, we rode the Bajaj Boxer commuter. Also covered was Mumbai's second speed run.