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Press Release

Rally of Hyderabad flagged off

HYDERABAD

ARJUNA Awardee Gaurav Gill sounded a note of caution, stating that the tricky and rough second stage would be the decider, as the Blueband Rally of Hyderabad—the fourth round of the Blueband FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship 2024—was flagged off at the Service Park near the Liberty Statue in Shamshabad here on Friday.

Addressing a press conference, the seven-time INRC champion and joint record-holder for the most INRC wins said, “The second stage is quite challenging and really tough. We need to take care of the car and make sure we finish the rally to get through the rough patches.”

The three-time Asia Pacific Rally Championship winner has been facing technical and mechanical issues in recent rallies. “We had a good race, and we’re looking to turn the tables,” he added with a decisive grin.

Other top drivers echoed his concerns about the tricky terrain, emphasising the need for careful driving to preserve the car through



J. Anand, MD, JA Motorsport flagging off the first car at Rally of Hyd on Friday.

to the end. Defending champion Arjun Rao Aroor remarked, “The first stage is fast and flowing, but the second is tight and twisty. I just hope it doesn’t rain.”

Aditya Thakur, the INRC

Class leader; Harkishan Wadia, the INRC2 table-topper; and local driver Jeet Jhabhak, leading the INRC3 class, also shared their thoughts. Harshitha Raj Gowda, who is leading the Ladies class said:

“I am driving this season after a gap of six years. But I have enough lead and my target is to finish the rally.”

Later, the cars were flagged off at the ceremonial start by J. Anand, MD JA Motorsport,

Prasad Mogde, Sr Manager, STIHL and Vivek Ponnusamy, International representative JAM, with the rally set to begin on Saturday with four stages and conclude on Sunday with two more stages.

Gill back on top, triumphs in Rally of Hyderabad

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HYDERABAD

INDIA's top rally driver Gaurav Gill displayed a high level of skills and admirable car control to come out victorious in the Rally of Hyderabad, the fourth round of the FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship 2024, which concluded in Shamshabad, near here, on Sunday.

The only Arjuna Awardee in motorsports, Gill, along with co-driver Anirudha Rangnekar began the second day with a blistering run in the first stage, and the seven-time National champion, eased off to nurture the car with superb consistency thereafter and notched

a well-deserving victory: the organisers informed in a release on Sunday.

“This is one of the hottest rallies and the terrain is treacherous. So, we were calm and consistent and that paid rich dividends. We had some new upgrades and new compounds and JK Tyre has been supporting me with a lot of faith and we are happy to get back a win in the middle of the year,” said a visibly happy Gill.

Former champion Chetan Shivram and co-driver E. Shivaprakash of A Ramp. A Motorsports took an admirable overall second, with two stage wins, and they also won their class, INRC2. Kerala's ace driver, Fabid Ahmer and co-driver

Milen George showed great resilience to grab an overall podium pipping a marauding Arka Motorsports pair, Karan Kadir and co-driver Musaa Sherif, by a mere two seconds. However, Karan and Musaa took the overall lead in the INRC 2024 championships with two more rallies to go.

Goragram's Arnav Pratap Singh and co-driver Rohit of Bengaluru won the INRC3 class and also came out on top in the Junior INRC. Anushriya Gulati of Dehradun with Karan Aukta as co-driver won the Ladies' class while the Chikmagalur-Bengaluru pair of Dr. Akarsh Sundar and co-driver Ravikumari won the gypsy class.

The husband-wife pair, of Aneesha and Amritha Aneesha of A Ramp. A Motorsports won the FMSCI Classic Challenge Cup. “We are very happy to grab the victory in this tricky rally,” said the Bengaluru pair.

Out of the 55 that took the start, 12 cars failed to finish the race (logging a DNF) as the terrain proved treacherous for many drivers. The next rally will be in Coorg followed by season finale, the popular K-1000 at Tumkur, also in Karnataka.

Final results (Provisional): INRC Overall: 1. Gaurav Gill (privaters, Delhi)/ Anirudha Rangnekar (Pune) (01 hour, 48 minutes, 18.7 seconds); 2. Chetan Shivram/ E Shivaprakash

(ARampA Motorsports, Both Bengaluru) (01:49:39.4); 3. Fabid Ahmer (Chettinad Sporting, Palakkad)/ Milen George (Kottayam) (01:51:06.1).

INRC2: 1. Chetan Shivram/ E Shivaprakash (ARampA Motorsports, Both Bengaluru) (01:49:39.4); 2. Fabid Ahmer (Chettinad Sporting, Palakkad)/ Milen George (Kottayam) (01:51:06.1); 3. Jason Saldanha (Arka Motorsports, Hassan)/ Thimmu Uddappa (Kodagu) (01:51:14.0).

INRC3: 1. Arnav Pratap Singh (Snap Racing, Gurugram)/ Rohit (Bengaluru) (01:51:46.1); 2. Darius Shroff (Chettinad Sporting, Mumbai)/ Arjun

Dheerendra (Bengaluru) (01:51:59.4); 3. Arjun Rajiv (Chettinadu Sporting)/ Vinay Padmashali (Both Bengaluru) (01:52:00.2).

Ladies Class: 1. Anushriya Gulati (Arka Motorsports, Dehradun)/ Karan Aukta (01:55:26.0); 2. Nিকেতা Takkale (Pvt, Pune)/ Arvind Dheerendra (Bengaluru) (01:58:23.3); 3. Phoebe Nongrum (Snap Racing, Shillong)/ KP Aravind (Bengaluru) (02:11:00.7).

Junior INRC: 1. Arnav Pratap Singh (Snap Racing, Gurugram)/ Rohit N (Bengaluru) (01:51:46.1); 2. Arjun Rajiv (Chettinadu Sporting)/ Vinay (Both Bengaluru) (01:52:00.2); 3. Abhin Rai (Ideal Racing)/ Moideen Jasher (both



Gaurav Gill in action on way to winning the Rally of Hyderabad on Sunday

Chikmagalur) (01:53:08.3).

Fmsci Classic Challenge: 1. Aneesha S (A Ramp. A Motorsports)/ Amitha Aneesha (Both Bengaluru) (02:03:48.0); 2. Shaik Hussain Patha (Addons Motorsports, Hyderabad)/ Ashique Afrid (Sattupalli, AP) (02:30:43.9); 3. Praveen Dwarakanath (Pvt., Bengaluru). Arun V (Tirupur)

(02:39:38.7). Fmsci Gypsy Challenge: 1. Dr. Akarsh Sundar (Pvt., Chikmagalur)/ Ravi Kumar (Bengaluru) (02:02:51.2); 2. Baljinder Singh Dhillon (A Ramp. A Motorsports, Delhi)/ Gouliann GJ (Chikmagalur) (02:04:39.8); 3. Sachin Singh (Pvt., Hyderabad)/ Anand Raj (Erode) (02:09:47.3).

Gill cruises into comfortable lead in Rally of Hyderabad

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HYDERABAD

ARJUNA Awardee Gaurav Gill began with a bang and cruised into his wonted form to take the lead navigating the tricky and rough stages in the Blueband Rally of Hyderabad, the fourth round of the Blueband FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship 2024, which began at the Special Stages around the Liberty Statue in Shamshabad on Saturday.

Gill, along with co-driver Anirudha Rangnekar, took the overall lead while the pair of Daraius Shroff and Arjun Dheerendra are leading the INRC3 class and Chetan Shivram and Shivprakash, INRC2 class.

Provisional Results: (Day 1) (All times after SS3 only)

INRC Overall: 1. Gaurav Gill (privateer, Delhi)/ Anirudha Rangnekar (Pune) (00hour, 52 minutes, 11.9 seconds); 2. Chetan Shivram/ E Shivprakash (A&A Motorsports, Both Bengaluru) (00:52:36.0); 2. Jason Saldhanha (Arka Motorsports, Hassan)/ Thimmu Uddapanda



Gaurav Gill in action on Saturday

(Kodagu) (00:53:29.5).

INRC2: 1. Chetan Shivram/ E Shivprakash (A&A Motorsports, Both Bengaluru) (00:52:36.0); 2. Jason Saldhanha (Arka Motorsports, Hassan)/ Thimmu Uddapanda (Kodagu) (00:53:29.5); 3. Ritesh Guttedhar (Pvt. Gulbarga)/ Suraj M (Bengaluru) (00:53:47.9).

INRC3: 1. Daraius Shroff (Chettinad Sporting, Mumbai)/ Arjun Dheerendra (Bengaluru) (00:54:13.0); 2. Shashank Jamwal (Arka Motorsports, Himachal)/ Aseem Sharma (Chandigarh) (00:54:03.8); 3. Arnav Pratap Singh (Snap Racing, Gurugram)/ Rohit (Ben-

galuru) (00:54:07.6).

Ladies Class: 1. Anushriya Gulati (Arka MS, Dehradun)/ Karan Aukta (00:56:43.2); 2. Nikeeta Takkale (Pvt, Pune)/ Arvind Dheerendra (Bengaluru) (00:58:14.7); 3. Phoebe Nongrum (Snap Racing, Shillong)/ KP Aravind (Bengaluru) (01:06:35.6).

Junior INRC: 1. Abhin Rai (Ideal Racing)/ Moideen Jasheer (both Chikmagalur) (00:54:55.6); 2. Arjun Rajiv (Chettinadu Sporting)/ Vinay (Both Bengaluru) (00:54:26.1); 3. Ajay Sankar (Pvt. Coimbatore)/ Vybhav Mukund (Bengaluru) (00:56:06.5).

HYDERABAD ROUND-UP

Gill drives to glory in Rally of Hyderabad

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FMSCI Classic Challenge: 1. Aneeshnath S & Amitha Aneesh 2:03:48.0, 2. Shaik Hussain Pasha & Ashfaque Afrid 2:30:43.9, 3.



Winning run: Gill and co-driver Anirudha Rangnekar celebrate their victory. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Praveen Dwarakanath & Arun V 2:39:38.7.

FMSCI Gypsy Challenge: 1. Dr Akarsh Sundar & Ravi Kumar 2:02:51, 2. Baljinder Singh Dhillon & Goutham CP 2:04:39.8, 3. Sachin Singh & Anand Raj 2:05:47.5.

Baroda restricts Hyderabad

Hyderabad was bowled out for 168 on the first day against Baroda in their Col.C.K. Nayudu Trophy cricket championship second round match at Gymkhana Ground here on Sunday. In reply, Baroda was 124 for four at close of play.

The scores: Hyderabad 168 in 50.4 overs (Ilyaan Sathani 65, Karan Umatt 3/52, Keyur Kale 3/33, Aryan Chavda 3/24) vs.

Baroda 124/4 in 35 overs (Bhavishya Bhavesh Patel 51, Harsh Desai 41 batting).

Hyderabad women cruise against Nagaland

Hyderabad scored a seven-wicket win over Nagaland in their BCCI senior women's T20 cricket championship third round match in Surat.

Batting first, Nagaland was bowled out for 73 in 19.4 overs with G. Trisha and Gouher Sultana picking three wickets apiece. In reply, Hyderabad reached the target in 13 overs thanks to useful contributions from V. Mahesh Kavya and G. Trisha.