



2024 MRF MMSC FMSCI INDIAN NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE RACING CHAMPIONSHIP
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- ***Sarthak Chavan quickest in official practice***

Chennai, June 13: Pune's Sarthak Chavan (TVS Racing) was the fastest rider on the day in the official practice sessions which kick-started the first round of the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship at the Madras International Circuit, here on Thursday, which saw the competitors getting a feel of the conditions.

The ever-improving teenager Sarthak put in a hot lap of one minute, 50.802 seconds in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category sparing over 1.5 seconds to team-mate Chiranth Vishwanath (01:52.332) from Bengaluru while the seasoned Chennai ace KY Ahamed, also from TVS Racing, was third quickest in 01:53.596 around the 3.7-Km circuit.

Chiranth, however, got the better of Sarthak in the Pro-Stock 165cc Open category session. He put together a best lap of 01:58.642, which was better than Sarthak's 01:58.985 while multiple National champion Jagan Kumar (02:01.244) rounded off the top three for TVS Racing.

In the Girls (Stock 165cc) category, less than one second covered the top three. Former National champion, Chennai's Ann Jennifer (Alpha Racing), warmed up for the battles ahead by putting in the best lap of 02:10.631 edging out Ryhana Bee (Motul Sparks Racing, 02:10.749) and young Rakshitha Dave (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate, 02:10.910).

Chennai's Abdul Basim (Rockers Racing) led the way clocking 02:8.947, followed by Mysuru rider Tasmai Cariappa (Motul Sparks Racing, 02:10.584) and local racer Kamal Navas (One Racing, 02:11.723) in the Novice (Stock 165cc) class.

SpeedUp Racing's Vyshak Sobhan emerged the quickest in the 301-400cc Novice category, which has attracted 31 entries, with a top lap of 02:01.625, well clear of Kaushik Subbaiah Ganesan (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate, 02:02.874) and Bengaluru's Rohit Lad (Mad Rabbit Racing, 02:02.983).

Chennai's 15-year-old Rakshith Dave (01:53.150) set the pace astride the NSF 250R machine in the Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup, followed by Bengaluru's Savion Sabu (01:58.933) and Steve Waugh Sugi (Trichy, 02:01.306).

Earlier in the afternoon, Sarthak Chavan topped the time sheets in the TVS Electric RTE class, clocking a best lap of 01:50.451, ahead of the experienced duo of Deepak Ravikumar (01:50.561) and KY Ahamed (01:51.040).

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- ***Young guns to the fore in qualifying sessions***
- ***Double pole for Pune's Sarthak Chavan***

Chennai, June 14: A clutch of teenagers stole the limelight in the qualifying sessions as a new generation of riders sought to make their mark in the first round of the MRF MMSC fmSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2024 at the Madras International Circuit, here on Friday.

Two 17-year-olds, Sarthak Chavan (Pune) and Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru), among the hottest two-wheeler racers in the country, completed a 1-2 for TVS Racing in the qualifying session for the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc category. The duo finished ahead of Gusto Racing India's Sairahil Pillarisetty from Hyderabad with just over a second separating the three front-row occupants for Saturday's race. Sarthak clocked a blistering one minute, 51.688 seconds to pole position as against Chiranth's 01:52.581 and Sairahil's 01:52.994.

Late in the day, Sarthak went on to cap a brilliant run as he snatched pole position in the Pro-Stock 165cc Open category to line himself for a possible double win this weekend, with a quick lap of 01:56.772. Yet again, Chiranth took P2, some 1.4 seconds behind, with the experienced Deepak Ravikumar making it a front-row sweep for TVS Racing. "Very happy with my form this week and I hope to continue to do well in the races this weekend," said Sarthak who has shown vast improvement since his exposure at the Asian level.

Equally impressive was another 17-year-old, Abdul Basim from Chennai in the Rockers Racing livery who took pole position in the Novice (Stock 165cc) category with Mysuru's Tasmal Cariappa (Motul Sparks Racing) securing P2 and Abhinav G (Chandra LGE Racing) from Coimbatore taking P3.

Later, former National champion Ann Jennifer (Alpha Racing), 23, was quickest in the Girls (Stock 165cc) category qualifying session ahead of the promising 15-year-old Rakshitha Dave (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) and Jagathishree Kumaresan (One Racing) as the three Chennai girls booked the front row.

Chennai's Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan qualified for pole position in the Stock 301-400cc (Novice) category, ahead of two Bengalureans Rohit Lad (Mad Rabbit Racing) and Lokesh V.

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup: Mallapuram's Mohsin Paramban, 22, put his experience to good use to snatch pole position in the NSF 250R category, edging out 15-year-old Chennai lad Rakshith S Dave for pole position while another local contender, Shyam Sundar was placed P3 at the conclusion of the qualifying session. Mohsin did a hot lap in 01:51.187 while Rakshith managed 01:51.218 while Shyam Sundar's best effort was a 01:71.708.

TVS Racing One-Make Championship: Chennai's Manoj Yesuadian was the quickest in the Open (RR 310) class qualifying session while Senthil Kumar (Coimbatore) and Ajai Xavier M (Nagercoil) being second and third quickest.

Tirupati's CS Kedarnath topped the qualifying session in the Rookie (Under-23) (Apache RTR 200) category with Harshith V Bogar (Bengaluru) and Saranjith KM (Thrissur) completing the front row.

The day ended with Mumbai's Sarah Khan comfortably picking up pole position in the Girls (Apache RTR 200) class, sparing 2.4 seconds to Saimah Ajaz Baig (Pune) with Coimbatore Aisvarya V adrift by three seconds.

Qualifying results (Top 3, best laps):

National Championship – Pro-stock 301-400cc Open: 1. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing) (01min, 51.688secs); 2. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru, TVS Racing) (01:52.581); 3. Sairahil Pillarisetty (Hyderabad, Gusto Racing India) (01:52.994).

Pro-Stock 165cc Open: 1. Sarthak Chavan (01:56.772); 2. Chiranth Vishwanath (01:58.251); 3. Deepak Ravikumar (Chennai, TVS Racing) (01:58.463).

Novice – Stock 165cc: 1. Abdul Basim S (Chennai, Rockers Racing) (02:08.076); 2. Tasmai Cariappa (Mysuru, Motul Sparks Racing) (02:09.417); 3. Abhinav G (Coimbatore, Chandra LGE Racing team) (02:10.686).

Girls (Stock 165cc): 1. Ann Jennifer AS (Chennai, Alpha Racing India) (02:10.201); 2. Rakshitha Dave (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) (02:10.381); 3. Jagathishree Kumaresan (Chennai, One Racing) (02: 10.799).

Novice – Stock 301-400cc: 1. Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) (02:02.320); 2. Rohit Lad (Bengaluru, Mad Rabbit Racing) (02:02.668); 3. Lokesh V (Bengaluru, Pvt) (02:03.583).

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup (NSF 250R Open): 1. Mohsin Paramban (Mallapuram) (01:51.187); 2. Rakshith S Dave (Chennai) 01:51.218; 3. Shyam Sundar (Chennai) (01:51.708).

TVS One-Make Championship – Open (Apache RR 310): 1. Manoj Yesuadian (Chennai) (01:56.672); 2. Senthil Kumar C (Coimbatore) (01:57.289); 3. Ajai Xavier M (Nagercoil) (01:58.785).

Rookie (Apache RTR 200): 1. CS Kedarnath (Tirupati) (02:11.108); 2. Harshith V Bogar (Bengaluru) (02:11.845); 3. Saranjith KM (Thrissur) (02:15.956).

Girls (Apache RTR 200): 1. Sarah Khan (Mumbai) (02:13.314); 2. Saimah Ajaz Baig (Pune) (02:15.771); 3. Aisvarya V (Coimbatore) (02:16.388).

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- ***Sarthak Chavan leads 1-2 finish for TVS Racing***
- ***Brothers KY Ahamed, Abdul Basim notch victories***
- ***Dave twins Rakshith, Rakshitha win a race apiece***

Chennai, June 15: Two sets of siblings from Chennai hogged the limelight by winning four of the nine races on Saturday at the Madras International Circuit to light up the first round of the MRF MMSC fmSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2024.

The 15-year-old Dave twins, Rakshith and Rakshitha took the honours in the Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup (NSF 250R) and the National Championship Girls (Stock 165cc) races. It was a maiden win for both of them, in their respective categories.

Two other siblings, 28-year-old KY Ahamed (Pro-Stock 165cc Open) and his 17-year-old brother Abdul Basim (Novice 165cc), also won a race apiece to set off celebrations in both families.

Elsewhere, Sarthak Chavan, the 17-year-old from Pune, led a 1-2 finish for TVS Racing along with Bengaluru's Chiranth Vishwanath, also 17, in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc category. The race was cut to four laps from scheduled six after a red flag stoppage following a Turn-3 crash (riders ok) and Sarthak, starting from pole, virtually destroyed the field on restart. Chiranth came in second, ahead of Hyderabad's Sairahil Pillarisetty (Gusto Racing).

Sarthak, however, had a disastrous outing in the Pro-Stock 165cc Open race as he crashed when in the lead. On his exit, Sathak's two TVS Racing team-mates, KY Ahamed and multiple National champion Jagan Kumar, were involved in a tight finish. Ahamed pipped his mentor Jagan in a photo-finish with another TVS Racing ace, Deepak Ravikumar, who had started the race from the pit lane, completing the podium. Chiranth, who was running second, also crashed, but resumed to finish fourth.

Also finishing on top step of the podium was Chennai's Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) who won as he pleased in the Novice 301-400cc class that gained National championship status from this season.

Earlier, pole-sitter Abdul Basim, held off a strong challenge from Mysuru's Tasmal Cariappa (Motul Sparks Racing) who led briefly in the penultimate lap but conceded the

advantage. Basim went on to win with Tasmal and Coimbatore's Abhinav G (Chandra LGE Racing) finishing second and third, respectively.

Rakshitha Dave, starting from P2, moved in front by Turn-2, deftly avoiding any jostling that was happening behind her, and enjoyed a trouble-free run for a commanding win. Another Chennai rider, Jagathishee Kumaresan (One Racing) and Ryhana Bee (Motul Sparks Racing) settled for second and third spots, respectively, while pole-sitter Ann Jennifer (Alpha Racing) came in a disappointing fourth.

"I am very happy to score my first-ever win in the National championship. I had a good start today and a trouble-free run after going into the lead early in the first lap. The bike too performed very well," said a delighted Rakshitha.

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup: Rakshith Dave reigned supreme in the NSF 250R race after initial battle with the more experienced Mohsin Paramban (Mallapuram) with Bengaluru's AS James finishing third. It was Rakshith's first-ever win in this class. Incidentally, Rakshith's twin sister, Rakshitha made her debut in this class and finished 13th.

TVS One-Make Championship: Coimbatore's Senthilkumar C took the honours in the truncated Open (Apache RR 310) race that was reduced to three laps from six due to a red flag stoppage following an on-track incident. Jayanth Pratipathi (Chennai) came in second, ahead of Nagercoil's Ajai Xavier M.

Harshith V Bogar from Bengaluru notched a dominating win in the Rookie category with second-placed Saranjith KM (Thrissur) finishing some 10 seconds behind. Vijayawada's Akarsh Jangam was a distant third.

Mumbai's Sarah Khan won the Girls (RTR 200) race untroubled, from Pune's Saimah Ajaz Baig and Aisvarya V (Coimbatore).

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

National Championship – Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open (Race-1, 4 laps): 1. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing) (7mins, 36.007secs); 2. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru, TVS Racing) (07:39.254); 3. Sairahil Pillarisetty (Hyderabad, Gusto Racing India) (07:41.470).

Pro-Stock 165cc Open (Race-1): 1. Ahamed KY (Chennai, TVS Racing) (12:04.178); 2. Jagan Kumar (Chennai, TVS Racing) (12:04.192); 3. Deepak Ravikumar (Chennai, TVS Racing) (12:14.569).

Novice (Stock 165cc) Race-1: 1. Abdul Basim RS (Chennai, Rockers Racing) (12:55.808); 2. Tasmal Cariappa (Mysuru, Motul Sparks Racing) (12:56.136); 3. Abhinav G (Coimbatore, Chandra LGE Racing team) (13:04.554).

Girls (Stock 165cc) Race-1 (5 laps): 1. Rakshitha Dave (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) (10:58.183); 2. Jagathishree Kumaresan (Chennai, One Racing) (11:03.012); 3. Ryhana Bee (Chennai, Motul Sparks Racing) (11:03.150).

Novice (Stock 301-400cc) Race-1: 1. Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power 1 Ultimate) (12:17.257); 2. Lokesh V (Bengaluru, Pvt.) (12:23.458); 3. Varun Nanjundegowda (Mysuru, Gusto Racing India) (12:27.927).

Idemitsu Honda India Cup (NSF 250R) Race-1: 1. Rakshith S Dave (Chennai) (11:12.157); 2. Mohsin Paramban (Malappuram) (11:16.226); 3. AS James (Bengaluru) (11:16.669)

TVS One-Make Championship – Open (Apache RR 310) Race-1 (3 laps): 1. Senthilkumar C (Coimbatore) (05:56.457); 2. Jayanth Pratipathi (Chennai) (05:59.277); 3. Ajai Xavier (Nagercoil) (06:02.953).

Rookie (Apache RTR 200) Race-1: 1. Harshith V Bogar (Bengaluru) (13:43.666); 2. Saranjith KM (Thrissur) (13:53.770); 3. Akarsh Jangam (Vijayawada) (14:07.100).

Girls (Apache RTR 200) Race-1 (5 laps): 1. Sarah Khan (Mumbai) (11:19.075); 2. Saimah Ajaz Baig (Pune) (11:21.156); 3. Aisvariya V (Coimbatore) (11:23.221).

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- ***Double delight for Sarthak, Basim, Rakshitha, Kaushik***
- ***Former champ Jagan Kumar returns to winning ways***

Chennai, June 16: It was a day of the “double” at the Madras International Circuit here on Sunday as the first round of the MRF MMSC fmSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2024 concluded with the new generation of riders emerging to displace the old guard.

Teenager Sarthak Chavan (Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open), schoolgirl Rakshitha Dave (Girls, Stock 165cc), Abdul Basim (Novice, Stock 165cc), and Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (Novice, Stock 301-400cc) won both races this weekend in their respective National Championship categories. Barring Pune’s Sarthak, the other three riders are from Chennai.

Sarthak Chavan, the 17-year-old prodigy, established himself as the top gun in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open class, winning both races over the weekend in an emphatic manner. Following home in P2 in both races was another 17-year-old, Chiranth Vishwanath from Bengaluru, who just couldn’t match Sarthak’s pace. The duo dominated both races leaving the rest to scrap for the other podium spot.

Sarthak, however, missed a possible win, despite starting P7 on the grid, in the other premier category, the Pro-Stock 165cc, when he crashed again after tangling with Chiranth when the two were fighting for 1-2 positions. The Pune youngster had crashed in Race-1 on Saturday when leading.

Though both Sarthak and Chiranth recovered to rejoin the race, veteran TVS Racing team-mates Jagan Kumar, KY Ahamed and Deepak Ravikumar made the best of the free space in front to finish in that order. For Jagan, a multiple National champion, it was his first win of the season after a barren 2023.

Chennai schoolgirl, 15-year-old Rakshitha Dave completed a fine double in the Girls (Stock 165cc) category. Having won Race-1 on Saturday, she extended her domination with a sweeping win in Race-2 today, virtually unchallenged.

Similarly, another Chennai teenager Abdul Basim (Rockers Racing) achieved a clean sweep in the Novice (Stock 165cc) category, winning Race-2 today with as much ease as in the previous outing on Saturday.

Later, another Chennai rider, Kaushik Subbaiah Ganesan also notched a double in the Stock 301-400cc (Novice) class with another fine ride starting from pole position.

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup: Shyam Sundar (Chennai) came up with a fine ride to win the NSF 250R race after starting from P4 on the grid. He cut through the front-runners to top the six-lapper with Mohsin Paramban (Mallappuram) yet again finishing second, but ahead of yesterday's Race-1 winner, Rakshith Dave (Chennai).

TVS One-Make Championship: Senthilkumar C (Coimbatore) enjoyed a fruitful weekend as he won both the races in the Apache RR 310 category. Having won Saturday's Race-1, Senthilkumar displayed relentless pace in topping today's Race-2 ahead of two Chennai riders, Manoj Yesuadian and Jayanth P.

Bengaluru's Harshith V Bogar continued to dominate the Rookie category as he finished the weekend with a double by winning Race-2 today on the back of his triumph in the previous outing on Saturday. CS Kedarnath (Tirupati) scrambled to second place while Saranjith KM (Thrissur) finished third.

Earlier, Pune's Sarthak topped the TVS Electric RTE race quite comfortably with his arch-rival Chiranth Vishwanath finishing second and Chennai's Alwyn Sundar third.

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

National Championship – Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open (Race-2): 1. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, TVS Racing) (11mins, 16.788secs); 2. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru, TVS Racing) (11:17.567); 3. Alwyn Sundar A (Chennai, Gusto Racing) (11:27.870).

Pro-Stock 165cc Open (Race-2): 1. Jagan Kumar (Chennai, TVS Racing) (12:10.176); 2. Ahamad KY (Chennai, TVS Racing) (12:18.302); 3. Deepak Ravikumar (Chennai, TVS Racing) (12:18.611).

Novice (Stock 165cc) Race-2: 1. Abdul Basim RS (Chennai, Rockers Racing) (13:02.075); 2. Kamal Navas (Chennai, One Racing) (13:08.162); 3. Abhinav G (Coimbatore, Chandra LGE Racing team) (13:08.772).

Girls (Stock 165cc) Race-2 (5 laps): 1. Rakshitha S Dave (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power 1 Ultimate) (10:58.378); 2. Ryhana Bee (Chennai, Motul Sparks Racing) (11:01.284); 3. Jagathishree Kumaresan (Chennai, One Racing) (11:02.400).

Novice (Stock 301-400cc) Race-2: 1. Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power 1 Ultimate) (12:21.760); 2. Aldrin Babu (Chalakydy, RACR Castrol Power 1 Ultimate) (12:28.689); 3. Varun Patil (Bengaluru, Pvt.) (12:29.355).

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup: NSF 250 R (Race-2) (3 laps): 1. Shyam Sundar (Chennai) (05:46.716); 2. Mohsin Paramban (Mallapuram) (05:47.106); 3. Rakshit S Dave (Chennai) (05: 47.806).

TVS One-Make Championship – Open (Apache RR 310): 1. Senthilkumar C (Coimbatore) (11:52.043); 2. Manoj Yesuadian (Chennai) (11:55.840); 3. Jayanth P (Chennai) (11:58.264).

Rookie (Apache RTR 200) Race 2: 1. Harshit V Bogar (Bengaluru) (13:26.291); 2. CS Kedarnadh (Tirupati) (13:26.499); 3. Saranjith KM (Thrissur) (13:41.518).

TVS Electric RTE (4 laps): 1. Sarthak Chavan (Pune) (07:26.459); 2. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru) (07:28.377); 3. Alwyn Sundar A (Chennai) (07:34.190).

Media (Apache RTR 200) (5 laps): 1. Karan Mathur (Gurugram, Auto X) (11:31.475); 2. Praveen Kumar (Chennai, Rev Nitro) (11:31.869); 3. Akash Bhadra (Mumbai, Topgear) (11:34.008).

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- **2W National Racing Championship at MIC this weekend**
- **Over 100 entries for Round-1 of 2024 season**

Chennai, June 12: There is plenty of hot action in store with 19 races scheduled for the first round of the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2024 at the Madras International Circuit, near here, from June 13 to 16, and which has attracted over 100 entries from across India, representing 16 teams.

The two Pro-Stock classes – 301-400cc Open and 165cc Open – will yet again headline the card, while pitching the country's top riders on TVS, Honda, Yamaha and KTM machines against one another.

Further down the grid are the Novice categories for Stock bikes –165cc (under-23), Girls (165cc) and 301-400cc which have attracted a sizable number of entries.

Also part of the programme are the two One-Make Championships (OMC) organized by the promoters Madras Motor Sports Club – TVS (Open, Rookie, Girls and Media), showcasing the RR 310 and Apache RTR 200 bikes, and the Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup which will witness the super-quick NSF 250R machines. TVS also have one race for their Electric RTE bikes.

As in the previous years, both TVS and Honda conducted a series of trials across India to shortlist the riders for their respective categories with emphasis on youth and talent. Based on their performance, select riders have been sent to participate at the Asian level.

Meanwhile, the 301-400cc Novice category has been upgraded to National Championship status after hitherto being a support event.

In another initiative, the number of races in the National championship Girls category has been increased from the existing five to 10 with a double-header in each of the five rounds.

MMSC president Ajit Thomas said: "We are extremely pleased to have received well over 100 entries for the two-wheeler National Racing Championship which will commence this weekend. We extend a warm welcome to the competitors, our long-time sponsors MRF Tyres, the manufacturers and the Media for the 2024 season which, we are certain, will dish out its share of wheel-to-wheel racing, given the very competitive grids. The Championship has been a stepping stone for aspiring young riders who have

competed in international races and won accolades. We are hopeful that the new season will throw up fresh talent.”

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