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## Indian National Rally Championship on Sunday

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"The night stage is going to be an interesting challenge," Gill said at the press conference. "I have never rallied in my XUV at night so I will have to first get used to the new lights of the car. Moreover, we will have to drive on different surfaces. Tarmac,

rough gravel, sand. So, we need to plan all our setups, suspensions and tyres well," he pointed out.

Karna, another participant revealed that his car upgrades are still not in place. "Sadly, they might be ready only by the next round. I am not too worried though. I will give it my best shot and get some crucial points," he said.

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The Team Mahindra Adventure driver, along with his navigator Musa Sherif, was imperious in the first round at Coimbatore, winning all the stages to streak into the lead with 25 points.

They will look to extend their lead in this round which has been drawn up with sharp curves to test the skills of about 30-strong field across seven special stages.

### NATIONAL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP



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Gill faces another piquant situation as the APRC final round will be held simultaneously with the INRC's Chikmagalur round.

"I will go for broke as I have to get as many points as possible in the remaining rounds, starting from here," he added. Karna revealed that his car upgrades are still not in place. "Sadly, they might be ready only by the next round. I am not too worried though. I will give it my best shot and get some crucial points," he said.

The MRF Rally of Rajasthan will cover a total distance of close to 209 kilometres on the outskirts of the Pink City, with the 73.22 kilometres

long special stages being run on dirt roads.

It traverses through closed sections of public and private roads, giving the drivers the freedom to go all out in their quest for success. The entire road map was shared a day in advance allowing to the teams to complete their reconnaissance and draw their strategies.

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Gill, however, faced some problem in Special Stage 2, the tricky Shiv Shakti 1. It took them 6:49.1 minutes to finish this

stage. Defending champion Karuna Kadur of Arka Motorports (6:01.5) grabbed the lead here, with Amitrajit Ghosh (6:12.1) following. In fact, it was the first time this year that Gill had allowed these two to move ahead.

"I suffered in the second stage as I couldn't avoid a rock and picked up a puncture," Gill said later. "But I am glad I came through. This is one of the toughest rallies and the night stage has really got us all excited."

The experienced driver regained his advantage in SS 3, known as the Flying Machine stage. It took him 12:09.5 minutes to cover the 13.8 kilometres stretch to regain his lead. Gill was quite aggressive after that

and was never seriously challenged.

In contrast, Kadur suffered a breakdown in SS 5, while Ghosh had issues with his car too. He did make up some time later, but that wasn't enough to see him on the podium. That allowed Dean Mascarenhas and Rahul Kanthraj to finish behind Gill.

**RESULTS: INRC:** 1. Gaurav Gill & Musa Sharif; 2. Dean Mascarenhas & Shruptha Padival; 3. Rahul Kanthraj & Vivek Y Bhatt. **INRC 2:** 1. Rahul Kanthraj & Vivek Y Bhatt; 2. Younus Ilyas & Harish Kumar; 3. Jacob KJ & Manoj Mohanan. **INRC 3:** Dean Mascarenhas & Shruptha Padival; 2. Saddam Ali Saikh & Abhijeet Singh; 3. Daraius Shroff & Nitin Jacob.

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■ **Viswanathan Anand**

Anand will next take on Germany's Lampert Jonas in the second round.

**GAURAV GILL WINS RD 3**  
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**YOUNG SHUTTLE DIES**  
**KOLKATA:** An 18-year-old shuttler collapsed and died while practicing at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) complex here, officials said on Sunday. The body of

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## **GILL WINS ROUND 3 OF FMSCI RALLY**

Two-time APRC champion Gaurav Gill asserted his supremacy in the MRF FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship 2017, winning four out of the six special stages to claim Round 3 in Jaipur on Sunday.

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Gill and his partner Musa Sharif began the march for Team Mahindra Adventure late on Saturday, conquering the championship's first night stage with élan. They took barely 13:21.1 minutes to complete the 13.9 kilometre Night Hawk stage, zipping through the sharp turns and undulating curves in the dark with ease.

The pair, however, suffered issues in SS2, the tricky Shiv Shakti 1, taking 6:49.1 long minutes to finish fifth in the stage, yielding the lead to defending champion Karna Kadur of Arka Motorports (6:01.5) and his own teammate Amittrajit Ghosh (6:12.1) for the first time this year.

"I suffered in the second stage as I couldn't avoid a rock and picked up a puncture," Gill said, about his defeat. Karna and Amittrajit's joy was, however, short-lived.

Gill was back in his elements in SS3, the Flying Machine stage, taking an astounding 12:09.5 minutes to crack the 13.8 kilometres to reclaim the rally lead.

Gill in his XUV was beyond everybody's reach in the next two stag-

#### RESULTS

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# Gaurav Gill in command



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## गौरव ने जीता जयपुर राउंड



जयपुर | दो बार के एपीआरसी चैम्पियन गौरव गिल ने एमआरएफ एफएमएससीआई इंडियन नेशनल रैली चैम्पियनशिप में छह में से चार स्टेज में जीत हासिल करते हुए तीसरे राउंड पर कब्जा जमा लिया है। गिल और उनके जोड़ीदार मुसा शरीफ ने जयपुर में टीम महिंद्रा के तौर पर अपनी रेस की शुरुआत की और रेस की नाइट स्टेज में जीत हासिल की। इन्होंने 139 किलोमीटर नाइट हॉक स्टेज को 13:21.1 मिनट में तय कर आसानी से जीत अपने खाते में डाली। इस जोड़ी को हालांकि मुश्किल एसएस 2 में कुछ समस्याएं आईं, शिव शक्ति 1 से इस जोड़ी को पांचवीं स्टेज पार करने में 6:49.1 का समय लगा। इस कारण इस जोड़ी पर मौजूदा विजेता अर्का मोटरस्पोर्ट्स के कर्णा कादुर (6:01.5) और उनकी टीम के साथी अमृतजीत घोष (6:12.1) ने बढ़त ले ली।

**रिजल्ट : आईएनआरसी 1 :** गौरव गिल और मुसा शरीफ, 2. डीन मास्करेनस और शुपथा पाडिवाल, 3. राहुल कंथराज और विवेक भट्ट।

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**आईएनआईसी 3 :** डीन मास्करेनस और शुपथा पाडिवाल, 2. सद्दाम अली शेख और अभिजीत सिंह, 3. दारियस श्राफ और नितिन जैकब।

**एफएमएससीआई 2 डब्ल्यूडी कप:** 1. चेतन शिवराम और रूपेश कोले, 2. सूरज थॉमस और थॉमस पॉल, 3. सचिन शर्मा और सागर मालप्पा।

**4 डब्ल्यू डी ओपन:** 1. एस यादव और वी. कश्यप, 2. हिमांशु अरोड़ा और कुणाल कश्यप, 3. संजय राजदान और करण आक्ता।

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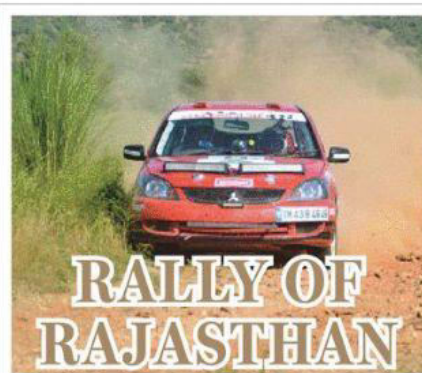
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**Kepal Batra**

Jaipur witnessed a day full of thrill and adrenaline rush as MRF organised the Rally of Rajasthan 2017, this Sunday, after a long time, since the rally happened in Rajasthan after about ten years. The Jaipur leg of the rally was organised by Raj Singh Rathore, director of 'The Motorsports'. Two-time APRC champion Gaurav Gill asserted his supremacy in the MRF FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship 2017, comfortably winning four out of the six special stages to claim round three, on a blistering Sunday. Gill and his partner Musa Sharif began the march for Team Mahindra adventure late on Saturday, conquering the championship's first night stage with élan. The pair, however, suffered issues in the round two, the tricky Shiv Shakti 1, taking 0:49.1 long minutes to finish fifth in the stage, yielding the lead to defending champion Karan Kodur of Arka Motorports (0:01.5) and his own teammate Amitrajit Ghosh (0:12.1) for the first time this year. Karan and

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The twin setbacks opened the path for Dean Mascarenhas' INRC 3 team and Rahul Kanthraj's INRC 2 outfit to jump into contention.

Mascarenhas and his co-driver Shruptha Padival, in their VW Polo, had an impressive stage to climb all the way to the second position. They hung on to the godsend doggedly, despite being pushed to the fourth place in SS 7.



Kanthraj and navigator Vivek Bhatt stunned the field by winning the final stage, the SS 7, although Gill went easy after being assured of winning the round. That ensured them the third place on the podium.

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### Highlights

- Gaurav Gill and Musa Sherif lead INRC 2017 at the end of Round 3
- Gill and Shariff suffered a setback in SS 2 finishing 5th and 3rd in SS 7
- Special Stage 6 was cancelled due to an emergency in the village

Asserting his dominance, two-time APRC champion Gaurav Gill won Round 3 of the 2017 MRF FMSCI Indian National Rally championship, leading four out of the six special stages in Jaipur. Gill and his partner Musa Shariff were driving for Team Mahindra Adventure and conquered through the challenging terrain in their rally prepped [Mahindra XUV500](#). The team took 13.21.1 minutes to complete the 13.9 km Night Hawk stage, passing through curves in the dark with ease.

While the first Special Stage (SS) was cleared by Gill comfortably, the Shiv Shakti 1 SS 2 saw the driver take 6.49.1 minutes to finish fifth, behind defending champion Karna Kadur of Arka Motorsports (6.01.5m) and teammate Amittrajit Ghosh (6.12.1m).

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(Team Mahindra Adventure's Gaurav Gill and Musa Shariff lead the INRC 2017 championship)

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That said, Dean Mascarenhas' INRC 3 team in the Volkswagen Polo and Rahul Kanthraj's INRC 2 outfit inherited the second and third positions. Kanthraj and navigator Vivek Bhatt took an impressive win in the final special stage 7, while Gill comfortably finished third, having won the entire round. SS 6 had to

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## RESULTS

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2. Dean Mascarenhas & Shruptha Padival
3. Rahul Kanthraj & Vivek Y Bhatt

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2. Younus Ilyas & Harish Kumar
3. Jacob KJ & Manoj Mohanan

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2. Saddam Ali Saikh & Abhijeet Singh
3. Daraius Shroff & Nitin Jacob

### FMSCI 2WD Cup:

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2. Suraj Thomas & Thomas Paul
3. Sachin Sharma & Sagar Malappa

### 4WD Open:

1. S. Yadav & V. Kashyap
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3. Sanjay Razdan & Karan Aukta

### 2WD Open:

- Lakshya Veer Dabbas & Aakshay Suhag

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