

## 2018 Ducati Monster 821 launched in India



Ducati India has launched its popular street-fighter bike in all new version in India - the 2018 Ducati Monster 821 is now available for buying at a price of Rs 9.51 lakh from today.

The Monster range of motorcycles sold by Ducati has completed 25 years and marking this feat, Ducati India has launched the 2018 Ducati Monster 821 in India. Before discussing about the bike, let me tell you - the launch was unique in itself as it was Ducati's first ever fully digital launch event via Ducati's Twitter handle. The popular street-fighter bike is launched in India at a price of Rs 9.51 lakh (ex-showroom) - however, one must note that these prices are introductory, which means it is most likely to increase in some time. The previous Ducati Monster 821 was discontinued in India last year due to the implementation of BS-IV emission norms.

Talking about the changes made in the all-new 2018 Ducati Monster 821, the most prominent change is that the bike now comes with a new BS-IV compliant engine - matching Indian standards. However, the change that will be noticed the most includes - the visuals, quite obviously. The new Ducati has gained a lot of muscle and styling along with a new set of headlamp cluster - just like the Ducati 1200. The fuel tank of 2018 Ducati Monster 821 has been chiselled out heavily to give that aggressive-muscular look and a sharp tail to compliment and balance-out the look of the bike as a whole - kind of a derivative look from the classic Monster M900 from 1990s.

Besides the evident changes in visuals, Monster 821 keeps up with the 821 cc Testastretta L-twin engine which makes 108 bhp at 9,250 rpm and peak torque of 86 Nm at 7,750 rpm. The engine is mated with a 6-speed gearbox and an optional bi-directional quick-shifter and a slipper clutch. The fuel efficiency of the new bike is claimed to be 18.51 kmpl by the company. However, the 2018 Monster 821 has dropped its engine power by a couple of horsepower, compared to its predecessor. And the new Ducati will be face-to-face competition with rivals such as the Triumph Street Triple, the newly launched Suzuki GSX-S750 and the Kawasaki Z900.