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We meet every Sundays at 0930 am at Western India Wire Industries, Pokharan Rd.02, Thane (W) 400606

Birthdays this week

Anniversaries this week

19 Feb – Rtn. Satish Watve

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

UPCOMING EVENTS NEXT WEEK :-

Brief History of Cycling in India

- 18 Feb – @ 10:00 am - Foundation laying ceremony/ Puja for check dam & water distribution system projects at Kuvaripada & Pachudarpada
- @ 06:00 pm - Welcome & felicitation of CYCLOTHON-2020 cyclist Mr. Stefan Voormans at Hotel United 21.
- 19 Feb - @ 07:00 am - Flag off ceremony of Cyclothon-2020 from Upvan lake.
- @ 04:00 pm - Envelope decoration workshop for visually challenged at 102, Boulevard Mall, Lodha paradise, Majiwada.
- 23 Feb - @ 06:30 am - District event - Walkathon
- @ 06:30 pm - BOD at Rtn's Shashi & Anju Nardekar's place

Cycle is a poor man's transport, hobby of rich man and medical activity for the old. In most of the cases, a child life starts with a cycle, two wheeled & tri – wheeled irrespective of his/her status of being from a rich, middle or poor family, hence, it may be mentioned that the cycling activity starts in the beginning of childhood and it becomes a sport at 10-12 years of age.

Cycling as a sports was introduced in India with the efforts of Sh. Janki Das in mid-thirties. It found its International level when Sh. Janki Das, the lone Indian Cyclist participated in the British Empire Games at Sydney (Australia) in 1938 with Swami Jagan Nath accompanied as Manager.

With the pioneering of these two, Indian Cycling was to secure affiliation of National Cycling Federation to the National Cyclists Union of England. A few years later, another stalwart Sh. Sohrab H. Bhoot of Bombay & Sh. Janki Dass joined hands in furtherance of cycling sports & formed the National Cyclists Federation of India in 1946 & secure affiliation of this new body with Union Cyclists International (UCI). The same year, Indian Cycling Team participated in World Cycling Championships held in Switzerland. Thereafter, Indian cycling teams participated in London Olympics in 1948 & World Cycling Championships at Amsterdam in 1946 & Brussels in 1949.

Cycling was one of the sports in 1st Asian Games held at National Stadium, New Delhi in 1951. At that time Sh. Sohrab H. Bhoot, who was President of National Cyclists Federation of India, formally constituted the Asian Cycling Federation with himself as its founder President.

In 1955, the National Cyclists Federation of India ran into certain difficulties with the Govt. of India leading to withdrawal its recognition & as a result the Indian Teams could not participate in any of the International Competitions/Championships. This stalemate continued for about 6 years.

It was 1962, when the Indian Olympic Association, through its good office could get the dispute resolved with the selection of Sh. Abhijit Sen of Sen Raleigh Cycles as President of National Cyclists Federation of India & subsequently the Federation with its new office bearers, was granted recognition by the Govt. of India. Soon after breaking the ice, an Indian Cycling Team consisting of Late Lalbir Singh, Sucha Singh, Late Amar Singh Billing & Late Amar Singh Sokhi & Chetan Singh Hari with Sh. R. K. Mehra as Manager cum Coach, participated in 1964 Tokyo Olympics as a part of Indian Contingent. The team, which did not have any practice on 45 degree track as in the Tokyo Olympics, obviously could not put up any creditable performance, which became a restraining factor for future International participation. Again it was after a gap of 6 years & with the persistent efforts of office bearers of the recreation team of 9 cyclists & 2 officials was sent to participate in the VI Asian Games, Bangkok in 1970 as a part of Indian Cycling Teams in International Competitions/Championships became smooth. In 1966, the name of cycling body in India was changed to its present Cycling Federation of India in conformity of General Regulation of Olympic Games & Indian Olympic Association.

The election of office bearers earlier held after every three years but the tenure to 4 years was amended through its Constitution in 1979 as to be in the line followed by Indian Olympic Association.

Highlights of the Events Last Week



Cycling events around our State in coming week

Date	Event	City
19-Feb-2020	Tour of South India (W-O-C)	Pune
21-Feb-2020	Mumbai Midnight Cycling South Bombay Circuit	Mumbai
21-Feb-2020	1200-deccan-queen-ccd-start-finish	Pune
22-Feb-2020	Mumbai Midnight Cycling	Mumbai
22-Feb-2020	Bombay midnight cycling - With bhatakna	Mumbai
22-Feb-2020	Mumbai Midnight Cycling South Bombay Circuit	Mumbai
22-Feb-2020	Mid Night Cycle Ride to South Mumbai	Mumbai
22-Feb-2020	Midnight cycling under moonlight Costal Ride	Mumbai
22-Feb-2020	Fleche 2020 Nature Farm House Ride	Nashik
22-Feb-2020	Jintur-Nagar-Jintur Cycling	Washim
22-Feb-2020	Sobo Night Ride Cycling	Mumbai
22-Feb-2020	Night Cycling in Mumbai Cycling	Mumbai
22-Feb-2020	Starlight Cycling, Sprint by RTC Pune	Pune
22-Feb-2020	Mumbai Midnight Cycling with Breakfast Cycling	Mumbai
23-Feb-2020	CycloFiesta: Bhigwan Cycle Cycling	Pune
23-Feb-2020	Breakfast Cycling Ride Cycling	Mumbai
23-Feb-2020	Neon cycling fest Cycling	Mumbai
23-Feb-2020	2nd LSOM Ride Cycling	Pune
23-Feb-2020	LSOM Last Sunday Of The Month Cycling	Kolhapur
23-Feb-2020	Double Century Brevet Cycling	Sangli
23-Feb-2020	Kalyan Road Aurangabad Road 200 BRM	A.nagar
23-Feb-2020	Brevet Populaire 100km Cycling	A.nagar
23-Feb-2020	One Day Cyling Event To Sinhadgad Fort	Pune