

# GILL-MUSA PAIR WEARS CROWN

**Kochi:** Mahindra Adventure's Gaurav Gill was at his fast and furious best to annex his sixth Indian National Rally Championship here on Sunday. The three-time APRC champion dominated the rally along with his co-driver Musa Sherif, winning seven stages and finishing second in two in the Popular Rally.

Going into this iconic rally in the picturesque backdrop of Kerala with just a solitary point lead (62 to his team-

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mate Amittrajit Ghosh's 61), Gill had to be cautious as he mounted his attack.

He began slowly, finishing second in the first two stages, before he came into his own. Guided by local boy Musa, he quickly got a feel of the terrain and made the necessary adjustments to win the next five stages.

**Provisional results: Overall INRC:** 1 Gaurav Gill/ Musa Sherif (Team Mahindra Adventure; 1:29:58.9); 2 Younus Ilyas/ Harish KN (Race Concepts Motorsport; 1:30:33.1); 3



Gaurav Gill (left) & Musa Sherif

Karna Kadur/ Nikhil V Pai (Arka Motorsports; 1:30:54.4).

**INRC 1:** 1 Gaurav Gill/ Musa Sherif (1:29:58.9); 2 Sirish Chandran/ AA Ragnekar (1:31:17.1); 3 Amittrajit Ghosh/ Ashwin Naik (Team Mahindra Adventure, 1:31:51.6).

**INRC 2:** 1 Younus Ilyas/ Harish KN (1:30:33.1); 2 Karna Kadur/ Nikhil Vittal Pai (1:30:54.4); 3. Phalguna Urs/ Srikanth GM (Snap Racing, 1:33:00.4).

**INRC 3:** 1 Dean Mascarenhas/ Shruptha Padival (1:33:07.9); 2 Fabid Ahmer/ Sanat G (Chettinad Sporting, 1:34:47.4); 3. Darius N Shroff/ Shahid Salman (1:35:20.6).

**FMSCI 2WD Cup:** 1. Vikram Gowda/ Sudhendra BG (1:39:08.9); 2. Suraj Thomas/ Sob (1:40:57.8); 3. Lanusanen Pongener/ Amrith (1:41:33.4).