

Rajiv Sethu sets the pace

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Rajiv Sethu of Honda Ten10 Racing snatched the pole position in the premier Super Sport 165cc category with a flying lap of 1:54.906 to set up an intriguing clash with his TVS Racing rivals as the fifth and final round of the MRF MMSC Fmsci Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship commenced at the MMRT, here on Friday.

Sethu, lying third in the championship behind the TVS Racing duo of leader Jagan Kumar and second-placed Ahamed Arif, put in three laps in the 10-minute qualifying session as he scorched the track, displaying impressive pace.

The results (qualifying, pole positions only):

National Championship, Super Sport 165cc: Rajiv Sethu (Honda Ten10 Racing) (1:54.906).

Pro-Stock: 301-400cc: Prabhu Arunagiri (Team Alisha Abdullah) (1:53.872); **Pro-Stock: 165cc:** Anish Damodara Shetty (Honda Ten10 Racing) (1:59.630).

Girls (Stock 165cc): Ann Jennifer (Sparks Racing) (2:13.615). **Stock 165cc:** Abhimanyu Gautam (Jind) (2:08.638).

One-Make Championship, TVS Apache 200 (Novice): Kathik Mateti (Hyderabad) (2:16.433). **Girls:** Ann Jennifer (Chennai) (2:20.765).