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- *International Bike Races return to India*
- *Asia Road Racing Championship at Buddh International Circuit*
- *Over 70 riders from Thailand, Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia and India in fray*

New Delhi, September 27: The premium Asia Road Racing Championship, which showcases the region's top riders and manufacturers, returns to India with the Madras Motor Sports Club organizing the fifth round of the series at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida on October 1-2.

The ARRC round this weekend comprises the Asia Dream Cup (Honda CBR250) which will see two Indian riders, Hari Krishnan Rajagopal and Rajiv Sethu, besides the SuperSport 600cc that has country's lone representative Shankar Sarath Kumar on the grid, the Asia Production 250cc and the Underbone 130cc.

The three Indians apart, the ARRC will be parading plenty of exciting talent chiefly from Thailand, Japan, Indonesia and Malaysia, countries that have produced riders who have progressed to the World Championship level, and four top manufacturers Honda, Yamaha, Kawasaki and Suzuki.

The weekend card includes the final round of the Volkswagen Vento Cup, the only four-wheeler category, apart from Round 4 of the MMSC One Make Championships in Honda (CBR 250 Open), TVS (Apache RTR 200 Open) and the Suzuki Gixxer Cup (Open) categories.

The action begins on Thursday with Free Practice sessions for the Honda and TVS One Make Championships, the Suzuki Gixxer Cup and the Vento Cup. The ARRC riders will get into their stride with practice sessions on Friday. In all, 16 races will be held over the next two days.

Chairman of the Meet, Vicky Chandhok said: "In keeping with MMSC's tradition that dates back to the 1950s of organizing and promoting the highest levels of motor sport in India, we are proud to host a round of the Asia Road Racing Championship at the Buddh International Circuit this weekend.

"The MMSC today organizes and promotes most of motor racing events in India and I am proud to say that seven of the country's top manufacturers – Honda, Suzuki, TVS, Yamaha, KTM, Bajaj and Royal Enfield – are participating in our events in one form or other.

“With Formula One no longer financially viable to host, it is the endeavour of MMSC to bring to India a high profile and top quality event such as the ARRC as part of our efforts to keep India on the global motor sport map besides making our country a motor sport destination.

“We had the option of hosting the ARRC at our own MMRT tracks in Sripdumbudur at a far lesser cost, but it is MMSC’s philosophy to also support such an iconic track as the BIC which is undoubtedly among the finest race track in the World despite the phenomenal costs involved.”

About Madras Motor Sports Club

The Madras Motor Sports Club has been the pioneer in developing and promoting motorsport in India since 1953, and we look to further improve in the years to come. It is the club’s endeavor to provide more opportunities for competitors and to this end, it has chalked out a progressive program for 2016. From the days of Sholavaram , MMSC built its own racetrack which was inaugurated in 1979 and secured its FIA Grade-2 international certification in 2015, making it the only club which owns such a facility. The club has organised the Porsche Super Cup, Formula Campos, Formula Asia, Asian touring car championships, Formula 3, Tata Prima Truck racing championship, the Asian 2-wheeler racing championships besides a host of other motorsport events over the years. The club also has active participation for its events from vehicle manufacturers who also use the Madras Motor Race Track (MMRT) extensively for testing their products.

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