

Chetan wins Rally of Coimbatore

Coimbatore: Team Akshara's Chetan Shivram rode on his overnight lead to emerge triumphant in the Rally of Coimbatore, Round 2 of the Champions Yacht Club FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship 2019, here on an action-packed Sunday. Going into the second and final day with a mere four second lead over Suhem Kabeer (Privateer) and a 19-lead over Younus Ilyas (Race Concepts), Chetan Shivram (with brother Dilip Sharan by his side) showed nerves of steel to win the overall INRC title as well as his INRC 3 category. He enjoyed a bit of luck as his main challenger, Suhem (with Jeeva Rathnam), got stuck in slush in the day's first stage itself. Suhem lost 6 minutes to slip out of the main reckoning though he could hold on to the third place in INRC 2 class. Chetan, however, couldn't breathe easy as Younus, was hot on his heels. Younus kept pace with Chetan in all three stages of Day 2. In the end, though, Younus had to settle for the second place on the INRC podium, falling just 04.600 seconds short.