

Sethu grabs 2 points in rain-affected race

Suzuka Circuit (Japan): Enduring challenging conditions, Rajiv Sethu finished 14th in the crash-filled Race 2 of the fourth round of FIM Asia Road Racing Championship (ARRC), adding two points to Honda Racing India's kitty, here on Sunday. As many as nine riders crashed out on Suzuka's slippery tarmac.

Starting 13th on grid, Sethu made a good start and climbed to seventh position before last corner of lap 1. His helmet visor started fogging up leading to near zero visibility. From there on, Sethu gradually dropped to 16th position and pushed on to return to top 15 in lap five, got pushed back in lap six but recovered. By penultimate 7th lap, Sethu had returned to 15th.

Mascarenhas overcomes Gill's challenge: Team Champions' Dean Mascarenhas overcame a late but spirited onslaught from three-time APRC winner Gaurav Gill to win the opening round of the Champions Yacht Club - FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship in Chennai on Sunday.

Anand draws with So: Five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand's hunt for his first victory continued as he played out a draw against American Wesley So in the fourth round of Grand Chess Tour in Zagreb. After losing the first round match rather unexpectedly against Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia, this was Anand's third draw on the trot. AGENCIES