

# POLE VAULT

## Chiranth, Sarthak qualify for pole position

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Bengaluru's 17-year-old Chiranth Vishwanath came up with a late flier to grab pole position in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category to set the pace for the fifth and final round of the MRF MMSI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2024 - Powered by STORM at the Madras International Circuit, here on Friday.

In the process, Chiranth edged out his TVS Racing team-mate and Championship leader, Sarthak Chavan from Pune who took P2 ahead of Hyderabad's Rahul Pillarisetty (KTM Gusto Racing India) for Saturday's Race-1. The 17-year-old Sarthak leads Chiranth by 51 points going into the final round.

Sarthak, however, bounced back to snatch the pole position in the other premier class, the Pro-Stock 165cc Open, nosing out Chiranth by a tenth of a second in the qualifying session late in the evening. KY Ahamed made it a front row sweep for TVS Racing. In P4 was championship leader Jagan Kumar, also from TVS Racing. Incidentally, Jagan, Ahamed and Sarthak are separated by just four points and the weekend's double-leader



Chiranth Vishwanath, who qualified for pole position in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc.

promises to be a humdinger.

Also qualifying for pole positions in the National Championship were Abdul Basim (Rockers Racing) who is assured of the title in the Novice (Stock 165cc) class and Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (FACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) in the Stock 301-400cc (Novice) category which he leads by 23 points.

### Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup

Mohsin Paramban from Mamallapuram, seeking to finish the season with a win after having virtually sealed the championship in the NSF 250R class,

topped the qualifying session, pushing Bengaluru's Savion Sabu to P2 while Siddesh Sawant (Kolhapur) will start Saturday's Race-1 from third spot.

### One-Make Championship

Coimbatore's Senthilkumar C, enjoying a seven-point advantage in the championship standings, took pole position in the Open (Apache RR 310) category ahead of his nearest rival Manoj Yesuadian from Chennai while Rajkumar C (Coimbatore) completed the front row.

Saimah Ajaz Baig (Pure), who heads the

leaderboard in the Girls (Apache RTR 200) category by 11 points, came up with a late burst to qualify for the pole position, followed by Coimbatore's Aisvariya V and SP Shuriya (Trichy), for Saturday's race which will decide the champion in this class.

### RESULTS

**(Qualifying - 3 best laps):**  
National Championship - Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open: 1. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru, TVS Racing) (01min, 48.546secs); 2. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing) (01:48.991); 3. Sairahil Pillarisetty (Hyderabad, KTM Gusto Racing India) (01:49.312).

**Pro-Stock 165cc Open:** 1. Sarthak Chavan (01:53.930); 2. Chiranth Vishwanath (01:54.099); 3. KY Ahamed (Chennai, TVS Racing) (01:55.051).

**Stock 301-400cc (Novice):** 1. Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) (02:00.172); 2. Rajkumar (Coimbatore, RDX Torque Racing) (02:00.486); 3. Varun Patil (Bengaluru, Pvt) (02:01.899).

**Novice (Stock 165cc):** 1. Abdul Basim (Chennai, Rockers Racing) (02:07.103); 2. Tasmal Cariappa (Mysuru, Motul Sparks Racing) (02:07.353); 3. Kamal Navas (Chennai, Rockers Racing) (02:09.094).

**Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup (NSF 250R):** 1. Mohsin Paramban (Mamallapuram) (01:52.341); 2. Savion Sabu (Bengaluru) (01:52.591); 3. Siddesh Sawant (Kolhapur) (01:53.007).

**TVS Racing One-Make Championship - Open (Apache RR 310):** 1. Senthilkumar C (Coimbatore) (01:56.048); 2. Manoj Yesuadiyan (Chennai) (01:56.091); 3. Raj Kumar C (Coimbatore) (01:56.958).

**Girls (RTR 200):** 1. Saimah Ajaz Baig (Pune) (02:13.229); 2. Aisvariya V (Coimbatore) (02:14.019); 3. SP Shuriya (Trichy) (02:15.014).