


raid de himalaya

# Two amputees to compete on bikes

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 In a global first, two amputees will compete on motor-bikes in the world's highest cross-country rally, the Raid de Himalaya this year.

Setting this global record are Vinod Rawat of Mumbai and Ashok Munne of Nagpur.

The Raid will take off from Leh on October 8 this year, and finish on October 14.

Over 200 competitors participating in Raid de Himalaya 2018 will race over some of the most challenging roads in the Kargil, Zaskar and Ladakh sectors, speeding over rocks, gravel and dust.

The amputees, Rawat and Munne are competing in the

toughest category at the Raid — Xtreme Moto. Racing motorcycles at high-altitude roads and mountain passes is a task few can accomplish.

Munne is a Nagpur man and is a para-athlete whose achievements can dazzle any able-bodied individual. The 34-year-old is a mountaineer, an expert paraglider, a scuba diver, a marathon runner, a black belt in martial arts, a skilled gymnast and kayaker, yoga expert and ace swimmer.

Munne climbed the Everest in 2016, and is planning to repeat the feat in 2019. He lost his leg in a train accident in 2008 but didn't let the handicap limit his life. His current passion is finishing the Raid de Himalaya.