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3rd Edition of Tsomgo XCM Mountain Biking Race Held from Gangtok to Tsomgo Lake

Gangtok, November 25: The third edition of the Tsomgo XCM Mountain Biking Race was successfully organised by the Cycling Association of Sikkim on November 22, with over 50 riders participating in the challenging race from MG Marg, Gangtok, to Tsomgo Lake.

The race was ceremoniously flagged off from MG Marg by the Hon'ble Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Shri Raju Basnet, who encouraged the participating riders and appreciated the Cycling Association of Sikkim for its continued efforts towards promoting cycling and mountain biking in the State.

The challenging uphill race witnessed enthusiastic participation across the Elite and Masters categories, with riders testing their endurance, physical strength and technical abilities along the demanding mountain route. The event also witnessed the participation of Anamika Sharma as the sole female rider.

In the Elite category, Raz Rai from Namchi, South Sikkim, secured the first position, followed by Susil Limboo from Yakbung, West Sikkim, in second place, while Divyan Rai from Darjeeling secured the third position.

In the Masters category, Thinlay Norbu from Gangtok, Sikkim, secured the first position, followed by Kunzang Lendup Bhutia from Pangthang, East Sikkim, in second place, and Urgen Sherpa from Darjeeling in third position.

As a gesture of encouragement and recognition, the Cycling Association of Sikkim also awarded consolation prizes of ₹5,000 each to the top 10 finishers in the Elite category, acknowledging their efforts and determination in completing the demanding race.

The event highlighted the growing interest in mountain biking and adventure cycling in Sikkim while providing a competitive platform for riders to showcase their endurance, skills and sporting abilities. It also reaffirmed the Cycling Association of Sikkim's continued commitment towards nurturing cycling talent and promoting the sport across the State