

Nikon may soon stop producing DSLR cameras: Report



The popular camera brand Nikon will no longer produce new single-lens reflex cameras, according to a recent report by Nikkei.

Nikkei reports that Nikon will keep making and selling its current SLR models while concentrating all of its efforts on developing new mirrorless models. According to Nikkei, professional cameramen have been using Nikon's SLR cameras for more than 60 years and have come to associate the Japanese company with them.

Nikon did not confirm or deny the report in a press release, but stated that it was "speculation" and that "Nikon has not made any announcements in this regard." The company also noted that "Nikon is

continuing the production, sales, and service of digital SLR."

The D3500 and D5600, two of Nikon's more affordable DSLRs, were discontinued last month. Nikon stated that this move was made in order to "concentrate more on mid to high-end cameras and lenses, targeted at professional and hobbyist photographers," while strengthening products for younger users "for whom video is the primary focus."

Nikkei reports that Nikon sold over 400,000 SLR cameras last year.

Along with the development of mirrorless technology, SLR cameras have also been outperformed by smartphone innovation, which has reduced the size of the camera market over the years.

Toyota unveils the new Crown series



Toyota Motor Corp unveiled four new models of its Crown range recently, including a sport-utility vehicle (SUV) for the first time, seeking to reboot the 67-year-old brand as Japan branches out from its long love affair with sedans.

The 16th generation of the Crown will be sold outside Japan for the first time in earnest, with plans to reach about 40 countries and regions. The first new model will be a crossover that will be available in Japan around this autumn.

"The Crown was a symbol of Japan's affluence and Japanese pride. It was also a car that brought together Japan's world-class technology and human resources," said Toyota President Akio

Toyoda during a presentation.

"The new Crown is filled with such Japanese underlying strengths."

The models will be released over the course of next year and a half, said Hiroki Nakajima, president of Toyota's mid-size vehicle company.

"Customers from around the world will now get a chance to drive this historic Japanese nameplate born out of passion, pride and progress," Toyoda said.

The four new models are a sedan, an SUV, a station wagon, and a crossover, which combines a sedan with an SUV. The crossover will be offered as a hybrid, while the powertrain of the other models has not been decided.

Reuters reported in April that the

world's largest automaker by sales was aiming to launch an SUV version of the Crown.

The Crown, which debuted in 1955, was the first passenger car developed and built entirely in Japan, marking a pivotal moment in the country's rise to a global automaking giant.

It was also the first car Toyota exported to the United States, in 1958. Two years later, Toyota was forced to suspend exports as the Crown's engine wasn't capable of the speeds needed on American freeways.

Toyota sold more than 200,000 sedans in 1990 at the height of Japan's economic boom, but by last year domestic annual sales had dwindled to 21,000.

Webb starts hunt for the first stars and habitable worlds

The first stunning images from the James Webb Space Telescope were revealed this week, but its journey of cosmic discovery has only just begun.

One of the great promises of the telescope is its ability to study the earliest phase of cosmic history, shortly after the Big Bang 13.8 billion years ago.

The more distant objects are from us, the longer it takes for their light to reach us, and so to gaze back into the distant universe is to look back in the deep past.

"We're going to look back into that earliest time to see the first galaxies that formed in the history of the universe," explained Space Telescope Science Institute astronomer Dan Coe, who specialises in the early universe.

Astronomers have so far gone back 97 percent of the way back to the Big Bang, but "we just see these tiny red specks when we look at these galaxies that are so far away." "With Webb, we'll finally be able to see inside these galaxies and see what they're made of."

While today's galaxies are shaped like spirals or ellipticals, the earliest building blocks were "clumpy and irregular", and Webb should reveal older redder stars in them, more like our Sun, that were invisible to the Hubble Space Telescope.

Coe has two Webb projects coming up, observing one of the most distant galaxies known, MACS0647-JD, which he found in 2013, and Earendel, the most distant star ever detected, which was found in March of this year.



EDITOR'S NOTE

Keeping your data protected

A data breach is a cause for serious concern as it can lead to the loss of valuable assets, identity theft and irreparable damage. Fortunately, there are some steps we can take to protect our data against potential theft. Head onto our Cover Story to learn what was discovered in the latest Data Breach Investigations Report.

For this week, we have reviewed every Naruto fan's dream handset in the form of Realme GT Neo 3 - Naruto Edition. In Shift, we have curated a list of hatchbacks under Tk. 20 lakh to help your car purchase decisions.

As for the rest, read on to find out what else we have in store for you today.

Have a good weekend.

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