

MIXED BAG FIRST DAY AT DAKAR



After a long liaison of 242 kms, the short 1st special stage of 31 kms was kicked off from Lima to Pisco. CS Santosh started strong on his 4th Dakar outing, closing the day with his best ever Dakar stage finish at 13th position. Oriol Mena made a cautious start to his Dakar debut, and finished at a stable 22nd position. An unfortunate crash at the half-way mark of the stage brought an abrupt end Joaquim Rodrigues' participation in this year's Rally. He is under medical supervision now.

RACE SUMMARY

MY BEST EVER STAGE FINISH AT DAKAR

- C.S. SANTOSH

COMING UP

Stage 2: Liaison 11 km, Special Stage: 267 km.
The second stage will have CS Santosh and Oriol Mena ride through Pisco. The canyons in the first 40 kilometres of the special stage will not make for an easy ride for our Heroes, nor will the series of dunes that follows. A liaison of 11 km and a special stage of 267km.



"There were many way point controls but I am really happy to come back safely and achieve my best ever stage finish at Dakar. Now we work towards the next stages and take a moment to wish for a speedy recovery for our mate JROD."

CS. SANTOSH

WOLFGANG FISCHER

"We are all very sad with what transpired with JRod today. But no one can predict what happens at the Dakar. He is currently in hospital and being given the best possible medical attention right now. We are relieved that he is ok and on the road to recovery."



PROVISIONAL RESULTS (STAGE 1)

POS.	NAME	TEAM	TIMING
1.	SAM SUNDERLAND	RED BULL KTM	00:20:56
2.	ADRIAN VAN BEVEREN	YAMAHA	+32 SECS
3.	PABLO QUNITANILLA	HUSQVARNA	+55 SECS
13.	C.S. SANTOSH	HERO MOTOSPORTS	+03M 16S
22.	ORIOLE MENA	HERO MOTOSPORTS	+04M 14S

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