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Continental GT 650 to make its debut

JK Tyre National racing championship to be held at the Kari Motor Speedway this weekend

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With sporting events resuming, JK Tyre is hosting its 24th edition of the FMSCI National Racing Championship at the Kari Motor Speedway here this weekend.

Interestingly, the event will mark the entry of the Royal Enfield Continental GT Cup. Built on Royal Enfield's most capable racing motorcycle, the Continental GT 650 will further add weight and thrill to the whole show.

The Continental GT Cup is India's first retro racing format aimed at building accessible entry into track racing for new entrants as well as experienced racers.

The first ever season has seen an overwhelming response from enthusiasts across the country. From a list of 300 aspirants, 100 racers were shortlisted and invited to showcase their ta-



Ready to roar: The rider representation for the Royal Enfield Continental GT Cup, which will be run for the first time at the 24th JK Tyre National racing championship. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

lent for the selections held here earlier this week. And, a final grid of 18 riders were identified for the weekend event.

Close competition

The qualifying rounds indicated a close competition. Topping the time charts in the category was Anfal Akdhar (Thrissur). He clocked

1:23.126 and proved to the rest what he is capable of along with other well-known riders like Anish Damodara Shetty. However, it was Lani Zena Fernandez (Puducherry) who took the track by storm.

Raivat Dhar of Jammu, made it to the final grid. The qualifying selection round was conducted under pro-

fessional guidance and safety controls.

The entire grid was within 2.75s of each other on the timing sheet, which shows the level of competence, skill and quality of talent that has made the grid.

With a well-known brand like Royal Enfield to be part of the JK Tyre event, which spreads over four rounds

comprising eight races, the season will be watched with utmost interest.

The four-wheeler category will witness the FLGB4 cars. These cars designed at home have withstood the test of time and given drivers ample chance to showcase their skills. This time around, it's a full grid with 26 cars in fray.