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## Red Rooster Racing Ready to Show Their Might in Round 1 of INRC 2010

*Will kick start the season with The Rally Of Maharashtra, in Nashik with 4 cars in the 2000cc Group N+ and Group N category*

**Bangalore, June 23, 2010:** Red Rooster Racing, India's leading professional Motorsports company, is gearing up for the SPEED FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship (INRC) 2010 season - the most prestigious event on the Indian motorsports calendar. Beginning June 25, the first rally will be held in Nashik. Red Rooster Racing will field four drivers in the rally, three in the 2000cc N+ category, and one in the 2000cc N category.

The fiercely competitive SPEED INRC sets the benchmark for endurance and performance rallying in the country. This year, most importantly, it cuts through the entire nation, with each of the 7 rounds stretching across 7 states - Maharashtra, Tamilnadu, Rajasthan, Delhi, Hyderabad, Karnataka and Kerala. The Red Rooster Rallying team won the championship in 2008, their debut year, and were runners-up in 2009.

The Rally of Maharashtra, the first of the 7 legs taking place from June 25 - 27 will be held on a tarmac surface. It will have 31 of Indian motorsport's finest vying for the top spot. Widely acknowledged as the most technically challenging and physically daunting, the **Rally of Maharashtra** is scheduled to run a total distance of 564 kms. This is divided into 452 kms of liaison distance and 112kms of Special Stage rallying. Vikram Mathias (co-driver PVS Murthy) of Team Red Rooster Racing won this rally last year with an overall time of one hour, 23 minutes, 12 seconds, and hopes to stay on top this year too.

**Dinesh Reddy**, Managing Director, Red Rooster Racing, said, *"Our team, under the guidance of **Leelakrishnan**, have been working very hard on the car, and all our drivers have put in miles on the new machines they are running this year. With the addition of **Naren** to the team, we think we are on the right track, with everything falling into place at the right time. We're looking forward to Nashik for an exhilarating rally experience, as we are in for a tough battle with Team MRF, who also have some of India's top drivers and machines. I am confident of a win here to kick the start the season opener in style."*

Red Rooster Racing will be running all four Mitsubishi Cedias, both in the N+ and N category, under the aegis of **N Leelakrishnan**, Chief Technical Director and 7-time INRC champion. These cars are developed with numerous customised parts, are produced by specialists from around the world, and have been optimised for maximum performance.



### Driver Profiles:

#### **Car 1 : 2000CC, Group N+ Category**

*Naren Kumar (Driver)*

Naren is the first Indian driver in PWRC (Production World Rally Championship) and APRC (Asia Pacific Rally Championship). He is also the Asia Zone Rally champion **and six-time Indian National Rally Champion.**

*Ram Kumar (Co Driver)*

Ram started rallying in 1986 with the Scissors Action Rally which was a day-long TSD event across 2000kms. Till date, he has participated in more than 125 events both in India & Abroad. He is a five-time winner of the Indian National Rally Co-Drivers Championship, and has also won the Asia Zone Rally Co-Drivers Championship.

#### **Car 2: 2000CC, Group N+ Category**

*Vikram Mathias (Driver)*

Vikram has been the National Champion twice since he began racing in 2000. He is also the Indian National rally champion of the year for 2008.

*PVS Murthy (Co driver)*

Murthy is the winner of National Rally Championship, 2008 in the 2000cc N+ Category. He has participated in over 95 rallies in the last 9 years. A seasoned co-driver, he has taken part in rallies like Raid de Himalaya, Desert Storm, the Arunachal rally, and the Meghalya Rally in Tura.

#### **Car 3: 2000CC, Group N+ Category**

*Amitrajit Ghosh (driver)*

Amit is one of the youngest drivers on the force. He won the Coffee Day Rally in Chikmagalur, the Bosch K-1000 Rally in Bangalore (2007), the Rally of Coimbatore (2008) and finished 3rd in INRC for the 2008 season.

*Aswin Naik (Co driver)*

Aswin started his career in 1995 and is one of the most experienced co-drivers in the country, with over 115 rallies under his belt.



#### **Car 4: 2000CC, Group N Category**

Karna Kadur (Driver)

Karna is the current Indian National Rally Champion in the 'Rally Star Cup' category. This year he will be driving a more powerful car in the 2000cc N category. He is one of the beneficiaries from the 'Talent Identification Program' of Red Rooster Racing for the 2009 season.

Somonnita Ghosh (*Co driver*)

Somonnita entered the world of motorsports in the year 2008 and is the only woman co driver in the INRC. She competed in her first INRC in the 'Rally Star Cup' and won the Coimbatore Rally during her debut. She went on to win 3 of the 5 rallies and became The Indian National Rally Champion in the Rally Star Cup. This year she will be participating in the 2000cc N category.

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