



## Nazir Hussain

Nazir Hoosein started competing in India in 1969 in whatever form of motorsport that was available. The Indian Government currency regulations prevailing at that time prevented participation outside India other than neighbouring countries like Sri Lanka. He was the Sri Lankan Motor Racing Champion in 1974 and the Indian Champion at the same time. The only exception for the release of foreign exchange that the Government of India permitted was for the Asian Highway Motor Rally which ran in 1970 from Tehran-Iran to Dhaka (then East Pakistan, now Bangladesh) via Afghanistan, West Pakistan, India, Nepal, back to India and finished in Dhaka. He was part of the team that won this rally in a Triumph Herald 13/60.

Nazir Hoosein was the Founder President of the Indian Automotive Racing Club (1971) in Bombay which organised innumerable events ranging from rallies to races to hill climbs. Hoosein also founded the Himalayan Rally Association which ran the International Himalayan Rally from 1980 to 1990. The Himalayan Rally was one of the founder events of the FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship. Hoosein also organised the Great Desert Himalaya Raid in 1988. Hoosein was the President of the FMSCI in 1984. Hoosein represented India in FIA from 1988 until 2008. Hoosein was also the chairman of stewards for the World Rally Championship in 2006, 2007 and 2008. He was also one of the four permanent stewards in the F1 Championship for eight years from 1993 to 2008.