

Mega cycle rally in Assam



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A mega cycle rally with the message of cycling for health & environment was organized on Sunday morning in various parts of Assam including the central function held at historic Latasil playground in then [heart](#) of the [city](#). About 250 participants took part in the rally that marched through the pre-historic [city](#) where [as](#) similar cycle rallies were organised at Nagaon, Bongaigaon, Jorhat and Dibrugarh also.

“The best way to maintain a good health, beat traffic snarls, prevent accidents and minimize pollution is pedaling a cycle,” said Assam [chief](#) minister [Tarun Gogoi](#) while flagging off the cycle rally at Latasil.

He also added that at a time when the State in particular and the world at large is confronted with natural disasters, pollution and climate change, the best way to [arrest](#) the disturbing [trend](#) is taking to cycling in a big way. Cycling can help keeping the environment [clean](#) by reducing pollution, ensures good health and also prevents accidents, asserted Gogoi.

“Cycle was an indispensable part of my life. I used to pedal [8](#) to [10](#) miles on my way to school and later to college. I also started my political life on a cycle campaigning from house to house when I contested the municipal elections. I saw my [father](#) going out on a cycle treating patients,” fondly remembered the [Congress](#) veteran. Organized by a Guwahati based satellite news channel, the rally attracted a number of young cyclists, both boys and [girls](#), from the [city](#). Many of them, while talking to the media, emphasized on creating a permanent cycle lane adjacent to the streets of Guwahati to encourage the practice of cycling in the day-to-day life of interested citizens.

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