

Army women officers for Raid De Himalaya

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Two women officers of the Army will ride motorbikes to compete in the 20th edition of the Raid De Himalaya, considered one of the 10 toughest high-altitude cross-country rallies of the world.

Maj K Renuka and Capt Prabhakaran Santheni will ride the Royal Enfield Himalayan at the Raid in the Moto Adventure category. Major Renuka is from the Armed Service Corps and Capt Santheni from the Army Nurse Corps (AMC).

Capt Santheni is currently working at the Army's Research and Referral Hospital in New Delhi.

The Raid De Himalaya will begin on Wednesday from Kargil. For the first time, the Army has also fielded a women's team in Raid Xtreme (4X4), an extreme endurance event of marathon proportions. Maj Euthica of ASC will drive a Maruti Gypsy at the Raid with navigator Capt Tejal Parashare, also of the ASC.

More than 200 competitors will race to Sankoo, the bowl-shaped valley.