

# Cricket, 'naatu naatu': MotoGP's elite get a taste of India & love it

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**Noida:** Italy ranks 30 in the latest ICC T20 rankings, but Francesco Bagnaia knows how to play a mean backfoot drive. Before he sets the clock on fire when he blazes down the race track of the Buddh International Circuit is weekend for the inaugural MotoGP Bharat, the defending champion and current world championship leader showed off another dimension to his timing – deft and exquisite – with a cricket bat in hand. The bowler was former India cricketer Suresh Raina, the pitch hard asphalt and the wickets a set of plastic stumps in a short 'gully cricket' experience

Piyal Bhattacharjee



MotoGP world champion and this year's championship leader, Italian Francesco Bagnaia of Ducati Lenovo team (in orange T-shirt), tries his hand at cricket with fellow MotoGP Bharat contestants, on the track of the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida on Thursday

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