



## Final results | INRC Round 1 - Nashik (Rally Of Maharashtra)

### Vikram Mathias and Amittrajit Ghosh of Red Rooster Racing take podium behind Team MRF's Gaurav Gill at the Nashik Rally of the INRC

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It was a hard fought battle between the top 2 teams of Indian Rallying, Team MRF and Red Rooster Racing, at the first round of the Indian National Rally Championship held at Nashik. Timings changed stage after stage, with every driver finding comfort levels in different stages.

Run on a tarmac surface that commanded fast pace, it was the calculated and sound driving of Gaurav Gill that gave him the edge and dominance right from the start. Last year's Nashik Rally winner Vikram Mathias (PVS Murthy) of Red Rooster Racing could not repeat the performance as Gaurav Gill of team MRF drove a brilliant rally to finish on top. Gill covered the total distance of 112.23 kms and 10 stages in **1hr 22mins 42.5**, closely followed by Mathias who overcame gear box problems to finish second to win some valuable championship points. While Mathias finished with a timing of **1hr 25mins 3.2**, Amittrajit Ghosh (Ashwin Naik), also of Red Rooster Racing, came third with a timing of **1hr 26mins 35.7**.

The biggest disappointment of the rally was Naren Kumar (co-driver Ram Kumar), the 6-time Indian National Rally Champion and the first Indian Driver in the Production World Rally Championship, who with this plotted his return to the premier Indian championship after almost 2 years. Although they remarkably achieved the fastest time in SS4, the rest of their rally was plagued with problems. They suffered an intercom problem in 4 of the 6 stages, and a gearbox problem in the other, all of which collectively pushed them down in order. After a quick overnight repair job they came back and had a run under the Super Rally format on day two but a spin and relapse of the gearbox left them with no chance, putting them way behind the leaders with a timing of **1:44.52**. We await some fireworks from this famed driver of Red Rooster Racing in the second round at Coimbatore.

The famed tuner and Chief Technical Director of Red Rooster Racing, N Leelakrishnan, the record holder of the INRC with 7 wins, said "Kudos to the organisers for conducting the rally superbly. This was a very fast and 'tactful' tarmac surface and Gaurav did fanatically well to get the top position. I am happy for Vikram and Amittrajit for their superb performance but I am disappointed about the cars as they developed some technical snags which hindered our drivers. We will rectify the problems and will be ready for the next one in Coimbatore. There's a long way to go in this championship."



It is a great start to the season opener as the top 2 teams of Indian rallying did not disappoint the motorsport lovers. The event was closely followed by a large audience. The second round of the Indian National Rally Championship will be held in Coimbatore (also known as Rally De Coimbatore) from 6th to 8th August. This should give enough time for all the participants to prepare their cars for gravel surface. We hope to see renewed rivalry between the drivers and teams.

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