

# The FMSCI award will motivate me: Anindith Reddy

**H**yderebad's Anindith Reddy has joined the elite list of racers when the 28-year-old bagged the FMSCI National Motorsports Person of the Year. Having won both MRF FF 1600 and JK Tyres National Racing Championship titles in the year, Reddy said that he was confident of winning the award as no other racer had won twin titles in the same season. He reveals his plans for the next season and much more in an interview with **Shiva Krishna Gundra**.

## On winning the award

I knew about it before hand. I was quite honoured to receive this award because the people who got it before me have represented India at international level. I was aware and as I was probably the only one to win two national champions in the same year. So I thought I would be considered for the award.

## On the impact of award

The award motivates me. Since I got it this year, I want to be in the same level of recognition next year as well. I know I have to do more hard work in terms of preparations. As a racer you should be always ready for any challenge.

## On his performance in the last year

I raced in 33 races and I had about 20 podium finishes. Winning MRF 1600 and JK Tyres xx was memorable for me. I have also competed in few guest races in Vento Cup as well.

## On achieving success despite starting late

I didn't really think about achieving the success since I started racing at the age of 23. I never thought about my target. I always focused on what is in front of me. I really didn't have a plan then. Racing started informally for me. Winning the races at the highest level of competitions in India was not something I had on my mind for sure. But I always knew what I could do in a race car so it was not a surprise for me.

## On his target next season

I want to win whatever I am racing next season. I want to do well not just in na-

tional championship but also focusing on doing well across Asia.

## On his preferences in cars

I was racing in formula cars this year. But from next season, I will be moving to GT3 and GT4 cars. It is not about comfort but to progress in my racing career. I see more progress for myself in this category.

## On adjusting to different cars

The cars (GT3, GT4 and formula cars) are very different from each other. Adaptability is the key for a racer. Adapting to different cars and different tracks is what determines the winner. I am quite confident of doing well.

## On his goal

I am not a race driver who only races. I have other forms of work preferences. Racing for me is a passion. I really want to race as long as I can and compete at the highest level.

## On his future plans

I would like to be a racer as long as possible. I haven't thought about coaching yet. But I want to make the sport more accessible to people. I would love to make more race tracks around India starting with the State of Telangana.

