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From the Editor

Dear Readers,

Welcome to this issue of Inline4News, where we bring you the latest updates, in-depth reviews, and stories from the world of motorcycles. This edition is special—not just because of the exciting content inside, but because of the conversations it sparks within the riding community.

Motorcycling is more than just a hobby; it's a way of life. Whether you're a commuter weaving through city traffic, an adventure tourer exploring distant lands, or a speed enthusiast chasing the thrill of the track, there's something that connects us all—the love for two wheels.

However, with this passion comes responsibility. In this issue, we shed light on rider experiences, manufacturer accountability, and industry developments that impact every motorcyclist. From new launches and racing highlights to gear reviews and real-world ownership experiences, we've packed this edition with insights that matter.

As we continue to grow, Inline4News remains committed to honest, unbiased journalism in the motorcycle world. We value your thoughts, feedback, and contributions, so don't hesitate to share your riding stories and experiences with us.

Until next time, ride safe, ride hard, and always keep the rubber side down!

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Royal Enfield's 650cc Lineup Is Selling Like Hotcakes — Here's Why

Royal Enfield has firmly established itself as a household name in the Indian motorcycling landscape. Known for its retro charm, thumping exhaust notes, and cult-like following, the brand has dominated the 350cc segment for decades. But it wasn't until the launch of the 650cc twins — the Interceptor 650 and the Continental GT 650 — that Royal Enfield truly shook up the mid-capacity premium motorcycle space, not just in India, but across the globe. With the addition of the Super Meteor 650, the company has further solidified its position in the middleweight market. And the result? The 650s are selling like hotcakes — flying off showroom floors and commanding long waiting periods in several cities.

A New Era for Royal Enfield

When the Interceptor 650 and Continental GT 650 were unveiled in 2018, many wondered whether a company rooted in old-school single-cylinder machines could successfully transition to modern, twin-cylinder motorcycles. Royal Enfield didn't just rise to the occasion — it redefined the segment. With their impeccable retro styling, a torquey and refined 648cc parallel-twin engine, and an unbeatable price point, these bikes immediately struck a chord with a wide range of riders.

The Interceptor 650, with its classic roadster design and upright riding posture, appealed to those looking for a versatile, everyday motorcycle with touring capabilities. On the other hand, the Continental GT 650 — inspired by the café racer culture of the '60s — captured the imagination of riders craving a sportier stance and a more aggressive riding feel. Both models shared the same mechanical platform, but offered distinct riding experiences.

The Engine That Changed the Game

At the heart of the 650s' success is the brilliantly engineered 648cc air-and-oil-cooled parallel twin engine, which produces 47 horsepower and 52 Nm of torque. This may not seem like headline-grabbing performance on paper, but in real-world riding conditions, the engine delivers a smooth and linear power delivery that's both engaging and approachable. The 270-degree firing order gives it a deep, charismatic exhaust note, and the 6-speed gearbox with a slipper clutch adds to the overall premium experience.

Unlike some of its rivals that chase outright performance, Royal Enfield's 650s prioritize rideability and character — and that's exactly what has resonated with riders looking for a “big bike” feel without the intimidating power or price tag.



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The Super Meteor 650 Enters the Scene

In 2023, Royal Enfield introduced the third offering based on the same platform – the Super Meteor 650, a true-blue cruiser with a low-slung design, forward-set footpegs, and a relaxed riding triangle. This motorcycle brought a new audience into the Royal Enfield fold: touring enthusiasts and cruiser lovers who had long yearned for an affordable and reliable highway machine with a commanding presence.

The Super Meteor took the best traits of the 650 platform – smooth performance, retro aesthetics, and value pricing – and combined them with enhanced comfort, LED lighting, upside-down forks, and a more premium finish. The result was a motorcycle that quickly became a favorite for long-distance riders and weekend tourers.

Global Appeal and Rising Sales

What's remarkable about the 650cc lineup is its global success. These motorcycles have found strong traction not only in India but also in international markets such as the UK, Europe, Australia, and the United States. In fact, the Interceptor 650 became the best-selling motorcycle in the UK in its category shortly after its launch.

This global demand speaks volumes about the quality and universal appeal of Royal Enfield's modern lineup. Riders across geographies have praised the 650s for offering incredible value, solid build quality, and the kind of mechanical simplicity that harks back to an era of unfiltered, enjoyable motorcycling.

Back in India, the response has been nothing short of phenomenal. Sales have consistently grown year on year, and waiting periods for the 650s in some cities extend up to two or three months. This demand is being fueled by younger riders entering the premium segment, as well as older enthusiasts downsizing from larger, more expensive bikes in favor of something more practical yet equally engaging.

The Price-Performance Sweet Spot

One of the biggest reasons for the 650s' runaway success is their aggressive pricing. Starting at around ₹3.25 lakh (ex-showroom), these motorcycles offer twin-cylinder refinement and highway performance at a price point where most competitors are still selling single-cylinder machines. Royal Enfield has managed to keep costs in check without compromising on essentials, making the 650s a go-to choice for riders upgrading from 150-350cc bikes.

Additionally, Royal Enfield's extensive dealership network, growing after-sales support, and wide range of customization options – including touring accessories, cosmetic upgrades, and performance add-ons – have made ownership even more attractive.

A Shift in Motorcycling Culture

The 650 twins and the Super Meteor have also contributed to a broader shift in India's motorcycling culture. They've helped normalize the idea of premium, lifestyle-oriented motorcycling beyond just superbikes and adventure tourers. Riders are now more inclined to take up weekend rides, long-distance touring, and even international road trips – with Royal Enfield motorcycles often being the vehicle of choice.

What's Next?

Royal Enfield is not slowing down. Reports suggest more 650cc models are on the horizon – including a scrambler and possibly even a modern-classic roadster – all built on the same beloved twin-cylinder platform. With consistent R&D investments, improved quality control, and rider-focused innovation, Royal Enfield seems determined to keep the momentum going.

Final Thoughts

In a market flooded with choices, Royal Enfield's 650cc lineup stands out by offering an irresistible combination: retro charm, modern engineering, accessible performance, and unbeatable value. The Interceptor, Continental GT, and Super Meteor aren't just motorcycles – they represent a lifestyle shift, a nod to the golden era of motorcycling wrapped in contemporary packaging.

And with demand continuing to surge, it's clear that Royal Enfield has found the magic formula. The 650s aren't just selling well – they're setting a new benchmark. Quite simply, they're selling like hotcakes.



Best Beginner Motorcycles for Gen Z in India (2025 Edition)

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FZ-X, Xtreme 125R, R15 Series & Pulsar N160 Lead the Charge
India's Gen Z riders are changing the way we look at motorcycles. For them, it's not just about commuting – it's about making a statement, capturing experiences, and owning machines that match their personality. They want motorcycles that are stylish, tech-savvy, performance-ready, and easy to handle as a beginner. Fortunately, manufacturers are listening. Here's a curated list of beginner-friendly motorcycles in India that are especially popular among Gen Z riders – with a spotlight on four standout models: the Yamaha FZ-X, Hero Xtreme 125R, Yamaha R15 series, and Bajaj Pulsar N160.

1. Yamaha FZ-X – Retro Cool Meets Urban Practicality

The Yamaha FZ-X is built for young riders who love neo-retro styling and want a bike that stands out in the crowd. Drawing inspiration from classic scramblers, the FZ-X has a distinct identity – upright posture, block-pattern tyres, a round LED headlamp, and rugged styling that appeals to the urban adventurer.

Why Gen Z Loves It:

- Unique design that looks premium and Instagram-worthy.
- Bluetooth connectivity with Yamaha's Y-Connect app for call alerts, fuel consumption, and more.
- Comfortable ride with a relaxed upright stance, perfect for city use.
- Mileage of around 45-50 km/l makes it easy on the pocket.

With a 149cc engine, the FZ-X isn't built for speed demons but is ideal for students and young professionals who want to cruise through daily life with style and comfort.

2. Hero Xtreme 125R – Entry-Level, But Premium Feel

Launched as one of the most refined 125cc bikes in India, the Hero Xtreme 125R offers beginner riders a taste of style and tech without crossing budget boundaries. It's sporty, lightweight, and packs a surprising number of features for the price.

Why Gen Z Loves It:

- Aggressive, modern design with a full-LED setup and digital console.
- Best-in-class acceleration and a peppy 125cc engine with i3S start-stop tech.
- Lightweight and beginner-friendly, perfect for city commutes.
- Great value for money at under ₹1 lakh (ex-showroom).

The Xtreme 125R hits the sweet spot for school or college-goers who want something better than the typical commuter without going overboard.





Final Thoughts: Which One Should You Pick?

Each of these motorcycles has a distinct personality, and the right choice depends on what you value most:

Motorcycle Ideal For Price (Approx.)

Yamaha FZ-X

Retro lovers, comfort seekers

₹1.38 lakh

Hero Xtreme 125R

Budget-conscious riders, first-timers

₹95,000

Yamaha R15 V4

Sportbike fans, speed-focused Gen Z

₹1.82 lakh

Bajaj Pulsar N160

Bold commuters, all-round street riders

₹1.31 lakh

(Prices are ex-showroom and may vary by region)

Gen Z riders are redefining what it means to be a beginner motorcyclist in India – seeking not just value but also identity, tech, and emotion in their machines. Whether you're drawn to classic cool, modern aggression, sporty thrills, or smart commuting, there's a perfect first bike out there waiting to match your vibe.

So, which one are you choosing to start your ride story?

3. Yamaha R15 Series – The Style & Speed Icon

For Gen Z speed lovers and sportbike enthusiasts, the Yamaha R15 is nothing short of a dream. With track-inspired styling, sharp aerodynamics, and segment-leading performance, the R15 series (including R15 V4 and R15S) delivers pure excitement in a compact package.

Why Gen Z Loves It:

- Sleek, aggressive design straight from Yamaha's R-series DNA.
- Performance-focused 155cc engine with Variable Valve Actuation (VVA).
- Advanced tech like traction control, quickshifter, and assist/slipper clutch.
- Premium digital console with Bluetooth connectivity.

Whether it's a short ride to college or a weekend twisty run, the R15 brings adrenaline to the everyday rider. It's slightly more performance-oriented, so it suits confident beginners ready to level up.

4. Bajaj Pulsar N160 – Streetfighter for the Bold

The Pulsar N160 is Bajaj's answer to Gen Z's demand for an aggressive, tech-loaded street bike. It's designed with the new Pulsar platform, featuring bold styling, muscular bodywork, and a solid 164.8cc engine. It's ideal for young riders who want to stand out while enjoying daily ride comfort.

Why Gen Z Loves It:

- Aggressive streetfighter looks with sharp tank extensions and projector headlamp.
- Dual-channel ABS for enhanced safety (first in segment).
- Comfortable for city and highway with a strong mid-range.
- Reasonable price for the performance and features it offers.

The N160 is perfect for those who want a little bit of everything – daily rideability, sporty character, and confident highway performance.



Daytona 660 vs CBR 650R: A Midweight Showdown



Triumph Trident 660 Triple Tribute:
A Racing Icon for the Streets

Triumph Motorcycles has unleashed a bold new variant of its popular middleweight—the Trident 660 Triple Tribute Edition. This special edition pays homage to the legendary Slippery Sam, a Triumph triple that made history by dominating the Isle of Man TT races in the early 1970s. Dressed in a distinctive white, red, and blue racing livery, complete with number boards, the Triple Tribute isn't just a motorcycle—it's a rolling tribute to Triumph's racing legacy.

Beyond its retro-inspired looks, the bike retains all the praised characteristics of the standard Trident 660. Powered by a 660cc inline three-cylinder engine delivering 80 hp and 47 lb-ft of torque, the Triple Tribute offers the same approachable yet exhilarating ride that's made it a favorite among newer and experienced riders alike.

What sets this edition apart is the inclusion of factory-fitted premium features like a quickshifter and autoblipper, allowing for seamless gear changes without using the clutch—perfect for both spirited riding and daily commuting. Another visual upgrade is the color-matched belly pan, enhancing the bike's sporty stance while maintaining its clean naked-bike silhouette. Despite these enhancements, Triumph has ensured that the Triple Tribute remains reasonably priced, delivering solid value for those seeking exclusivity with everyday usability.

Whether you're a fan of motorcycle history or simply appreciate standout design and performance, the Trident 660 Triple Tribute blends nostalgia with modern technology in a uniquely compelling package.



KYT TT Course review

The KYT TT-Revo helmet stands out as an excellent choice for riders seeking a versatile helmet that excels in both daily commutes and extended tours.

One of its most commendable features is the robust shell construction. KYT has clearly prioritized safety and durability, and it instills confidence on the road. This solid build quality doesn't come at the expense of comfort, as the helmet remains relatively lightweight for its class, reducing neck fatigue on longer rides.

A significant advantage for both daily use and touring is the impressively low wind noise. The aerodynamic design and effective sealing significantly minimize the intrusive roar of the wind, allowing for a more serene and enjoyable riding experience. This is a game-changer, especially on highways, as it reduces rider fatigue and allows for better concentration.

In practical terms, the TT-Revo is a true all-rounder. Its comfortable fit and good ventilation make it suitable for navigating city traffic, while its stability at higher speeds and reduced wind noise make it a reliable companion for touring. The clear visor offers excellent visibility, and the quick-release mechanism makes it easy to swap.

The only minor area for improvement lies with the internal padding. While adequate, a slightly more plush or customizable padding system could elevate the overall comfort to a truly premium level. However, this is a minor quibble in an otherwise outstanding helmet.

Overall, the KYT TT-Revo is a highly recommended helmet that offers a fantastic balance of safety, comfort, and performance, making it a stellar investment for any rider looking for a reliable and enjoyable riding experience, day in and day out.



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CONQUER THE TRAILS: A REVIEW OF THE BBG MOTOCROSS RIDING GLOVES

Conquer the Trails: A Review of the BBG Motocross Riding Gloves

The BBG Motocross Riding Gloves are an outstanding choice for any off-road enthusiast, delivering a **championship-level experience** right to your fingertips. Designed with the demanding conditions of motocross in mind, these gloves truly excel in **performance, flexibility, and comfort**, making them an indispensable piece of gear for both seasoned racers and casual riders alike.

One of the most striking aspects of these gloves is their remarkable **lightweight and flexible construction**. The fitted stretch backhand panel conforms beautifully to the hand, offering a superior level of comfort that allows for unrestricted movement and a natural feel on the handlebars. This flexibility is crucial for maintaining precise control, especially during intense maneuvers and over challenging terrain.

Ease of use is another significant highlight. The **quick entry design**, featuring a smartly notched wrist opening, ensures a hassle-free slip-on fit. This is particularly convenient when gearing up quickly or needing to make adjustments on the fly. Once on, the **secure hook-and-loop closure system** provides a snug and confident fit, preventing any slippage or discomfort during aggressive riding.

Breathability is paramount in high-exertion sports like motocross, and the BBG gloves deliver exceptionally well in this regard. The **perforated palm design** is incredibly effective at keeping hands cool and dry, even during the most intense rides. This thoughtful feature helps to minimize sweat buildup, enhancing grip and preventing distractions caused by discomfort.

Furthermore, the gloves significantly improve **grip and control**. The **4-way stretch finger gussets** provide maximum dexterity, allowing for precise manipulation of controls and an excellent feel for the bike. Complementing this, the **silicone printed palm graphics** offer superior grip and durability, ensuring your hands stay firmly connected to the handlebars, regardless of moisture or vibrations. For added peace of mind, **reinforced thumb and gripping points** provide extra protection in high-wear areas, extending the lifespan of the gloves and safeguarding your hands where it matters most.

Available in vibrant Neon, Red, and Orange, these gloves not only perform exceptionally but also look the part. They are a testament to BBG's commitment to quality, offering a perfect blend of innovation and practicality. For anyone serious about their off-road adventures, the BBG Motocross Riding Gloves are an investment that pays dividends in comfort, control, and confidence on the track.



Bajaj Pulsar N250 2024 Ownership Review: The Perfect City Bike with a Touring Twist

Bajaj Pulsar N250 (2024) Ownership Review: Your Urban Beast with a Touring Soul

Bringing home the Bajaj Pulsar N250 UG in Brooklyn Black was a dream come true. After seven months and 3540 kilometers, it's clear this bike is a superb blend of style, practicality, and everyday fun, perfect for young enthusiasts. From the outset, the N250 commands attention. Its muscular, bulky front end with chunky 37mm USD forks gives it an aggressive stance, while the wide 140mm rear and 110mm front MRF tires ensure a strong road presence. The all-metal fuel tank and 162 kg kerb weight add a reassuring sense of solidity. The full-digital meter with Bluetooth connectivity (including calls, SMS, and turn-by-turn navigation), three ABS modes (Road, Rain, Off-Road), switchable traction control, and a slip-and-assist clutch make it feature-rich, especially at its ₹1.51 lakh (ex-showroom) price point, offering excellent value for money.

The heart of the N250 is its 249cc air-and-oil-cooled single-cylinder engine. It delivers punchy low-end torque and strong mid-range grunt, making city overtakes effortless. The light clutch and smooth 5-speed gearbox contribute to stress-free daily commutes. The deep, bassy exhaust note adds character, and the engine's refinement ensures tractability even at low RPMs. This motor feels mature and confidence-inspiring, balancing power with ease of use.

Compared to rivals like the Honda CB300F and Suzuki Gixxer 250, the Pulsar N250 strikes a superior balance. While the CB300F has a larger engine, it feels less refined and is pricier. The Gixxer 250 offers more power but lacks premium features like USD forks and Bluetooth. The N250's blend of affordability, features, and performance clearly wins for urban-focused riders.

Maintaining the N250 has been straightforward and reasonably priced. My first service (342 km) cost ₹784, and the second (3217 km) was ₹824, primarily for engine oil and filter changes. Bajaj's service is generally efficient, though some centers might require a bit more attention to detail.

The riding posture is sporty yet comfortable, with a slightly forward bias. The 795mm seat height is manageable, and the USD forks and monoshock offer a fine balance between city comfort and sporty stiffness, absorbing most road imperfections well.

Fuel economy is a major highlight, consistently delivering 30-32 kmpl in the city and 38-40 kmpl on highways. This makes the N250 a highly efficient 250cc bike, commendable given its performance.

While the LED headlight is brilliant, providing excellent night visibility, the mirrors can vibrate at high speeds. Paint quality is good, but some plastic panels feel a bit flimsy. My main gripes include the stock non-radial MRF tires, which offer average wet grip and are prone to punctures, and a slight handlebar wobble above 120 kmph, possibly due to the light front-end. Braking is strong at the front but lacks feel at the rear, and ABS can be intrusive in wet conditions. High-speed touring comfort is also impacted by wind blast, vibrations above 110 kmph, and the absence of a 6th gear.

Pros: Aggressive design, punchy engine, excellent features, impressive fuel efficiency.

Cons: High-speed wobble, mirror vibrations, inconsistent service, average tire grip, and puncture issues.

Ultimately, the 2024 Pulsar N250 is an excellent first bike, perfect for city riding, daily commutes, and occasional short tours. It's a machine that consistently brings a smile, proving that Bajaj can still create emotional bikes without breaking the bank. If high-speed touring isn't your primary focus, the N250 offers unbeatable value and fun.



Kalakaar Moto Trails: Paving the Way for Responsible Motorcycling Influencers



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In an era where social media often showcases daring feats that sometimes border on reckless, Kalakaar Moto Trails, spearheaded by the passionate motorcyclist Harish Solanki, stands out as a beacon of responsibility and safety within the thriving biking community. Far from merely displaying picturesque rides, Solanki has carved a niche as a genuinely impactful influencer, advocating for practices that prioritize safety, awareness, and sustainable exploration.

Harish Solanki, a recipient of the prestigious Navbharat Times Influencers Award 2024, exemplifies what it means to leverage one's platform for good. With years of extensive riding experience, including completing the All India Ride twice, his expertise isn't just theoretical; it's forged on the road. This deep understanding of motorcycling allows him to offer credible and practical advice that resonates with his audience, from seasoned veterans to aspiring riders.

What truly sets Kalakaar Moto Trails apart is its unwavering commitment to road safety advocacy. Solanki actively promotes responsible riding habits and encourages safe driving practices, inspiring his growing community to "explore with caution and care." This isn't just lip service; his content consistently reinforces the importance of proper riding gear, adherence to traffic laws, and cautious decision-making on the road.

A powerful testament to his dedication was his TEDx talk, titled "The importance of safe riding and gear." In this significant address, Solanki directly confronted the alarming trend of negligence among young riders and critically examined how certain social media content inadvertently promotes unsafe riding. This willingness to address uncomfortable truths and challenge prevailing risky behaviors underscores his profound sense of responsibility as an influencer.

In a digital landscape where quick thrills often overshadow long-term consequences, Kalakaar Moto Trails offers a refreshing and vital counter-narrative. Harish Solanki demonstrates that true influence lies not in chasing fleeting virality, but in building a community grounded in shared values of safety, respect for the road, and genuine passion for motorcycling. His platform is a crucial resource for anyone looking to enjoy the thrill of two wheels, but more importantly, to do so responsibly and safely.

This dedication to responsible influence has not gone unnoticed. Beyond the aforementioned Navbharat Influencer Award 2024, Harish Solanki's commitment to safety and community was further recognized at the Times Network Drive Green Conclave. Such accolades, coupled with his reputation as a trusted voice in the motorcycling world, underscore his significant impact and position him as a leading example of how social media can be a powerful tool for positive change, shaping a generation of more mindful and responsible riders.



Suzuki GSX-8R Test Ride: The Japanese Middleweight

Kyōsō-sha

Recently, one of our team members got an exciting call from Aryan Suzuki, Bangalore—an opportunity to test ride the much-anticipated Suzuki GSX-8R, the Japanese middleweight contender that's been making waves. Naturally, we were stoked. Known for its torquey low and mid-range delivery, the GSX-8R had already caught our attention, and now it was time to experience it firsthand.

First Impressions: A Commanding Yet Comfortable Presence

From the moment we arrived, the professional staff at Aryan Suzuki gave us a warm welcome and a detailed briefing of the motorcycle. Then came the best part—the GSX-8R was ours for the next hour.

Mounting the bike, the first thing that struck us was its comfortable yet aggressive riding stance. The slightly forward-leaning position, combined with a well-cushioned seat, felt natural. Gripping the handlebars revealed a machine that felt substantial and planted, but not intimidatingly heavy—just right for that middleweight sweet spot.

Engine Performance: Smooth Power, Exhilarating Acceleration

Firing up the engine, we were greeted with a throaty rumble from the 270° crank layout. It's powered by a parallel twin motor with a cross balancer, producing 82 hp and 78 Nm of torque. That spec sheet translated beautifully on the road.

Taking the bike onto the Bangalore-Kolar highway, we twisted the throttle and were immediately rewarded with a burst of acceleration. The Suzuki Drive Mode Selector (SDMS) offered three distinct ride modes: Mode A (Active): For the most aggressive torque delivery.

Mode B (Basic): A more linear and balanced response.

Mode C (Comfort): Toned down for slippery or wet conditions.

The motor is buttery smooth, with zero noticeable vibrations, and the gearbox gives a crisp feedback on upshifts, enhancing the sporty ride feel.





Ride and Handling: Composed, Confident, and Nimble

The GSX-8R's suspension setup deserves praise. The front USD forks and rear mono-shock are tuned for versatility—sharp cornering on open roads and supple damping through city potholes and speed bumps. The bike handled lean transitions effortlessly and felt confident under hard braking.

Speaking of brakes, the Nissin braking system performed reliably, offering progressive bite and assurance even at higher speeds.

Tech and Features: Thoughtful and Rider-Centric
The digital TFT display is sleek, modern, and user-friendly. All vital information—speed, gear position, fuel, mode selection—is visible at a glance, even under bright sunlight. The optional Suzuki Traction Control System (STCS) adds an extra layer of safety, especially useful while cornering or navigating imperfect road surfaces.

The Verdict: Sporty, Practical, and Well-Balanced
The Suzuki GSX-8R finds the sweet spot between sportiness and comfort, making it a versatile middleweight machine. It's well-suited for daily commuting, spirited weekend rides, and even longer tours.

However, it's not without minor drawbacks. The windscreen could offer better wind protection for taller riders, especially at highway speeds. Additionally, while the upshifter works seamlessly, the autoblipper can feel clunky during downshifts—likely due to the large cylinders. For smoother performance, we'd recommend using the clutch when downshifting.

Competition and Final Thoughts

In the Indian market, the GSX-8R competes with: Honda CBR650R

Triumph Daytona 660

Aprilia RS 660

Kawasaki Ninja 650

Each of these bikes has its strengths, but the GSX-8R holds its own with refined engineering, top-notch electronics, and Suzuki's signature reliability.

Special Thanks

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Aryan Suzuki, Bangalore, for the opportunity to ride and review this incredible machine.

Stay tuned to Inline4news for more real-world motorcycle test rides, reviews, and two-wheeled adventures.

