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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

- ***4W Racing Championship set for thrilling finish***
- ***15 races scheduled; 70 entries in fray***

Chennai, August 16: It promises to be hectic scramble for points in the fourth and final round of the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Car Racing Championship – Powered by STORM-X, scheduled to be held at the Madras International Circuit here this weekend (August 17-18) when 15 races will be run across all categories.

Of the 70 entrants, two teenagers, Jaden Pariat from Shillong and Bengaluru's Abhay Mohan, competing in the two premier single-seater categories, the MRF Formula 2000 and MRF Formula 1600, respectively, will have the spotlight trained on them.

Jaden Pariat, the 17-year-old with international exposure via the Formula 4 races, enjoys a 24-point advantage over Bengaluru's Chetan Surineni. Given his performance thus far, seven wins from nine starts, Jaden has one hand on the championship trophy even granting that a maximum of 75 points are on offer across three races scheduled.

In contrast, Bengaluru's 16-year-old Abhay Mohan has an unassailable lead in the MRF Formula 1600, having won all the nine races. The trio of Zahan Commissariat (Mumbai), Monith Kumaran (Chennai) and Raaj Bakhru (Mumbai) is bunched up behind the leader, just 16 points separating them.

The championship is wide open in the ever-popular touring car segment with its three sub-classes. Mumbai's Biren Pithawalla (N1 Racing), with nine wins, leads in the top-end Indian Touring Cars (ITC) from Chennai ace Deepak Ravikumar (Performance Racing).

It is a neck-and-neck situation in the Indian Junior Touring Cars (IJTC) with two Chennai drivers and Performance Racing team-mates, Srinivas Teja and Hatim Shabbir Jamnagarwalla separated by just three points. It is even closer in the Super Stock class where Coimbatore's Bala Prasath (DTS Racing) leads Justin Singh (Redline Racing India) from Gurugram by mere two points.

The battle for the title is likely to go down to the wire in the MRF Saloons (Toyota Etios) category as the top three, Diana Pundole (Pune), Sri Lankan Kesara Godage and Chennai's Anirudha Aravind, are apart by 11 points.

The highly competitive Polo Cup has the busiest schedule with six races to complete the championship in this category with 150 points at stake. Navi Mumbai's Aditya Patnaik and Dhruv Chavan from Lonavla currently head the leaderboard, but behind the pair are several drivers fully capable of springing surprises.

DTS Racing's Viswas Vijayaraj (Nellore) with seven wins, appears best placed to clinch the title in the Formula LGB 1300 as he leads team-mate Bala Prasath (Coimbatore) by a commanding 63 points.

Race Director Manoj Dalal said: "You can expect plenty of wheel-to-wheel racing up and down the grid considering that the championship titles in all categories are up for grabs. This season has seen the emergence of some talented young drivers who have continuously raised the bar in terms of pace and overall performance. This being the final round, it is only fitting to thank our title sponsors, MRF Tyres, besides our fuel partners Indian Oil who came on board earlier this summer, the competitors, the Media, officials and marshals, all of whom have contributed to the success of the championship."

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

- ***Jaden Pariat, Abhay Mohan dazzle in MRF Formula races***
- ***Biren Pithawalla, Viswas Vijayaraj notch wins***

Chennai, August 17: Teenagers Jaden Rahman Pariat from Shillong and Bengaluru's Abhay Mohan came up with fine performances to claim top honours in the MRF single-seater categories on the first day of the fourth and final round of the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Car Racing Championship 2024 – Powered by STORM-X at the Madras International Circuit, here on Saturday.

Seventeen-year-old Jaden set a scorching pace to score his eighth win in 10 outings from pole position in the MRF Formula 2000 race while Abhay, 16, was equally impressive in maintaining his unbeaten run in the MRF Formula 1600 category. Neither Jaden nor Abhay was seriously challenged in their respective races that were run concurrently.

Elsewhere, Mumbai's Biren Pithawalla (N1 Racing) also notched his eighth consecutive victory in the premier Indian Touring Cars class, holding off Chennai ace Deepak Ravikumar (Performance Racing) who drove a fine race to finish second with a last lap overtaking of Ananth Pithawalla (N1 Racing).

Srinivas Teja (Performance Racing) and Balaprasath (DTS Racing) topped the Indian Junior Touring Cars and Super Stock categories in a race that saw its share of extremely close fights where a few cars exchanged paints.

Viswas Vijayaraj from Nellore led a podium sweep for DTS Racing, while also scoring his eighth win to take a firm grip on the title in the Formula LGB 1300 category. His team-mates Balaprasath (Coimbatore) and Diljith TS (Thrissur) came in second and third, respectively.

There was plenty of action in the Polo Cup which saw three of the six races scheduled being completed. All three races produced different winner, underlining the competitiveness of the grid. Aditya Patnaik (Mumbai), Dhruv Chavan (Lonavla) and Romir Arya (Mumbai), the youngest competitor in this category, won a race apiece.

Meanwhile, Daiana Pundole, the mother of two from Pune, was in total command while winning the MRF Saloons race ahead of Chennai's Anirudha Aravind and Arunshi Vikram from Chikkamagaluru.

**The results (Provisional – all 8 laps unless mentioned):**

**MRF F2000 (Race-1):** 1. Jaden Rahman Pariat (Shillong) (12mins, 49.153secs); 2. Chetan Surineni (Bengaluru) (12:54.889); 3. Tarun Muthaiah (Bengaluru) (13:13.928).

**MRF F1600 (Race-1):** 1. Abhay Mohan (Bengaluru) (14:00.541); 2. Zahan Commissariat (Mumba) (14:03.100); 3. Raaj Bakhru (Mumbai) (14:03.978).

**Indian Touring Cars (Race-1):** 1. Biren Pithawalla (Mumbai, Team N1) (15:22.533); 2. Deepak Ravikumar (Chennai, Team Performance Racing) (15:24.900); 3. Anant Pithawalla (Mumbai, Team N1) (15:25.874).

**Indian Junior Touring Cars (Race-1):** 1. Srinivas Teja (Chennai, Team Performance Racing) (15:38.598); 2. Nikung Vagh (Surat, Team N1) (15:55.340); 3. Dean Mascarenhas (Mangaluru, DB Motorsports) (16:13.472).

**Super Stock (Race-1):** 1. Balaprasath (Coimbatore, DTS Racing) (16:45.693); 2. Justin Singh (Gurugram Redline Racing India) (16:46.283); 3. Manan Patel (Mumbai, Redline Racing India) (17:00.886).

**Formula LGB 1300 (Race-1, 5 laps):** 1. Viswas Vijayaraj (Nellore, DTS Racing) (09:25.493); 2. Balaprasath (Coimbatore, DTS Racing) (09:26.828); 3. Diljith T. S. (Thrissur, DTS Racing) (09:27.460).

**MRF Saloons (Toyota Etios) (Race-1):** 1. Diana Pundole (Pune) (16:46.605); 2. Anirudha Aravind (Chennai) (16:50.194); 3. Tarushi Vikram (Chikkamagaluru) (16:53.548). All Redline Racing.

**Polo Cup (Race-1):** 1. Aditya Patnaik (Mumbai) (15:35.929); 2. Ojas Surve (Mumbai) (15:39.574); 3. Dhruv Chavan (Lonavla) (15:40.330). **Race-2:** 1. Dhruv Chavan (15:35.029); 2. Ojas Surve (15:35.876); 3. Aditya Patnaik (15:36.524). **Race-3 (10 laps):** 1. Romir Arya (Mumbai) (19:22.798); 2. Ojas Surve (19:25.236); 3. Dhruv Chavan (19:28.045).

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

- ***Jaden Pariat, Abhay Mohan clinch MRF Formula titles***
- ***Biren Pithawalla, Viswas Vijayaraj, Diana Pundole emerge champions***

Chennai, August 18: As expected, teenagers Jaden Rahman Pariat (Shillong) and Bengaluru's Abhay Mohan emerged champions in the premier MRF single-seater categories while Diana Pundole from Pune broke the glass ceiling by becoming the first female driver to win a championship title as the curtains came down on an action-packed fourth and final round of the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Car Racing Championship 2024 – Powered by STORM-X at the Madras International Circuit, here on Sunday.

Others to win the championship in their respective categories were: Biren Pithawalla (Mumbai, N1 Racing) in Indian Touring Cars, Srinivas Teja (Chennai, Performance Racing) in Indian Junior Touring Cars, Viswas Vijayaraj (Nellore, DTS Racing) in Formula LGB 1300 and Diana Pundole, the mother of two from Pune, who also became the first female to annex the title in the MRF Saloons category. Incidentally, she celebrated her 28<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday last. "But I didn't touch my phone because I wanted to focus on this weekend's races. I can't describe the feelings now, but very happy, of course," she said.

Businessman from Lonavla Dhruv Chavan survived massive battles through six races over the weekend to win the championship in the Polo Cup.

Today, Jaden could not add to his eight wins, as he finished second behind Bengaluru's Chetan Surineni in both MRF Formula 2000 races today. However, the 17-year-old Jaden accrued sufficient points to annex his maiden championship with Surineni in second spot on the leaderboard. "I have proved to myself that I have it in me to win a championship. After my win yesterday, I just wanted to bring the car home without trying anything risky, but it's great to win my first-ever championship. It is also good for Chetan (Surineni) to win both races today," said Jaden.

Similarly, 16-year-old Abhay Mohan marked his debut season by clinching his maiden championship in the MRF Formula 1600 category though he was denied an all-win record by Mumbai's Zahan Commissariat. With 11 wins from 12 starts, Abhay emerged champion by a massive margin. "It is still to sink in. I mean, winning a championship in my debut season is great, but I can't find words to express my happiness. It was a good

run overall and I thank my JA Motorsports, my family and friends for their support,” said Abhay.

Nellore’s 26-year-old Viswas Vijayaraj claimed the title in the Formula LGB 1300 category despite retiring early in the last two races, one of which was won by Mira Erda who, starting from pole, held off stiff competition to score her first-ever win in single-seater since her debut in 2014. “I have waited for 10 years for this moment. I have been racing in single-seater class since 2014, but apart from a few podiums, never won a race. So, I am absolutely delighted by today’s win which I am told is the first by a female driver in FLGB 1300,” said an ecstatic 23-year-old Mira who is also making a career as a driver-coach.

The day’s post-lunch session was extended due to a couple of crashes and spins leading to Red Flag stoppages with title contenders involved in wheel-to-wheel battles.

#### **Provisional results:**

**MRF F2000 (Race-2, 10 laps):** 1. Chetan Surineni (Bengaluru) (15min, 59.892sec); 2. Jaden Rahman Pariat (Shillong) (16:03.671); 3. Akhil Agarwal (Mumbai) (16:26.390).

**Race-3 (8 laps):** 1. Chetan Surineni (16:17.445); 2. Jaden Rahman Pariat (16:18.863); 3. Tarun Muthaiah (Bengaluru) (16:31.961). **Champion driver:** Jaden Rahman Pariat (Shillong).

**MRF F1600 (Race-2, 10 laps):** 1. Zahan Commissariat (Mumbai) (17:31.861); 2. Abha Mohan (Bengaluru) (17:32.137); 3. Saishiva Sankaran (Pune) (17:35.536). **Race-3 (8 laps):** 1. Abhay Mohan (16:45.609); 2. Saishiva Sankaran (16:49.407); 3. Raaj Bakhru (Mumbai) (16:57.507). **Champion driver:** Abhay Mohan (Bengaluru).

**Indian Touring Cars (Race-2, 10 laps):** 1. Biren Pithawalla (Mumbai, Team N1) (19:15.391); 2. Anant Pithawalla (Mumbai, Team N1) (19:35.441); 3. Jeevanantham Subramaniam (Coimbatore, Pvt.) (20:04.964). **Race-3 (6 laps):** 1. Biren Pithawalla (11:34.635); 2. Deepak Ravikumar (Chennai, Team Performance Racing) (11:34.970); 3. Anant Pithawalla (11:38.379). **Champion driver:** Biren Pithawalla (Mumbai, Team N1).

**Indian Junior Touring Cars (Race-2, 10 laps):** 1. Srinivas Teja (Chennai, Performance Racing) (19:42.384); 2. Hatim Shabbir (Chennai, Team Performance Racing) (19:43.443); 3. Yug Italiya (Mumbai, Team N1) (20:05.723). **Race-3 (6 laps):** 1. Srinivas Teja (11:50.328); 2. Hatim Shabbir (11:50.786); 3. Nikung Vagh (Surat, Team N1) (12:00.937). **Champion driver:** Srinivas Teja (Chennai, Performance Racing).

**Super Stock (Race-2, 10 laps):** 1. Justin Singh (Gurugram, Redline Racing) (21:07.530); 2. Anirudha Aravind (Chennai, Redline Racing India) (21:09.109); Angad Matharoo (Chandigarh, Buzzing Hornet Motorsports) (21:11.496). **Race-3 (6 laps):** 1. Justin Singh (12:35.884); 2. Anirudha Aravind (12:40.607); 3. Manan Patel (Mumbai, Redline Racing India) (12:40.825). **Champion Driver:** Withheld pending investigation.

**Formula LGB 1300 (Race-2, 10 laps):** 1. Mira Erda (Vadodara, DTS Racing) (19:53.382); 2. Diljith TS (Thrissur, DTS Racing) (19:54.804); 3. Dhruv Goswami (Bengaluru, MSport) (19:57.549). **Race-3 (8 laps):** 1. Diljith TS (15:08.241); 2. Balaprasath (Thrissur, DTS Racing) (15:11.699); 3. Neev Datta (New Delhi, MSport) (15:17.425). **Champion driver:** Viswas Vijayaraj (Nellore, DTS Racing).

**MRF Saloons (Toyota Etios) Race-2 (10 laps):** 1. Anirudha Aravind (Chennai) (21:03.555); 2. Diana Pundole (Pune) (21:03.824); 3. Muskaan Jubbal (Delhi) (21:04.229). **Race-3 (8 laps):** 1. Diana Pundole (16:42.428); 2. Anirudha Aravind (16:46.799); 3. Muskaan Jubbal (16:49.432). All Redline Racing. **Champion driver:** Diana Pundole (Pune, Redline Racing).

**Polo Cup (Race-4, 8 laps):** 1. Romir Arya (Mumbai) (15:33.374); 2. Dhruv Chavan (Lonavala) (15:42.731); 3. Munjal Savia (Mumbai) (15:43.284). **Race-5 (10 laps):** 1. Aditya Patnaik (Mumbai) (19:30.762); 2. Munjal Savla (Mumbai) (19:40.753); 3. Romir Arya (Mumbai) (19:41.461). **Polo Cup (Race-6, 8 laps):** 1. Ojas Surve (Mumbai) (15:34.195); 2. Dhruv Chavan (15:39.358); 3. Aditya Patnaik (15:40.331). **Champion driver:** Dhruv Chavan (Lonavla).

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