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BMW India's showcase at the 2012 Auto Expo was little drowned down due to the launch of the MINI range by the company. However, there were three very interesting showcases at the BMW stall. The first was the BMW Vision Connected Drive Concept, which is a two-seat roadster which features an advanced head-up display which displays key information in the sight of the driver in a three-dimensional form. The Concept is equipped with a freely programmable instrument cluster to provide the driver with information which he wants. The co-passenger also gets their own display which allows them to evaluation information, music and navigation and pass them to the driver with a touch of a finger. The ConnectedDrive demonstrates the interaction between the driver and passenger and how networking between them can be taken to the next level.

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The second showcase was the 2012 BMW M5, which was launched at the Auto Expo. Priced at Rs. 95.90 lakhs (ex-showroom, Delhi), the new M5 is powered by a massive 8-cylinder 4.4-liter unit which produces an insane power of 560 hp at 6000 - 7000 RPM and 680 Nm of torque between 1500 - 5750 RPM. The high revving M Twin Power Turbo consists of Twin Scroll Twin Turbo technology, a cross bank exhaust manifold, high precision direct injection and VALVETRONIC fully variable valve control. The result is 100 kmph in just 4.4 seconds, 200 kmph in just 13 seconds and a top speed of 305 kmph.

The third showcase was the BMW 3-Series Convertible. The 330d Convertible is on priced at Rs. 57 lakhs (ex-showroom, Delhi) and is powered by a 3.0-liter, 6-cylinder diesel engine, producing 245 BHP of peak power at 4000 RPM and 520 Nm of peak torque at 1750-3000 RPM. For the wind in your hair feeling, the 330d Convertible will happily sprint to 100 kmph in 6.4 seconds and is limited to a top speed of 250 kmph. It has all features of the 330d Highline and the top retracts electronically in 20 seconds.

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