



2024 MRF MMSC FMSCI INDIAN NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE RACING CHAMPIONSHIP
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MEDIA RELEASE

- ***Pune teenager Sarthak Chavan sets early pace***
- ***Ann Jennifer quickest in Girls category***

Chennai, July 4: TVS Racing teenager Sarthak Chavan (Pune) set the pace for this weekend's second round of the MRF MMSC fmSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2024 at the Madras International Circuit, here on Thursday during the official free practice session.

The Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open bikes ran on slick tyres for the first time in the Championship and the lap timings fell by at least a second during today's practice session. Sarthak Chavan and Bengaluru's Chiranth Vishwanath expectedly dominated the time sheets, clocking best laps of 01:49.962, 01:49.962, respectively. It was a pointer to yet another tight battle between the two 17-year-olds during the double-header over the weekend.

Meanwhile, to help the riders adjust to the slicks, the organisers have scheduled an additional 20-minute free practice session for the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open class on Friday.

The two teenagers repeated the feat in the Pro-Stock 165cc Open category with Sarthak (01:54.622) being the quickest ahead of Chiranth (01:55.500). Last year's champion KY Ahamed was third fastest, albeit 1.9 seconds adrift of Sarthak.

Championship leader in the Novice (Stock 165cc) category, Chennai's Abdul Basim (Rockers Racing) set a hot pace, clocking a best lap of 02:08.566, well clear of Mysuru rider Tasmal Cariappa (Motul Sparks Racing) who managed 02:09.445.

In between, former National champion from Chennai, Ann Jennifer (Alpha Racing India), after a disappointing Round-1 last month in the Girls (Stock 165cc) category, posted the best lap of 02:08.954, well clear of team-mate Nadine Faith Balaji and defending champion Ryhana (Motul Sparks Racing). Missing the practice session was another local talent, 15-year-old Rakshitha Dave (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate), winner of both races in Round-1.

Varun Patil (02:00.778), a privateer from Bengaluru, was the fastest in the Stock 301-400cc (Novice) category ahead of Chennai's Kaushik Subbaiah Ganesan (RACR

Castrol Power1 Ultimate), winner of both races in Round-1, who put in a hot lap of 02:00.975. Sachin J (Mad Rabbit Racing) from Hosur, was third fastest in 02:10.812.

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- **Sarthak Chavan, Chiranth Vishwanath share qualifying honours**
- **Pole position for Anne Jennifer, Abdul Basim**

Chennai, July 5: Young guns Sarthak Chavan (Pune) and his arch-rival and TVS Racing team-mate Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru) drew the battle lines ahead of tomorrow's races with each grabbing pole position in the two premier Pro-Stock categories after qualifying sessions, only a fraction of a second separating the two, in the second round of the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2024 - Powered by STORM, at the Madras International Circuit, here on Friday.

Sarthak repeated his Round-1 performance by taking pole position in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category, with a splendid hot lap of 01 minute, 49.383 seconds, just ahead of Chiranth (01:49.426) as the two 17-year-olds led a front row sweep for TVS Racing with KY Ahamed (01:51.032) filling in the P3 slot.

Later in the day, Chiranth turned tables on Sarthak by snatching the pole position in the Pro-Stock 165cc Open category as the duo went head-to-head during an intense 15-minute qualifying session. Chiranth, who marked his debut season last year with two pole positions, had a best lap of 01:54.388. Sarthak responded with a 01:54.483, well ahead of team-mate and multiple National champion Jagan Kumar (01:55.580).

Minutes after the thrilling session, Chiranth said: "We made some suspension changes from Round-1 last month and it showed in the qualifying session (PS 165cc Open) today. Last year, when I made my debut in this category, I lost the championship (to team-mate KY Ahamed) by five points due to a DNF (Did Not Finish). I feel confident of a good performance in the two races this weekend."

Meanwhile, Ann Jennifer (Alpha Racing India), seeking to regain the National title she last won in 2020, was on pace to take pole position in the Girls (Stock 165cc) category, clocking a best lap of 02:08.213 with a late burst in the qualifying session. It knocked off Ryhana Bee (Motul Sparks Racing) who looked set for pole position before Ann Jennifer sealed it in the dying seconds of the session. Until then, Ryhana was leading with a 02:09.070 but settled for P2. Nadine Faith Balaji (Alpha Racing India, 02:09.864) completed an all-Chennai front row.

"I had issues with the bike in Round-1 last month and was way off the pace. We fixed the problem and I have already made two seconds on my Round-1 timing. So, looking forward to a strong finish in the race tomorrow," said Ann Jennifer. Championship leader

Rakshitha Dave, facing some issues with her bike, could manage only P5 behind Jagathishree Kumaresan.

Abdul Basim (Rockers Racing) expectedly took the pole position in the Novice (Stock 165cc) category after putting in the hot lap of 02:06.793 before crashing on the exit of the bridge complex at the fag-end of the 10-minute qualifying session. He walked away with a couple of bruises and will start the race on Saturday. Behind him was Mysuru's Tasmai Cariappa (Motul Sparks Racing) who clocked 02:09.292 ahead of team-mate, 22-year-old Lal Nunsanga, the 2018 Honda Talent Cup (CBR 150) champion from Aizawl, Mizoram.

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup: Mallapuram's Mohsin Paramban qualified for pole position in the NSF 250R category with a run of 01:51.451 with Bengaluru pair of AS James (01:51.941) and Prakash Kamat (01:52.206) completing the front row. Missing in this weekend's line-up is Chennai schoolboy Rakshith Dave, a front-runner in this category, due to his participation in the Honda Talent Cup in Thailand.

TVS One-Make Championship: Coimbatore's Senthilkumar C, winner of both races in Round-1 last month, extended his domination in the Open (Apache RR 310) category by grabbing the pole position with a best time of 01:55.616, pushing V Lokesh (Bengaluru, 01:57.299) to P2. Another Coimbatore rider, Raj Kumar C (01:57.762) was third quickest in the qualifying session.

Harshith V Bogar from Bengaluru, who notched a double in Round-1, made it to pole position in the Rookie (RTR 200) class with a best time of 02:10.975. Taking P2 was CS Kedarnath (02:12.133) from Tirupati and Thrissur's Saranjit Singh (02:15.265) occupied P3.

In the Girls (Apache RTR 200) qualifying session, Mumbai's Sarah Khan emerged the quickest in 02:14.227 with V Aisvariya (Coimbatore) in P2 with 02:16.120 while Pune rider Saimah Ajaz Baig (02:16.437) was third fastest.

Sarthak Chavan dominated the qualifying run in the TVS Electric RTE category, clocking 01:49.524, sparing one second to second-placed Chiranth Vishwanath (01:50.578) and Chennai's Alwin Sundar was third in 01:51.748.

Qualifying results (top 3 best lap):

National Championship – Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open: 1. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing) (01min, 49.383secs); 2. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru, TVS Racing) (01:49.426); 3. Ahamed KY (Chennai, TVS Racing) (01:51.032).

Pro-Stock 165cc Open: 1. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru, TVS Racing) (01:54.388); 2. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing) (01:54.483); 3. Jagan Kumar (Chennai, TVS Racing) (01:55.580).

Girls (Stock 165cc): 1. Ann Jennifer AS (Chennai, Alpha Racing India) (02:08.213); 2. Ryhana Bee (Chennai, Motul Sparks Racing) (02:09.070); 3. Nadine Faith Balaji (Chennai, Alpha Racing India) (02:09.864).

Novice (Stock165cc): 1. Abdul Basim RA (Chennai, Rockers Racing) (02:06.793); 2. Tasmal Cariappa (Mysuru, Motul Sparks Racing) (02:08.761); 3. Lal Nunsanga (Aizwal, Motul Sparks Racing) (02:10.566).

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup – Open (NSF 250R): 1. Mohsin Paramban (Malappuram) (01:51.451); 2. AS James (Bengaluru) (01:51.941); 3. Prakash Kamat (Bengaluru) (01:52.206).

TVS One-Make Championship: Open (Apache RR310): 1. Senthilkumar C (Coimbatore) (01:55.616); 2. Lokesh V (Bengaluru) (01:57.299); 3. Raj Kumar C (Coimbatore) (01:57.762).

Girls (Apache RTR 200): 1. Sarah Khan (Mumbai) (02:14.227); 2. Aisvariya V (Coimbatore) (02:16.120); 3. Saimah Ajaz Baig (Pune) (02:16.437).

Rookie (Apache RTR 200): 1. Harshith V Bogar (Bengaluru) (02:10.975); 2. CS Kedarnath (Tirupati) (02:12.133); 3. Saranjit KM (Thrissur) (02:15.265).

TVS Electric RTE: 1. Sarthak Chavan (Pune) (01:49.524); Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru) (01:50.578); 3. Alwin Sundar A (Chennai) (01:51.748).

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- ***Double delight for Pune teenager Sarthak Chavan***
- ***Abdul Basim, Kaushik Subbaiah Ganesan remain unbeaten***
- ***Maiden success for Jagathishree Kumaresan***

Chennai, July 6: Sarthak Chavan, the 17-year-old blossoming talent from Pune, came up with two brilliant rides to win races in both the premier Pro-Stock categories, the 301-400cc Open and the 165cc Open, to hog the limelight in the second round of the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2024 – Powered by STORM, at the Madras International Circuit, here on Saturday.

Sarthak, who recently took to yoga as part of his fitness regime, was in a league of his own in winning the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open race with 6.8 seconds to spare on a drying track following overnight downpour. Later, he had to fight hard for his success in the Pro-Stock 165cc outing which he clinched with a superb double slip streaming at Turn 8 on the last lap to overtake the two team-mates in front, Jagan Kumar and Chiranth Vishwanath.

To round off a highly-successful day, Sarthak also bagged a special award from Indian Oil, the new partners for the championship, for the fastest lap of the day across all categories – one minute, 50.329 seconds – in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open race.

Also to finish on the top step of the podium in the National championship were three riders from Chennai. Seventeen-year-old Abdul Basim (Rockers Racing) notched his third win in as many starts in the Novice (Pro-Stock 165cc) class, while Jagathishree Kumaresan (One Racing) scored her maiden win in the Girls (Stock 165cc) category a day after her 20th birthday and Kaushik Subbaiah Ganesan (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) completed a hat-trick of wins in the Stock 301-400cc (Novice) category.

The two Pro-Stock races headlined the day's proceedings. Sarthak was in a league of his own in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open race. His closest rival, 17-year-old Chiranth from Bengaluru, faded from the contest due to issues with his machine to finish a distant seventh, while KY Ahamed and Deepak Ravikumar completed a 1-2-3 sweep for TVS Racing.

The Pro-Stock 165CC Open race saw the lead changing hands throughout the six-lapper. Pole-sitter Chiranth did not have a good start and settled behind Sarthak. Joining the duo was 10-time National champion Jagan Kumar, probably in his last

season before retirement. The trio exchanged leads before Sarthak made the decisive move in the last lap when he overtook both his team-mates for a deserving win.

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup: Malappuram's Mohsin Paramban came on top in the NSF 250R race for his first win of the season, leaving two Bengaluru youngsters, Prakash Kamat and AS James to fight for second and third positions.

TVS One-Make Championship: Senthilkumar C from Coimbatore continued his unbeaten run in the Open (Apache RR310) class by notching his third win in a row, albeit after a close fight with Manoj Yesuadian (Chennai) who eventually came in second despite recording the fastest lap of the race, while another local rider, Jayanth P, finished third.

Pune's Saimah Ajaz Baig scored her maiden win of the season in the Girls (Apache RTR 200) category edging out SP Shuria (Coimbatore) and Sarah Khan (Mumbai) who had won the previous outing last month (Round-1).

In the Rookie (RTR 200) class, Bengaluru's 20-year-old Harshith V Bogar scored his third consecutive win in as many starts to consolidate his position on the points table. He finished P1, some 20 seconds ahead of Tirupati's CS Kedarnath and Akarsh Jangam from Vijayawada.

Provisional results (all 6 laps unless mentioned):

National Championship – Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open (Race-1): 1. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing) (11mins, 10.394secs); 2. KY Ahamed (Chennai, TVS Racing) (11:17.203); 3. Deepak Ravikumar (Chennai, TVS Racing) (11:17.271).

Pro-Stock 165cc Open (Race-1): 1. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing) (11:48.647); 2. Jagan Kumar (Chennai, TVS Racing) (11:49.075); 3. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru, TVS Racing) (11:49.131).

Girls (Stock 165cc) Race-1 (5 laps): 1. Jagathishree Kumaresan (Chennai, One Racing) (11:01.998); 2. Nadine Faith Balaji (Chennai, Alpha Racing) (11:02.529); 3. Rakshitha Dave (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) (11:02.750).

Novice (Stock165cc) Race-1: 1. Abdul Basim RA (Chennai, Rockers Racing) (13:16.987); 2. Tasmai Caiappa (Mysuru, Motul Sparks Racing) (13:17.286); 3. Lal Nunsanga (Aizawl, Motul Sparks Racing) (13:20.595).

Stock 301-400cc (Novice) Race-1: 1. Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power 1 Ultimate) (12:20.570); 2. Varun Patil (Bengaluru, Pvt) (12:23.923); 3. Raj Kumar (Coimbatore, RDX Torque Racing) (12:23.936).

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup – Open (NSF 250R) Race-1: 1. Mohsin Paramban (Malappuram) (11:24.301); 2. Prakash Kamat (Bengaluru) (11:26.095); 3. AS James (Bengaluru) (11:26.708).

TVS One-Make Championship: Open (Apache RR310) Race-1: 1. Senthilkumar C (Coimbatore) (11:46.899); 2. Manoj Yesuadiyan (Chennai) (11:47.176); 3. Jayanth P (Chennai) (11:53.759).

Girls (Apache RTR 200) 5 laps: 1. Saimah Ajaz Baig (Pune) (11:35.770); 2. SP Shuria (Tiruchi) (11:36.742); 3. Sarah Khan (Mumbai) (11:37.709).

Rookie (Apache RTR 200) Race-1: 1. Harshith V Bogar (Bengaluru) (13:20.137); 2. CS Kedarnath (Tirupati) (13:40.737); 3. Akarsh Jangam (Vijayawada) (13:45.396).

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- ***Jagan Kumar pips Sarthak Chavan in dead-heat finish***
- ***Double for Abdul Basim, Jagathishree Kumaresan***

Chennai, July 7: History was scripted at the Madras International Circuit here on Sunday when a dead-heat finish, involving two TVS Racing team-mates Jagan Kumar and Sarthak Chavan, was decided in favour of the former on the basis of the fastest lap of the race as the second round of the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2024 – Powered by STORM came to a thrilling finish.

Old-timers believe that it is the first time in the Indian racing history that two competitors had the same timing at the finish, requiring the fastest lap provision to be implemented to decide the winner. The incident occurred in the Pro-Stock 165cc Open race when veteran Jagan Kumar, a 10-time National champion, and his TVS Racing team-mate 17-year-old Sarthak Chavan crossed the finish line together, clocking the same timing. Jagan was declared winner because he had posted the fastest lap of the six-lap race.

The result denied Sarthak an all-win record across both Pro-Stock categories, the 301-400cc Open and the 165cc Open. Earlier today, Sarthak had achieved a double in the higher class and looked set for a clean sweep before the photo-finish which went in Jagan's favour.

Meanwhile, Chennai's Jagathishree Kumaresan (One Racing) completed a double in the Girls (Stock 165cc) category as did another local rider, Abdul Basim (Rockers Racing) in the Novice (Stock 165cc) class while Pradeep C from Bengaluru notched his maiden win in the National Championship with a P1 finish in the Stock 301-400cc (Novice) race.

Bengaluru's Chiranth Vishwanath (TVS Racing) won the Indian Oil award for the fastest lap on Sunday across all categories for clocking a blistering 01:48.648 in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category, but he lost the race to Sarthak when he missed a gear on the back sweep on the last lap to concede the slender lead.

Meanwhile, promoters Madras Motor Sports Club decided to present trophies to the top five finishers in a race instead of the top three.

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup: Mohsin Paramban from Malappuram completed a fine double in the NSF 250R category to open up a 37-point lead in the provisional standings. Two Bengaluru riders Savion Sabu and AS James finished second and third respectively in the eight-lap race.

TVS One-Make Championship:

Sarthak Chavan extended his domination with a second consecutive win in the TVS Electric RTE race that was reduced to three laps following an on-track incident. Chiranth Vishwanath came in second ahead of Alwin Sundar (Chennai).

Provisional results (all 6 laps unless mentioned):

National Championship – Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open (Race-2): 1. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing) (11min, 06.298sec); 2. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru, TVS Racing) (11:06.388); 3. Deepak Ravikumar (Chennai, TVS Racing) (11:10.557).

Pro-Stock 165cc Open (Race-2): 1. Jagan Kumar (Chennai, TVS Racing) (11:37.786); 2. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing) (11:37.786); 3. Deepak Ravikumar (Chennai, TVS Racing) (11:44.162).

Girls (Stock 165cc) Race-2 (5 laps): 1. Jagathishree Kumaresan (Chennai, One Racing) (11:04.106); 2. Ryhana Bee (Chennai, Motul Sparks Racing) (11:04.182); 3. Ann Jennifer AS (Chennai, Alpha Racing India) (11:04.327).

Novice (Stock165cc) Race-2: 1. Abdul Basim (Chennai, Rockers Racing) (12:56.217); 2. Tasmai Cariappa (Mysuru, Motul Sparks Racing) (13:07.206); 3. Lal Nunsanga (Aizawl, Motul Sparks Racing) (13:07.502).

Stock 301-400cc (Novice) Race-2: 1. Pradeep C (Bengaluru, Pvt) (12:20.775); 2. Raj Kumar (Coimbatore, RDX Torque Racing) (12:27.930); 3. Varun Nanjundegowda (Chennai, Gusto Racing India) (02:03.803).

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup – Open (NSF 250R) Race-2 (8 laps): 1. Mohsin Paramban (Malappuram) (15:07.015); 2. Savion Sabu (Bengaluru) (15:10.965); 3. AS James (Bengaluru) (15:15.953).

TVS One-Make Championship: Open (Apache RR310) Race-2: 1. Manoj Yesuadiyan (Chennai) (11:47.555); 2. Jayanth P (Chennai) (11:53.712); 3. Lokesh V (Bengaluru) (11:55.233).

Rookie (Apache RTR 200) Race-2: 1. Harshit V Bogar (Bengaluru) (13:20.972); 2. CS Kedarnath (Tirupati) (13:26.089); 3. Rajivsham AS (Tirpur) (13:44.946).

TVS Electric RTE (3 laps): 1. Sarthak Chavan (Pune) (05:34.704); 2. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru) (05:35.877); 3. Alwin Sundar (Chennai) (05:42.046).

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- **Stage set for Round 2 of 2W National Racing Championship**
- **Spotlight trained on young guns at the MIC**

Chennai, July 3: A new generation of young and hungry-for-success riders is expected to continue its progress through the ranks in the second round of the MRF MMSC fmSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2024 commencing at the Madras International Circuit, here on Thursday, July 4.

During last month's Round-1 at the same venue, several talented teenagers, across categories, announced their arrival on the National stage, giving the established stars a run for their money, and in some instances, even overshadowing the seasoned lot. The trend is likely to continue this action-packed weekend which will see 18 races besides 10 qualifying and 11 practice sessions with over 100 riders from across India, representing 17 teams, lining up on various grids.

Even as the youngsters are creating a buzz in the paddock, title sponsors MRF Tyres, in a welcome move, have decided to allocate slick tyres to the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category that should bring down the lap times. Incidentally, the other premier class, the Pro-Stock 165cc Open has also greatly benefitted from slick tyres in the past few seasons.

The best demonstration of the new generation's takeover is evident in these two highly competitive Pro-Stock categories. Two 17-year-old riders and TVS Racing team-mates, Sarthak Chavan from Pune and Bengaluru's Chiranth Vishwanath have established themselves as the front-runners and pace-setters in both classes that contain very experienced riders who have been around for over a decade. The intense rivalry between the two is already talk of the championship.

Another 17-year-old, Abdul Basim from Chennai, looks set to dominate the Novice (Stock 165cc) category, having won both the races in Round-1 ahead of much older riders.

In the other National Championship category, the Stock 301-400cc (Novice), Chennai youngster Kaushik Subbaiah Ganesan (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) also enjoyed a good start to the season with a double in Round-1, from a big grid of 30 riders.

Down the field, a 15-year-old schoolgirl from Chennai, Rakshitha Dave, caused a sensation by winning both the Round-1 races in the Girls (Stock 165cc) category, defeating a couple of former National champions.

Rakshitha also made her debut in the Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup astride the super-quick NSF 250R bike, while sharing the grid with her twin brother, Rakshith, who won the first race and was third in the next outing last month.

Likewise, the TVS One-Make Championship organized by the promoters, Madras Motor Sports Club, has thrown up a few promising youngsters. Coimbatore's Senthilkumar (Apache Open 310RR) and Bengaluru's Harshith V Bogar (Rookie, RTR 200) began their 2024 campaigns by notching a double apiece in their respective categories while Sarah Khan from Mumbai (Girls, RTR 200) looked dominant while winning the race in her class.

Chairman of the Event and Race Director Manoj P Dalal felt that the 2024 season could be a breakthrough year for several young riders. "The Championship, over the years, has been a breeding ground for talent. We are very pleased that the 2024 season has already seen the emergence of a fresh crop of youngsters who hold out rich promise and we can look forward to an exciting year of highly competitive racing."

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