

# Sarthak clinches his maiden National crown

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Sarthak Chavan (TVS Racing) scripted history, when at 17 he became the youngest-ever to clinch a title in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open class in the fifth and final round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship at the Madras International Circuit here on Saturday.

Sarthak clinched the crown by winning Race-1, which put him beyond the reach of his rivals in the points tally.

"It feels great to win my maiden National title. I've had a good season this year with five podium finishes at the Asian level.

Later, Chiranth Vishwa-



**Young gun:** Sarthak, at the age of 17, became the youngest title winner in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc category. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

nath won the other premier class race, Pro-Stock 165cc Open, which went down to the wire.

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 Ulti-

mate) made contact and crashed in the third lap. Their retirement saw Jagathishree Kumaresan (One Racing) secure an easy win.

**The results (provisional, all six laps unless mentioned):**  
**National Championship:**  
**Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open:**  
**Race-1:** 1. Sarthak Chavan (TVS

Racing) 11.04.916; 2. Chiranth Vishwanath (TVS Racing) 11.05.126; 3. Rajini Krishnan (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) 11.05.903.

**Pro-Stock 165cc Open: Race-1:**  
1. Chiranth Vishwanath (TVS Racing) 11:42.136; 2. K.Y. Ahamed (TVS Racing) 11.42.256; 3. Sarthak Chavan (TVS Racing) 11.42.581.

**Stock 301-400cc (Novice):**  
**Race-1:** 1. Raj Kumar (RDX Torque Racing) 12.18.326; 2. Savion Sabu (Mad Rabbit Racing) 12:18.504; 3. Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) 12.18.668.

**Novice (Stock 165cc): Race-1:**  
1. R.S. Abdul Basim (Team Rockers Racing) 12.55.636; 2. Tasmal Cariappa (Motul Sparks Racing) 12.58.727; 3. Lal Nunsanga (Motul Sparks Racing) 12.59.713.

**Girls (Stock 165cc): Race-1 (5 laps):** 1. Jagathishree Kumaresan (One Racing) 11:03.823; 2. S.P. Shuria (One

Racing) 11:29.946; 3. Saimah Ajaz Baig (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. C. Senthikumar (Coimbatore) 11.44.902; 2. Manoj Yesuadiyan (Chennai) 11.47.405; 3. C. Raj Kumar (Coimbatore) 11:48.223.

**Rookie (Apache RTR 200):**  
**Race-1:** 1. Akarsh Jangam (Vijayawada) 13.14.266; 2. C.S. 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. V. Aisvarya (Coimbatore) 13.27.976.

## PROMISING TALENT

# Mohsin's quest to rise above challenges with Honda Racing India

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THE stage was set for IDEMITSU Honda India Talent Cup NSF250R's concluding race of the season. The technicians from the team were at it too, crossing out all the checklists required in order to ensure a smooth ride for the participants. Tyre pressure: check; brakes: check; suspension: check (part of the checklist). In that atmosphere, one of the riders, Mohsin Paramban, seemed calm and relaxed. The 21-year-old from Malappuram had already done his homework well before the technicians had taken over at the Madras International Circuit on Sunday. That eye for detail is one of the reasons behind

Mohsin's smooth ride in the championship, an initiative by the Honda Racing India to nurture promising talents for both national and international championships.

Having pocketed the overall title with a victory just 24 hours or so ago in the six-lap Race 1 of the fifth and final round, Mohsin could afford to relax. But that didn't mean he wasn't willing to go full throttle in his last assignment as he was hunting for his eighth win of the season. However, he was denied by Savion Sabu, who displayed nerves of steel, to capture the 8-lap Race 2. Mohsin's run was only good enough for second spot. "I'm not happy with my performance. I was hoping to finish on a high," Mohsin later



Mohsin Paramban (9) navigates a turn during Race 2 at the MMRT in Chennai

reflected.

He's mindful that he needs to keep producing the Ws in order to climb the ladder that is generally considered to be steep (motorsport is still considered a niche sport with sponsors be-

ing hard to come by for riders like Mohsin). Though they get all the support from Honda Racing India, most riders don't have a steady income and they have to fend for themselves sometimes. Honda Racing In-

dia, on their part, are cognizant of the challenges the riders face and have been looking to enhance their support in the near future. It's mainly performance-driven. Miss out on a race due to injury and that could hurt their chances of generating income.

"I need a good back up, then I could get the license to push more. That is something that is lacking. Most people see this as a hobby," Mohsin noted.

Despite the uncertainties related to finance, Mohsin has done well to earn a spot in the Honda Racing India team in the Asia Road Racing Championship. Mohsin, despite dominating the just-concluded championship, is not content. "I'm not happy where I am.

Honda has given me a good opportunity to ride in an Asian event. Winning here doesn't give me much happiness. I couldn't get the desired results in Asia and I was one of the backmarkers. I don't like to be at the back," Mohsin, who got into his current team through Honda Talent Hunt programme in 2018-19, assessed.

Mohsin, who got the bug for racing after watching MotoGP in his childhood years, felt his confidence soared after acing the talent programme. With limited resources, he has learnt to get that extra edge by studying from his rivals even during the races. IDEMITSU Honda India Talent Cup NSF250R (Top 3): Race 2: 1. Savion Sabu, 2: Mohsin Paramban; 3: Beedani Rajender.

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