

# DSK BRINGS BENELLI TO INDIA

Benelli will launch five motorcycles in the Indian market and they will be brought in via the CKD route

**D**SK MotoWheels and Italian bike marquee Benelli have joined hands to bring in five motorcycles from Benelli's international portfolio. The five bikes that will make their way to our shores include the TNT 302, TNT 600 GT, TNT600 i, TNT 899, TNT 1130R. Prices for the Benelli motorcycles haven't been announced yet as it were just an unveiling and pricing for the bikes will be done when they get officially launched in our market. It plans to locally assemble the bikes and for this purpose the CKD plant of DSK MotoWheels. By assembling the bikes in India, Benelli will be able to price their bikes aggressively. The Italian

two-wheeler manufacturer also plans to setup 20 dealerships in our country with the help of DSK MotoWheels will help them. The first eight of the Benelli exclusive showrooms will be inaugurated in Mumbai, Pune, Delhi, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Chandigarh and Kolkata within the next four months while other cities would follow soon. Benelli also added that it plans to introduce small displacement, faired and naked motorcycles in near future.

The Benelli TNT 302 is sold in the international market as the BN 302 and it will form the bulk of sales for Benelli in our market. It's a 300cc, streetbike offering with 37PS of power being

generated from its twin-cylinder motor and will be pitched against the KTM 390 Duke and the Kawasaki Z250. The Benelli TNT600 will be offered in two variants - a sports tourer and streetfighter. Both the bikes will be powered by a 600cc, liquid-cooled motor churning out 83PS of peak power and 55Nm of torque. The Benelli TNT899 and TNT1130R are a more focussed premium street bike offering with the later



being the flagship offering for the Italian brand in the Indian market. Styling of both the bikes are almost identical with the major difference being the powerplant and better cycle parts. The Benelli

TNT899 is powered by an 899cc, liquid-cooled mill producing 123PS of maximum power and 88Nm of peak torque. The Benelli TNT899 will rival the Triumph Street Triple and the Kawasaki Z800. The

Benelli TNT1130R features a 1,131cc, triple-cylinder pumping out 158PS and 120Nm of torque. The motor is mated to a six-speed transmission with slipper clutch.

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