

Karun Chandhok



Member of the FIA Drivers Commission

Karun Chandhok is one of only two Indian Formula 1 drivers. A multiple race winner and podium finisher in GP2, Karun was a test driver for Red Bull Racing in F1 in 2007 and 2008 before going on to race for HRT and Team Lotus in 2010 and 2011. For the past three years he has been competing in Sportscars, becoming the only Indian to ever compete in the Le Mans 24 hour race, finishing 2nd in the privateers class at Le Mans in 2012 and 6th in LMP2 in 2013. Karun has also been racing in the FIA GT Series last year.

Karun was born into a motor racing family where his father, grandfather and even grandmother used to race ! After winning the Indian National Championship on debut in 2000, he won the Formula Asia Championship in 2001 before moving to Europe and Formula 3. Karun came back to Asia and won the Asian Renault V6 series in 2006 which served as a launch pad up to GP2 and then Formula 1.

Outside the car, Karun has built up quite a name for himself as a commentator and broadcast analyst for motorsport. He was a main commentator on the Formula 1 broadcast for Star Sports in Asia as well as BBC Radio 5 Live in the UK for a number of years. More recently he joined the team at Sky Sports F1 in the UK and BeIN Sports in Qatar. Karun has also worked with Jeremy Clarkson for his end of year DVD, National Geographic and a host of Indian news channels.

In 2013, Karun became a member of the first ever FIA Driver's Commission to represent the rights and views of driver's from across the world.

He also conducts two major charity events every year to raise funds for the education of underprivileged children in India – the “Karun's Karting Carnival” in the summer in the UK and the “KC500”, a 500 kilometre cycling event run in South India.