



Day - 3	Stage-3
San Juan de Marcona - Arequipa	799kms

Sherco TVS Rally Factory team overcomes challenges to complete Stage 3

Lorenzo Santolino finishes stage in Top 10

Overall rankings at the end of 3rd stage – Lorenzo 13th, Adrien 15th, Michael 28th and Aravind 61st

Arequipa, January 09, 2019:

Sherco TVS Rally Factory team battled heavy fog and extreme terrain to finish a challenging Stage 3 of Dakar 2019. The team rode to the city of Arequipa in the highlands of Peru amidst intense heat and dry conditions. Despite a challenging stage with a 342 km special, the team was able to perform well. Michael Metge bounced back strongly to climb the rankings and in the middle of the stage, he even found himself in the 5th position.

Michael Metge gave one of his best performances and managed to finish the stage in the top 15, taking his overall ranking to 28th position. Lorenzo Santolino was impressive too especially with his navigation and he finished the stage at 10th position. He has improved his overall ranking to 13th position. Adrien Metge lost some time in navigation and had a difficult stage but he was still able to finish and is now at 15th position in the overall rankings. Adrien is confident that he will do much better in the future stage and the team has full confidence in him for the rest of the race. Aravind KP is getting better and better with every stage and riding at his own pace with the goal of reaching the finish line. Aravind's overall ranking is now at 61st position overall.

The riders will leave for Moquegua in stage 4 covering a total distance of 511km, which includes 352km of special.

“ Team manager David Casteu says

I am happy with our team's performance in Stage 3 despite many challenges. The riders are very motivated and completely focused to improve their performance. The mechanics are doing an amazing job and are supporting their riders to the fullest. The camaraderie is great and we will keep this spirit going till the finish line.

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