

Uttar Pradesh Scraps Street Race from Grand Prix

Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh government has intervened to cancel the proposed street race element for the <u>Indian</u> <u>Grand Prix at the Buddh International Circuit</u>, prioritizing logistics and safety.

• A Grand Prix is a premier motorsport event that forms part of the Formula One (F1) World Championship, as well as other racing series.

Key Points

- Government Takes Control of Event Changes: The Uttar Pradesh government has assumed control over a major change related to the Indian Grand Prix, canceling the idea of incorporating a street race element.
- Street Race Proposal Scrapped: Initial plans to include a street race element in the <u>MotoGP</u> event have been officially sidelined, in favor of a more streamlined approach.
- Focus on Safety and Logistics: The decision aligns with the state government's strategy to prioritize spectator safety, streamline event logistics, and reduce potential disruptions.
- Commitment to Buddh International Circuit: The government's move emphasizes maintaining the race at the <u>Buddh International Circuit</u>, which holds a long-term contract for hosting the MotoGP event.
- Centralizing Operations for Efficiency: By eliminating the street race, the authorities aim for a smoother event execution, avoiding the logistical challenges and risks associated with urban racing.
- Strengthening International Sporting Presence: This intervention reflects Uttar Pradesh's growing role in hosting international sporting events, bolstering its image as a capable and reliable venue for global competitions.
- Aligning with MotoGP Organizers' Expectations: The decision also supports the MotoGP organizers' standards for participant and spectator safety, ensuring high-quality event management.

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Buddh International Circuit

- The Buddh International Circuit is a motor racing track located in Jaypee Sports City, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, named after Gautama Buddha, similar to the district of its location.
- The track was officially inaugurated on 18 October 2011.

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