

BMW introduces first-ever 2 Series Gran Coupe in Bangladesh

German car manufacturer BMW has recently unveiled its BMW 2 Series Gran Coupé in Bangladesh, via a virtual launch by Executive Motors Ltd., the official dealer for BMW in the country.

With its sporty look, the BMW 2 Series Gran Coupé boasts advanced BMW front-wheel-drive architecture. Armed with a cutting-edge chassis and innovative system, especially in its control system technology, the four-door coupé raises



the bar in terms of driving dynamics and agility.

The standout characteristic of the

model is its dynamically stretched silhouette and the four doors with frameless windows — a modern spin on the classic coupé blueprint.

Inside, passengers are well catered for space-wise. And the air conditioning and lighting controls are grouped and laid out intuitively. Access to the infotainment system is via the familiar BMW iDrive interface, or a touchscreen 8.8-inch Central Information Display — all part of the

seamless BMW Live Cockpit.

The price of the BMW 218i Gran Coupé starts from Tk 68,00,000 and comes with five years (or up to 60,000 km in Bangladesh) of free service, free parts, and free repair and maintenance.

Christopher Wehner, managing director of BMW Group Asia, was the chief guest of the virtual inauguration programme. M Shamsul Arefeen, director-operations at Executive Motors, also attended.

TIPS

Skincare during Monsoon

The rain is here, giving us some relief from the heat that June-July is about to pack in. The clouds are roaring and it is pouring rain when it is not hot from the constant sunshine. Your skin, just like the seasons, change their needs because the environment is now different.

Taking care of our skin is merely a way of life, incorporating simple practices and adopting basic ideas can take you a long way to having healthy glowing skin. The tips below are applicable for both oily and dry skin, it is only a matter of using of the right products geared for your skin type.

Cleansing

Stepping outside our houses is not advised unless it is for necessities. Wash your face with a soap free cleanser that is gentle on the skin, as harsh cleansers can strip the skin of moisture and can damage it further. If you are going out, be sure to immediately wash your face when you come back home as a necessary protocol to steer clear from any outside pollutants and germs.

Exfoliate

Be sure to exfoliate your skin once a week with a facial scrub. Exfoliating promotes healthy skin regeneration and renewal by physically removing the uppermost layer of the skin to reveal new cells underneath.

Toning

After a cleanser, many seem to disregard the use of a toner, but in reality, it is highly recommended as using a toner balances the pH level of the skin, calms the

skin and improves texture. Refrain from using toners that contain alcohol, and include toners that have beneficial ingredients like vitamins, and hyaluronic acid. After cleansing, apply toner using a cotton pad or fingertips.

Moisturise

There is no escape from moisturising. It is essential to complete your skincare with a moisturiser. People with oilier skin types are advised to use oil free moisturisers, while those with dry skin should try moisturisers with more emollient properties.

Hydrate

Aside from moisturising the skin, it is important to keep it hydrated and supple as well. You can achieve this by using several sheet masks that are available on the market. You can also use do-it-yourself (DIYs) facial masks that you can make at home, which include hydrating ingredients like rose water and honey.

SPF

Finally, it is advised to always use sunscreen when out of the home. Don't put it off just because its cloudy outside! Wearing a sunscreen is a must, come rain or shine. Using anything below SPF 30 is not recommended for our harsher climate. Protect your skin against the sun, and your skin will thank you.

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Creative masks from Mitara

Mitara is the brainchild of three friends, two Bangladeshis and one Japanese resident, with a focus to make Bangladeshi culture well known in Japan. Md Anisur Rahman is a fashion designer by profession; Shadia Sarmin is an artist, and an art instructor; and Hiro Takahashi studied business management in Japan.

Ever since masks have become an essential item in our daily lives, the trio thought of presenting Bangladeshi culture through them. The masks feature the design of Bangladesh's first stamps, Nakshi kantha forms, Ludo game, 'alpona', flora and fauna, etc. Another notable aspect is that five child artists from Dhaka's renowned 'Monseez Art Academy' has worked with Mitara. They are Sayma Ahad Khan, Mashrur Rahman, Fahmida Islam, Sanjida, and Taskina. For details, follow them on social media: <https://www.facebook.com/mitarafashionandcrafts>

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