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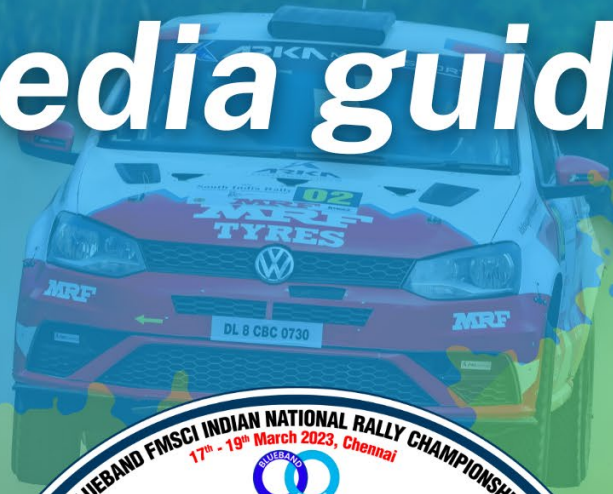
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46th SOUTH INDIA Rally - 16-19 March 2023

media guide



BLUEBAND FMSCI INDIAN NATIONAL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP
17th - 19th March 2023, Chennai



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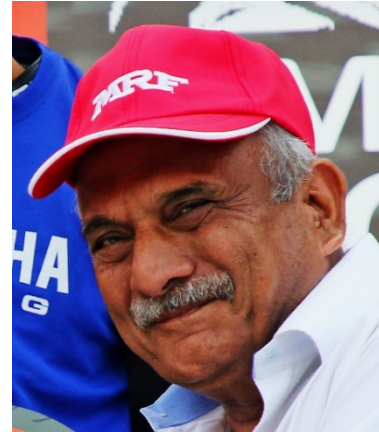
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WELCOME

Hello and a hearty welcome to tropical Chennai in the South of India!

Madras Motor Sports Club, India's oldest motorsport organiser is delighted to present Round 1 of the FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship 2023 – also the 46th edition of the South India Rally, Round-1 of the Blue Band fmsci MMSC Indian National Rally Championship 2022 – Friday, 17th to Sunday, 19th March 2023.



The Rally Head Quarters (HQ) will be at the Madras International Circuit (MIC) which is about 35 kms from the Chennai Airport on the Chennai-Bangalore Highway. The HQ will be operational from Wednesday, 15th March 2023.

The Rally will consist of 4 SSS (13.10 kms), 17 Special Stages (128.93 kms) and Transport Sections (Liaison Distance) of about 175 kms. The furthest Special Stage is about 23 kms from the Service Park.

MIC is the hub of all Rally activity – Rally HQ, Service Park (SP), Scrutineering, Rally Control, Drivers Briefing, Parc Ferme, Ceremonial Start, SSS and the Track Stage.

Chennai will be warm and humid in March, so please carry light, comfortable clothing and keep yourself well hydrated. I wish you a safe, exciting and enjoyable Rally ahead.

- Manoj Dalal, CoC, South India Rally



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RALLY WEEK PROGRAMME

16th March 2023, Thursday

08:30 Hrs	Rally Office Opens	
08:45 Hrs	Official Notice Board	Rally HQ, MIC, Hospitality Lounge
09:00 Hrs	Administrative Checks	Rally HQ, MIC, Track Office
Issuing of Road Book, Maps	Rally HQ, MIC, Hospitality Lounge	Rally HQ, MIC, Hospitality Lounge
Registration of Reconnaissance Vehicle	Rally HQ, MIC, Hospitality Lounge	
11:00 Hrs	Collection of Tracking system for Recce	
12:00 Hrs	Reconnaissance (Refer Appendix 2 of SR)	Rally HQ, MIC, Hospitality Lounge
18:30 Hrs	Rally Office Closes	

17th March 2023, Friday

07:00 Hrs		Rally Office Opens
07:00 Hrs	Official Notice Board	Rally HQ2
07:15 Hrs	Fitting of Tracking System Article 11.7 of SR	Rally HQ2
07:30 Hrs	Reconnaissance (Refer Appendix II of SR)	Scrutiny Bay, Rally HQ2
07:30 Hrs	Pre-Event Scrutineering (Refer Art11.1 of SR)	SSS MIC
11:00 Hrs	1 st Stewards Meeting	Scrutiny Bay, Rally HQ2
12:00 Hrs	Media Centre Opens	Tower C1, Rally HQ2
13:30 Hrs	Compulsory Driver's Briefing	Tower C1, Rally HQ2
13:30 Hrs	Pre Start Parc Ferme Opens	Paddock Lounge, HQ2
13:30 Hrs	Publication of Start List-Leg 1	Rally HQ 2, MIC
14:00 Hrs	Pre-Rally Press Conference	Official Notice Board, Sportity App
14:00 Hrs	Start Parc Ferme Closes for all cars	Paddock Lounge, HQ2
14:30 Hrs	Start of Leg 1 Sec 1	Rally HQ 2, MIC
16:45 Hrs	Finish of Section 1/Overnight Parc Ferme	Rally HQ 2, MIC
19:00 Hrs	Publication of Start List Sec 2 Leg 1	Rally HQ 2, MIC
19:30 Hrs	Rally Office Closes	Official Notice Board, Sportity App



18th March 2023, Saturday

07:00 Hrs	Rally Office opens	Rally HQ2
07:00 Hrs	Official Notice Board	Rally HQ2

07:15 Hrs	Media Centre Opens	Tower C1, Rally HQ 2
08:00 Hrs	Start of Leg 1 Section 2	Parc Ferme, Rally HQ 2
16:30 Hrs	Finish of Leg 1	Parc Ferme, Rally HQ 2
19:00 Hrs	Publication of Start List – Leg 2	Notice Board, Sportity App
19:30 Hrs	Rally Office Closes	Rally HQ 2, MIC

19th March 2023, Sunday

06:30 Hrs	Rally Office Opens	Rally HQ2
06:30 Hrs	Official Notice Board Parc Ferme Closes for Restarting Crew	Rally HQ2
07:00 Hrs	Parc Ferme Closes for Restarting Crew	Parc Ferme, Rally HQ 2
07:00 Hrs	Media Centre Opens	Tower C1, Rally HQ 2
07:30 Hrs	Start of Leg 2	Parc Ferme, Rally HQ 2
13:00 Hrs	Finish of Rally	Parc Ferme, Rally HQ 2
14:00 Hrs	Podium Ceremony	Hospitality Lounge, MIC
15:00 Hrs	Final Scrutineering	Scrutiny Bay, Rally HQ, MIC
15:30 Hrs	Post-Event Press Conference	Paddock Lounge, MIC
17:00 Hrs	Provisional Classification Published	Notice Board, Sportity APP
17:30 Hrs	Publication of Final Classification	Notice Board, Sportity APP
18:00 Hrs	Media Centre Closes	Tower C1, Rally HQ 2
18:30 Hrs	Rally Office Closes	Rally HQ2



ITINERARY

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FRIDAY, 17 MARCH 2023 - LEG 1 - SECTION 1						Sunrise 06:15	Sunset 18:19
TC/SS	LOCATION	SS DISTANCE	LIAISON DISTANCE	TOTAL DISTANCE	TARGET TIME	1ST CAR TIME	
	RALLY HQ MIC – KMS TO NEXT REFUEL	(8.10)	(4.64)	(12.74)			
0	START OF RALLY – MIC					14:30	
1	WEST PADDOCK		1.40	1.40	00:05	14:35	
SS 1	WEST PADDOCK SSS 1	1.55				14:38	
1A	REGROUP 1 IN		0.78	2.33	00:06	14:44	
1B	REGROUP 1 OUT					16:15	
2	WEST PADDOCK		1.40	1.40	00:05	16:20	
SS 2	WEST PADDOCK SSS 2	1.55				16:23	
2A	OVER NIGHT PARC FERME – MIC		0.78	2.33	00:06	16:29	E
ALL CARS MUST BE RETURNED TO PARC FERME NO LATER THAN						18:42	

SATURDAY, 18 MARCH 2023 - LEG 1 - SECTION 2 & 3							Sunrise 06:14 Sunset 18:19	
TC/SS	LOCATION	SS DISTANCE	LIAISON DISTANCE	TOTAL DISTANCE	TARGET TIME	1ST CAR TIME		
2B	START - LEG 1 - SECTION 2					08:00		
2C	SERVICE IN		0.15	0.15	00:02	08:02		
SERVICE 'A' - MIC		(3.10)	(4.51)	(7.61)				
2D	SERVICE OUT				00:15	08:17		
3	MIC		0.23	0.23	00:02	08:19		
SS 3	MIC SSS 1	5.00				08:22		
RZ1	RALLY HQ MIC - KMS TO NEXT REFUEL	(18.17)	(42.45)	(60.62)				
4	AAVISA		26.01	31.01	01:20	09:42		
SS 4	AAVISA 1	18.17				09:45		
RZ2	RALLY HQ MIC - KMS TO NEXT REFUEL	(12.73)	(0.63)	(13.36)				
5	TRACK		22.13	40.30	01:20	11:05		
SS5	TRACK 1	12.73				11:08		
5A	HOLDING ZONE IN		0.41	13.14	00:15	11:23		
5B	HOLDING ZONE OUT / SERVICE IN			MAX 30 MINS		11:23		
FLEXI SERVICE 'B' - MIC		(35.90)	(48.78)	(84.68)				
5C	SERVICE OUT / REGROUP 2 IN				00:30	11:53	E	
5D	REGROUP 2 OUT					12:45		
RZ3	RALLY HQ MIC - KMS TO NEXT REFUEL	(18.17)	(42.45)	(60.62)				
6	AAVISA		20.54	20.54	00:45	13:30		
SS6	AAVISA 2	18.17				13:33		
RZ4	RALLY HQ MIC - KMS TO NEXT REFUEL	(12.73)	(0.78)	(13.51)				
7	TRACK		22.13	40.30	01:05	14:38		
SS7	TRACK 2	12.73				14:41		
7A	HOLDING ZONE IN		0.41	13.14	00:15	14:56		
7B	HOLDING ZONE OUT / SERVICE IN			MAX 45 MINS		14:56		
FLEXI SERVICE 'C' - MIC		(30.90)	(43.08)	(73.98)				
7C	SERVICE OUT - OVER NIGHT PARC FERME				00:45	15:41	E	

ALL CARS MUST BE RETURNED TO PARC FERME NO LATER THAN

18:09

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Itinerary....contd

SUNDAY, 19 MARCH 2023 - LEG 2 - SECTION 4 & 5							Sunrise 06:14 Sunset 18:19	
TC/SS	LOCATION	SS DISTANCE	LIAISON DISTANCE	TOTAL DISTANCE	TARGET TIME	1ST CAR TIME		
7D	START - LEG 2 - SECTION 4					07:30		
7E	SERVICE IN		0.15	0.15	00:02	07:32		
SERVICE 'D' - MIC		(0.00)	(0.15)	(0.15)				
7F	SERVICE OUT				00:15	07:47		
RZ5	RALLY HQ MIC - KMS TO NEXT REFUEL	(18.13)	(42.88)	(61.01)				
8	AAVISA R		21.07	21.07	00:40	08:27		
SS8	AAVISA R1	18.13				08:30		
RZ6	RALLY HQ MIC - KMS TO NEXT REFUEL	(12.68)	(0.69)	(13.37)				
9	TRACK R		22.33	40.46	00:55	09:25		
SS9	TRACK R1	12.68				09:28		



MEDIA SAFETY & IDENTIFICATION

1. It is acknowledged that the media play an important role in the FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship and that each member of the working media must be permitted to carry out his or her work in the best possible conditions.
2. However, the media is not exempt from having to respect safety rules. In general, this should not interfere with their ability to perform their duties. Nevertheless, safety will always take precedence.

MEDIA ACCESS

1. Only media representatives wearing a media pass and tabard will be permitted access to reserved areas on the Special Stages where spectators are not permitted. These areas are marked in the event's Media Safety Book as designated tabard media zones. All other members of the media must remain in designated spectator areas on the stages.
2. Media representatives wearing a tabard must ensure it is clearly visible at all times and not covered in any way. The tabard is allocated on a strictly named basis and is non-transferable. Failure to comply with this will result in the immediate withdrawal of the tabard.
3. If in the opinion of a marshal, official or the FIA APRC Coordinator the wearer of a tabard is located in an area of danger he or she will be asked to move.

TELEVISION & VIDEO RIGHTS

The Television and Video rights to the FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship are owned by the FIA.

The administration and control of the rights is the responsibility of the APRC working group and the FIA.

1. All APRC television and video footage supplied to third parties including TV stations, On-Line Media, teams and sponsors must be via the APRC Secretariat at an agreed cost, depending on requirements.



Or

2. Where a TV Station or Production companies wishes to send their own TV journalists/camera-men to an event, all media applications require permission from APRC Secretariat who will consider each request individually and work out an agreeable solution and cost for broadcast rights, relative to the long-term betterment of APRC media and television exposure.
3. All requests to use of footage for commercial purposes must be referred to the APRC Secretariat.

USEFUL INFORMATION

- High-speed internet connectivity, printing and photocopying, available at the MMRT along with individual plug-n-play work stations
- Chennai weather best described as hot, hotter and hottest
- Day temperature in March will be around 37 degrees Celcius (Max) and 27 degrees Celcius (Min)
- The time zone is +5.5 Hrs GMT
- The currency is Indian Rupees (INR) and it is advised to carry INR when in Chennai
- Money changers in City and ATMs near the Rally HQ available
- The Chennai airport is about 30 Kms from Rally HQ and the Central Railway Station, about 35 Kms; both well connected to other destinations
- Sightseeing – Marina Beach, second largest beach in the World; heritage sites in Mamallapuram (Mahabalipuram), about 50 Kms from the City; several large Malls for those into shopping



2023 APRC Calendar

Round 1	03–05 Feb	Rally Tsumagoi–Japan	Asia & Pacific Cups
Round 2	17–19 March	South India Rally-Chennai	Asia Cup
Round 3	31 March–02 Apr	Rally of Otago–New Zealand	Pacific Cup
Round 4	12–14 May	Rally of Whangarei–NZ	Pacific Cup
Round 5	22–23 Sept	Rally of Indonesia	Asia Cup
Round 6	11– 13 Sept	Rally Longyou–China	Asia Cup
Round 7	16–18 Oct	Danau Toba Rally - Indonesia	Asia Cup



SCROLL OF HONOUR – APRC CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

DRIVERS

- 2021, 2022 – Not contested due to Covid-19
- 2019 Dwei Lin (Chinese Taipei) Subaru
- 2018 Yuya Sumiyama () Skoda
- 2017 Gaurav Gill (MRF) (India Japan) Skoda
- 2016 Gaurav Gill (MRF) (India) Skoda
- 2015 Pontus Tidemand (MRF) (Sweden) Skoda
- 2014 Jan Kopecky (MRF) (Czech Republic) Skoda
- 2013 Gaurav Gill (MRF) (India) Skoda
- 2012 Chris Atkinson (MRF) (Australia) Skoda
- 2011 Alistair McRae (Great Britain) Proton
- 2010 Katsu Taguchi (MRF) (Japan) Mitsubishi
- 2009 Cody Crocker (Australia) Subaru
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2005 Jussi Valimaki (MRF) (Finland) Mitsubishi
 2004 Karamjit Singh (Malaysia) Proton
 2003 Armin Kremer (MRF) (Germany) Mitsubishi
 2002 Karamjit Singh (Malaysia) Proton
 2001 Karamjit Singh (Malaysia) Proton
 2000 Possum Bourne (New Zealand) Subaru
 1999 Katsuhiko Taguchi (Japan) Mitsubishi
 1998 Yosio Fujimoto (Japan) Toyota
 1997 Kenneth Eriksson (Sweden) Subaru
 1996 Kenneth Eriksson (Sweden) Subaru
 1995 Kenneth Eriksson (Sweden) Mitsubishi
 1994 Possum Bourne (New Zealand) Subaru
 1993 Possum Bourne (New Zealand) Subaru
 1992 Ross Dunkerton (Australia) Mitsubishi
 1991 Ross Dunkerton (Australia) Mitsubishi
 1990 Carlos Sainz (Spain) Toyota
 1989 Rod Millen (New Zealand) Mazda
 1988 Kenjiro Shinozuka (Japan) Mitsubishi

JUNIOR CUP

2021, 2022 – Not contested due to Covid-19
 2019 Michael Young (New Zealand)
 2014 Michael Young (New Zealand)
 2013 Michael Young (New Zealand)
 2012 Akira Bamba (Japan)
 2011 Akira Bamba (Japan)



Asia Cup

2021, 2022 – Not contested due to Covid-19
 2019 Michael Young (New Zealand)
 2018 Yuya Sumiyama (Japan)
 2017 Gaurav Gill (India)
 2016 Gaurav Gill (India)
 2015 Hitoshi Takayama (Japan)
 2014 Yuya Sumiyama (Japan)
 2013 Michael Young (New Zealand)
 2012 Yuya Sumiyama (Japan)
 2011 Alister McRae (Great Britain)
 2010 Yuya Sumiyama (Japan)
 2009 Cody Crocker (Australia)
 2008 Cody Crocker (Australia)

Pacific Cup

2021, 2022 – Not contested due to Covid-19
 2019 Hayden Paddon (New Zealand)
 2018 Fabio Frisiero (Italy)
 2017 Ole Christian Veiby (MRF) (Norway)
 2016 Fabian Kreim (MRF) (Germany)
 2015 Pontus Tidemand (MRF) (Sweden)
 2014 Jan Kopecky (MRF) (Czech Republic)
 2013 Simon Knowles (Australia)
 2012 Chris Atkinson (Australia)

2011 Chris Atkinson (Australia)
 2010 Brendan Reeves (Australia)
 2009 Hayden Paddon (New Zealand)
 2008 Dean Herridge (Australia)

APRC 2 / Production Cup

2018 Fuyuhiko Takahashi (Japan)
 2017 Abhilash Pallath Ganesh (India)
 2014-2016 Michael Young (New Zealand)
 2013 Sanjay Takle (India)

Manufacturers

2012-18 Skoda
 2011 Proton
 2010 Mitsubishi
 2006-09 Subaru
 2005 Mitsubishi
 2004 Proton
 2003 Mitsubishi
 2002 Proton
 2001 Mitsubishi
 2000 Subaru
 1999 Mitsubishi
 1998 Toyota
 1997 Subaru
 1996 Mitsubishi



About Madras Motor Sports Club

Since its humble beginnings in 1953, the Madras Motor Sports Club has grown in stature as the hub of motorsport activity in India. Having moved its racing activities from Sholavaram to its present location, the Madras International Circuit (earlier MMRT), in Sriperumbudur in 1979, MMSC has kept pace with changing times by upgrading facilities. At a cost of about Rs 20 Crore, the MMSC built a pit complex comprising 20 garages, VIP hospitality suites and a viewing gallery, on the eastern side, apart from a second Paddock on the western side with its own short circuit. Parallely, MMSC imported timing equipment specifically for Drag racing. The Control Room too was upgraded with state-of-the-art hardware while the track itself was improved to meet the exacting FIA standards for Grade-2 certification. MMSC also constructed a 500-capacity grand stand with provision for garages / storage below. In another upgrade, the MMSC installed Digi flags from TAG Heuer Chronolec that will be positioned strategically around the track. The facilities are also extensively used by various vehicle manufacturers for testing their products, displays and corporate days.

For more information, please visit: <https://en.madrasmotorsports.com/history/>