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**Indian National Car Racing**  
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# ROARING RETURN

## Veteran Arjun is back with fine win

DC CORRESPONDENT  
COIMBATORE, JULY 19

Pune teenagers, Arjun Chheda and Sai Shiva Sankaran, notched brilliant victories in the MRF Formula 2000 and F1600 categories, respectively, on Saturday as the first round of the MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship 2025 commenced at the windswept and slippery Kari Motor Speedway, amidst intermittent drizzle.

In between, Coimbatore veteran and former champion Arjun Balu (Race Concepts), returning to the championship after a year's break, powered his way to a fine win in the Indian Touring Cars category, while behind him team-mate Ritwik Thomas (Indian Junior Touring Cars) and Sri Lankan Kesara Godage (Super Stock) topped their respective categories in a 12-lap race that saw a combined grid of all three classes.

Meanwhile, 18-year-old Joel Joseph from Ernakulam led a 1-2-3 finish for DTS Racing in the Formula LGB 1300 race (Open) ahead of Lokithlingesh Ravi (Pollachi) and Bengaluru's Prathik Ashok. The trio was classified in same positions in the Junior class also. Aman Nagdev (Buzzing Hornet) from Noida emerged victorious in the Volkswagen Polo Cup race that brought the curtains down on the day's proceedings.

Arjun Chheda, the 16-year-old from Pune, made the best of a poor start by pole-sitter Ishaan Madesh (Bengaluru) who stalled his car to drop to sixth but the multiple National Karting champion made ground to eventually finish second on debut. Chheda, with a sizable lead, won untroubled while another Bengalurean, Shivesh Selvarathnam was third.

"The story would have been different had he (Ishaan Madesh) not stalled. I enjoyed a good lead and made the best of the situation. I had a good pace," said Chheda.



Action during the Formula LGB 1300 race in the MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship.

In the MRF F1600 race, Sai Shiva Sankaran drove a fine race where he slipped to second after a bad start from pole position but fought his way back into the lead to notch his maiden win in this class while two Bengalureans, Arjun S Nair and Nigel Abraham Thomas came in second and third, respectively. "Not sure why I made a bad start. I lost position but managed to take the lead and then I had the pace to stay in front," said Sai Shiva Sankaran.

Likewise, Arjun Balu had problems enough with his Honda IVTEC car as he trailed pole-sitter and last year's champion from Mumbai Biren Pithawalla (N1 Racing) for two laps before the latter retired with a blown engine.

Balu brought into play his vast experience to stay out of trouble in a light drizzle that rendered the track slippery for a win.

"I had to make do without the second gear right from the start. It was a tough race under the circumstances. The drizzle came in handy for me and yes, my rally experience helped me to counter the slippery track," said Balu, a multiple National racing and rally champion, as he exhibited his versatility.

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# HIGH-OCTANE

## New racing season promises thrilling action

DC CORRESPONDENT  
COIMBATORE, JULY 18

Amidst high expectations and excitement, the first round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship 2025 is set to commence at the refurbished Kari Motor Speedway here on Saturday, while boasting of 75 entries across various categories.

The compact 2.3 Kms long circuit with 16 turns, will witness both single-seaters – the MRF F2000 and F1600, Formula LGB 1300 – and saloon cars that include the popular the Indian Touring Cars (ITC), the newly introduced ITC1625, Super Stock and the Indian Junior Touring Cars (IJTC) besides the Volkswagen Polo Cup.

Spells of rain that are forecast for the weekend could add spice to the proceedings that include 15 races besides official practice and qualifying sessions over two days. The two MRF Formula categories contain several familiar names. Veteran Chetan Korada from Chennai will make another attempt in the MRF F2000 with a few young guns, notably 16-year-old Ishaan Madesh (Bengaluru) who has been making a mark in the karting circuit.

The MRF F1600 grid has the promising Pune teenager, Saishiva Sankaran who made his debut last season with three podiums in six outings after joining the championship for the final two rounds. Also in the fray is Mumbai's Zahan Commissariat, the first runner-up in the championship last year, and the lone female driver, Priyanka Vijay from Bengaluru who cut her racing teeth in the Formula LGB 1300 category and is moving up to the next level.

The Formula LGB 1300 category which has never failed to dish out exciting and entertaining races,



Saloon car classes expected to witness thrilling action at the national championship.

has attracted 38 entries across Open and Junior classes with a mix of experienced drivers and rookies.

One of the major highlights of the weekend will no doubt be the touring cars, headlined by local star and a multiple National champion in the ITC class, veteran Arjun Balu, who returns to the championship after a year's break, driving the super-quick Race Concepts-prepared Honda

City IVTEC. He will have to contend with last year's champion Biren Pithawalla (Team N1) from Mumbai who will be in a VW Polo.

The ITC1625 class will witness the championship's oldest driver, Vidya Prakash Damodaran from Coimbatore who turns 80 in August, in action along with another local ace, Suprej Venkat.

The other two touring car categories, Super

Stock and IJTC, which have been among the most competitive grids, also comprise well-known names besides a lone woman driver, 27-year-old Deepa John from Thiruvananthapuram.

MMSC President Ajit Thomas, welcoming the participants, said: "We have a lot to look forward to this season, considering that there is a marked increase in the number of youngsters taking part, many of them still in

their teens, and it augurs well for the championship while also reflecting its popularity. A special mention must be made of our long-time sponsors, MRF Tyres, who have been associated with us for several decades, and we thank their continued support. While the competitors are integral part of the championship, so is the Media who have unfailingly accorded substantial coverage to our events."



# ARJUNS' DAY OUT

## Arjun Chheda, Arjun Nair, Arjun Balu hog limelight

DC CORRESPONDENT  
COIMBATORE, JULY 20

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Arjun Balu en route to his victory in the Indian Touring Car category of the MMSC FMSCI National Championship.

Krishanu Dutta Bhuyan (Zion Racing) topping the other.

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### RESULTS

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**MRF F2000 Race-2 winner Ishaan Madesh (centre) is flanked by Arjun Chheda (left) and Akhil Agarwal who finished second and third respectively.**

## Ishaan, Arjun win

BENGALURU, DHNS

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# Arjun, Ishaan share honours in MRF F2000 racing

*In MRF Formula 1600, Bengalureans Arjun Nair and Nigel Abraham Thomas shine*



MRF F2000 Race-2 winner Ishaan Madesh (centre), second-placed Arjun Chheda (left) and third-placed Akhil Agarwal pose with trophies on Sunday FMSCI

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# Ishaan and Arjun steal the limelight in the MRF Formula 2000 category

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MRF F2000 Race-2 Winner Ishan Madesh (centre), flanked by second-placed Arjun Chheda (left) and Akhil Agarwal. | Photo Credit: Special Arrangement

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Bhuvan Bonu and Aman Nagdev were some of the other star racers who picked up wins at the opening round.

### **MRF F2000**

Sixteen-year-old Arjun Chheda made the best of a poor start by polesitter Ishaan Madesh to win the opening race with a sizeable lead. Madesh stalled his car at the start but recovered to finish second.

Both drivers led the way on Sunday as well, with Madesh winning Race 2 and Chheda winning Race 3. Having won two out of three races, Chheda moves to the top of the standings.



### **MRF F2000 Race 1 results**

1. Arjun Chheda - 13mins 28.502sec
2. Ishaan Madesh – 13mins 37.603sec
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The MRF Formula 1600 class saw plenty of wheel-to-wheel racing and three different race winners. Sai Shiva Sankaran recovered from a poor start to win Race 1, his first-ever victory in this class. Two Bengalureans, Nigel Abraham Thomas and Arjun Nair, won a race each on Sunday.

Both Sankaran and Thomas also finished on the podium in all three races.



### **MRF F1600 Race 1 results**

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Misfortune struck Balu when his City started misfiring while he was leading Race 3, forcing him to slow down. Despite nursing a turbo issue on his [Volkswagen](#) Polo, Biren Pithawalla made the most of the situation and zipped past Balu to win Race 3.

### Indian Touring Cars Race 1 results

1. Arjun Balu (Race Concepts) – 15mins 24.662sec
2. Dhruv Chavan (Privateer) – 16mins 04.961sec
3. Rajkumar GD (Privateer) – 16mins 09.765sec

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This year's championship sees the addition of a new ITC category for cars up to 1,625cc. Only two racers competed in this new category - the championship's oldest driver, Vidyaprakash Damodaran (who turns 80 this August), and local ace Suprej Venkat.



*79-year-old Vidyaprakash Damodaran (right) won Race 3.*

Remarkably, after retiring from Race 1, Damodaran bounced back the next day and defeated Venkat in Race 3. “The highlight was the race I didn’t win,” Venkat shared on his social media. “[I] came second to none other than D. Vidyaprakash uncle – my tuner, mentor and racing guru. He’s 80, still races like a beast, and gave me one of the cleanest, hardest fights I’ve had



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#### **Indian Junior Touring Cars**

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#### **Indian Junior Touring Cars Race 1 results**

1. Rithvik Thomas (Race Concepts) – 16mins 29.216sec
2. Nikunj Vagh (Team N1) – 16mins 32.728sec
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### **Formula LGB 1300**

DTS Racing scored a 1-2-3 finish in Race 1, with Joel Joseph taking victory ahead of his teammates Lokithlingeash Ravi and Pathik Ashok. The three of them classified in the same positions in the Junior class as well.



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Spells of rain that are forecast for the weekend could add spice to the proceedings that include 15 races besides official practice and qualifying sessions over two days.

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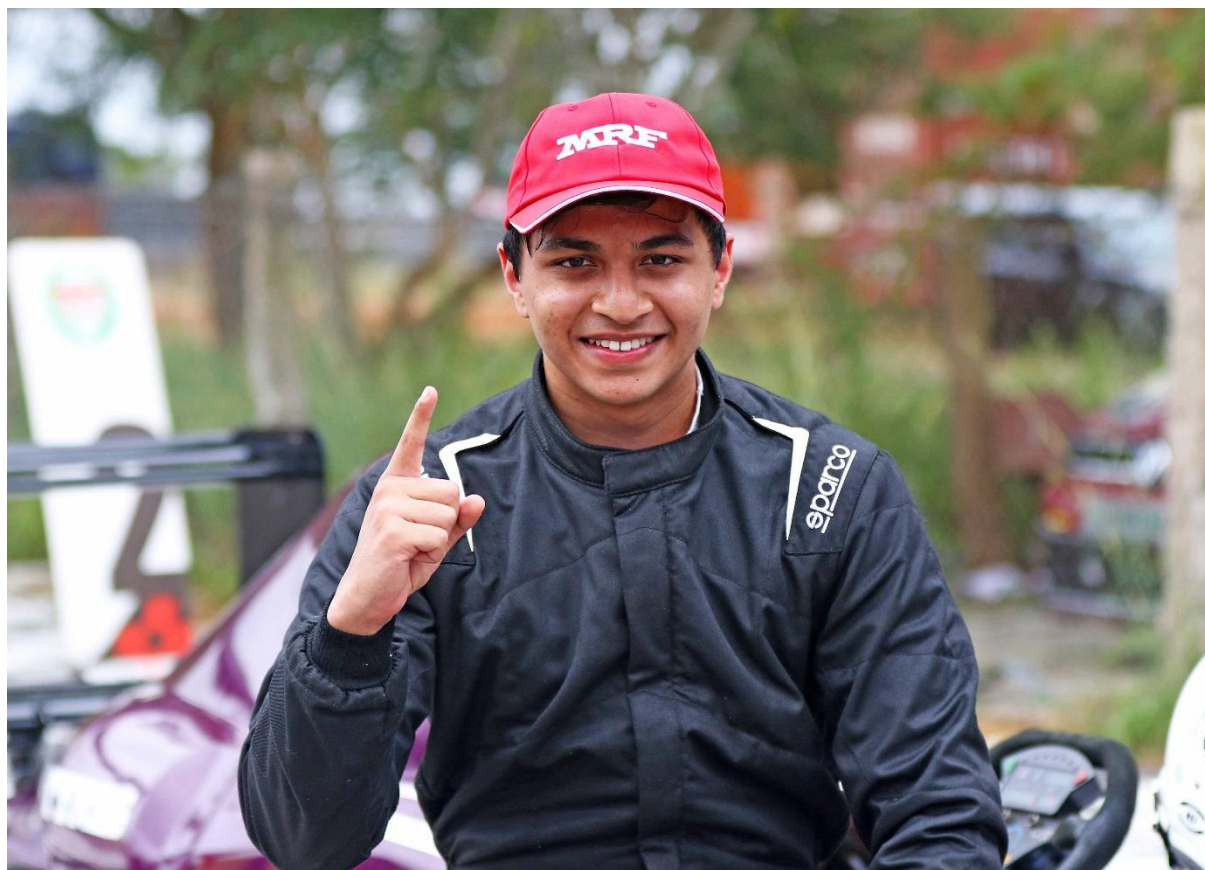
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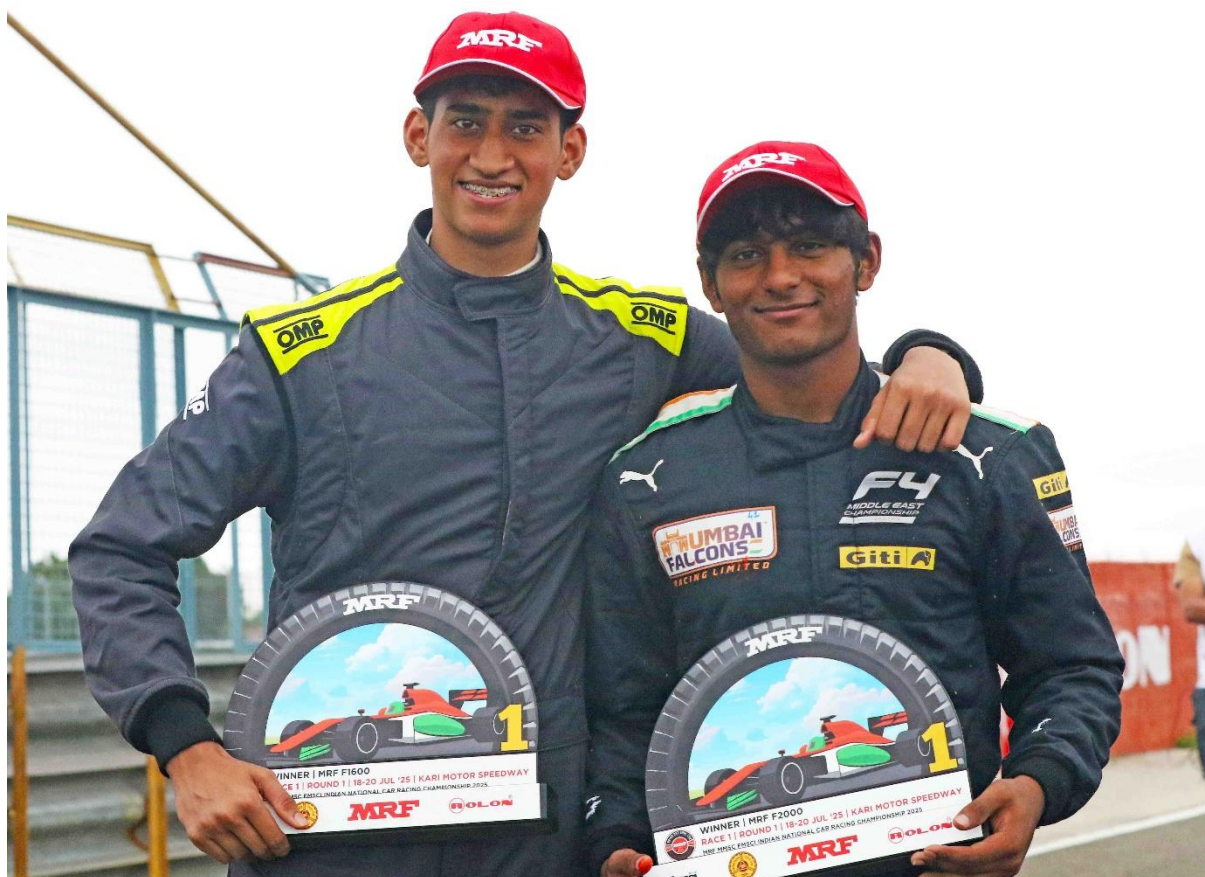
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**4W National Racing Championship: Arjun**

**Balu, Joel Joseph, Kesara Godage notch wins**

Pune Teenagers Arjun Chheda and Sai Shiva Sankaran secured stunning victories in the MRF Formula 2000 and F1600 categories in the first round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship at the Kari Motor Speedway in Coimbatore on Saturday.

The 16-year-old Arjun made the best of a poor start by pole-sitter Ishaan Madesh, who stalled his car to drop to sixth, but eventually finished second on debut. Arjun, with a sizeable lead, won comfortably.



*Arjun Balu in action*

Sai Shiva Sankaran, who slipped to second after a bad start from pole, fought his way back into the lead to notch his maiden win in this class. Arjun S. Nair and Nigel Abraham Thomas came in second and third.

Veteran and former champion Arjun Balu (Race Concepts), returning to the championship after a year's hiatus, powered his way to a win in the Indian Touring Cars category.

The results (provisional – all 12 laps unless mentioned): MRF F2000: Race-1: 1. Arjun Chheda 13:28.502s; 2. Ishaan Madesh 13:37.603; 3. Shivesh Selvarathnam 13:41.796.

MRF F1600: Race-1: 1. Sai Shiva Makesh Sankaran 14:24.471; 2. Arjun S. Nair 14:24.902; 3. Nigel Abraham Thomas 14:40.437.

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## **75 entries for National 4W Racing Championship, Action-packed weekend on cards at Kari Motor Speedway**

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Coimbatore, July 18: Amidst high expectations and excitement, the first round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship 2025 is set to commence at the refurbished Kari Motor Speedway here on Saturday, while boasting of 75 entries across various categories.



The compact 2.3 Kms long circuit with 16 turns, will witness both single-seaters – the MRF F2000 and F1600, Formula LGB 1300 – and saloon cars that include the popular the Indian Touring Cars (ITC), the newly introduced ITC1625, Super Stock and the Indian Junior Touring Cars (IJTC) besides the Volkswagen Polo Cup.



Spells of rain that are forecast for the weekend could add spice to the proceedings that include 15 races besides official practice and qualifying sessions over two days.

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The Formula LGB 1300 category which has never failed to dish out exciting and entertaining races, has attracted 38 entries across Open and Junior classes with a mix of experienced drivers and rookies.



One of the major highlights of the weekend will no doubt be the touring cars, headlined by local star and a multiple National champion in the ITC class, veteran Arjun Balu, who returns to the championship after a year's break, driving the super- quick Race Concepts-prepared Honda City IVTEC. He will have to contend with lastyear's champion Biren Pithawalla (Team N1) from Mumbai who will be in a VW Polo.

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The other two touring car categories, Super Stock and IJTC, which have been among the most competitive grids, also comprise well-known names besides a lone woman driver, 27-year-old Deepa John from Thiruvananthapuram.

MMSC President Ajit Thomas, welcoming the participants, said: "We have a lot to look forward to this season, considering that there is a marked increase in the number of youngsters



taking part, many of them still in their teens, and it augurs well for the championship while also reflecting its popularity.



A special mention must be made of our long-time sponsors, MRF Tyres, who have been associated with us for several decades, and we thank their continued support. While the competitors are integral part of the championship, so is the Media who have unfailingly accorded substantial coverage to our events.”



## Young guns ready to battle in MRF National racing

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