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Ban on FMSCI prez overturned

CHENNAI: The Indian Motor Sport Appellate Committee overturned a ban imposed on J Prithiviraj from officiating in national championships, following the death of three trespassing motorists during the Rally of Jodhpur last year.

According to a press release issued by the Coimbatore Auto Sports Club, the IMSAC has upheld his appeal, declaring that the ban imposed on Mr Prithiviraj, who is incidentally the president of the FMSCI, was violative of all principles of natural justice. "He was not put on sufficient notice before imposing (such a) major punishment," the release, quoting the order, declared, absolving him of any lapses while organising the rally. Mr Prithiviraj was not even given an opportunity to defend himself and his indictment was announced. "I am glad that justice has prevailed," a relieved Mr Prithiviraj said.