

GO KART WIN FOR NIRMAL AND RUHAAN

Bengaluru: Chennai's Nirmal Umashankar and Bengaluru's Ruhaan Alva capped off their spectacular run in the X-30 class of the JK Tyre-FMSCI National Karting Championship to emerge the 2019 champions here on Saturday. Nirmal, a regular on the JKNRC, collected a total of 23 points in the fifth and final round to amass 160 points to win the Senior category by a mile. Bengaluru's Aditya Swaminathan (101 points) and Delhi's Debarun Banerjee (81) took the other two podium places. It was an eventful start to the weekend, with a carnival-like atmosphere prevailing at the Meco Kartopia. Even as X-30 class was running its final course and the JK Tyre FMSCI National Karting Championship — Sodi Junior & Sodi Senior class' qualifying rounds began, all eyes were on the Girls on Track programme that attracted racing enthusiasts from across the country. Apart from girls from New Delhi, Chennai and Coimbatore, there were four lasses from Nepal too. A handful of 8-year-olds too turned up to get initiated into motorsports along with teenagers and women in their twenties and thirties. They went through the entire drill of starting on racing simulators before eventually competing in the go-karting slaloms. — Agencies