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Mr. Rajat Majumder President	Dr. Vijay Mallya Chairman	Mr. Shrikant Karani Vice-President

The Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI) held its 32nd Annual General Meeting in Chennai yesterday (23rd December 2005).

The outgoing President Mr. Vicky Chandhok said :

<quote> As the National Sports Federation of the Government of India, we take pride in having put in place a 6-round National Supercross Championship, 7-round National Racing Championship for Saloons , Formula Maruti & Formula LGB Cars, a 5-round National Dirt Track Racing Championship for Bikes and a 6-round National Road Racing Championship for Bikes in the year 2005 and an International Raid de Himalaya 2005 for 2 wheelers.

A National Enduro event was held for the first time ever in India at Jodhpur, and with the support of the FIM we hope to make this a round of the Asia Enduro in 2006 and possibly a round of the FIM Enduro World Championship in the near future.

Karting was introduced to this country in competitive form by the FMSCI many years ago & provides the basis for all racing at an affordable price. With no other international event in real terms, credit must go to the team at the FMSCI who have made this possible.

The FMSCI with the support of its member clubs organized the Airtel One India Challenge 2005 -- by far the biggest and longest rally ever held in the history of

Indian motorsport. With 550 participants, it was flagged off from 21 cities, covering a total of 8000 kms and offered the highest prize money ever of Rs. 10 Million in total !! .

It is reassuring to note that as of 6th Dec 2005 a total number of 41 four wheeler and 72 two wheeler events were promoted by FMSCI in the year 2005 - an average of 9 events a month, and we thank our sponsors, member clubs, officials, competitors and others involved for their commitment, support and co-operation.

The FMSCI has been consistently organizing the National Karting Championship for the past 5 years, the National Racing Championship for cars for the last 8 years & also for the 2 wheelers, and it is a matter of pride for us that competitors from this Championship drivers like Rayomand Banajee, Abbas, Ameya, Aditya Patel, Aditya Akkineni, Akhil Khuslani, Armaan , Ashwin Sundar, K.P. Prakash, Parth Ghorpade, Hanif, have been selected as well as have also on their own proceeded to participate in karting events abroad and we wish them all the very best.

With Narain Karthikeyan doing the F1 Championship; Karun Chandhok having done the World Series & the A1 GP & Armaan Ebrahim in FBMW & A1 GP, these products of FMSCI National Racing Championships are keeping the Indian flag flying high in the international racing arena.

Mr.C.Vijayakumar, our National Motocross Champion is representing India in the 2005 Asia Motocross Championship series.

Chennai lad, Dilip Roggers, is making waves in the Malaysian Superbike Road Racing series & has been given a token of sponsorship for his travel by the FMSCI.

Recently, 2 of our riders Shamim Khan and Badal Doshi were nominated to the 2006 Yamaha Scooter Gymkhana Grand Prix at Taiwan and we wish them all the very best.

Our membership strength has increased to 101 members of which 13 are corporate members which include JK Industries, SIAM, Maruti, Ford India, Mahindras, Tata, General Motors, AAEI, AAUI, Hindustan Motors and FIAT India, etc.

We mourn the sudden passing away of our Hon`ble minister Shri. Sunil Dutt earlier in the year. He was always a great source of support. We have always maintained an excellent relationship with the Ministry of Sports & Youth Affairs, Government of India & also with their directors, secretaries & all other personnel at the Ministry & have all along had their complete support. Till date your FMSCI has maintained a clean exemplary record with the nodal Ministry in the conduct

of motorsports in India & we thank them for all their support & continue to look forward to more interaction in the future. We also take this opportunity to congratulate the new Hon`ble Sports Minister, Shri. Oscar Fernandes on his taking up this portfolio & look forward to an active interaction with him in the promotion of the sport. Shri. Suresh Kalmadi, President of the Indian Olympic Association of whom we are members has always been a wonderful supporter of the FMSCI. < unquote >

At the 32nd Annual General Meeting, the following clubs were elected to the Council for the year 2005-2006:

Madras Motor Sports Club, Chennai represented by Mr.Kamlesh Patel
Karnataka Motor Sports Club, Bangalore represented by Mr.Praneeth Perumal
Coimbatore Auto Sports Club, Coimbatore represented by Mr.R.Mahendran
Bengal Motor Sports Club, Kolkata represented by Mr.Rajat Majumder
Sportscraft, Mumbai represented by Mr.Shrikant Karani
Nashik Automotive Sports Association, Nashik represented by Mr.Ravi Shamdasani
Eastern Motor Sports Association, Kolkata represented by Mr.Partha Sadhan Bose
Himalayan Motor Sports Association, Shimla represented by Mr.Vijay Parmar

Mr.Rajat Majumder of Bengal Motor Sports Club and Mr.Shrikant Karani of Sportscraft were unanimously elected President and Vice-President respectively. Dr.Vijay Mallya was unanimously elected as Chairman of Honour.

The incoming president Mr.Rajat Majumder emphasized the need for judicial regulation of the sport to curb any motorsport competitions being organized in an unsafe and disorderly manner around the country. To this end, he has taken it upon himself to deal with all the State Governments and Police Personnel to ensure that they give their official permissions after carrying out due diligence and ensuring that the FMSCI has indeed permitted the event to run. Safety is of prime concern and would not be compromised under any circumstances.

Sharing the global concern for environment issues, it was decided to include this aspect under the Safety and Medical Commission.

By virtue of appointing four Regional Directors he was confident that the local promotional activities of the Federation as well as the development of scrutineers and stewards who can officiate region wise will save on the travel costs and will strengthen each regional arm. He has also recommended that one retired Judge in each region be appointed to head the Indian Motor Sports Appeal Court which is the 'grievance cell' that is available to participants as their final court of appeal.

Mr.Rajat Majumder was optimistic that with the continuing support of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India and the entire motorsporting

fraternity, Indian motorsport would realize its full potential and reach new heights and glory.

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