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ARINDAM, NATARAJ WIN RAID DE HIMALAYA 2018

LEH: Arindam Saikia of Team Polaris and Nataraj R of Team TVS were crowned the undisputed champions in the 20th edition of Raid de Himalaya here on Saturday. Arindam, who jumped ahead on Day 2, hung on to his lead tenaciously for the next two days to claim the Xtreme 4X4 category. He logged a total penalty of 6.32.49 hours. Nataraj, on the other hand, has been in a class of his own among the bikers, and easily won in the Moto Xtreme. He, in fact, proved to be the fastest competitor in the entire field with total penalty of 4.58.52 hours. The iconic Raid started from Kargil on October 10 and concluded Saturday with the drivers coping up with extreme cold and demanding terrain across Kargil, Zaskar and Ladakh. 2015 Raid winner Captain AVS Gill, in his Grand Vitara, finished 10.53 minutes behind to take the second position. Himanshu Arora of Haree Rallying, driving a Gypsy, took the third place. **Agencies**