

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Celebration of World Bicycle Day**

In the framework of the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the High Commission of India, in association with the Cycling Federation of Nigeria and the Federal Road Safety Commission, organized a 'Cycle Yatra' (Cycle rally) on the occasion of 'World Bicycle Day' today in Abuja.

The 11 kilometers 'Cycle Yatra' covered Garki, Constitutional Avenue, High Commission of India, European Crescent, Central Area and Wuse district in Abuja.

Over 100 cyclists participated in the event including Mr. Kayode Fanola, Assistant Corps Marshal at Federal Road Safety Commission, Dr. Anthonia Epka, Director, Road Transport and Mass Transit Administration, Federal Ministry of Transportation, Shri Abhay Thakur, High Commissioner of India in Nigeria, Mr. Giandomenico Massari, President of the Cycling Federation of Nigeria, Mr. Sudarshan Reddy, President of the Indian Cultural Association, Nigerian friends of India from various walks of life, and members of the Indian community. Besides, the bicycle rally was greeted by hundreds of people at brief stopovers at the High Commission of India, the European Commission, the Federal Ministry of Transportation and the Federal Road Safety Commission, Abuja, Nigeria.

Earlier, the Office of High Commission of India in Lagos, in association with Indian Cultural Association (ICA), Lagos had also celebrated World Bicycle Day on 02 June 2019 with great enthusiasm, in which over 70 cyclists participated.

In his remarks, High Commissioner Shri Abhay Thakur said that Mahatma Gandhi and his thoughts continue to inspire and bind India and Africa together to this day, and Mahatma Gandhi had always emphasized the importance of sustainable development. He said that the 'Cycle Yatra' in Abuja and Lagos is a fitting tribute to Gandhiji's memory.

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## Photographs of Celebration of World Cycling Day 2019



*The Participants including Mr. Kayode Fanola, Assistant Corps Marshal at Federal Road Safety Commission, Shri Abhay Thakur, High Commissioner of India to Nigeria and Smt. Surabhi Thakur, Mr. Giandomenico Massari, President of the Cycling Federation of Nigeria during their brief stopover at the High Commission of India, Abuja (Nigeria).*





*The Bicycle Rally on Abuja streets efficiently guided and managed by professional team from Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Abuja, Nigeria.*



*The Bicycle Rally in Lagos, organised by the Office of the High Commission of India in Lagos in association with Indian Cultural Association (ICA), Lagos, on 02 June 2019, in which over 70 cyclists participated.*