



Media Information

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## **Mongolia calling: 'Team India' to compete at BMW Motorrad International GS Trophy starting 3 June 2018.**

'Team India' debuts for the first time in the sixth BMW Motorrad International GS Trophy, the Central Asia 2018 edition.

Mr. Sanket Shanbhag from Satara, Mr. Suprej Venkat from Coimbatore and Mr. Winston Lee from Mumbai selected as BMW Motorrad 'Team India'.

**Gurgaon.** The path to the BMW Motorrad International GS Trophy 2018 is now set: all tracks lead to Mongolia. 'Team India' – Mr. Sanket Shanbhag, Mr. Suprej Venkat and Mr. Winston Lee will compete with other teams from across the world in a week of adventure riding, special tests and teamwork challenges.

The trio are fully equipped by BMW Motorrad for the adventure ahead, flown to Mongolia and each will be presented with a brand new personalized BMW GS motorcycle to ride for the duration of the event. 114 BMW R 1200 GS Rallye motorcycles have been prepared for the rigors of the extreme adventure competition.

Mr. Vikram Pawah, President, BMW Group India said, "The International GS Trophy is an integral part of BMW Motorrad and our GS customer engagement. The GS Trophy is a celebration of the spirit of BMW GS motorcycles, bringing together those elements of freedom, adventure and challenge that these bikes incite. We are proud that all three BMW GS riders will go on to make history for BMW Motorrad India, by forming the first Indian team to enter the BMW Motorrad International GS Trophy. We truly hope that these incredible Indian ambassadors will demonstrate the unique GS spirit and will battle out various challenges in the prestigious global off-road event and will continue this success story for a long time."

**Mongolia** offers magnificent conditions for the GS adventure. A combination of deserts and steppes makes the country incomparable. Gravel and dirt tracks will challenge man and

machine every day. The riders will not only demonstrate their riding skills but will also need a large amount of team spirit to overcome all of the challenges.

### **About the GS Trophy.**

The event is not a race but a team competition, pitching the GS-riding international contingent against each other in a series of challenges – and not all involve riding. With the competitors camped nightly in a bivouac, the event also fosters a sense of brotherhood, sisterhood – and camaraderie. The successful team will be respectful of their environment, sympathetic to their machinery and understanding of team-mates.

The Central Asia 2018 event is the sixth edition of the GS Trophy, the previous editions took place in South East Asia (Thailand) in 2016, North America (Canada) in 2014, South America (Chile, Argentina) in 2012, South Africa (SA, Swaziland, Mozambique) in 2010 and North Africa (Tunisia) in 2008. This edition will see 18 teams competing, comprising 54 riders.

The BMW Motorrad International GS Trophy 2018 will be held for 10 days. (7 days riding + 2 days in- and outbound journey + 1-day briefing). The event begins on June 1, 2018 when the competitors will arrive at the event HQ in Ulaanbataar for a programme of rider briefings, bike allocations and media meetings. The competition itself will start on June 3 and ends on June 10.

Seized by the ultimate enduro passion, click the links below to watch 'Team India' preparing for the BMW Motorrad International GS Trophy, the Central Asia 2018 edition.

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