



AMITTRAJIT GHOSH WINS THE COVETED MRF 42nd K1000 RALLY 2016

Bengaluru, 18th December 2016: Amittrajit Ghosh and Ashwin Naik pulled out all the stops to win the coveted MRF 42nd K1000 Rally 2016 in Bengaluru with an overall time of 00:51:40.2. This is the second time that the Team Mahindra Adventure driver has won India's oldest rally in the country; the last one being in 2013.

This was the second podium for Amittrajit post his win at the MRF Rally of Coimbatore in the month of July 2016. He said "Feels very nice to end the season with a win and having the most number of wins this season. We will come back better and stronger in 2017".

The first runner up and the second runner up of the MRF 42nd K1000 Rally 2016 were Phalgun V and Rahul Kanthraj with an overall time of 00:53:38.1 and 00:54:30.5 respectively

Amidst several championship contenders coming into the final round, Gaurav Gill of Team Mahindra Adventure failed to finish the rally when he had driveshaft failure in SS 1. Arjun Rao also failed to finish the event while running third due to gearbox failure.

Mr. Arindam Ghosh, Director, RRPM, who are the promoters of the **MRF FMSCI INRC** and **IRC**, said: "It has been a lovely year of rallying and it can only get better from here. We promise to bring back an even better championship next year".

Abhilash PG and Srikant Gowda took overall honors in the MRF FMSCI Indian Rally Championship (IRC), run concurrently with the INRC, completing the event in a total time of 00:54:31.4, 00:04:57.0 ahead of Mohammed Kasim A.A and Sanath G. Ritesh.M.Guttedar and Sheraz Ahmed were third with a time of 01:00:00.9.

It must be noted that the **INRC** and **IRC** are two **separate championships** and their results are **not clubbed** together or **compared** as they run distinctively different vehicles. The **INRC** is for **two-wheel drive Indian** vehicles only while **four-wheel drive foreign** vehicles are allowed to compete in the **IRC**.

The K1000 Rally is running in its 42nd year. The name K1000 is attributed to the 1000 mile (1600kms) rally that used to run in the mid 80s. As part of the INRC calendar now, the rally spans across 104 kms through 6 stages around the village of Hosadurga that is known to have rich deposits of iron ore and manganese.

Amittrajit and Ashwin took home Rs. 50,000/- in prize money.

The prize money and trophies for the podium finishers were handed out by patrons of the Karnataka Motor Sports Club.

The prize winners for the different categories are as follows:

OVERALL INRC WINNERS

3- Place	Rahul Kanthraj (Driver)	Vivek Y. Bhatt (Co-Driver)	CNo: 8
2- Place	Phalguna V. Urs (Driver)	Chandramouli C.M (Co-Driver)	CNo: 6
1- Place	Amitrajit Ghosh (Driver)	Ashwin M. Naik (Co-Driver)	CNo: 2

WINNERS OF IRC

3- Place	Ritesh.M.Guttedar (Driver)	Sheraz Ahmed (Co-Driver)	CNo: 20
2- Place	Mohammed Kasim A.A (Driver)	Sanath G (Co-Driver)	CNo: 16
1- Place	Abhilash P.G (Driver)	Srikant Gowda G.M (Co-Driver)	CNo: 1

WINNERS OF FMSCI CUP

3- Place	Ganapathy S C (Driver)	Venu Ramesh Kumar (Co-Driver)	CNo: 21
2- Place	Krishnakant Yadav (Driver)	Sagar M (Co-Driver)	CNo: 25
1- Place	Sridhar N Urs (Driver)	Roopesh B C (Co-Driver)	CNo: 23

WINNERS OF GYPSY CUP

3- Place	Nayan J Sarma (Driver)	Shuchindra S.P (Co-Driver)	CNo: 29
2- Place	Shiva Kumar Reddy (Driver)	Vinay Prasad B.K. (Co-Driver)	CNo: 32
1- Place	Sanjay Agarwal (Driver)	Smitha N (Co-Driver)	CNo: 28

WINNERS OF INRC 2000

3- Place	Aroor Vikram Rao (Driver)	Jeevarathinam J (Co-Driver)	CNo: 19
2- Place	Bopaiah K.M (Driver)	Gagan Karumbaiah (Co-Driver)	CNo: 14
1- Place	Rahul Kanthraj (Driver)	Vivek Y. Bhatt (Co-Driver)	CNo: 8

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