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3k cyclists take to the streets of Amdavad at CYCLOTHON 2016

From youngsters to senior citizens, event had participants from all age groups

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With an aim to promote cycling, city-based private group JP Sports & Events had organised Cyclothon 2016 on Sunday. The event, held at Sabarmati riverfront, saw participation of over 3,000 cycling enthusiasts from across the state, including a few from outside Gujarat. Minister of Tourism Saurabh Patel flagged off the event.



"Cyclothon got a fabulous response. This has motivated us to make it bigger next time. It is an initiative of contributing our bit to promote green city, clean city, fit city by promoting cycling as a sport," Jigar Patel, founder, JP Sports & Event.

The one-day event had five categories: Champions' Ride, Challengers' Ride, Green Ride, Fashion Ride and Kids' Ride. It saw participation from all age groups.

12-year-old Fashion Ride participant Sidharth M Kahara whose right part of the body is



Bhagwati Oza

paralyzed said, "There was a time when I was denied admission to a school, but today, my passion for cycling proves I am no less than others."

Dr Bhagwati Oza from Vadodara is 80 but she is 16 at heart. "My first cyclothon was of 40 kilometers. Continuous participation has made me an expert over the years." She finished the Challengers' Ride of 50 km.

The event attracted foreigners as well. Nigel Smith, a 46-year-old cyclist from UK who lives in Mumbai, said, "I was disappointed with the traffic. In short, my experience was mixed." The event culminated with stunts by three boys from Team Raptor (Vadodara).