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Uttarakhand Himalayan Rally 2026 Press Release 1:

Uttarakhand Himalayan Rally December 2026 Sets the Stage for Grand International Himalayan Rally Revival in 2027

RAMNAGAR, UTTARAKHAND: Team Firefox and Madras Motor Sports Club (MMSC) are delighted to announce the successful closure of early entries for the **Uttarakhand Himalayan Rally 2026**, scheduled to take place from **3rd to 6th December 2026**.

The event will serve as the official precursor to the **Grand International Himalayan Rally, scheduled for November 2027**. Strongly promoted and supported by Uttarakhand Tourism, the 2027 international event will mark the grand revival of the iconic Himalayan Rally, which captured global attention between 1980 and 1990. The upcoming **Himalayan Rally 2.0** is set to bring back that legendary era on a much larger scale next year.

The Uttarakhand Himalayan Rally 2026 will be conducted under an **FMSCI permit**, featuring competitive action across multiple categories:

- **4x4 Vehicles:** T1 and T2 classes
- **Two-Wheel Drive (2WD) Vehicles**
- **Motorbikes**

The action begins in **Ramnagar on 3rd December** with mandatory vehicle scrutiny and documentation checks. The gruelling **first leg** flags off on **4th December from Ramnagar and** will test competitors across the challenging hill terrain before concluding in **Lansdowne**. The **second leg** flags off on **5th December from Lansdowne** and after another day of challenging hill and river terrain ends concludes at Dehradun. The **third and final leg** flags off on **6th December designed as a loop** that starts and concludes at **Dehradun**. The event will culminate with the final prize distribution on **6th December**.

The rally will be conducted over three legs, covering a total competitive stage distance of **220 km across eight special stages**. Team Firefox has also announced a special **Dakar Experience Prize for the overall Moto category winner**.

Notable Entries

Some of the notable entries received in the **4x4 category** include Himanshu Arora, Harvinder Bhola, Aaqid Iqbal, Lhakpa Tsering, Rajiv Yadav, Archit Jindal, Zakauddin Ahmad, Dhiraj Malik, Deepak Sachdeva, Col. BD Malik, Ravinder Anand, Mohit Jamwal, Gaurav Handa, Niel and Jaibir Singh, Arvind Balan and Rajit Kadia.

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With Team Army fielding four cars, the organisers are optimistic of reaching the full entry field of 25 cars, with only a limited number of places remaining.

In the **Moto category**, notable entries include Shlok Salecha, Steven Sheemar, Prem Kumar, Zeeshan Iqbal, Bhargav Negi, Akshay, GS Malwa, Gaurav Raj, Sahil Khan, Abhimanyu Guleria, AS Marwah, Rehann Khan, Shadab Christi, Mohd Aarif, Anurag Rathor, Rahul Kumar, Aarif Billa, Vinit Sharma, Asif Gaur, Altaf Khalifa, S. Kumaresan and Mahak Dixit, the sole female rider in the field.

With entries from Team Army, Team T2 Racing and Team TR2 Racing also anticipated, the organisers expect the Moto category to reach its full entry field of **35 riders well before the close of the standard entry period**.

Sponsors and Partners

Team Firefox welcomes its presenting sponsors and partners for the event: **Uttarakhand Tourism, Bridgestone Tyres, Sidvin Core-Tech, Liqui Moly, Hari Darshan and LGT Wealth India**, along with **Himalayan Water** as the hydration partner.

Rally Director's Statement

Rally Director Vicky Chandhok said:

"This year's showcase event is being watched by teams across the globe as they make plans for next year. We are delighted to be part of this Himalayan Rally revival, which could not have happened without the initiative and support of Uttarakhand Tourism."

Looking ahead to November 2027, the international field is expected to welcome elite drivers and cars from across India, the UK, Europe, South Asia and the UAE, positioning Uttarakhand as a premier global destination for adventure motorsport.

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