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DCCCB MEET 5



Who knew scale model collectors were so passionate about what they do? On Friday, 8th March 2019, the members of Dhaka's biggest scale model collectors group, Die Cast Car Collectors of Bangladesh, congregated at The Daily Star Centre for a day long gathering. Powered by Shift and featuring the personal collections of over 15 individuals, as well as a multitude of for-sale items, DCCCB's 5th meet ever was the largest, loudest gathering of the group yet. There were contests too—Saiful Hasan Tariq took home the "best custom diorama" prize with his Ferrari F40 rebuild garage, Joshua Barrokh took "showstopper" with his display, K M Shajib Prithul

came in first in the "best custom" category with a military spec Land Rover Defender Hot Wheels, while prizes were handed out for top three photographers and most commented-on post in the DCCCB Facebook group. Visitors were treated to DCCCB merchandise, while the club members themselves feasted on and off during the event.

With the local scale model collector community growing day by day, future meets among collectors looks to be even bigger.

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AUTO NEWS



Bugatti's one-off tribute piece— La Voiture Noire

Geneva Motor show was rocked by three major hypercars, but Bugatti's La Voiture Noire stole the show with an eye-watering price tag slapped onto a truly special automobile. LVN is a tribute piece—named after the notorious third Bugatti Atlantic from the pre-war 1930s that went missing after being put on a train to escape German occupation of France. The Atlantic is undoubtedly the unicorn of Bugatti's storied century-plus history and the most expensive vehicle ever sold at an auction. The La Voiture Noire tries to mimic the Atlantic with Bugatti Chiron running gear—same chassis and drivetrain, but draped in a super special body that tries to capture the sensual lines of the Atlantic, complete with the central 'seam' of the original. It's priced at a staggering \$19 Million, it's a relative bargain for a one-off Bugatti—the Atlantic only had four examples made and only three are alive, and the last time one went up for sale, it fetched an enormous \$40 Million.



Pininfarina's electric hypercar—Battista

Pininfarina, the most glamorous car company/design firm in the world, is now owned by the least glamorous car company in the world, Mahindra. The Indian manufacturer doesn't seem to have made much of a dent in the Italian design house's talents, however, as evidenced by the Battista, a swoopy looking beast with a claim to the title of the most powerful car ever to come out of Italy. With 1900 BHP and 1696 lb-ft torque on tap, it's not likely to be beaten anytime soon. The Battista name isn't after the WWE wrestler, it's a tribute to Pininfarina founder Battista Farina. Think Enzo Ferrari and...Ferrari Enzo.



Koenigsegg's white knight—Jesko

Koenigsegg have revealed their latest hypercar at Geneva, and as usual, they're not showing off like the others. Known for their lack of lip when it comes to top speeds and pushing boundaries, the Jesko seems to be another run of the mill hypercar from the Swedish nutcases—featuring a twin turbo V8 with 1200 HP and 1106 lb-ft on pump gas and a ridiculous 1600 HP on E85, the Jesko promises blistering performance, even from a Koenigsegg. It's a little bland on the outside however, with a suspiciously McLaren P1 style rear end. The Jesko name is a tribute to Victor Von Koenigsegg's father, nicely rounding off the hypercar tribute album in this issue.



Dhaka Motor Show 2019 from tomorrow



The 14th instalment of the Dhaka Motor Show kicks off from 14th March 2019, running for three days at the International Convention City Bashundhara. Like every year, Dhaka Motor Show will focus on the local automotive industry, segmented into three parts—Automotive, Commercial and Motorbikes. Newcomers to the local market, Subaru, are expected to make a grand reveal with exciting cars like the BRZ, Impreza, XV and more, with test drive facilities on hand for prospective customers. Usually drawing huge crowds, the Motor Show will have everything from food to live music.

As always, Dhaka Motor Show promises to be the grandest event in the calendar for automotive enthusiasts, so don't miss it.