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## Memory Lane:

### Cycling Ride to Aarey Colony

Date: 4 April 2015 Participants: 80 Leader: Anil Uchil, Sahil Dhingra, Shrey Nagori

An official cycling club has been formed under the banner of IITB Sports, with a slew of events being planned to promote the idea of cycling as an alternate means of commuting among the IITB fraternity. The first ever event of Cycling club saw great participation from IITB community. Over 80 people successfully completed the ride to Aarey colony. This was a great success of Cycling Club, IIT Bombay. Special Thanks to Anil Uchil for helping us.



## Workshop 101 - Basics of Bicycle Maintenance

Conducted By: Anil Uchil (India's one of the best Cyclist)

Date: 20 May2015 Participants: 20 Leader: Rajendra Bhaskar, Pranav Iyer

After first successful ride we got to know that there should be maintained cycle during Cycling ride. So we came up with a basic workshop of bicycle maintenance. Special thanks to Anil Uchil for a truly comprehensive and exhaustive demonstration of maintaining the bicycle. all participants had a great learning experience.



# Memory Lane:

### Cycling Ride to Kanheri Caves

Date: 23 May 2015 Participants: 25 Leader: Anil Uchil, Pranav Iyer, Rajendra Bhaskar

Kanheri caves offer picnickers a getaway, especially during the rainy season. The hilly terrain of the caves creates several large and small waterfalls. Brilliant and brave cyclists of IIT Bombay did a 50 KM ride led by our mentor Anil Uchil. Team Rentsetgo supporting the event whilst enjoying the ride! Great event to make new friends!



## Cycling Ride to Marine Drive

Date: 6 June 2015 Participants: 38 Leader: Rajendra Bhaskar, Sumeet Kukarni

Marine Drive is a 'C'-shaped six-lane concrete road along the coast, which is a natural bay. So we thought a ride to a beauty place like Marine Drive. The ride to Marine drive was again a success like previous two rides. Cycling along the marine road stretch in the morning was an awesome experience.



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## **Upcoming Events:**

### Cycling Ride to Rock-Versova Beach

Date: 16 August 2015 Grade: Easy Total Distance: 35 KMS Fees: Rs. 50/-



Rock-Versova beach is one of the best place in Mumbai. Our first ride of this semester will to the Rock-Versova beach on 16<sup>th</sup> august 2015. Ride will start at 5:30 AM from SAC, IIT Bombay.

## Cycling Ride to Madh Fort

Date: 13 September 2015 Grade: Medium Total Distance: 65 KMS Fees: Rs.100/-



Madh Fort is a small fort in northern Mumbai, India situated at Madh Island. It offers a strategic view of the coastline and guards the Marve Creek. Its external façade is intact but internally it is dilapidated. It is under control of the Indian Air Force as it is located close to an Indian Naval base and permission is needed for accessing it. Madh Island fort is surrounded by local fishermen's communities. So it will be a different experience for all riders.

## Cycling News:

#### A challenging ride to Kaashid beach by IIT Bombay Students:

On May 4, 2015. Fun in the sun! Excellent riding by Sharath, Pankaj Garg, Naitik Bhise, Sourabh and Rishabh. We left at 4.15 AM from IITB and reached CST by 5.10 AM. We rushed to Bhauchha Daka to catch the 6 AM ferry just in time. Had our breakfast at Revas ferry point before proceeding for Kaashid at 8.30 AM. We could reach Kaashid only by 12.50 PM. Had some fun at the beach and a hearty lunch before heading back at 3.15 PM. The ride back pushed us to our limits as we handled the terrain and afternoon heat. Cheers to Pankaj and Sharath for some highly fast and inspirational cycling, which gave us some hope that we'd reach the last ferry in time, leaving at 6.45 PM from Revas. Despite soar backs, leg cramps and tired minds, we managed to reach in time and head back home to a well accomplished ride. Kudos once again to all riders to have pushed themselves. Looking forward to more burning of the rubber, and muscles in the near future.



#### Amazing ride around tansa Lake:

The ride to Tansa was initiated by Aniket Kundu, Sangeeth Simon, Prashant Poturaju, Navin and Pranav. They started early morning by local train and reached Atgaon station just at the time of sunrise, to get a beautiful blessing from the early morning rays. What followed was more than a blessing for a cyclist...A road right behind the station winds its way to Tansa dam, which is around 8 kms away, and further ahead to Modak Sagar dam 30 kms ahead. The beauty of the route lay in the fact that it was untouched by motorised traffic, since all vehicles would take the Mumbai Nashik highway in front of the station. Add to that the undulating road through hills, circumventing the Tansa reservoir, provided an absolute paradise for cycling and sightseeing. We couldn't help but alight at many spots to get closer to the pristine nature around us and be stunned by its beauty, just a few kilometres away from the bustle of Mumbai chaos. We passed by unmanned dams and huts till about 8 kms to Modak Sagar dam before returning as there was no food outlet nearby, and we hadn't much stock with us either. The only food that we had was at a fruit stall on the way back, while the only hotel available is at Atgaon station. This is a highly recommended ride, and possibly one route that can be taken up by IITB cycling during the upcoming year.

-Pranav Iyer

