Sarthak, Chiranth share limelight in pro-stock classes

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Teenage sensations and TVS Racing team-mates Sarthak Chavan from Pune and Bengaluru's Chiranth Vishwanath expectedly snatched pole positions in the two premier Pro-Stock category to kick-start their campaign in the third round of the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2024 – Powered by STORM at the Madras International Circuit, here on Friday.

Sarthak came up with a late blitz to take P1 in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category, followed by Chiranth. The result was reversed in the Pro-Stock 165cc Open class.

165cc Open class.

Others who qualified for pole positions in the National championship were: Abdul Basim (Rockers Racing) – Novice (Stock 165cc); Kaushik Subbaiah Ganesan (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) – 301-400cc (Novice) and Ann Jennifer (Alpha Racing India) – Girls (Stock 165cc) categories.

Mohsin takes pole for Honda Talent Cup

Malappuram's Mohsin Paramban took pole position in the Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup (NSF 250R) while Senthilkumar from Coimbatore (RR310 Open) and Pune's Saimah Ajaz Baig (Girls, RTR 200) topped their respective grids in the TVS One-Make Championship.

Sarthak will have his arch-rival Chiranth on the front row on the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open grid along with Chennai's Alwin Sundar (KTM Gusto Racing) who caused a stir by taking P3, ahead of some big names, including multiple National champion Rajini Krishnan who returns to action after skipping the previous two rounds.

In fact, the 21-year old Alwin, winner of the Novice championship in 2021, was on provisional pole with about two minutes of the session left before Sarthak and Chiranth delivered their flying laps for P1 and P2, respectively. "I was looking for a top-5, but P3 is a surprise since my bike is still under development," said an elated Alwin.

Later, Chiranth came up with a brilliant flying lap to finish on P1 ahead of Sarthak with last year's champion KY Ahamed from Chennai completing a front-row sweep for TVS Racing in the Pro-Stock 165cc Open category.

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RESULTS

Qualifying – top 3 best laps: Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open: 1. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing) (01min. 48.373secs); 2. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru, TVS Racing) (01:48.477); 3. A Alwin Sundar (Chennai, KTM Gusto Racing) (01:49.598).

Pro-Stock 165cc Open: 1. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru, TVS Racing) (01:52.676); 2. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing) (01:54.078); 3. Ahamed KY (Chennai, TVS Racing) (01:54.531).

Stock 301-400cc (Novice): 1. Kaushik Subbaiah Ganesan (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) (01:59.797); 2. Vysakh Sobhan (Chennai, Speedup Racing) (02:01.032); 3. Raj Kumar (Coimbatore, RDX Torque Racing) (02:01.236).

Girls (Stock 165cc): 1. Ann Jennifer AS (Chennai, Alpha Racing India) (02:09.937); 2. Ryhana Bee (Chennai, Motul Sparks Racing) (02:10.941); 3. Nadine Faith Balaji (Chennai, Alpha Racing India) (02:11.143).

Novice (Stock 165cc): 1. Abdul Basim (Chennai, Rockers Racing) (02:07.576); 2. Tasmai Cariappa (Mysuru, Motul Sparks Racing) (02:09.004); 3. CS Kedarnath (Tirupati, Alpha Racing India) (02:09.763).

TVS One-Make Championship – Open (RR 310): 1. Senthilkumar C (Coimbatore) (01:54.805); 2. Manoj Yesuadiyan (Chennai) (01:55.217); 3. Raj Kumar C (Coimbatore) (01:57.071).

Girls (Apache RTR 200): 1. Saimah Ajaz Baig (Pune) (02:12.719); 2. Sarah Khan (Mumbai) (02:14.836); 3. Aisvariya V (Coimbatore) (02:17.427).

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup (NSF 250R): 1. Mohsin Paramban (Malappuram) (01:51.863); 2. Prakash Kamat (Bengaluru) (1:52.217); 3. Siddesh Sawant (Kolhapur) (01:52.917).