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The Asian Production 250cc category of the FIM Asian Road Racing Championship (ARRC) 2019 moves to Thailand for round three, where IDEMITSU Honda Racing India will be looking to make a mark on a familiar circuit.

The 21-year-old Rajiv Sethu, in his third season in the AP 250 class and second year with the IDEMITSU Honda team, will hope to continue his fine form at the Chang International Circuit here.

Compared to his 27th spot last year, Sethu is already in the top-12 this season with 18 points and he comes into this round after picking up double-digit points for the first

Ready to roar: IDEMITSU Honda Racing India's Rajiv Sethu, left, is into his third season in the AP 250 class while this is the third ARRC round of Senthil Chandrasekaran's young career. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

time in round two (Australia).

Positive effect

Apart from a host of upgrades from last season, bringing in Tomoyoshi Koyama – a former Moto GP rider – to help train the riders

seems to have had a positive effect on the team's fortunes.

“With the support of my team and my coach Koyama, Australia gave me momentum and now I want to rewrite history by aiming for a podium at Chang – the cir-

cuit where I scored my first ever international points,” Rajiv said, adding, “my target is not a top-10 finish, I want to push hard and surprise everyone, even more, this round.”

Entering just the third ARRC round of his young career, teammate Senthil Chandrasekaran also wants to impress on 'home' turf.

“Honda gave me my international break in the Thailand Talent Cup 2018 and again gave me a bigger chance in Asia's toughest championship. Chang is a familiar track for me. This is my best chance to return to the top 15 and eye an even higher finish,” the 18-year-old said.

(The writer is in Buriram at the invitation of Honda Racing India)