



Neel Dighe of class 6thG completed 330 kms of cycling over 7 days as part of the [Brahmaputra Cycling Expedition](#) organized by Lifecycle Rides, Pune and Eastern Fiesta. The first day took him to an island called Chandubi, naturally formed after an earthquake in 1897. Chandubi jungle camp is in the tribal area where the Rabba community lives. They are known for their clean villages and handloom textiles. Day 2 was a long ride of 85 kms to Abyapuri, near the Kokaijana Wildlife Sanctuary. Kokaijana has a sizable pollution of the rare Golden Langoor, with its unique rich coat and black face. The group of 17 cyclists tracked a langoor family after a hike of about an hour.

Another long ride of 87 kms took him to Manas National Park, known to have a wide range of birds, the Bengal Tiger, Rhinos, Elephants and the extremely elusive Black Panther. The day ended with the local Bodo community and everyone joined in to perform “Bagarumba”, the butterfly dance. Bodo women in their traditional dresses also cooked a local breakfast of Pitha the following morning.

The next ride day was about 63 kms to the Bhutan border, also called as Bhutan Gate. The way had several elephant corridors and elephant dung could be seen along the way. Final day was a short ride to a beach front of the great river Brahmaputra. On the misty Sunday morning, the other bank of the river about 5 kms away could not even be seen; such is the width of one of the widest rivers in the world. The local community warmly welcomed and honored the youngest and eldest participants in the expedition!

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