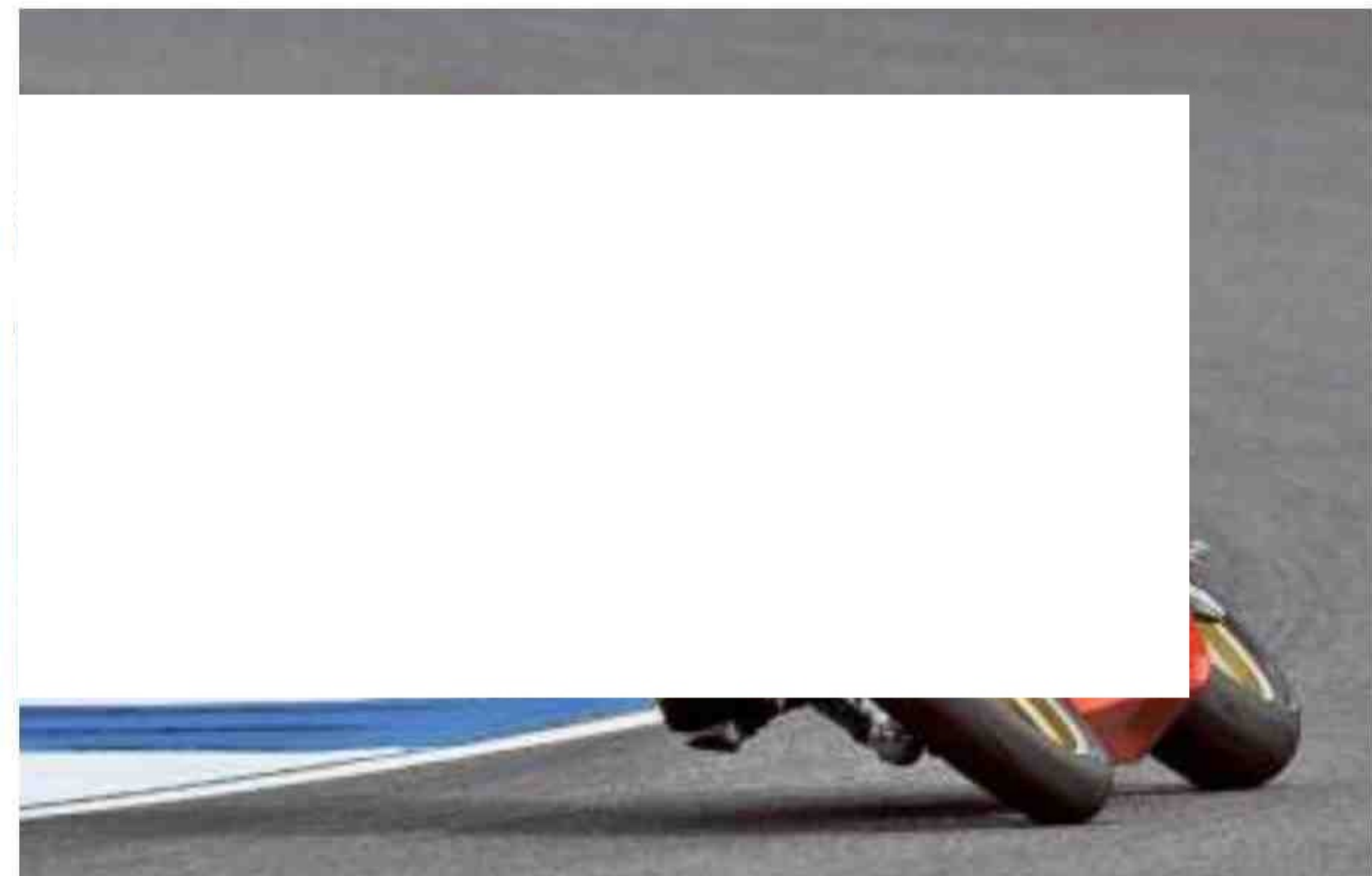


Career best by Sethu

Is 15th after three practice sessions



Catching up: Rajiv Sethu overcame a snag during practice to go into qualifying on a good note. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Arriving in Thailand on the back of a top-10 finish in the Asian Production 250cc category of the FIM Asian Road Racing Championship, Rajiv Sethu had a memorable end to Friday's practice by setting a personal best lap time of 1:55.146 at the Chang International Circuit.

His previous best was 1:55.725, set in Round 2 last season. On aggregate, he finished in the 15th position

after three practice sessions.

Teammate Senthil Chandrasekaran, who is still getting used to his AP 250 bike, finished 20th. His personal best on the day was 1:57:766, set in Practice 2.

Rajiv had a good start to the day's practice session but an electrical issue in Practice 2 forced the IDEMITSU Honda Racing India rider to end his session after just two laps.

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