

## Welcome to Rally Of Maharashtra

On behalf of WISA I would like to welcome all motorsports enthusiasts and media to another edition of the Rally Of Maharashtra. This year the rally will be called, " MRF Rally Of Maharashtra 2016", and will be the 2nd round of the IRC season. Kolkata based Ramkrishna Race Performance Management (RRPM) is the promoter of the INRC and IRC this season. RRPM has managed to bring in big brands like MRF Tyres which will be the title sponsor whereas Mahindra Adventure, Polaris and PINCON as other sponsors of the 2016 season of IRC. The Gateway Hotel, Red FM, Sandip University and York will be the co- sponsors for the MRF Rally Of Maharashtra.

Nashik has been a part of the INRC calendar since a long time and is the only event run on tarmac. Rally of Maharashtra is one of the fastest event on the calendar with



the cars speeding upto 190 kmph. WISA has been organizing the INRC for the last 16 years and has earned the reputation of being the best organiser of National Championship event on the calendar with the stages located in the lush green hills on

the outskirts of Nashik.

For the 2016 edition of Rally of Maharashtra, we have a completely new stage - Kavnai, with two stages from the previous editions - Manhere & Windmills. There will be no Super Special Stage this year but there will be a Shakedown held at Sandip University.

With all the fast & scenic stages of Nashik, Rally of Maharashtra promises to set the stage for the rest of the Indian Rallying season. Who will win? This is the question that remains. We'll let you all the rally fans find it out at the stages.

## Rally Of Maharashtra 2016 Itinerary :

Start		Sunday 28 August 2016			Sunrise: 06:25		Sunset: 18:54	
TC/SS	Location	SS Dist	Liaison Dist	Total Dist	Target Time	Av. Speed	1st Car Due	
0A	The Gateway Hotel Park Ferme						6:15	Sec 1
1	Kavnai		42.57	42.57	1:00	42.57	7:15	
<b>SS1</b>	<b>Kavnai 1</b>	<b>11.50</b>					<b>7:18</b>	
			13.88	25.38				
<b>RZ1</b>	Refuel- All competitors Distance to Next Refuel	<b>(22.12)</b>	<b>(80.11)</b>	<b>(102.23)</b>				
2	Manhere		28.54	28.54	1:20	40.44	8:38	
<b>SS2</b>	<b>Manhere 1</b>	<b>12.40</b>					<b>8:41</b>	
3	Winchills		17.13	29.53	0:45	39.37	9:26	
<b>SS3</b>	<b>Winchills 1</b>	<b>9.72</b>					<b>9:29</b>	
3A	Hiding Zone IN (LAXMI AUTOMOBILES IOCL)		34.44	44.16	1:05	40.76	10:34	
3B	Hiding zone OUT / Service A IN	30min max for any car					10:34	
	<b>Service A- IOCL</b>	<b>33.62</b>	<b>136.56</b>	<b>170.18</b>	<b>0:30</b>			
3C	Service A Exit / Post Service Regroup IN	-	-	-	-		11:04	
Restart		Sunday 28 August 2016			Sunrise: 06:25		Sunset: 18:54	
3D	Regroup OUT				0:40		11:44	Sec 2
<b>RZ2</b>	Refuel- All competitors Distance to Next Refuel	<b>(11.50)</b>	<b>(32.67)</b>	<b>(44.17)</b>				
4	Kavnai		18.79	18.79	0:30	37.58	12:14	
<b>SS4</b>	<b>Kavnai 2</b>	<b>11.50</b>					<b>12:17</b>	
			13.88	25.38				
<b>RZ3</b>	Refuel- All competitors Distance to Next Refuel	-	-	-	-			
5	Manhere		28.54	28.54	1:20	40.44	13:37	
<b>SS5</b>	<b>Manhere 2</b>	<b>12.40</b>					<b>13:40</b>	
6	Winchills		17.13	29.53	0:45	39.37	14:25	
<b>SS6</b>	<b>Winchills 2</b>	<b>9.72</b>					<b>14:28</b>	
6A	Parc Ferme IN (Htel Gateway)		59.89	69.61	1:30	46.41	15:58	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>67.24</b>	<b>274.79</b>	<b>342.03</b>				
<b>Total of Rally</b>								
		<b>SS</b>	<b>LIASON</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>#%</b>	<b>*%</b>		
	LEG1 - 6SS	67.24	274.79	342.03	24.47%	19.66%		
	<b>TOTAL - 6SS</b>	<b>67.24</b>	<b>274.79</b>	<b>342.03</b>	<b>24.47%</b>	<b>19.66%</b>		
	#% The percentage of Day's distance of special stage							
	*% The percentage of total distance of special stage							

## Shakedown:

Shakedown is very similar to a rally stage which is organised on a separate piece of tarmac. In the Shakedown, special invitees or celebrities get a chance to experience the thrill of a rally car alongside a professional rally driver.

The Shakedown of the MRF Rally of

Maharashtra will be held on the inner roads of Sandip University on 27th August at 15:30 hrs.



## Service Park:

The Service Park of MRF Rally of Maharashtra will be at Shrilaxmi Automobile ( IOCL Petrol Pump ) . This is a good opportunity for the media and rally enthusiasts to interact with their favourite rally driver. The competitors will be available at service park from 10:30 hrs to 11:45

hrs on 28th August 2016.

## Podium Finish :

The official finish of the Rally is on Sunday 28th August on 17:15 Hrs at The Hotel Gateway, Nashik. During podium finish, winners of each category will celebrate their win with Champagne shower ceremony.



## Special Stages:

**Kavnai (SS1/SS4)** : This is a completely new stage in the Rally Of Maharashtra. With a distance of 11.5 km it is the longest stage. The stage starts on Ghoti-Vaitarna road & runs around a newly built Bhavli Dam. It is very scenic, windy and is bumpy towards the finish. It will be easier for media and spectators to enter the stage from the finish. There are plenty of chances of capturing good photos of jumps and wide angle shots at the following distances.

	From Start		From Start
Wide angle	0.5 km	Jump	3.8 km
Wide angle	0.7 km	Pan	9.7 km
Wide angle	1.5 km	Jump	10.5 km
Wide angle	2.32 km		

It is recommended to cover this stage in the first loop and move to the service park where you can meet all the competitors. First car is expected at 07:18 hrs on 28th August & again at 12:17 hrs. Entry to the stage will close an hour before the stage goes live.

To reach Kavnai Stage, Travel from Nashik towards Mumbai on NH3.

- At 29.5 km just before GHOTI take a right turn at Vaitarna Phata.
- If you take the first left at 5 km at Dhanorli village, you will enter the stage from the finish, after Hotel NIVANT.
- If you want to go to the start, ignore the first left and take the 2nd left turn at 7km and you will reach the start of the Kavnai stage. (The road after taking the first left is not in good condition)

**Manhere(SS2/SS5)** : The stage is 12.40 km long and starts just 2 km away from Manhere village. The stage is very scenic & windy but has very narrow roads which does not make it ideal for crowds. The photography locations are at following distances.

	From Start		From Finish
Pan	2 km	Pan	2 km
Wide angle	4.4 km		

First car is expected to start the stage at 08:41 hrs & again at 13:40 hrs on 28th August 2016. Entry to the stage will close an hour before the stage goes live.

**Windmill Stage (SS3/SS6)** : The stage is 9.72 km long & will be run in opposite direction from the previous editions of the Rally of Maharashtra. The stage starts in

Shivajinagar village and finishes near the colossal windmills. The stage is windy and is very slight downhill. This is the most picturesque stage offering plenty of variety of backdrops for photographers in the form of the Pachpatta Fort, windmills and waterfalls formed due to recent heavy rains. The suggested photography locations are at following distances. However one may stand anywhere in the stage and click. The complete stage offers ideal platform for photography.

	From Start
Wide angle	1.69 km
Wide angle	6.50 km

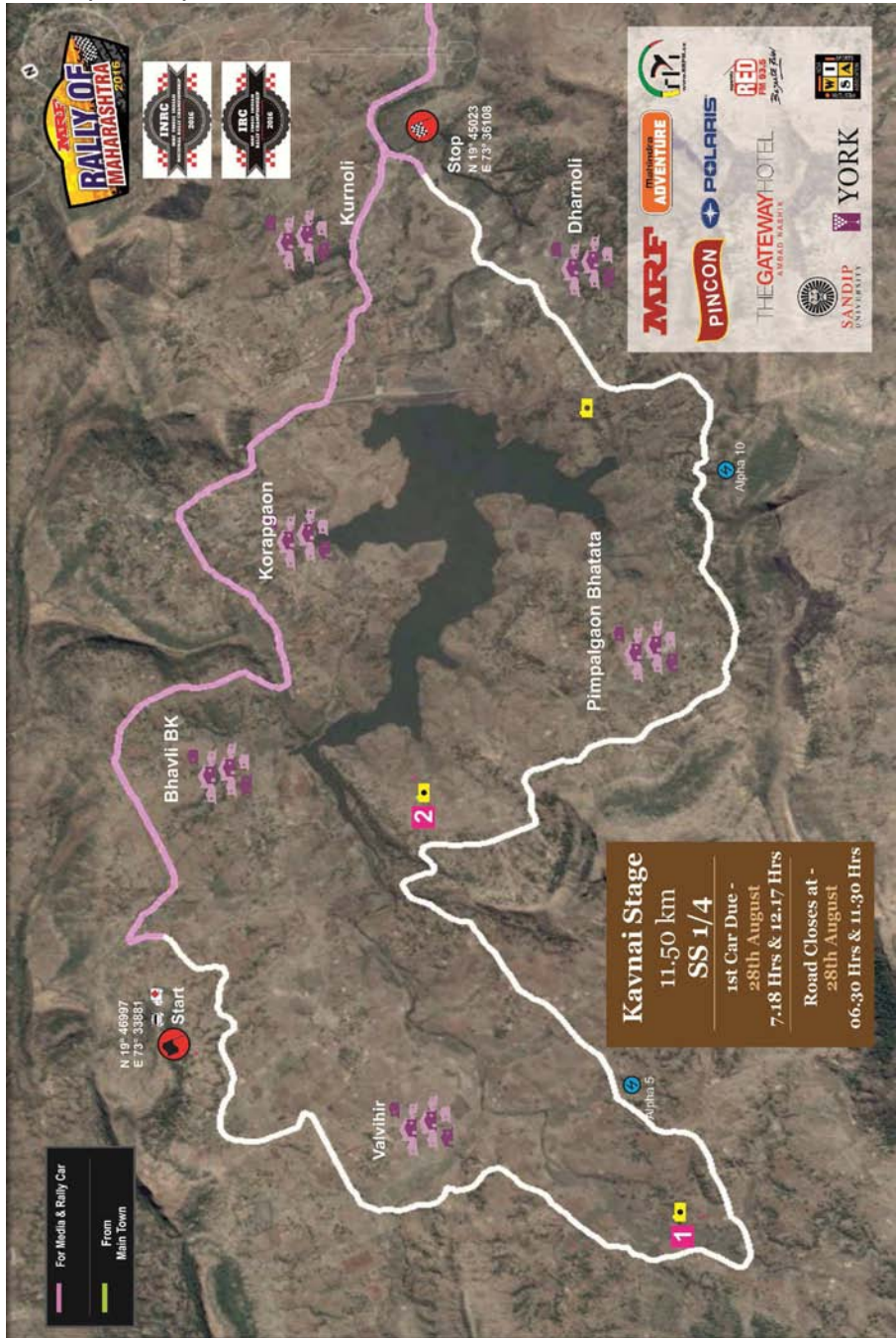
First car is expected at 09:29 hrs and again at 14:28 hrs on 28th August 2016. Entry to the stage will close an hour before the stage goes live.

In order to reach the Manhere & Windmill stage, Travel from Nashik towards Mumbai on NH3.

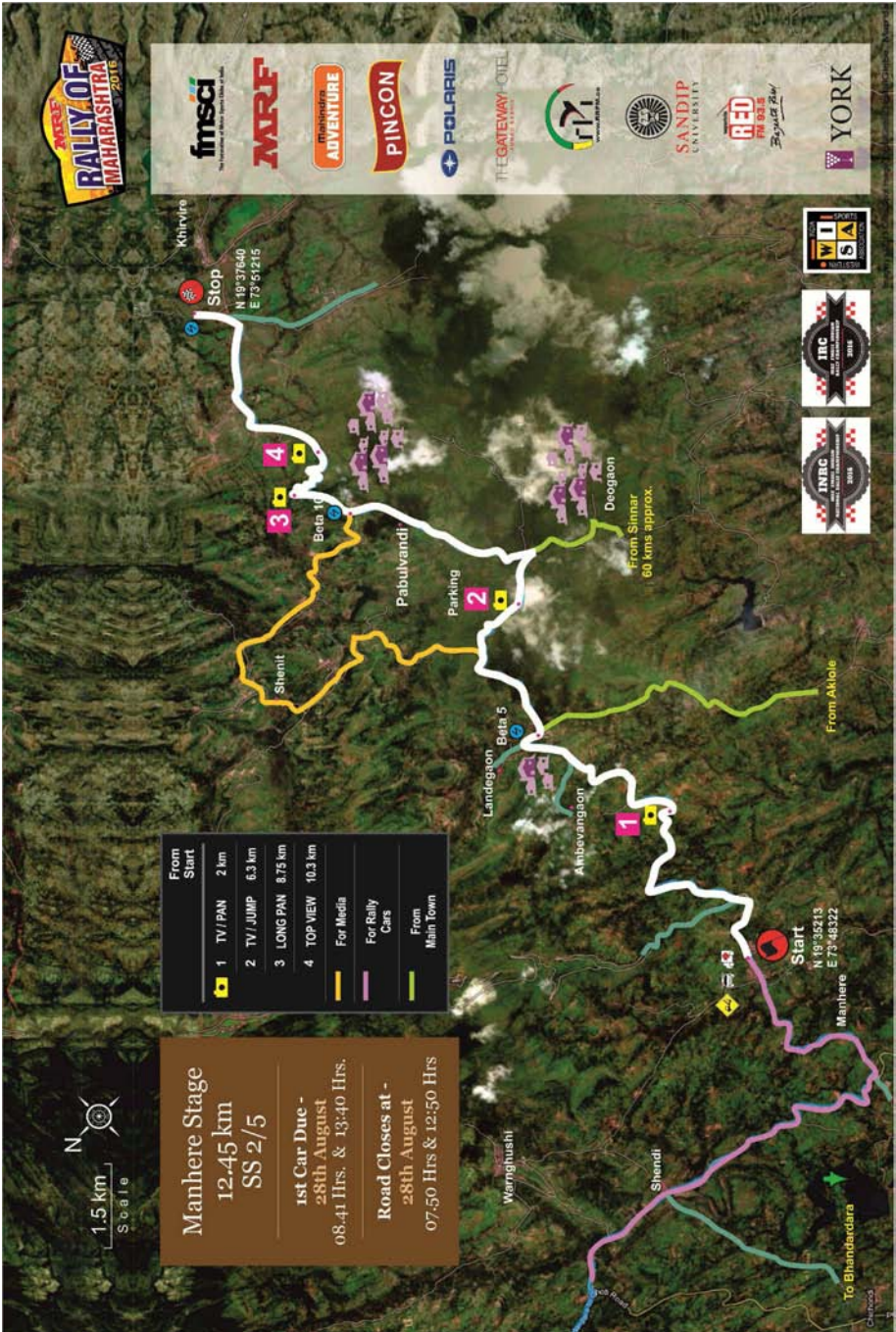
- At 30 Km from rally HQ, at GHOTI take left on Aurangabad – Nagpur Highway.
- Proceed over the flyover
- 2 km from Ghoti turnoff Cross village “**Devale**”.
- 6 Km from Devale is **Sai Mahima (Small hotel)** then you will cross Viraj Hotel, then “Yuvraj Hotel”. These are the only hotels where basic wash rooms are available.
- Within 50 mtrs from '**Yuvraj**', on right hand side, there are 2 boards read as '**Shri Ram Mandir**' and '**Kiran Smriti**'. Turn right here.
- After 2.7 Km you will reach Adsare Khurd, keep right.
- Proceed 1.5 Km from here and you will come to “T” Junction, take right again. Land mark is Small blue board “ **Kiran Smruti / RAM MANDIR** ”
- After taking right proceed 600 meters and you will take LEFT just before village TAKED.
- Now proceed towards '**Mhaisvalan Ghat**' During climb you will notice no. of windmills on the hill. After climbing Ghat, You have now all options open to visit the stage depending on time you have reached there.

The first road on the left takes to you to finish of Windmill stage (SS3/6) whereas turning right takes you to the finish of Manhere stage (SS2/5).

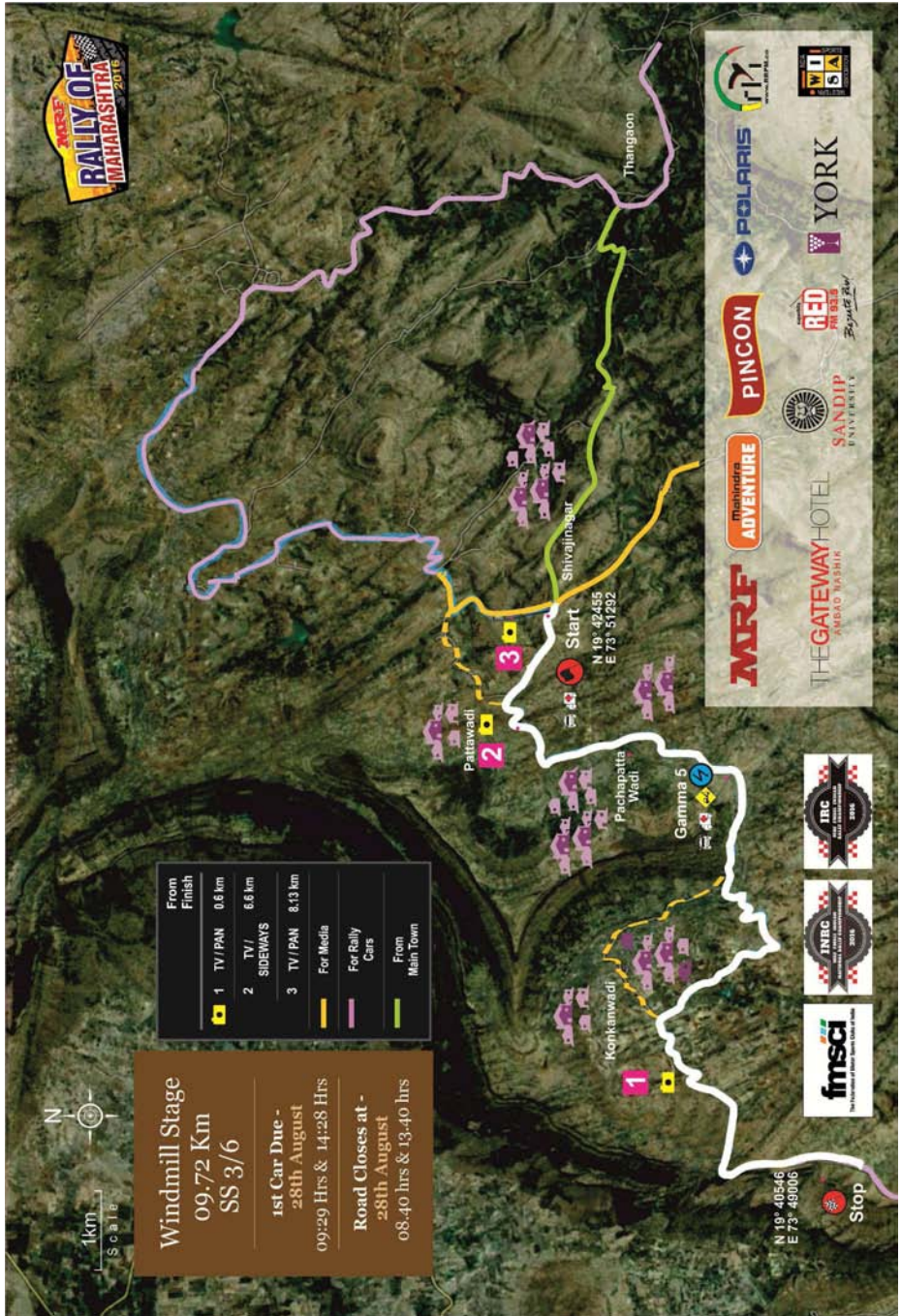
# Kavnai (SS1/SS4)



# Manhere (SS2/SS5)



# Windmills (SS3/SS6)





# Shakedown - Sandip University

**Legend:**

- Super Special Stage
- Second Pass
- Spectator Area
- Liaison Section
- Rally Officials
- Restricted Photography
- Spectators Photography

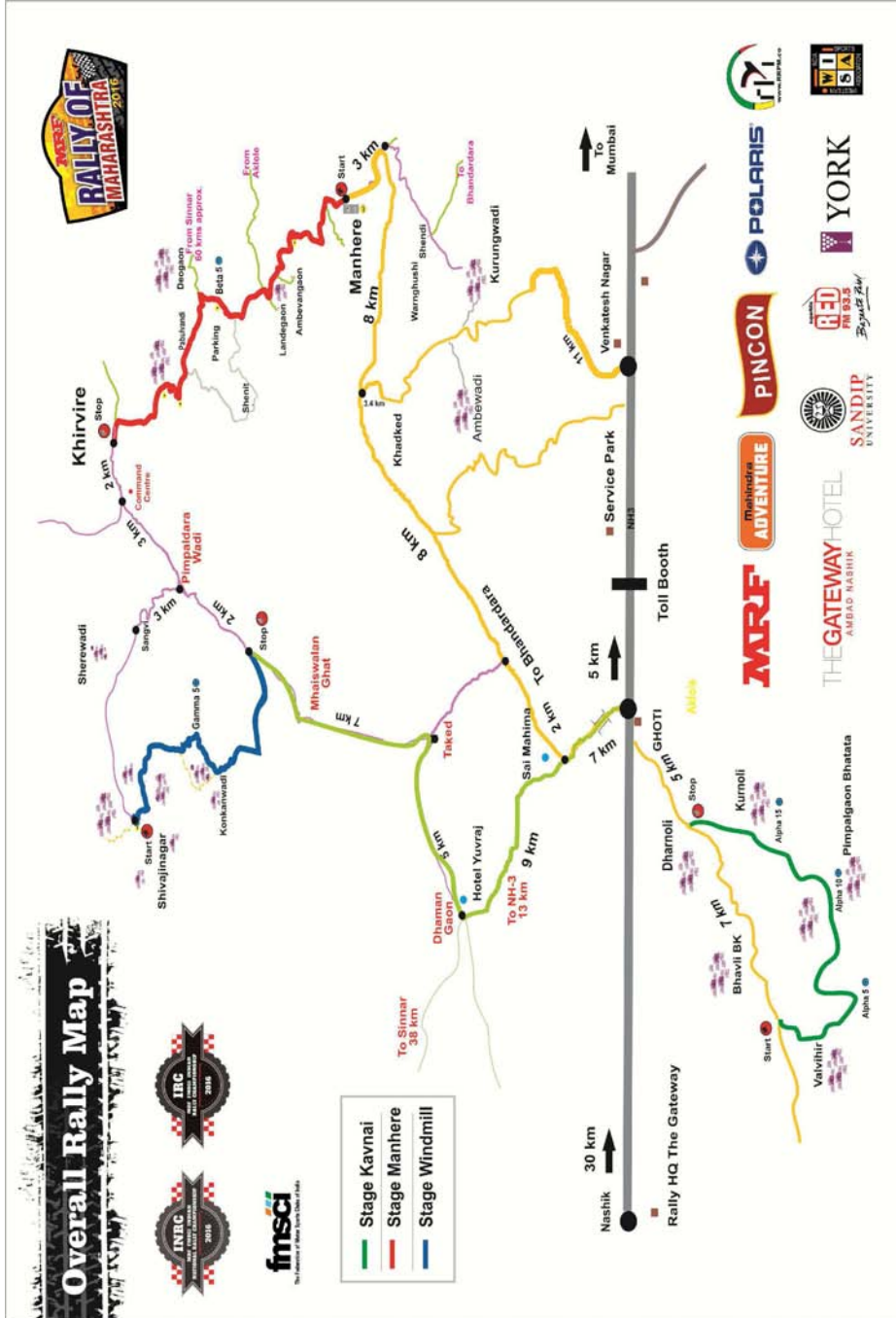
**Key Locations:** Start, Stop, Flying Finish, Do not Stand Here

**Event Details:**

- Sandip University**
- 1.93 km**
- 1st Car Due - 27th August**
- 15-45 Hrs**
- Road Closes at - 27th August 15:30**

**Logos:** fmsci, MRF, ADVANTURE, PINCON, POLARIS, THE GATEWAY HOTEL, rti, SANDIP UNIVERSITY, RED FM 93.5, YORK, INRC, WTA, SIA

# Overall Map



## Be careful when you watch Rally

**Danger**  धोक्याची जागा

**Safe**  सुरक्षीत जागा



Keep your eyes on the road at all times  
**सतत रस्त्यावर नजर ठेवा**



Always choose to stand at the slope of a hill  
**रस्त्याच्या उंच बाजूला उभे रहा**



Rally cars may throw stones. Be Careful !!  
**शर्यतीतील गाड्यांमुळे दगड ऊडू शकतात  
काळजी घ्या !**



Be prepared to run away in case of emergency  
**आणीबाणीच्या प्रसंगी त्वरेने बाजूला होण्यासाठी तयार रहा**



Stay away from the road through out the rally  
**शर्यत चालु असतांना रस्त्यापासुन लांब रहा**



Always obey the warnings of people in charge  
**जबाबदार व्यक्तींनी दिलेल्या सुचनांचे पालन करा**

## Competitors :

### Gaurav Gill & Musa Sherif

The most experienced and most victorious duo in the Indian rallying history will feature in the Super XUV. There's no doubt that Gaurav Gill, the 2013 FIA APRC Champion will attract a lot of interest from the local motorsports fans after his feat last year. Last year's SUV Champions will go head to head with others in the highest class. Gaurav Gill leads the 2016 APRC Championship with 3 wins in 3 rallies.

#### Driver



Name : Gaurav Gill

Place : New Delhi

Date of Birth : 2nd December 1981

Team : Mahindra Adventure

Championship Titles : 2013 APRC Champion  
2007, 2009, 2010, 2011 INRC Champion  
2013 INSUV Champion

INRC Debut : 2005

Website : [www.GauravGill.com](http://www.GauravGill.com)

#### Co-Driver



Name : Musa Sherif

Place : Kerala

Date of Birth : 7th September 1971

Team : Mahindra Adventure

Championship Titles : 2007, 2009, 2011 INRC  
Champion  
2012 IRC Champion  
2013 INSUV Champion

INRC Debut : 1993

## Amitrajit Ghosh & Ashwin Naik

The duo finished 2nd in the IRC Championship last year. This year, Amitrajit Ghosh and Ashwin Naik created history when they became the first Indian crew to participate in the British Rally Championship finishing 3rd on debut. The two time national champion team will drive the Super XUV and compete in the highest class.

### Driver



Name : Amitrajit Ghosh

Place : Kolkata

Date of Birth : 16th October 1985

Team : Mahindra Adventure

Championship Titles : 2013, 2012 Overall & 2007 1400 cc class

INRC Debut : 2007

### Co-Driver



Name : Ashwin Naik

Place : Mangalore

Date of Birth : 30th March 1977

Team : Mahindra Adventure

Championship Titles : 2013, 2012 Overall

INRC Debut : 1995

## Arjun Rao Aroor & Sathish Rajagopal

Arjun Rao Aroor and Sathish Rajagopal will be in action in a Volkswagen Polo. The duo finished 2nd in last year's Rally of Maharashtra behind Gaurav Gill and also set the fastest time in the super special stage. They finished 4th overall in the 2015 edition of IRC Championship.

**Driver**



Name : Arjun Rao Aroor

Place : Mangalore

Date of Birth : 9th June 1983

Team : A. R. Racing

Championship Titles : 2013 IRC 1600  
Champion

2nd Runner Up IRC 2014

Debut : 2001

**Co-Driver**



Name : Sathish Rajagopal

Place : Bangalore

Date of Birth : 13th July 1973

Team : A. R. Racing

Championship Titles : 2013, 2014 IRC 1600  
Champion

Debut : 2006

## Samir Thapar & Gurinder Mann

Samir Thapar has been a regular participant of the INRC (now IRC) for many years since his rallying debut in 1992. The duo won the South India Rally 2014 in Chennai ahead of the 2013 APRC Champion Gaurav Gill. Gurinder Mann is one of the eldest participants in the IRC. He has won plenty of rallies in the past but his victory in last year's AVT South India Rally was his first since his victory in the Asia Zone in 2000.

**Driver**



Name : Samir Thapar

Place : Delhi

Date of Birth : 16th January 1965

Team : JCT Racing

Championship Titles : None

INRC Debut : 1992

Website : [www.jct.co.in](http://www.jct.co.in)

**Co-Driver**



Name : Gurinder S. Mann

Place : Chandigarh

Date of Birth : 2nd January 1966

Team : JCT Racing

Championship Titles : 5 National Championships, 1 Asian Championship

INRC Debut : 1992

Website : [www.jct.co.in](http://www.jct.co.in)

## Rahul Kanthraj & Vivek Bhatt

Rahul Kanthraj & Vivek Bhatt completely dominated the IRC 2000cc class last season by winning 4 out of 6 rallies and finishing 2nd in the remaining two. The duo will be seen in action in a Mitsubishi Cedia and will compete in the INRC 2000 cc class.

### Driver



Name : Rahul Kanthraj

Place : Bangalore

Date of Birth : 26th October 1974

Team : Team Yokohama

Championship Titles : 2014 & 2015 IRC  
2000cc Champion

Debut : 2000

### Co-Driver



Name : Vivek Y Bhatt

Place : Bangalore

Date of Birth : 3rd January 1977

Team : Team Yokohama

Championship Titles : 2014 & 2015 IRC  
2000cc Champion

Debut : 1996



## Karna Kadur & Nikhil Pai

Karna Kadur won the IRC 1600cc Championship last season & will be driving for Team Yokohama. Nikhil Pai is very heavily experienced co-driver who joins Team Yokohama this season. The duo will participate in the INRC 2000 cc class in a VW Polo.

### Driver



Name : Karna Kadur

Place : Bangalore

Date of Birth : 24th June 1988

Team : Team Yokohama

Championship Titles : 2015 IRC 1600cc  
Champion

Debut : 2009

### Co-Driver



Name : Nikhil Pai

Place : Bangalore

Date of Birth : 2nd October 1971

Team : Team Yokohama

Championship Titles : 2002 & 2009 1400 cc  
Group N

Debut : 1992

## Dean Mascarenhas & Shanmuga S N

Dean Mascarenhas won last year's Rally Of Maharashtra in the IRC 1600cc class & finished 3rd in the IRC 1600cc Championship. The pair have won the first round of this season in INRC 2000 cc class and finished an impressive 3rd overall. The duo will participate in the INRC 2000cc class in a VW Polo.

### Driver



Name : Dean Mascarenhas

Place : Mangalore

Date of Birth : 12th May 1993

Team : Privateer

Championship Titles : 3rd in IRC 1600cc  
Championship

Debut : 2011

### Co-Driver

Name : Shanmuga S. N.

Place : Bangalore

Date of Birth : 7th October 1974

Team : Privateer

Championship Titles : 2002 & 2009 1400 cc  
Group N

Debut : 1994

## Adith KC & Harish KN

Adith KC & Harish KN found themselves in 2nd place in the FMSCI Cup at the end of 2015 season. They won the Rally of Coimbatore 2015 in their class & finished 3rd in Rally of Maharashtra 2015. The duo will participate in the INRC 2000cc class in a VW Polo.

### Driver



Name : Adith KC

Place : Kerala

Date of Birth : 12th July 1991

Team : Kari Sports

Championship Titles : 2015 Runner Up  
FMSCI Cup

Debut : Rally of Chennai 2013

### Co-Driver



Name : Harish KN

Place : Bangalore

Date of Birth : 15th December 1986

Team : Kari Sports

Championship Titles : 2012 JINRC Champion  
2015 Runner Up FMSCI Cup

Debut : Coffee Day Rally 2009

The young team will compete in the FMSCI1600 cc cup and will feature in a Honda City VTEC.

## **Druva Chandrashekar & Jeevarathinam**

Druva Chandrashekar & Jeevarathinam won the FMSCI Cup in 2015. They won Rally Of Maharashtra 2015. The duo will participate in the INRC 2000 cc class in a VW Polo.

**Driver**



Name : Druva Chandrashekar

Place : Bangalore

Date of Birth : 10th October 1992

Team : Bro Racing

Championship Titles : 2015 FMSCI Cup  
Champion

INRC Debut : 2012

**Co-Driver**



Name : Jeevarathinam

Place : Bangalore

Date of Birth : 23rd July 1975

Team : Bro Racing

Championship Titles : 2015 FMSCI Cup  
Champion

INRC Debut : 2012

**Be a part of it as a Volunteer:**

**Sign Up as a Marshal:**

The very core of WISA is based on Marshals, who volunteer to work for the promotion of motorsports in India. Today WISA's strength is over 350 volunteers who help in organising successful events throughout the year.

Senior officials from WISA get a chance to Officiate in other motorsports events across India.

You can sign up as a marshal by logging in to [www.wisa.org.in](http://www.wisa.org.in) & filling up the marshal registration form.

**About WISA :**



Western India Sports Association (WISA) was formed in August 2000 with the commodity from adventure sports mainly from common platform of Motorsports in Nashik. Since its formation, WISA has organised over 200 events all over India which include the FIA APRC in 2003, two wheeler & four wheeler national rallies, off-road, TSD Rallies, Drag racing etc. WISA's "Rally of Maharashtra" has always been appreciated all over India as the best organised event.

WISA has been organising the Rally of Maharashtra for the past 15 years which has put Nashik on the Indian motorsports calendar. Events organised by WISA encourage tourists from all over India to come and visit Nashik. WISA also organises various TSD rallies for Blind-men, Doctors and Women.

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