

20th edition of Raid de Himalaya from October 8

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CANSAKANI: The 20th edition of world-famous Raid de Himalaya will be held from October 8 to 14. This year the event will begin and end in Leh city with participants travelling on the roads of the Karakoram and Ladakh sections of the high mountain range. The world's highest cross-country motor-sport challenge.

A total of 31 teams for 30 extreme cars and trucks, 37 teams for 30 extreme motorcycles and quads, 12 bikers in the Alpine two-wheeler category, and 10 teams in the 'Three-Speed' (motorcycle) format, are going to race on the highest reaches of the Himalayas.

This year's Raid will cover the first stage on the open-belted gravel roads from Leh to Spiti, and the second stage of Ladakh to Pithoragarh. Two jeeps are going to race on a newly developed road to reach the remote reach of Zaskar. Crossing the Zaskar in a 'high-altitude' cross-country event, the 19th Raid de Himalaya is going to enter history as the most adventurous.

Raid 2013 is set for the climb between motor-sport giant Shimla and Annapurna in the state of Uttarakhand, 200 km from Leh. The first and 2011 Raid returns to Spiti Himalayas.

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A vehicle in action during the last year's Raid de Himalaya.

mountain pass. The high mountain road has been a challenge for many years and has been a popular route for the last part of the Raid de Himalaya.

During the event, participants will have to cross the high mountain pass and the high-altitude roads. The event is a challenge for all participants.

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We have been organizing this event every year. For the 20th anniversary of our organization, we decided to do something memorable. Racing on the highest reaches of the Himalayas is an elevation of 4,000 m in the Ladakh region, and the toughest terrain of the world. The event is a challenge for all participants."