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NATIONAL RACING

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DC CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI, SEPT. 21

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Driving a Volkswagen Polo, Ritesh won all three races in the top-end Indian Touring Cars (ITC) category, displaying impressive pace and nerves to hold off a strong challenge from Coimbatore veteran Arjun Balu (Race Concepts).

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DC CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI, SEPT. 19

The storied Madras International Circuit here will again reverberate with the sound of finely tuned racing engines as the second round of the MRF MMSF FMSFI Indian National Car Racing Championship 2025 gets underway on Saturday, September 20, having received 82 entries across all categories.

The two-day event has a card of 12 races that comprise of triple-headers in the combined grid of MRF Formula 2000 and Formula 1600 that will headline the event, the touring cars with its three sub-categories all to be run concurrently, besides the Volkswagen Polo Cup, the Saloons and the popular, entry-level Formula LGB 1300 that boasts of a big grid of 22 single-seaters.

The saloon car races are bound to set the adrenaline coursing with 32 cars lining up on the combined grid which is a sure recipe for drama and hot action. The F2000 will see a renewal of rivalry between championship leader Arjun Chheda from Pune, who won two of the three



races in the previous round in Coimbatore, and Bengaluru's Ishaan Madesh with just six points separating the pair.

Similarly, it appears to be a straight fight between leader Sai Shiva Makesh Sankaran, the 17-year-old from Pune, and second-placed Bengaluru's Nigel Abraham Thomas who is four points adrift, both having won a race apiece in the Coimbatore round.

Only four points separate former champion Arjun Balu, the Coimbatore ace piloting a Race Concepts-

prepared Honda City Vtec, and Lonavala's privateer Dhruv Chavan while defending champion Biren Pithawalla (NI Racing) is currently third in the championship in the premier Indian Touring Cars category. The trio is expected to do the front-running this weekend.

The highly competitive Indian Junior Touring Cars category sees the return of the Performance Racing team that had skipped the first round in Coimbatore, with a two-car tandem of Deepak

Ravikumar and Viswas Vijayaraj, a former Formula LGB 1300 champion. Championship leader Rithwik Thomas (Race Concepts) from Bengaluru can expect a strong challenge from the experienced Performance Racing pair.

Sri Lankan Kesara Godage of Red Line Racing India won two of the three races in Coimbatore which puts him at the top of the leaderboard in the Super Stock class, 10 points ahead of Guwahati's Krishanu Dutta Bhuyan (Zion Racing).

The situation in the Formula LGB 1300 category is much closer with just nine points covering the top six in the championship standings headed by 19-year-old Joel Joseph (DTS Racing) from Ernakulam.

In the VW Polo Cup, which will be run concurrently with the MRF Saloons, Navi Mumbai's Aditya Patnaik leads Aman Nagdev (Noida) by one point with Pratik Sonawane (Mumbai) a further seven points behind. The Polo Cup dished out some close races and the trend is likely to continue this weekend.

Chairman of the event, Vicky Chandhok said: "We can expect the competitors to stretch their legs a bit more at the MIC than the tight and compact Kari Motor Speedway that hosted the first round in July. And that should make for some exciting contests. It augurs well for the championship that more young drivers, fearless and hungry for success, are on the various grids, especially the Formula LGB 1300 which offers a good platform to launch their racing careers. So, there is much to look forward to this weekend!"



Ritesh Rai en route to winning the Indian Touring Cars category race in the National Racing Championship.

SPEED MERCHANTS

Ritesh, Vinith hog limelight in national racing

DC CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI, SEPT. 20

Chennai's Ritesh Rai (Buzzing Hornet), driving a Volkswagen Polo, scored a commanding win in the premier Indian Touring Cars class of the second round of the MRF MMSI FMSI Indian National Car Racing Championship at the Madras International Circuit here on Saturday.

Ritesh who skipped the first round in Coimbatore dominated from pole position leaving his arch-rivals, defending champion Biren Pithawalla (N1 Racing) and former title winner Arjun Balu (Race Concepts) in the shade. Pithawalla, also in a VW Polo, finished second after easing past Balu whose Honda City V-tec developed issues in the very first lap.

Team Performance Racing, returning to the championship after missing the previous round, delivered a podium sweep in the Indian Junior Touring Cars class with Viswas Vijayaraj (Nellore) taking P1 ahead of Deepak Ravikumar (Chennai) and Hattim Shabir (Chennai). Thrissur's TS Diljith took the honours in the Super Stock class with an easy win. The 30-car combined grid dished out its fair quota of jostling and shunting initially and then bitter fights for track



Arjun Chheda

positions up and down the field.

Veteran Vidyaprakash Damodaran from Coimbatore (Performance Racing), who turned 80 last month, topped the ITC 1625 category for his second win of the season.

Meanwhile, DTS Racing swept the podium spots in both Open and Junior classes of the Formula LGB 1300 category with Vinith Kumar from Tirupur notching a fine double.

Arjun Chheda (Pune) and Arjun S Nair (Bengaluru) notched fluent wins in the MRF Formula 2000 and Formula 1600 categories, respectively.

Chheda, 17, made a good start from pole position and won untroubled and unchallenged while posting his second consecutive win and third in four starts, this season. Finishing behind him were Bengaluru's Ethan Joy and Ishaan Madesh.



Arjun Nair

Similarly, 20-year-old Nair scored a fine win after pole-sitter Sai Shiva Makes Sankaran (Pune) retired after Lap-1, with Mumbai's Zahan Commissariat finishing second ahead of Gyan S (Chennai) in the eight-lap race that saw a combined grid of the two categories.

Aman Nagdev (Noida) held off Navi Mumbai pair of Ojas Surve and Aditya Patnaik for a deserving win in the Volkswagen Polo Cup that was run concurrently with the MRF Saloons class where Chennai's Mohamed Arafath beat Tarushi V i k r a m (Chikkamagaluru) in a tight finish while Akshay M u r a l i t h a r a n (Coimbatore) came in a distant third.

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Rivalries to resume in bike racing

DC CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI, OCT. 2

The MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Championship 2025 enters a crucial phase where every point earned or lost will count as 152 riders and 18 teams assemble at the Madras International Circuit for the three-day Round 4 commencing on Friday.

After three rounds so far, the titles are up for grabs in all the National and One-Make Championships (Petronas TVS and Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup) categories. Those in the front will have to soak in considerable pressure to protect their leaderboard positions given the highly competitive nature of the championship.

The premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open class has witnessed fierce battles with Hyderabad's Rahil Pillarisetty (RACR Castrol Power1) on a Yamaha R3 and Pune teenager and defending champion Sarthak Chavan (Petronas TVS Racing) involved in a virtual slugfest. Both have won three races apiece this season with 27-year-old Pillarisetty ahead by just nine points. The rivalry between the two has evolved into a blockbuster that will headline a card of 20 races besides 11 official practice and as many qualifying sessions.

The intensity of competition is no less in other categories where the championship leaders will have no respite in their bid to protect their positions.

Two Bengaluru riders, 18-year-old Savion Sabu and his Mad Rabbit Racing team-mate, Varun Patil, 31, head the Pro-Stock 165-200cc Open and Stock 301-400cc (Novice) categories, respectively, despite up-and-down performances that has seen them drop points as well as notch wins, but both will be required to be on pace to consolidate their points.

A pair from Hyderabad, Mohammed Samrul Zubair (Motul Sparks Racing), who has performed consistently this season with two wins and a podium in four starts and Rajender Beedani (MAI Racing) head the Super

Stock Intermediate 165cc and Stock 165cc (Novice) classes, respectively, albeit not by much.

In contrast, last year's title winner Chennai's Jagathishree Kumaresan (One Racing), aided by four back-to-back wins, is comfortably placed in the Girls (Stock 165cc) category with a 16-point cushion against former champion Ann Jennifer (Motul Sparks Racing), also from Chennai.

In the Petronas TVS One-Make Championship, Mohan Babu (Chennai), Hari Haran (Coimbatore) and Jagathishree Kumaresan have delivered consistently strong performances to perch on top of the leaderboard in the Expert (Apache RTR 310),

Rookie (Apache RTR 200) and Women (Apache RTR 200) categories, respectively, while Sarthak Chavan, with three consecutive wins, is in command in the Electric RTE class.

Bengaluru's Solomon R leads Tejash BA from Tumakuru by 15 points in the Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup (Honda CB 300F) while Jammu rider Raivat Dhar is placed third but is on a charge despite not participating in Round-1.

Race Director and Chairman of the Event Manoj Dalal said: "It is very evident from the results so far that the Championship this season has been among the most competitive in recent times."

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September 20, 2025

Double for Bengaluru teenager Ishaan Madesh

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Pune's Sai Shiva Makesh Sankaran and Zahan Commissariat from Mumbai won a race apiece in the MRF Formula 1600 category with the former thus moving to the top of the leaderboard in this class, just four ahead of Saturday's Race-1 winner, Arjun Nair (Bengaluru). The MRF F1600 was clubbed with the F2000 for a combined grid.



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82 entries for Round 2 of 4W Racing Championship

Close contests in the offing as battle for points heats up



Spread the love for motorsports

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