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- Pune's Sarthak Chavan clinches maiden National crown
- Chiranth Vishwanath dazzles to top Pro-Stock 165cc Open race
- Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan, Jagathishree Kumaresan in line for titles

Chennai, October 5: Pune's Sarthak Chavan (TVS Racing), enjoying the best season of his fledgling career yet, scripted history when he became the youngest ever at 17 years of age to seal the title in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open class as the fifth and final round of the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2024 – Powered by STORM headed towards a grand climax at the Madras International Circuit, here on Saturday.

Sarthak, who will turn 18 at the end of October, clinched the crown by winning Race-1 which put him beyond reach of his rivals in the points tally. Riding with great maturity, Sarthak tucked himself behind race leader and team-mate Chiranth Vishwanath, the 17-year-old from Bengaluru before making a move late in the six-lapper to notch his eighth win in nine races. Veteran Rajini Krishnan (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) was placed third. The result put Sarthak 57 points ahead of Chiranth on the leaderboard.

"It feels great to win my maiden National title. I have had a good season this year with five podium finishes at the Asian level. At the start of the season, I was focused on my riding and wanting to do well," said Sarthak.

Later, Chiranth Vishwanath, the 17-year-old from Bengaluru, won the other premier class race, Pro-Stock 165cc Open, which went down to the wire after a few heart-stopping moments, as TVS Racing swept the podium spots with KY Ahamed and Sarthak Chavan finishing second and third, respectively. The six-lap race had three different leaders until Chiranth went past Sarthak and Ahamed with a daring move at the last corner as the trio finished within a second of each other.

The victory, though, kept Chiranth anchored in fourth spot on the leaderboard while Ahamed and his mentor and multiple National champion Jagan Kumar, who finished fourth today, and Sarthak are separated by only three points ahead of Sunday's concluding race.

Meanwhile, the Girls (Stock 165cc) race threw up an unexpected result as the two championship contenders Ryhana Bee (One Racing) and Rakshitha Dave (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) made contact and crashed in the third lap. Their retirement saw Jagathishree Kumaresan (One Racing) notch an easy win ahead of team-mate SP

Shuria and Saimah Ajaz Baig (Motul Sparks Racing). With today's win, Jagathishree moved to the top of the leaderboard with a 22-point advantage over Ryhana, going into Sunday's concluding race.

Chennai's Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) picked up crucial points after finishing third in the Stock 301-400cc (Novice) race behind Raj Kumar C (RDX Torque Racing) and Savion Sabu (Mad Rabbit Racing) to keep his top spot on the points table. He leads Raj Kumar by 17 points ahead of Sunday's final race.

Abdul Basim (Rockers Racing) maintained his form and scored his eighth win in the Novice (Stock 165cc) category, having already sealed the championship in the previous round. He held off his close rival, Tasmai Cariappa (Motul Sparks Racing).

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup

Scoring his sixth win in nine starts, Malappuram's Mohsin Paramban only confirmed his title in the NSF 250R category. He had to fight hard for his today's success as he crossed the finish line in a close formation with second-placed Siddesh Sawant (Kolhapur) and Bengaluru's Savion Sabu.

TVS India One-Make Championship

Senthilkumar C (Coimbatore) chalked up his sixth win in the Open (RR 310) category to move 13 points clear of second-placed Manoj Yesuadian (Chennai) on the leaderboard to set up an exciting battle for the title on Sunday when Race-2 will be run. Senthil's elder brother Raj Kumar came in third but and is not in contention for the title.

Bengaluru's 20-year-old Harshith V Bogar provisionally clinched the championship in the Rookie (Apache RTR 200) category despite finishing second behind Akarsh Jangam from Vijayawada while CS Kedarnath (Tirupati) came in third in the six-lap race. Going into the concluding race to be run on Sunday, Harshith enjoys an insurmountable 44-point lead over Kedarnath.

Pune's Saimah Ajaz Baig took the title in the Girls (Apache RTR 200) category by finishing second behind Sarah Khan (Mumbai) and ahead of Aisvariya V (Coimbatore). The 21 points that Saimah earned put her on top of the leaderboard on conclusion of the championship in this category.

The results (Provisional – all 6 laps unless mentioned):

National Championship – Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open (Race-1): 1. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing) (11mins, 04.916secs); 2. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru, TVS Racing) (11:05.126); 3. Rajini Krishnan (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) (11:05.903).

Pro-Stock 165cc Open (Race-1): 1. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru, TVS Racing) (11:42.136); 2. KY Ahamed (Chennai, TVS Racing) (11:42.256); 3. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing) (11:42.581).

Stock 301-400cc (Novice) Race-1: 1. Raj Kumar (Coimbatore, RDX Torque Racing) (12:18.326); 2. Savion Sabu (Bengaluru, Mad Rabbit Racing) (12:18.504); 3. Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) (12:18.668).

Novice (Stock 165cc) Race-1: 1. Abdul Basim RS (Chennai, Team Rockers Racing) (12:55.636); 2. Tasmai Cariappa (Mysuru, Motul Sparks Racing) (12:58.727); 3. Lal Nunsanga (Mizoram, Motul Sparks Racing) (12:59.713).

Girls (Stock 165cc) Race-1 (5 laps): 1. Jagathishree Kumaresan (Chennai, One Racing) (11:03.823); 2. SP Shuria (Bengaluru, One Racing) (11:29.946); 3. Saimah Ajaz Baig (Pune, Motul Sparks Racing) (11:39.598).

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup (NSF 250R) Race-1: 1. Mohsin Paramban (Malappuram) (11:22.331); 2. Siddesh Sawant (Kolhapur) (11:22.425); 3. Savion Sabu (Bengaluru) (11:22.568).

TVS Racing One-Make Championship – Open (Apache RR 310) Race-1: 1. Senthilkumar C (Coimbatore) (11:44.902); 2. Manoj Yesuadiyan (Chennai) (11:47.405); 3. Raj Kumar C (Coimbatore) (11:48.223).

Rookie (Apache RTR 200) Race-1: 1. Akarsh Jangam (Vijayawada) (13:14.266); 2. CS Kedarnadh (Tirupati) (13:14.285); 3. Harshith V Bogar (Bengaluru) (13:14.662).

Girls (Apache RTR 200): 1. Sarah Khan (Mumbai) (13:24.959); 2. Saimah Ajaz Baig (Pune) (13:25.639); 3. Aisvariya V (Coimbatore) (13:27.976).

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MEDIA RELEASE

- Jagan Kumar bids adieu with Pro-Stock championship crown
- Sarthak Chavan finishes season with a flourish.
- Titles for Jagathishree, Kaushik, Abdul Basim

Chennai, October 6: Veteran Jagan Kumar (TVS Racing), the "King of 165", bid adieu to his illustrious racing career after clinching his 11th National title to provide an emotional finish to the fifth and final round of the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2024 – Powered by STORM at the Madras International Circuit, here on Sunday.

Joining him on the National Championship rostrum were Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing) in Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open; Abdul Basim (Chennai, Rockers Racing), Jagathishree Kumaresan (Chennai, One Racing), an archaeologist in the making, in the Girls, Stock 165cc, and Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) in the Stock 301-400cc (Novice) category.

Jagan, the 36-year-old from Chennai, rolled back the years with a stunning last-corner overtake while winning the concluding Pro-Stock 165cc Open race that also saw his old mates, KY Ahamed and Deepak Ravikumar following him home, leaving the two next generation riders and team-mates, Sarthak Chavan and Chiranth Vishwanath to scrap for minor positions. The win, his third of the season, put him five points clear of Ahamed in the final championship standings.

"I am finished with my racing career. I have two young daughters, and they need all my attention now. I started this season with a dream of ending my career with a championship win and I am happy I was able to accomplish that. Now, it is time for the new generation, Sarthak and Chiranth, to step up," said Jagan who won the first of his 11 National titles in 2009.

Meanwhile, Sarthak lent credence to Jagan's words by becoming only the second rider after Rajini Krishnan (2007) to win two titles in the same season – the Pro-Stock 301-400cc and the TVS RTE Electric. "It's been a great year for me, and I look forward to more success in the coming seasons," said the 17-year-old from Pune who scored an astonishing nine wins from 10 starts in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc category.

Among the performances of the day was that of Chennai's Deepak Ravikumar (TVS Racing) who started last and finished third in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc race, behind team-mates Sarthak Chavan, who thus notched his ninth win in 10 starts, and Chiranth

Vishwanath. Ravikumar, who missed Saturday's race owing to the demise of his grandmother, roared through the high-quality grid today for a well-deserved podium finish.

Jagathishree (One Racing), the 20-year-old from Chennai who has chosen archaeology as a profession, and who scored a fortuitous win yesterday after two title contenders, Ryhana Bee and Rakshitha Dave, crashed. She too suffered a similar fate in Race-2 today but picked herself up to complete the race in sixth place and picked up 10 points that fetched her the championship.

In front of her, Chennai school girl Rakshitha Dave (Castrol Power1 Ultimate) won the race untroubled with Bengaluru's Shuria SP (One Racing) and Aisvariya V (One Racing) from Coimbatore finishing second and third, respectively. Ryhana Bee, nursing a wrist injury from yesterday's crash, did not start the race. Jagathishree copped a Rs 2,000/fine for crossing the chequered flag twice, but retained her sixth spot that helped her win the title.

Mysuru's Tasmai Cariappa (Motul Sparks Racing) won his second race of the season in the Novice (Stock 165cc) category after a tough fight. The result put him in second spot on the leaderboard behind Abdul Basim (Rockers Racing) who suffered a crash and finished 17th.

Later, Chennai's 24-year-old Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan, who has roots in Kodagu, Karnataka, was content to finish third in the Stock 301-400cc (Novice) race which was sufficient for him to clinch the championship in this category. Bengaluru's 17-year-old Savion Sabu (Mad Rabbit Racing) won a close race from experienced Raj Kumar (RDX Torque Racing).

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup

Bengaluru teenager Savion Sabu finished the season in the NSF 250R category with his maiden win and occupied second in the championship behind Malappuram's Mohsin Paramban. The eight-lap race saw Savion, studying online in 11th standard, take an early lead which he nursed to the finish while Mohsin came in second ahead of Hyderabad's Rajender Beedani.

TVS India One-Make Championship

Senthilkumar C from Coimbatore snatched the title in the Open (Apache RR 310) category with a second-place finish in the concluding race which Chennai's Manoj Yesuadian won. Another Chennai rider, Jayanth P took the third spot.

Bengaluru's Harshith V Bogar took the title in the Rookie category though he finished second behind Akarsh Jangam. CS Kedarnath completed the podium.

Sarthak Chavan wrote another piece of history by becoming the first-ever Electric motorcycle racing champion as he finished unbeaten across five races in the TVS RTE Electric category.

The results (Provisional – all 6 laps unless mentioned):

National Championship – Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open (Race-2): 1. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing) (11mins, 06.720secs); 2. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru, TVS Racing) (11:08.130); 3. Deepak Ravikumar (Chennai, TVS Racing) (11:08.848). Rider Champion: Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing). Champion Team: TVS Racing

Pro-Stock 165cc Open (Race-2): 1. Jagan Kumar (Chennai, TVS Racing) (11:40.405); 2. Deepak Ravikumar (Chennai, TVS Racing) (11:40.508); 3. KY Ahamad (Chennai, TVS Racing) (11:40.667). **Rider Champion:** Jagan Kumar (Chennai, TVS Racing). **Champion Team:** TVS Racing.

Stock 301-400cc (Novice) Race-2: 1. Savion Sabu (Bengaluru, Mad Rabbit Racing) (12:13.970); 2. Raj Kumar C (Coimbatore, RDX Torque Racing) (12:14.003); 3. Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) (12:15.905). **Rider Champion:** Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate). **Champion Team:** RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate.

Novice (Stock 165cc) Race-2: 1. Tasmai Cariappa (Mysuru, Motul Sparks Racing) (12:59.465); 2. Kamal Navas (Chennai, Rockers Racing) (13:00.752); 3. CS Kedarnath (Tirupati, Alpha Racing) (13:03.426). **Rider Champion:** Abdul Basim (Chennai, Rockers Racing). **Champion Team:** Rockers Racing.

Girls (Stock 165cc) Race-2 (5 laps): 1. Rakshitha Dave (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) (11:05.170); 2. Shuria SP (Bengaluru, One Racing) (11:17.947); 3. Aisvariya V (Coimbatore, Motul Sparks Racing) (11:20.239). **Rider Champion:** Jagathishree Kumaresan (Chennai, One Racing). **Champion team:** One Racing

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup (NSF 250R) Race-2 (8 laps): 1. Savion Sabu (Bengaluru) (15:03.809); 2. Mohsin Paramban (Malappuram) (15:10.876); 3. Beedani Rajender (Hyderabad) (15:17.258). Rider Champion: Mohsin Paramban (Malappuram).

TVS Racing One-Make Championship – Open (Apache RR 310) Race-2: 1. Manoj Yesuadiyan (Chennai) (11:42.927); 2. Senthilkumar C (Coimbatore) (11:47.034); 3. Jayanth P (Chennai) (11:51.216). **Rider Champion:** Senthilkumar C (Coimbatore).

Rookie (Apache RTR 200) Race-2: 1. Akarsh Jangam (Vijayawada) (13:17.500); 2. Harshith V Bogar (Bengaluru) (13:17.929); 3. CS Kedarnadh (Tirupati) (13:18.113). Rider Champion: Harshith V Bogar (Bengaluru).

TVS RTE Electric (3 laps): 1. Sarthak Chavan (Pune) (05:22.071); 2. Alwin Sundar A (Chennai) (05:27.526); 3. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru) (05:34.935). **Rider Champion:** Sarthak Chavan (Pune).

Media (Apache RTR 200, 5 laps): 1. Praveen Kumar (Chennai) (11:22.005); 2. Charan Karthik G (Pune) (11:28.044); 3. Pratheek Kunder (Mumbai) (11:34.651). Rider Champion: Praveen Kumar (Chennai)

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MEDIA RELEASE

- 2W Racing Championship set for grand climax at MIC
- Hot competition for National titles on the cards

Chennai, October 3: A season of drama, up and downs, twists and turns, concludes this weekend when the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2024 – Powered by STORM climaxes with the fifth and final round at the Madras International Circuit as over 100 entrants, representing 19 teams, will vie for top honours across 19 races.

The three-day event, commencing on Friday, October 4, will witness the formal coronation of National Champions in the five categories - Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open, Pro-Stock 165cc Open, Novice (Stock 165cc), Girls (Stock 165cc) and Stock 301-400cc Novice. A maximum of 52 points are on offer.

It will be no different in the Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup and the TVS India One-Make Championship which have attracted a clutch of hand-picked talented riders who have greatly benefitted from focused training and nurturing by the country's two top two-wheeler manufacturers.

The 2024 season that had a traditional start in June will be long remembered for the emergence of a new generation of talented and fearless riders who have taken the baton from their peers, thus ushering a new era in motorcycle racing in the country.

Undoubtedly, much of the attention has been on Pune's Sarthak Chavan, who turns 18 at the end of this month, and 17-year-old Chiranth Vishwanath from Bengaluru. The pair was recruited by TVS Racing team last season and since then, their performance graph has been northwards. Unfazed by grids containing multiple National champions and seasoned campaigners, Sarthak and Chiranth have scripted their own success stories marked by fierce and at times unbridled competition between themselves to excel in the two premier Pro-Stock categories.

Sarthak, having won seven of the eight races so far, needs only a handful of points in the final round to take the title in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open class. Further, Sarthak and Chiranth, are very much in the title hunt in the Pro-Stock 165cc Open where 10 times National champion and team-mate Jagan Kumar, probably in his swansong season, heads the leaderboard, with two wins and five podium finishes.

Another 17-year-old, Abdul Basim from Chennai in the Rockers Racing team livery, enjoys an insurmountable lead in the Novice (Stock 165cc) class, courtesy seven wins in eight starts.

In contrast, Basim's team-mate Ryhana Bee, with three wins over two previous rounds, after switching teams, has given herself a chance to regain the title, though she has much work to do. Ryhana and her main rivals, Chennai school girl Rakshitha Dave (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) and Jagathishree Kumaresan (One Racing) are separated by just four points going into the final round.

The title race in the Novice (Stock 301-400cc) class appears to be a straight fight between leader Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) and Raj Kumar (RDX Torque Racing).

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup

Mohsin Paramban, the 22-year-old from Malappuram, has effectively sealed the championship in the NSF 250R class with five wins as he leads Bengaluru's Prakash Kamath by 56 points.

TVS India One-Make Championship

Coimbatore's Senthilkumar is involved in a three-cornered title fight in the Open (Apache RR310) class with two Chennai riders, Manoj Yesuadiyan and Jayanth P while Bengaluru's 22-year-old Harshith V Bogar has one hand on the trophy in the Rookie category (Apache RTR 200). In the Girls segment (Apache RTR 200), Pune's Saimah Ajaz Baig and SP Shuria from Trichy are locked in a close battle for the title.

Sarthak Chavan is also in line for the title in the TVS Electric RTE Open, following an unbeaten run and needs only a couple of points from the lone race in the final round for the crown.

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MEDIA RELEASE

- Chiranth, Sarthak qualify for pole position in Pro-Stock Open categories
- P1 for Abdul Basim and Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan

Chennai, October 4: Bengaluru's 17-year-old Chiranth Vishwanath came up with a late flier to grab pole position in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category to set the pace for the fifth and final round of the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2024 – Powered by STORM at the Madras International Circuit, here on Friday.

In the process, Chiranth edged out his TVS Racing team-mate and Championship leader, Sarthak Chavan from Pune who took P2 ahead of Hyderabad's Rahil Pillarisetty (KTM Gusto Racing India) for Saturday's Race-1. The 17-year-old Sarthak leads Chiranth by 51 points going into the final round.

Sarthak, however, bounced back to snatch the pole position in the other premier class, the Pro-Stock 165cc Open, nosing out Chiranth by a tenth of a second in the qualifying session late in the evening. KY Ahamed made it a front row sweep for TVS Racing. In P4 was championship leader Jagan Kumar, also from TVS Racing. Incidentally, Jagan, Ahamed and Sarthak are separated by just four points and the weekend's double-header promises to be a humdinger.

Also qualifying for pole positions in the National Championship were Abdul Basim (Rockers Racing) who is assured of the title in the Novice (Stock 165cc) class and Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) in the Stock 301-400cc (Novice) category which he leads by 23 points.

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup

Mohsin Paramban from Mamallapuram, seeking to finish the season with a win after having virtually sealed the championship in the NSF 250R class, topped the qualifying session, pushing Bengaluru's Savion Sabu to P2 while Siddesh Sawant (Kolhapur) will start Saturday's Race-1 from third spot.

TVS India One-Make Championship

Coimbatore's Senthilkumar C, enjoying a seven-point advantage in the championship standings, took pole position in the Open (Apache RR 310) category ahead of his

nearest rival Manoj Yesuadian from Chennai while Rajkumar C (Coimbatore) completed the front row.

Saimah Ajaz Baig (Pune), who heads the leaderboard in the Girls (Apache RTR 200) category by 11 points, came up with a late burst to qualify for the pole position, followed by Coimbatore's Aisvariya V and SP Shuriya (Trichy), for Saturday's race which will decide the champion in this class.

The results (Qualifying – 3 best laps):

National Championship – Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open: 1. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru, TVS Racing) (01min, 48.546secs); 2. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing) (01:48.991); 3. Sairahil Pillarisetty (Hyderabad, KTM Gusto Racing India) (01:49.312).

Pro-Stock 165cc Open: 1. Sarthak Chavan (01:53.938); 2. Chiranth Vishwanath (01:54.099); 3. KY Ahamed (Chennai, TVS Racing) (01:55.051).

Stock 301-400cc (Novice): 1. Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) (02:00.172); 2. Rajkumar (Coimbatore, RDX Torque Racing) (02:00.486); 3. Varun Patil (Bengaluru, Pvt) (02:01.899).

Novice (Stock 165cc): 1. Abdul Basim (Chennai, Rockers Racing) (02:07.103); 2. Tasmai Cariappa (Mysuru, Motul Sparks Racing) (02:07.353); 3. Kamal Navas (Chennai, Rockers Racing) (02:09.094).

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup (NSF 250R): 1. Mohsin Paramban (Mamallapuram) (01:52.341); 2. Savion Sabu (Bengaluru) (01:52.591); 3. Siddesh Sawant (Kolhapur) (01:53.007).

TVS Racing One-Make Championship – Open (Apache RR 310): 1. Senthilkumar C (Coimbatore) (01:56.048); 2. Manoj Yesuadiyan (Chennai) (01:56.091); 3. Raj Kumar C (Coimbatore) (01:56.958).

Girls (RTR 200): 1. Saimah Ajaz Baig (Pune) (02:13.228); 2. Aisvariya V (Coimbatore) (02:14.019); 3. SP Shuriya (Trichy) (02:15.014).

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