

# **MRF MMSC fmsci**

## **Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2023 - 5<sup>th</sup> and final Round**

**at Madras International Circuit, Chennai - 19 to 22 October 2023**



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# RAJIV REIGNS

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CHENNAI, OCT. 22

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# Hot contests in the offing

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The Petronas TVS One-Make Championship has races in three classes – the 301-400cc Open (RR 310), Girls (RTR 200) and Media (RTR 200), besides two rounds of 'Time Attack' for the TVS electric motorcycles, while the Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup will showcase races in the NSF 250R category that contains a clutch of talented young riders.

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Chennai's Kavin Quintal needs only as few as six points to annex the crown in the Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup (NSF 250R). Going into the final round, he leads Rakshith Dave, also from Chennai, by 45 points with a maximum of 50 on offer over the weekend.

In sharp contrast, Bengaluru's Chiranth Vishwanath and Alwin Sundar (Chennai) occupy the top two spots in that order in the Petronas TVS

Open category with just seven points separating the two. Another Bengalurean, Nithila Das is virtually assured of the title in the Girls (RTR 200) category with a 33-point advantage and a maximum of 25 to be had.

MMSC President Ajit Thomas said: "It has been a long season with its shares of highs and lows. There are still a few titles up for grabs and as such, there will be no let-up in the intensity of competition."

# TERRIFIC TEENS

## Chennai's Abdul, Pune's Sarthak grab pole positions

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Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup: Championship leader in the NSF 250R category Chennai's Kavin Quintal (01:52.262), who is gunning for his sixth win of the season, topped the timesheets in the official practice session. Another Chennai youngster Rakshith Dave was the second quickest in 01:53.367.

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## Big win for Senthil; Rajiv notches eighth win in a row

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The other deserving winner of the day was Bengaluru's 17-year-old Savion Sabu (Axor Sparks Racing) who recorded his maiden win of the season in the Novice (Stock 165cc) category.

Sethu effectively sealed the championship in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open class with his win spree as he extended his lead to 97 points with one more race to be run on Sunday and 25 points on offer. Hyderabad's Rahil Pillarisetty (KTM Gusto Racing) and TVS Petronas Racing's KY Ahamed finished a



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came in the Pro-Stock 165cc Open race that saw 22-year-old Senthil Kumar taking victory despite starting from P8 on the grid. He was running third towards the flag end of the six-lap race after some big names, including two Pacer Yamaha riders Prabhu Arunagiri and Mathana Kumar, besides Petronas TVS Racing's KY Ahamed and Jagan Kumar, had dropped out of contention due to various reasons.

Chasing two teenagers from the Petronas TVS Racing team, Sarthak

and Chiranth Vishwanath, the Coimbatore rider, whose last win in the National championship was in 2018 in the Novice category, suddenly found himself in front as the two youngsters tangled and crashed at the last corner of the last lap. However, both rejoined the race. Chiranth was docked a 10-second penalty for "causing an avoidable collision" and it dropped him to sixth while Sarthak moved up a spot to third behind Senthil Kumar and Bengaluru's Ullas Santrupt Nanda.

distant second and third, respectively, after being outpaced in the four-lapper, reduced from scheduled six following a red flag stoppage.

Meanwhile, pole-sitter Sarthak Chavan (Petronas TVS Racing) retired due to engine issues on the out lap and did not take the start.

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### Four in joint lead

Four players – International Master Asylbek Abdyzhapar of Kyrgyzstan, WGM Srija Seshadri, L. Srihari and Ashwath – are in joint with four points each at the end of the sixth round of the 1st Tamil Nadu II norm closed circuit chess tournament here on Friday.

**Important results (sixth round):** S. Harshad 3 drew w Raset Ziatdinov 1.0; Ayan Allahverdiyeva 1.5 lost to Da

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# Sethu crowned champion

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Though he was denied a ninth-straight win, Rajiv Sethu, the 25-year-old from Chennai, crowned himself champion in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category on debut as the fifth and final round of the MRF MMSI fmsci Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship concluded at the Madras International Circuit in Chennai on Sunday.

Also clinching the National titles were Hyderabad's Vignesh Goud of Race'ists Motorcycle Club (Novice - Stock 165cc) and Puducherry's Lani Zena Fernandez of RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate (Girls - Stock 165cc). The championship standings in the Pro-Stock 165cc Open category were not declared pending settlement of a disputed result in Round 4.

Even as Sethu, nursing an injured left shoulder, delivered a third-straight rider championship to his team, RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate, in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category, it was young Sarthak Chavan, the 16-year-old from Pune from the Petronas TVS Racing stable who scripted a stirring win after starting from P17.

He passed a flagging Sethu on the last lap for the biggest victory of his blossoming National championship career.

Meanwhile, Bengaluru's Savion Sabu gave a rousing



Rajiv Sethu strikes a pose after claiming the championship in the premier Pro-stock Open category.

finish to his season by achieving a double in the Novice (Stock 165cc) race, but his winning burst did not stop Vignesh Goud from clinching the championship in this category.

**Provisional results (all 8 laps unless mentioned): National Championship - Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open (Race-2):** 1. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, Petronas TVS Racing) (14mins, 59.041sec); 2. Rahul Pillarsetty (Hyderabad, KTM Gusto Racing) (14:59.566); 3. Rajiv Sethu (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) (14:59.656).

**Pro-Stock 165cc Open (Race-2, 5 laps):** 1. Rajiv Sethu (Chennai, RACR Castrol Power 1 Ultimate) (09:55.075); 2. Sarthak Chavan (Pune, Petronas TVS Racing) (09:56.286); 3. Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru, Petronas TVS Racing) (09:57.533). Rider champion: Not declared pending enquiry. Team champions: Not declared pending enquiry.

**Novice (Stock 165cc, Race-2, 6 laps):** 1. Savion Sabu (Bengaluru, Axor Sparks Racing) (12:56.237); 2. Kaushik Subblah Ganesan (Chennai,

AS Motorsports) (12:56.400); 3. Aadit Shah (Vadodara, Axor Sparks Racing) (12:56.667).

**Girls (Stock 165cc) 3 laps:** 1. Lani Zena Fernandez (Puducherry, RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) (06:40.083); 2. Nadine Faith Baijal (Chennai, Alpha Racing) (06:54.558); 3. Adlin Seles (Chennai, Alpha Racing) (07:00.642).

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## AROUND THE CITY

### **National motorcycling season finale this weekend**

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**On a roll:** Rajiv Sethu was unstoppable in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open race.

### **Rajiv's dominant run continues**

Rajiv Sethu (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) continued his dominant run in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category by roaring to his eighth consecutive win at the fifth and final round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship at the Madras International Circuit, here on Saturday. Meanwhile, Senthil Kumar (LGE Racing) notched up his first win in five years with a surprise victory in a dramatic Pro-Stock 165cc Open class race.

**The results (winners only, all six laps unless mentioned): National Championship, Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open:**

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Abdul Basim *National Motorcycle Racing Pole Positions*

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## **MOTORSPORTS**

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Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup: Championship leader in the NSF 250R category Chennai's Kavin Quintal (01:52.262), who is gunning for his sixth win of the season, topped the timesheets in the official practice session. Another Chennai youngster Rakshith Dave was the second quickest in 01:53.367.

Petronas TVS One-Make Championship: Bengaluru teenager Chiranth Vishwanath, who has four wins from seven starts, expectedly qualified for pole position in the Open (RR 310) category, clocking a best lap of 01:54.621, followed by Coimbatore's Senthilkumar C (01:54.848) and G Balaji (01:56.100) from Chennai.

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## MOTORCYCLING | Rajiv's dominant run continues with eighth consecutive win

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**Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2023 - Round 4: Rajiv Sethu wins eighth straight race**



Rajiv Sethu on his way to victory in Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open race. | Photo Credit: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Local ace Rajiv Sethu (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) continued his dominant run in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category by roaring to his eighth consecutive win while Coimbatore's Senthil Kumar (LGE Racing) notched his first win in five years with a surprise victory in a dramatic Pro-Stock 165cc Open class race, to light up the fifth and final round

of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2023 at the Madras International Circuit, in Chennai on Saturday.

Bengaluru's 17-year-old Savion Sabu (Axor Sparks Racing) recorded his maiden win of the season in the Novice (Stock 165cc) category.

Sethu effectively sealed the championship in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open class with his win-spree as he extended his lead to 97 points with one more race to be run on Sunday and 25 points on offer. Hyderabad's Rahil Pillarisetty (KTM Gusto Racing) and TVS Petronas Racing's KY Ahamed finished a distant second and third, respectively, after being outpaced in the four-lapper, reduced from scheduled six following a red flag stoppage.

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Chennai girl Nadine Faith Balaji took the honours in the Girls (RTR 200) race for her first win that moved her to second spot behind Bengaluru's Nithila Das on the championship table. Nithila, with three wins, emerged champion despite not participating in the final round. Coimbatore's Aisvariya V finished third behind Pune's Saimah Baig in today's race.

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## **MOTORSPORTS | Rajiv Sethu crowned champion in premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category**

**MOTORCYCLING | Vignesh Goud of Race'ists Motorcycle Club (Novice-Stock 165cc) and Lani Zena Fernandez of RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate (Girls-Stock 165cc) also clinch the national titles**

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Rajiv Sethu became the National champion in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category at the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National motorcycle racing championship at the Madras International Circuit (MIC) on Sunday, October 22, 2023. | Photo Credit: Special Arrangement

Though he was denied a ninth-straight win, the 25-year-old Rajiv Sethu won the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category in the fifth and final round of the MRF MMSC fmsci Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship at the Madras International Circuit (MIC) here on Sunday.

Also clinching the National titles were Vignesh Goud of Race'ists Motorcycle Club (Novice-Stock 165cc) and Lani Zena Fernandez of RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate (Girls-Stock 165cc).

The championship standings in the Pro-Stock 165cc Open category were not declared pending settlement of a disputed result in the fourth round.

Even as Sethu, nursing an injured left shoulder, delivered a third-straight rider championship to his team RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate, it was young Sarthak Chavan, the 16-year-old from the Petronas TVS Racing stable, who scripted a stirring win after starting from P17. He passed a flagging Sethu on the last lap for the biggest victory of his blossoming National championship career.

**Provisional results (all 8 laps unless mentioned): National Championship: Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open: Race-2:** 1. Sarthak Chavan (Petronas TVS Racing) 14:59.041s; 2. Rahil Pillarisetty (KTM Gusto Racing) 14:59.566; 3. Rajiv Sethu (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) 14:59.656.

**Pro-Stock 165cc Open: Race-2 (5 laps):** 1. Rajiv 9:55.075; 2. Sarthak 9:56.286; 3. Chiranth Vishwanath (Petronas TVS Racing) 9:57.533; **Rider champion:** Not declared pending enquiry; **Team champion:** Not declared pending enquiry.

**Novice (Stock 165cc): Race-2 (6 laps):** 1. Savion Sabu (Axor Sparks Racing) 12:56.237; 2. Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (AS Motorsports) 12:56.400; 3. Aadit Shah (Axor Sparks Racing) 12:56.667.

**Girls (Stock 165cc, 3 laps):** 1. Lani Zena Fernandez (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) 6:40.083; 2. Nadine Faith Balaji (Alpha Racing) 6:54.558; 3. Adlin Seles (Alpha Racing) 7:00.642.

**Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup: NSF 250R Open: Race-2:** 1. Kavin Quintal 15:09.312; 2. Johann Reeves Emmanuel 15:14.912; 3. P. Mohsin 15:14.974.

**Petronas TVS One-Make Championship: Open (301-400cc, RR 310): Race-2 (6 laps):** 1. Chiranth 11:39.641; 2. Romario John 11:40.117; 3. G. Balaji 11:40.157.

**Media (Apache RTR): Race-1 (5 laps):** 1. Joel Kolathoor Raju 11:19.208; 2. Alshin K. Thomas 11:19.312; 3. Ananya Awasthi 11:19.646.

**Race-2 (5 laps):** 1. Alshin 11:15.520; 2. Joel 11:15.642; 3. Punya Prasun Sharma 11:21.399.

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**Rajiv Sethu crowned 2023 INMRC champion**



## Quintal takes home Honda India Talent Cup title; Vishwanath wins TVS One-Make Championship

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We finally have the champions for the 2023 Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship (INMRC), with the fifth and final round held at the Madras International Circuit. RACR's Rajiv Sethu clinched the crown in the headlining Pro-Stock 301-400cc category, despite nursing a shoulder injury. Lani Zena Fernandez took the Girls' title, while Kavin Quintal won this year's Honda India Talent Cup in dominant fashion.

### Pro-Stock 301-400cc

Sethu already held an unassailable lead of 85 points heading into the finale. Although he was still nursing an injured left shoulder, which he dislocated following a crash in the [previous round](#), he ended up winning Race 1. The race itself was shortened from six to four laps following a red flag stoppage.

Though Sarthak Chavan (starting from P17) denied Sethu a ninth straight win in Race 2, a third place result was enough for him to win the title.

### Results:

#### Race 1

1. Rajiv Sethu (RACR Castrol Power 1 Ultimate) - 7mins 33.050secs
2. Rahil Pillarisetty (KTM Gusto Racing) – 7mins 37.596secs
3. KY Ahamed (Petronas TVS Racing) – 7mins 38.116 secs

#### Race 2

1. Sarthak Chavan (Petronas TVS Racing) - 14mins 59.041secs
2. Rahil Pillarisetty (KTM Gusto Racing) – 14mins 59.566secs
3. Rajiv Sethu (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) – 14mins 59.656secs

### Pro-Stock 165cc Open

Sethu wrapped up the season with victory in the Pro-Stock 165cc category as well, after starting down in P10. Senthil Kumar won Race 1, making his way up from P8 on the grid after several big names like Mathana Kumar, KY Ahamed and Jagan Kumar dropped out of contention.

However, the championship standings in the category have still not been declared, pending a disputed result in the previous round.



## Results:

### Race 1

1. Senthil Kumar (LGE Racing) – 12mins 03.541secs
2. Ullas Santrupt Nanda (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) – 12mins 14.513secs
3. Sarthak Chavan (Petronas TVS Racing) – 12mins 20.898secs

### Race 2

1. Rajiv Sethu (RACR Castrol Power 1 Ultimate) – 9mins 55.075secs
2. Sarthak Chavan (Petronas TVS Racing) – 9mins 56.286secs
3. Chiranth Vishwanath (Petronas TVS Racing) – 9mins 57.533secs

## **Novice Stock 165cc**

It was a strong round for Savion Sabu, who didn't just score his first win in the category, but also took a clean sweep at the finale. But this didn't stop Vignesh Goud from taking home the title.

### **Results:**

#### **Race 1**

1. Savion Sabu (Axor Sparks Racing) – 12mins 56.047secs
2. Abdul Basim RS (Gulf Rockers Racing – 13mins 05.881secs
3. Manvith Reddy (RACR Castrol Power 1 Ultimate) – 13mins 06.284secs

#### **Race 2**

1. Savion Sabu (Axor Sparks Racing) – 12mins 56.237secs
2. Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan (AS Motorsports) – 12mins 56.400secs
3. Aadit Shah (Axor Sparks Racing) – 12mins 56.667secs

## **Girls Stock 165cc**

Lani Zena Fernandez won the shortened Girls Stock 165cc race with ease to clinch the title. This was her fourth race win in nine starts.

### **Results:**

#### **Race 1**

1. Lani Zena Fernandez (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate) – 6mins 40.083secs
2. Nadine Faith Balaji (Alpha Racing) – 6mins 54.558secs
3. Adlin Seles (Alpha Racing) – 7mins 00.642secs

## **TVS One-Make Championship**

It was a close battle in the Open (Apache RR 310) category, with just seven points separating Chiranth Vishwanath and Alwin Sundar heading into the finale. Vishwanath emerged victorious in this battle, scoring two back-to-back wins to secure the title.

Nithila Das did not participate in the final round, but her three wins this season were enough for her to still be crowned champion. Nadine Faith Balaji, meanwhile, claimed her first race win.

## **Results:**

### **Open (Apache RR 310) Race 1**

1. Chiranth Vishwanath – 11mins 35.230secs
2. Senthilkumar C – 11mins 35.969secs
3. Romario John – 11mins 43.834secs

### **Open (Apache RR 310) Race 2**

1. Chiranth Vishwanath – 11mins 39.641secs
2. Romario John – 11mins 40.117secs
3. G Balaji – 11mins 40.157secs

### **Girls (Apache RTR 300)**

1. Nadine Faith Balaji – 11mins 16.072secs
2. Saimah Ajaz Baig – 11mins 17.910secs
3. Aisvariya V – 11mins 24.974secs

## **Honda India Talent Cup**

Kavin Quintal capped off a dominant season with a clean sweep in the finale as well. The 18-year-old won was crowned champion, having won seven races from nine starts.

## **Results:**

### **NSF 250R Race 1**

1. Kavin Quintal – 11mins 17.416secs
2. Rakshath S Dave – 11mins 23.929secs
3. Vivek Rohit Kapadia – 11mins 26.456secs

### **NSF 250R Race 2**

1. Kavin Quintal – 15mins 09.312secs
2. Johann Reeves Emmanuel – 15mins 14.912secs
3. Mohsin P – 15mins 14.974secs.

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## Rajiv Sethu champion in Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category



**Girls title for Lani Zena Fernandez**  
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### **Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open class:**

Sethu from RACR Castrol Power 1 Ultimate effectively sealed the championship in the very first race with his win-spree as he extended his lead to 97 points with one more race to be run on the final day and 25 points on offer. Hyderabad's Rahil Pillarisetty from KTM Gusto Racing and TVS Petronas Racing's KY Ahamed finished a distant second and third, respectively, after being outpaced in the four-lapper, reduced from scheduled six following a red flag stoppage. Meanwhile, pole-sitter Sarthak Chavan from Petronas TVS Racing retired due to engine issues on the out lap and did not take the start.

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Finishing second behind Sarthak was his team-mate, the 16-year-old Bengalurean Chiranth Vishwanath, after a good move on Sethu who settled for a third place. The P3 did not matter for Sethu as he had already taken an unbeatable lead in the points table going into the race.

### **Pro-Stock 165cc Open :**

The day's big surprise result came in race1 that saw 22-year-old Senthil Kumar taking victory despite starting from P8 on the grid. He was running third towards the fag end of the six-lap race after some big names, including two Pacer Yamaha riders Prabhu Arunagiri and Mathana Kumar, besides Petronas TVS Racing's KY Ahamed and Jagan Kumar, had dropped out of contention due to various reasons.

Chasing two teenagers from the Petronas TVS Racing team, Sarthak and Chiranth Vishwanath, the Coimbatore rider, whose last win in the National championship was in 2018 in the Novice category, suddenly found himself in front as the two youngsters tangled and crashed at the last corner of the last lap. However, both rejoined the race. Chiranth was docked a 10-second penalty for "causing an avoidable collision" and it dropped him to sixth while Sarthak moved up a spot to third behind Senthil Kumar and Bengaluru's Ullas Santrupt Nanda.

Sethu finished the season by winning the race2 in style despite starting from P10, with Sarthak and Chiranth coming in second and third, respectively. The race was reduced to five laps following a crash leading to a red flag and re-start. Both the rider and team championship was not declared due to pending enquiry.

### **Novice (Stock 165cc) category :**

Savion Sabu finally took his first win of the season after a series of podium finishes, in the highly-competitive race that had a grid of 23 riders.

Starting from P5 on the grid, Savion cut through the front-runners by the end of Lap-1, building up a sizable lead that kept increasing as the race progressed. The Bengalurean eventually won by the proverbial country mile ahead of fast-finishing Chennai teenager Abdul Basim from Gulf Rockers Racing who made considerable ground after a poor start from pole position. Another Bengalurean, Manvith Reddy from RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate completed the podium.

“Today, I was determined to win the race after having finished second or third in the previous outings. I pushed hard initially and did not look back. I wasn’t sure how far behind the rest of the riders were until I turned back after crossing the finish line,” said the teenager.

Meanwhile, in race2 Bengaluru’s Savion Sabu gave a rousing finish to his season by achieving a double, but his winning burst did not stop Vignesh Goud from clinching the championship in this category. Kaushik Subbiah Ganesan from AS Motorsports finished second and Vadodara rider Aadit Shah from Axor Sparks Racing finished third.



Lani Zena Fernandez also finished the season on a victorious note, winning the Girls (Stock 165cc) race with ease. The race was reduced to three laps from the scheduled

five following a stoppage due to pile-up in the very first lap and was re-started. It was her fourth win in nine starts. Nadine Faith Balaji from Alpha Racing and her teammate Adlin Seles both finished a distinct second and third respectively.

**Support Race – 301-400cc Novice:**

Aldrin Babu from Thrissur representing RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate was the winner followed by Rajeswaran K from Chennai representing KTM Gusto Racing, Rohith Prasad from Mandya representing PRN Motorsports finished third.

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**TVS E Motorcycle Time Attack:**

Sarthak Chavan from Pune clocked the fastest lap in the Time Attack, posting a time of 01min, 47.304secs with a top speed of 186 Km/h. Chiranth Vishwanath from Bengaluru was second quickest in 01:48.066 doing a speed of 179.8 Km/h, while former Moto3 rider from Japan, Hiroki Ono was third best in 01:49.116 (196.8 Km/h).

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Media (Apache RTR):

Race-1 top three finished in the same second as Joel Kolathoor Raju from Thane was the winner followed by Alshin K Thomas from Pune in second as Ananya Awasthi also from Pune finished third. In Race-2 Alshin K Thomas was the winner in a photo finish with the second finisher Joel Kolathoor Raju, Punya Prasun Sharma finished third.



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