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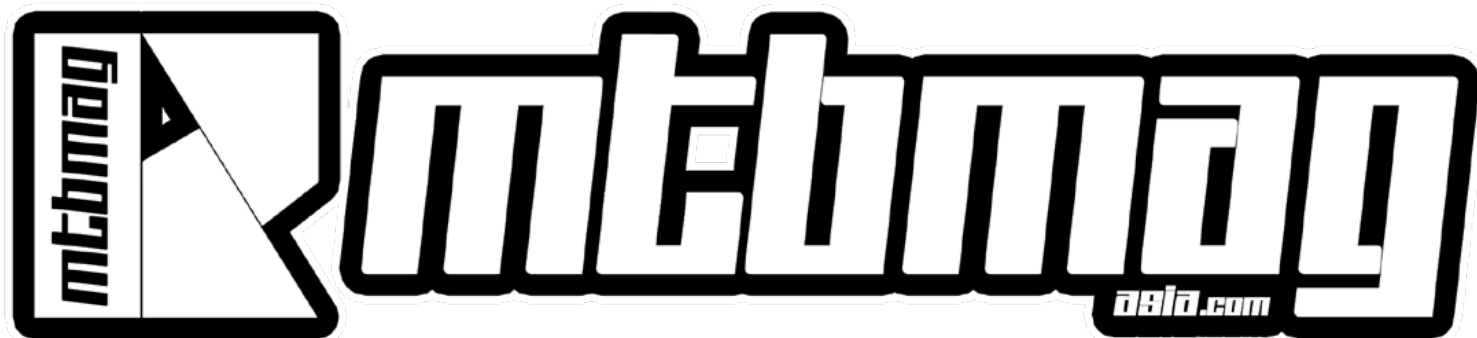
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RISING RIDE

A BIKE BUILT ON CHINESE BRANDS

(Step 2: The Numbers Behind the Build)



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In the first chapter, we introduced the brands behind our full Chinese bike project. ([Read here](#))

Now, in Part 2, we strip everything down to the essentials.

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This section is all about the hardware — a straightforward look at the components that make up the bike. No storytelling, no interpretation, just the facts: the specs, the measurements, the technical details that define this machine.

Here is the build, piece by piece.



€499.00



29" wheel size
150mm of rear
wheel travel



63.8°
head tube angle



160mm direct
mount (disc brakes)
max 180mm



UDH
rear derailleur
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internal and external
electrophoretic rust
protection



double row ball
bearings



Flip Chip
low and high
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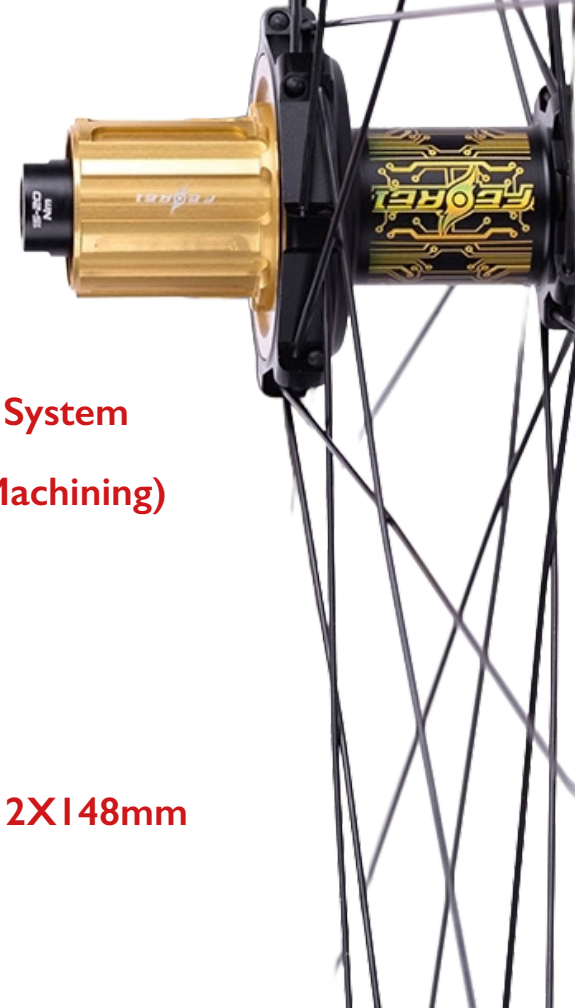




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FEREI[®]

Rim Dept	30mm
Rim External Width	36mm
Rim internal Width	31mm
Tire types	Tube / Tubeless
Rim Material	T700 Carbon Fiber
Rim Diameter	700C (29")
Hub system	Ferei Patented Magnetic Coupling System
Hub body	Aluminum Alloy (CNC Precision Machining)
Bearings	Steel bearings
Holes	front-32holes, rear-32 holes
Brake compatibility	Disc (6 Bolt)
Axle	Front: 15X110mm (boost) /Rear: 12X148mm
Free hub	HG/MS/XD
Spoke	Pillar PSR TB 2015
Weight	29" (front 800gt15g, rear 950g+15g)
Note	maximum tire pressure 60Psi / 4Bar





Ferei XII MTB Disc Brakes

Tubing length

Front 90cm / rear 175cm

Piston type

Four piston

Brake weight

Front 287g / rear 306g

Tubing interface

Five-line body

Brake oil

Synthetic DOT oil (5.1)

Applicable disc (excluding)

180mm~220mm

€590.00





FIFTY-FIFTY





Material	7050 T6 aluminum alloy
Finish	Anodized
Colors	Black
Size/weight	35 mm x 38rise x 800mm 5.5°up - 8°back / 300g



€40.00



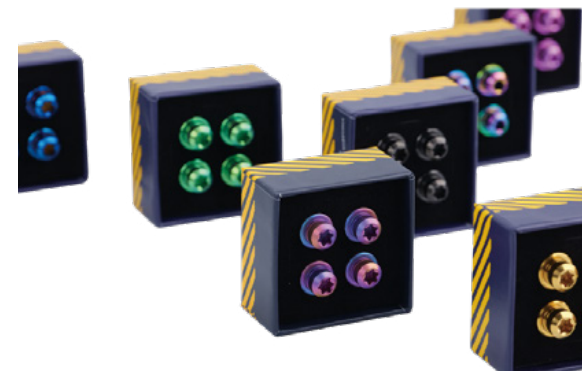
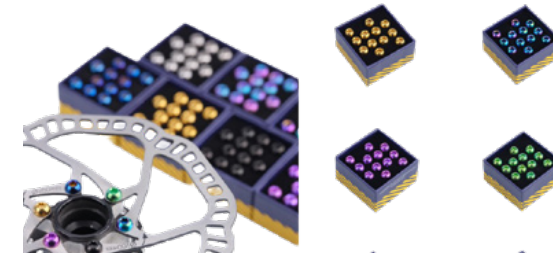
Material	Machined 6061 T6 aluminum alloy
Finish	Anodized
Colors	Sand black
Handlebar Clamp	35mm dia
Length	Length: 35 or 50mm
Mounting Standards	1-1/8 steer tube
Weight	121g(35mm x 35mm w/ Ti-bolts)

€40.00





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STRIDE®





Model No	RD-M620
Speed	12/13s
Color	Jet Black/Carbon Black/Black
Cage	Aluminum
Clutch	Yes
Max. Sprocket	52T
Capacity	43T
Acutation Ratio	1:1
Weight	315g

€90.00



Model No	CS-M600
Speed	12/13s
Range	11-46/50/52T
Shift	Smoothly & precisely shift
Gear	High strength alloy gear
Endurance	Long endurance
Color	Black
Compatibility	Shimano HG - Compatible

€92.00



Model No	SL-M610
Speed	12/13s
Color	Jet Black/Carbon Black/Black
Cable Ratio	1:1
Clamp /Dia	22.2mm
Cable Length	2150mm
Compatible RD	12/13s
Acutation Ratio	1:1
Weight	126g

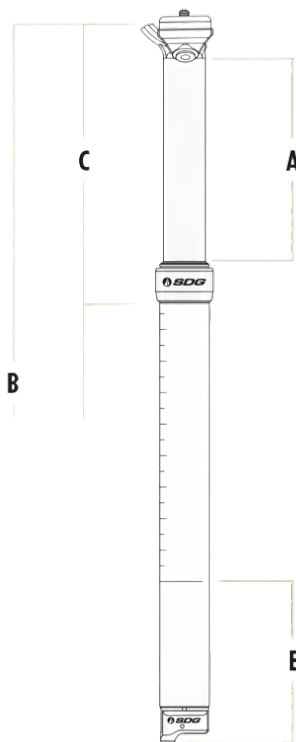
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COMPONENTS





DIAMETER	TRAVEL (A)	LENGTH (B)	RAIL TO COLLAR (C)
30.9 / 31.6 / 34.9mm	75mm	302.5mm	121.5mm
30.9 / 31.6 / 34.9mm	100mm	352.5mm	146.5mm
30.9 / 31.6 / 34.9mm	125mm	402.5mm	171.5mm
30.9 / 31.6 / 34.9mm	150mm	452.5mm	196.5mm
30.9 / 31.6 / 34.9mm	170mm	492.5mm	216.5mm
30.9 / 31.6 / 34.9mm	200mm	552.5mm	246.5mm
31.6 / 34.9mm	230mm	612.5mm	276.5mm

DIAMETER	COLLAR TO BOTTOM (D)	MIN INSERT (E)	WEIGHT
30.9 / 31.6 / 34.9mm	181mm	103mm	416 / 430 / 454g
30.9 / 31.6 / 34.9mm	206mm	103mm	465 / 481 / 508g
30.9 / 31.6 / 34.9mm	231mm	103mm	504 / 525 / 557g
30.9 / 31.6 / 34.9mm	256mm	103mm	546 / 569 / 603g
30.9 / 31.6 / 34.9mm	276mm	143mm	566 / 589 / 631g
30.9 / 31.6 / 34.9mm	306mm	143mm	614 / 640 / 683g
31.6 / 34.9mm	336mm	173mm	691 / 735g

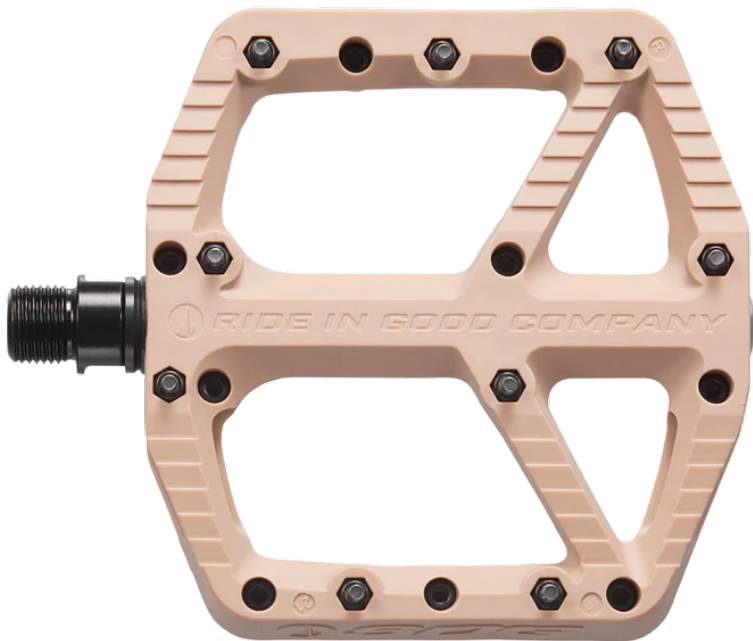
Model **Tellis V2 Dropper Post**
Width **30.9mm, 31.6mm, 34.9mm**
Length **75mm, 100mm, 125mm, 150mm, 170mm 200mm, 230mm**

€185.56



Model **Bel-Air V3 Galactic Gold**
Rail **PVD coated LUX-ALLOY**
Length **260mm**
Width **140mm**
Weight **236g**

€94.94



Model **Comp**
Length **110mm**
Width **105mm**
Height **17.25mm**
Weight **380g per pair**

€51.78

Model **Thrice 33**
Length **136mm**
Diameter **33mm**
Weight **48g**



€17.25





Meghalaya Mountain Bike Festival 2025



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The very first edition of the **Meghalaya Mountain Bike Festival 2025** wrapped up on Wednesday, October 22, at the lush and vibrant 6 Kilo, Kyrdemkulai — marking not just the end of a three-day race series, but the beginning of a new chapter for mountain biking in Northeast India. What unfolded over these days was more than a competition; it was a celebration of Meghalaya's rugged terrain, its passionate riding community, and its steadily growing identity as one of the country's most exciting destinations for adventure and eco-friendly tourism.

Organised by the **Meghalaya Mountain Biking Society** in collaboration with **Pedal Compass**, and powered by **Meghalaya Tourism** alongside the ever-dedicated **Trail Heads Crew**, this inaugural festival brought together over 50 riders from all corners of India. The race roster included two major disciplines — **Downhill (DHI)** and **Cross-Country Olympic (XCO)** — each demanding its own blend of skill, endurance, and courage on trails crafted straight from Meghalaya's wild, rolling hills.





What made this first edition truly standout was the diversity and depth of the field. From seasoned national-level athletes and state champions to first-time competitors and young local talents finding their footing on home trails, the race served as an open invitation for riders to test themselves against Meghalaya's unique terrain. The presence of athletes preparing for the **National Games 2027**, which Meghalaya will proudly host, added an extra layer of excitement and prestige to the festival.

Spectators — locals, tourists, riders' families, and curious passersby — gathered in enthusiastic crowds along the courses. They lined the berms, perched on viewpoints, and cheered as racers powered through fresh dirt, sweeping descents, and technical switchbacks carved specifically for this event. The atmosphere was electric, a blend of high-speed action and community warmth that truly showcased what riding in Meghalaya is all about.

Winners & Highlights

In the **XCO Men's Open**, **Khushman Gharti** of the Army Adventure Wing dominated the loops to take first place, displaying outstanding control and endurance. Close behind, **Shiven Aerohawk** from Himachal Pradesh and **Tsewang Norboo** from Ladakh secured second and third, respectively, after an intense and strategic race. Shiven — one of India's most respected MTB athletes — described the course as “a proper national-level trail,” a huge compliment to the builders who spent countless hours shaping the terrain.

The **Women's XCO** race witnessed a fierce battle for the podium. Current **National Champion Star Nazary** from Assam powered her way to victory, followed closely by **Pavitra Kurtakoti** from Karnataka and **Sandhya Mourya** from Madhya Pradesh. Their race was a fan favorite, showcasing technical finesse, stamina, and the rising strength of women's mountain biking in India.





In the **Junior Men's XCO**, local talent shone through with **Kevin Lyngdoh**, **Dalenmi Phawa**, and **Mack Amazing Khyllait** taking the top three spots — a promising sign for the region's future in competitive cycling.

The Downhill event, always a crowd magnet, brought roaring cheers as riders attacked steep drops, tight corners, and rocky sections at blistering speed. Local gravity veteran **Reuben Kharchancy** from Shillong delivered a flawless run to secure first place. Close behind were **Samarpan Jain** from Karnataka and **Willbornson Wahlang** from Mawkyrwat, both putting down impressive times on the demanding course.

In the **Junior Downhill**, the next generation of shredders put on a show of agility and fearlessness. **Jarett Bang** from Shillong topped the podium, followed by **Manav Malpa** from Himachal Pradesh, with **Edgar Nonglait** taking third.

Community, Culture & Trail Spirit

More than the medal tally, the soul of the festival came from the people who built it — literally and figuratively. Local youth volunteered as marshals, route guides, and hospitality teams, while community members set up vibrant stalls offering local cuisine, handcrafted items, and regional produce. The festival grounds buzzed with music, food, and a sense of belonging — a space where riders and locals exchanged stories, culture, and laughter.

Trail builders **Apshai**, **Ridor Niangti**, and **Khrav Kharumnuid** emphasized how crucial it is to continue developing dedicated, sustainable trails across Meghalaya. Their passion and craft played a vital role in transforming Kyrdemkulai's landscape into a race-ready venue admired by athletes nationwide.

Festival Organizer **Anissa Lamare** highlighted the broader vision behind the event: a push toward sustainable mobility, responsible adventure tourism, and the long-term goal of positioning Meghalaya as a premier mountain biking hub. Team member **Kevin Tham** echoed this, noting that regular racing opportunities are essential for shaping disciplined, competitive riders in the region.





With tremendous support from the **Department of Tourism, Government of Meghalaya**, and various local partners and sponsors, the festival truly represented a collaborative effort rooted in community, creativity, and love for the sport.

As the sun dipped behind the hills on the final day and the last set of tyres rolled across the finish line, the **Meghalaya Mountain Bike Festival 2025 – Edition One** left behind more than race results. It left unforgettable memories, stronger community bonds, and a powerful reminder that mountain biking in Meghalaya is not just alive — it's accelerating toward a bright, eco-conscious future.

And this is only the beginning.





IRAN MEHR CYCLING
"IRAN'S LIGHT"



PHOTOS: YASAMAN MADANI
WORDS: MESUM VERMA

Yasaman Madani – Update 2025

From Racer to Culture Builder in Iranian Cycling

Five years ago, in 2020, we spoke with a young and ambitious rider from Iran: **Yasaman Madani**, then fully immersed in racing and dreaming of pushing her boundaries on the bike. A lot can change in five years, and for Yasaman, the change has been both personal and deeply connected to the future of cycling in her country.

Today, at 27, she lives in Iran and works full-time as a cycling and fitness coach. She holds certifications in both road and mountain bike coaching, as well as strength training, functional fitness, and corrective exercise. But what truly defines her today is not only what she teaches, it's **why** she teaches.





From Professional Racing to a New Mission

Yasaman kept racing professionally until 2022. But as the social and economic situation in Iran became more difficult, she felt a new responsibility growing inside her. Instead of chasing podiums, she wanted to **build something lasting**, a cycling culture in her city, a place where children, women, and men could discover mountain biking and grow with it.

“Life changed,” she says, “and I wanted to help people experience this sport. To create a space where new riders could start, learn, and fall in love with cycling.”

So she shifted away from competition and put her energy into coaching. She hasn't raced in three years, though she laughs that maybe one day she will return. But for now, it is the community that drives her.



The Birth of Iranmehr Cycling Club

In 2021, Yasaman founded **Iranmehr Cycling Club**, a program that has since become a small but powerful engine for cycling development in her region. Her weekly schedule is filled with teaching: strength and conditioning, functional fitness, endurance work, rehabilitation exercises and, of course, her own training.

Every Tuesday and Thursday evening, she is on the bike coaching the club's groups. Iranmehr trains riders from age six all the way up, divided into three main levels:

1. Beginner Group

Where everything starts, some even don't know how to balance the bike. Riders can bring their own bike or rent one through the club.

2. Intermediate Group

Cyclists who already ride but want to learn proper technique, tactics, and form. Many progress quickly and reach competitive levels in their age categories.

3. Advanced / Performance Group

Focused on both mountain biking and road racing, these athletes follow structured training plans, strength programs, recovery routines, and seasonal adaptations, especially during winter.

For the advanced riders, helmets, sports insurance, health checks, and parental consent (for youth) are mandatory. And the results? Iranmehr has already produced national junior champions and secured strong performances in Iranian competitions. But Yasaman emphasises that the club is more than performance:

"We become friends. We build something together."





Coaching Beyond the Bike

Outside of cycling, Yasaman is deeply involved in fitness coaching. She teaches strength training, Pilates, TRX, and corrective movement in person, mostly for women, and offers online training programs for both men and women, including remote coaching for competitive cyclists.

Her connection with sport is not purely professional, either. She still rides her bike, still trains, and keeps her body “halfway competition-ready,” as she says with a smile. But returning to racing seriously requires time, stability, and financial support, luxuries that are increasingly rare in Iran.

When she’s not coaching, she enjoys simple, grounding hobbies: oil painting and hiking.

Cycling in Iran — A Difficult Road

The state of mountain biking, road cycling, and endurance sports in Iran remains difficult. Inflation, limited resources, and a lack of systemic support have caused the sport to fade. Yasaman sees this clearly, and it’s one of the reasons she founded Iranmehr.

She wants cycling to survive.
She wants the next generation to have a chance.

“Things have improved mostly for athletes who left Iran,” she says. “Not for those who stayed. That’s why starting early and investing in yourself matters a lot.”

Her mission, then, is long-term: to keep the sport alive, one young rider at a time.



Her Final Words

With a calm confidence, Yasaman leaves us with a simple message:

“Thank you for supporting us. If you want to see our work, follow us and watch our training at [@iranmehrcycling.ir](https://www.instagram.com/iranmehrcycling.ir).”

And just like that, from passionate racer to devoted coach, Yasaman continues shaping the future of mountain biking in Iran, not on the podium, but on the trails with the next generation beside her.



ZABARVAN LEGENDS SERIES 2025



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WORDS: MESUM VERMA

ZABARVAN LEGENDS 2025 — Riding the Myth line of India

India has no shortage of mountains, forests, or ancient stories. What it did lack — until now — was a true, multi-state gravity series that ties all of that together into something riders can feel in their chest long after the dust settles.

Enter [Zabarvan Legends 2025](#), a three-stop downhill series stretching across Kashmir, Meghalaya, and Assam. It's the first event of its kind in India, and it does more than just race bikes. It connects landscapes, communities, and folklore into one long, wild ribbon of trail.

This is where India's new MTB identity is being carved — one rock garden, one forest chute, one hike-a-bike at a time.

A COMMUNITY-BUILT DREAM

Zabarvan didn't start as a race. It started as a mission:

bring India's scattered mountain riders under one roof and give them a future worth pushing for.

The team behind it laid out a long game:

- Build MTB gear within India to make the sport affordable.
- Train and support local athletes who can stand on international lines.
- And create events with enough vision and structure to force everyone — riders included — to level up.

After months of knocking on government doors, digging with builders, and drafting plans, 2025 became the year the idea finally exploded into reality.





STOP 1 — Draksheen Vaar • Gulmarg, Kashmir

Where altitude burns your lungs and legends brush your shoulders.

Gulmarg feels like the Himalayas leaning in close. At the top sits Alpather Lake, a frozen mirror whispered to be home to the [Draksheens](#) — serpent spirits who judge your intent the moment your tires touch dirt.

The trail named after them is as unforgiving as the myth.

2.5 km of technical punishment, drops hidden in fog patches, and terrain that demands both strength and precision. Gondola laps gave riders a few minutes to breathe, but not enough to forget the trail waiting below.

It became the most-watched gravity event in India so far, with [3,500 people tuning in live](#). Kashmir's crowd — easily the biggest of the series — lined the track with cowbells, chants, and pure mountain energy.

STOP 2 — Labasa's Domain • Shillong, Meghalaya

The forest doesn't care who you are — but it notices how you ride.

If Gulmarg punches the rider, Shillong whispers to them.

These hills are protected by [Labasa](#), a guardian spirit that takes the form of a tiger or leopard. The locals believe you must earn his permission to pass safely. Riders quickly realised the trail had the same attitude. Flowy, fast, but unpredictable — the kind of

terrain where rushing a blind corner feels like disrespect.

The shuttle laps were long, practice was limited, and every run demanded a reset of mindset:

stay loose, stay humble, stay smooth.

The Meghalaya crowd was small but loud, tucked between roots and rock walls, shouting riders through the green tunnels.

STOP 3 — NgiKham Thunder Run • Guwahati, Assam

When the dragon-horse lets you fly, you feel it.

Assam's race was all about [rhythm](#). Inspired by the myth of [Ngi Ngao Kham](#), the dragon-horse that carries kings toward the clouds, this trail rewards riders who let the terrain breathe.

It's the least technical track of the series, but don't be fooled — the real battle is between stamina and time. Riders hiked their bikes back up for practice, legs burning, sweat mixing with red dirt. The final run even began with a climb.

But once the pedals drop into the first flow section, the trail almost moves with you. Push too hard and it pushes back. Find its frequency and it feels like something mythical is pacing your wheels.





THE IMPACT — INDIA OPENS ITS DOORS TO THE MTB WORLD

For a first-year multi-state series, the numbers are impressive:

- 285K+ reel views across rider and organiser accounts
- Spectators: 200+ in Kashmir, 100 in Assam, 50 in Meghalaya
- Coverage across national media, Kashmir news channels, Free Rider Magazine, and of course — right here in MTB Mag Asia

But the biggest surprise?

Sam Hill — yes, that Sam Hill — joining the initiative.

He offered guidance to the organisers, connected with athletes, and has already expressed interest in returning for the 2026 season.

For a young riding scene, this is huge.

GOVERNMENT BACKING & WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Sports Minister of Jammu & Kashmir personally endorsed the series, promising support and pushing for the 2026 edition. Tourism boards in all three states have recognised the value — not only in sports development, but in community employment and adventure tourism.

Sponsors such as Indigo, Kirloskar, Spokehub, and Span Foundation played a major role in giving the event national visibility, and new brands — including J&K Bank — are already lining up for 2026.

WHAT'S NEXT — AND IT'S BIG

Zabarvan isn't resting. For 2026, the team is planning:

- Full live broadcasts for [all](#) venues
- Larger prize purses
- New disciplines like [Downhill Long boarding](#), [Bouldering](#), and [Urban XCE](#)
- New locations including [Manipur](#), [Tawang](#), [Pune](#), and [Hampi/Mangalore](#)
- Youth MTB development programs across the Northeast and the Himalayas

India has finally stepped into the Asian MTB spotlight — and it's doing it with its own identity, mythos, and energy.

THE LEGENDS LIVE ON

Zabarvan Legends 2025 didn't just showcase high-speed racing.

It revealed a side of India that most riders — even locals — rarely get to see: mountains filled with stories, forests that feel alive, and communities ready to welcome the world.

This series is more than a race. It's a beginning. A trail marker for where Indian mountain biking is headed. And from what we've seen this season, it's headed upward — fast.

The 2025 series was conducted under the aegis of the Cycling Federation of India (CFI), with a strong lineup of supporters who helped bring the vision to life. Indigo came on board as the airline partner, Spokehub as the race partner, Kirloskar and Span Foundation powered the prize pool, and the Jammu & Kashmir Government hosted the event with full support.



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