

Our picks for top 5 motorcycles UNDER TK. 1.5 LAKH

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Being the easiest and fastest way to commute through jam-packed traffic, motorbikes are an important part of people's lives in Bangladesh. The two-wheeler vehicles may be dangerous due to riders being out in the open and accidents potentially causing severe injury, but people still choose to buy them owing to their usefulness,

ease of use and relatively less expensive maintenance and cost compared to a car. If you are looking for a new motorcycle to buy, here is our recommendation for bikes under the 1.5 lakh taka price range available in the local market. Please keep in mind that prices may vary across stores.



HONDA CB SHINE SP
The Honda CB Shine SP is an improvement on the old model (Non-SP model) with its upgraded performance and adding an extra gear. The diamond frame of the bike ensures proper handling dynamics while riding. This bike is targeted toward the city commuters, easily allowing in-city and inter-city travelling thanks to its comfortable seating arrangement

and incredible performance.
Price: Tk. 1,30,000 - 1,40,000/-
Distributor: Bangladesh Honda Private Limited
CC: 125
Engine: Air-cooled, 4-stroke SI Engine
Transmission: 5 Speed Manual
Suspension: Telescopic (Front), 5-Step Adjustable Hydraulic Shock Absorbers (Rear)
Brakes: Single Disc (Front), Drum Brake (Rear) CBS Braking System
ABS: None

HONDA DREAM 110
The Honda Dream 110 is considered one of the best bang-for-bucks commuter bikes. It is a true successor of the old Honda Dream Neo targeted toward classic commuter bike lovers. It is a very simple, comfortable and forgiving bike, with Honda claiming that it has a fuel efficiency of 74km/l - making it one of the most fuel-efficient bikes in Bangladesh. The bike also comes with an adjustable suspension, which is a rare feature in bikes. It may have a few flaws like no Disc-Brakes but it still is amazing for its price.
Price: Tk. 90,000 - 1,00,000/-
Distributor: Bangladesh Honda Private

Limited
CC: 110
Engine: Air-cooled, 4-stroke BS-IV
Transmission: 4 Speed manual
Suspension: Telescopic Fork (Front), 5 Step Adjustable Twin-Spring Loaded (Rear)
Brakes: Drum Brake (Front and Rear)
ABS: None



SUZUKI HAYATE
The Suzuki Hayate is one of the most attractive bikes in the 110CC segment even though it's a standard category entry-level commuter motorcycle. It is strongly competing against TVS Metro Plus and Bajaj Platina but still has the edge over them due to its build quality and durability. It has light handling and a smooth engine which is very comfortable and effective to maneuver in the congested traffic of Bangladesh.

Price: Tk. 95,000 - 1,05,000/-
Distributor: Rancon Motorbikes Limited
CC: 110
Engine: Air-cooled, 1-cylinder 4-stroke, 2-valve SOHC
Transmission: 4 Speed manual
Suspension: Telescopic, Oil Damped Coil Spring (Front), Swing Arm Type, Oil Damped Coil Spring (Rear)
Brakes: Drum Brake (Front and Rear)
ABS: None



SUZUKI ACCESS 125 (SINGLE-DISC EDITION)
The Suzuki Access 125 is a very fuel-efficient scooter as it comes with a fuel-injected engine. It also has an excellent combi-braking system which helps with good braking, safety and handling. The scooter is amazingly easy for beginners since it is a forgiving machine and has a short learning curve. The scooter is targeted toward commuters and scooter lovers who don't want aggressive bikes and prefer comfortable easy riding.
Price: Tk. 1,35,000 - 1,45,000/-
Distributor: Rancon Motorbikes Limited
CC: 124
Engine: Air-cooled, 1-cylinder 4-stroke SOHC
Transmission: Auto
Suspension: Telescopic, Oil Damped Coil Spring (Front), Swing Arm Type, Oil Damped Coil Spring (Rear)
Brakes: Single Disc (Front), Drum Brake (Rear)
ABS: None

Distributor: Rancon Motors Limited
CC: 124
Engine: Air-cooled, 1-cylinder 4-stroke
Transmission: 5 Speed Manual
Suspension: Telescopic (Front), Hydraulic Spring Damping (Rear)
Brakes: Single Disc (Front), Drum Brake (Rear)
ABS: None

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SUZUKI GSX 125
The Suzuki GSX 125 is an outstanding bike for regular commuters. It is a classy commuter bike of fine quality, designed to withstand the tortures of the Dhaka traffic and rough roads of Bangladesh. The bike holds up the Suzuki name with its amazing features and affordability.
Price: Tk. 1,30,000 - 1,40,000/-

A GUIDE TO GIFTING THE BEST GADGETS TO YOUNG MOTHERS

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Our mothers are our greatest treasures. While there can be a variety of gifts for mothers, for a change of pace, you can opt to give useful tech gifts to your techie and modern mom. Here are our recommendations for 6 gadgets that can be great tech gifts for young or tech-loving mothers. All these devices are readily available in the local market in most online and physical stores that sell gadgets. Please keep in mind that the price range may vary across stores.



ROCKETBOOK FUSION SMART REUSABLE BOOK
If your mom loves to keep notes, whether for office work or household chores, Rocketbook Fusion is a great gift to start out with. Using this smart notebook set is just like using paper and pen. You can simply write on it with a Pilot Frixion pen, which comes with the purchase. After finishing whatever you want to write, click the logo of the Rocketbook app to store documents in the cloud. You can then erase the paper with a damp cloth. You can choose to reuse this digital book as many times as you want. It contains pages with different layouts for planning, listing, note-taking, sketching, etc. It can cost you around Tk. 2,500 to Tk. 12,000 depending on its size and features.

AUTOMATIC HANDBAG ILLUMINATOR
Most of us cannot even live without phones for a while, whereas many of our moms just throw them into their bags without thinking much about it. But when it is time to find their phones, it becomes baffling for them. An automatic



handbag illuminator can make these searches much smoother. It works by automatically turning on the light whenever the handbag is open. It lights up the inside of the bag and remains illuminated for a few seconds, so you can find your mobile phone or keys inside the bag. It automatically turns off after a few seconds. This handy device can range from Tk. 2,000 to around Tk. 5,000 in general.



SMART FINGERPRINT PADLOCK
Since moms juggle millions of things at a time such as kids, groceries and looking for their keys while entering the house, a smart fingerprint lock can prove to be a useful alternative to traditional locks. With a smart lock, the key is always in your hand - you just need to register your fingerprint in the system. It also ensures security for your home and is a cheaper alternative to smart fingerprint door locks. Price starts from Tk. 1,000 for such padlocks and may rise to Tk. 5,000 depending on the brand and quality.



MUSCLE MASSAGER
For moms who sometimes have sore feet or shoulders, a good massage can

provide much-needed relief. If they have a portable muscle massager, they do not have to worry about a massage appointment or any other additional preparations. Whenever they need a massage, they can just use the device on themselves, which in turn enhances blood flow and repairs fibres. Such massagers offer a quiet and soothing experience to the users and are perfect for daily body rubs and soothing aching joints. Prices start from Tk. 1,500 and they may rise as high as above Tk. 10,000 depending on brand and functionalities.



TILE MATE
The Tile Bluetooth trackers may be a strange but useful gift for a mother. Moms can use this device to find out their keys, bags, wallet or any misplaced items. One needs to simply ring the Tile from the app that will locate the lost item by sound in case it is nearby. If it is further away, it can be tracked by seeing the location on the map in the Tile Mate app. The free app is suitable for both iOS and Android. Basic Bluetooth trackers can cost from Tk. 3,000 to Tk. 5,500, but with advanced features, they may cost more.



WAKE-UP LIGHT ALARM SUNRISE CLOCK
To wake up smoothly with warm and natural light, a wake-up light alarm sunrise clock is a perfect choice. Such sunrise lamps gradually change their colour from dark to soft bright yellow within 10-60 minutes before the alarm finally rings. The timing can be set according to your need. Brightness and light colour can be customised as well. In some clocks, the alarm can be set with different sounds such as bird-singing, stream sounds, ocean sounds and soft music. Simulated sunrise and sound gradually increase in such clocks to ensure an energetic wake-up and improve the mood in the morning. Prices can range from around Tk. 3,500 to around or over Tk. 10,000.