

# The Republic Ride – 2019 – FAQs

## General questions

### Pre-Event Questions:

**1. What is this event all about?**

The Republic Ride is a novel cycling event to celebrate the spirit of our Republic – India. This event series started in the year 2010 and has grown significantly year on year. The Republic Ride holds the distinction of being the best and the biggest century (100KM) ride in India. Through this event, the cycling community comes together to promote sustainable transportation, health & wellness, and an eco-friendly life style in India. 2019 edition is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Republic Ride and will witness 3000+ riders completing a century (as an individual or as a team) with zeal and enthusiasm.

**2. Who is organizing this event?**

The lead organizer for the Republic Ride is CYKUL, the No. 1 Cycling company in India, and is actively supported by government agencies such as Cyberabad Police, GHMC, TSIIC, ITE&C Dept, Sports Authority of Telangana and the Industry Forums such as SCSC, HYSEA, NASSCOM, TIE, and CII.

**3. What are the registration fees?**

The registration fee for each participant is Rs. 1500. (Excluding taxes).

**4. When is the last day for registration?**

The last date for registration is 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. However, the slots tend to fill up quite early so please register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

**5. What is the venue?**

The start and finish points of this ride will be at the Gachibowli stadium.

**6. What are the important details of this event?**

The Republic Ride 2019 is set to take place at the Gachibowli Stadium. It is executed over two days (19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – the Saturday & Sunday before 26<sup>th</sup> January) to suit the requirements of participants in both recreation category and athletic category. The details for the two days are:

a. 19<sup>th</sup> January: i. Joy Ride: A fun ride for family, friends, colleagues to enjoy safe cycling, great food, & lively entertainment. Distance options start from as small as 2KMs. Interesting special formats are available for kids (bicycles and Cycles with supporter wheels), couples (tandems-cycles).

b. 20<sup>th</sup> January: i. Relay Ride: This is the format created specifically to build and emphasize teamwork. Team size options are 2, 5, & 10 members covering corresponding distances of

50KM, 20KM, or 10KM each for the team total of 100KM. ii. Signature Ride: In this format, the participant will ride the full distance of 100 KM as a solo rider

**7. Will breakfast and lunch be provided on event day?**

Yes. The participants can access all the food and beverage facilities such as breakfast on route, snacks and drinks at support stations, and lunch at stadium. There is no additional charge for any of this food/beverage arrangement.

**8. What is the maximum time taken to complete the ride?**

The allocated time to finish the ride is 8 hours i.e. from 6:30AM to 2:30PM. Based on the historic data, almost all of the riders and teams will be able to finish their ride in the stipulated time. However, for some reason, if you are unable to finish the ride post 2:30PM, our Last Support Vehicle will pick up you and your cycle and drop you at the finish point (Gachibowli stadium).

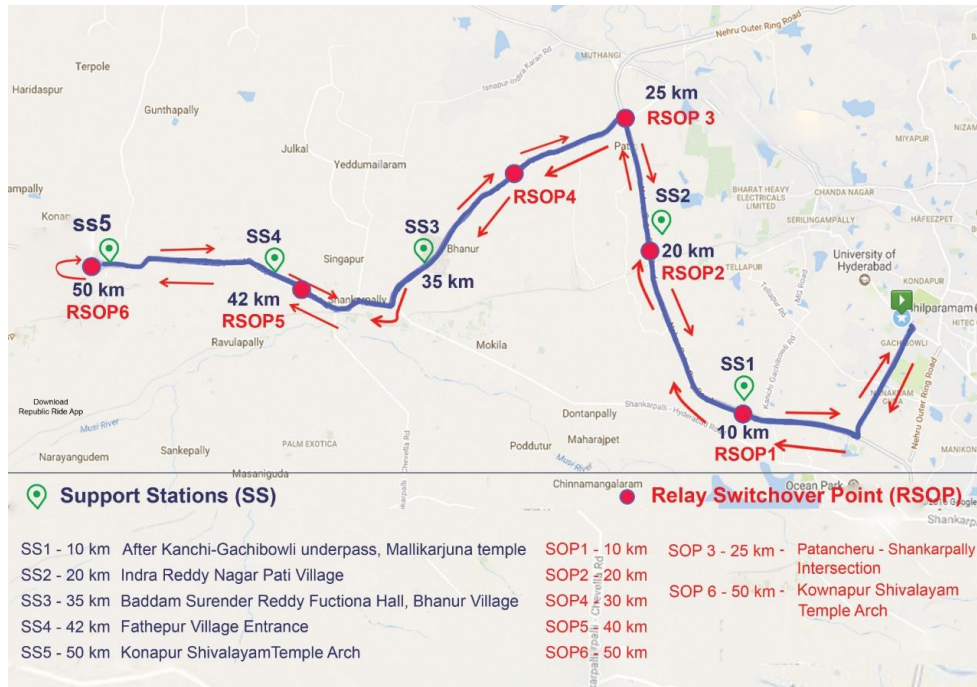
**8. Do you provide medical support during the ride? How do I request for it?**

Yes, the organizers will be providing the immediate medical support. In case of medical emergencies, please either contact- +91 888 602 9585 or request for medical support through your **Smart Cykul App**. Download here:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cykulapps.smartcykul&hl=en>

**9. What is the route for ride? (Route map)**

Below is the map for the ride:



**10 What is the event starting time? (Flag off)**

The ride flag off time for both Signature and Relay Ride is 6:30 AM.

**11 Do we get any hard copy of the route?**

Yes, the hardcopy of the route map will be provided to you along with the rider kit.

**12 Is the registration fee same for all riders regardless of age group?**

Yes.

**13 What if, we don't have our own cycle or helmets?**

In case you don't have your own cycle and helmet, you can rent it from Cykul or any other third party (Signature Riders), For Relay Teams; if cycle needed, 1 cycle with helmet is included in the registration fee. To rent a cycle from Cykul, call +91 888 602 9585

**14 What do participants receive after completion of the ride?**

Participants will get a medal and an e-Certificate. E-certificate link will be provided to you through e-mail or SMS. You can also download your certificate from Cykul Pelotons App.

**15 What do I get in a rider kit?**

Following items in your rider kit:

- T-shirt
- Route map
- Smart card
- Goodies
- Lanyard
- Rider bib
- Waiver and Release form
- Pins

**16 Who can participate in this event?**

Any individual who is physically fit can register for the event.

**17 Are there any transportation facilities to reach the venue on event day?**

There are no transportation facilities organized by the event team. The riders will have to reach the venue on their own.

**18 Do I need to get anything from home on the event day?**

- While food and beverages are provided along the route, at the support stations, it may be prudent for you to bring the bottles/sippers to carry water/drinks while on the route.
- Please note that the you are required to attach head and tail lights to their cycles. Further, the riders may bring additional items such as pocket tools; puncture kit, etc in order to deal with any unanticipated breakdowns during the ride.

- You are requested to bring the copy of registration confirmation.
- Please carry your ID proofs and your mobile phone and cash along with you in case of emergencies.
- At your own discretion, you can bring appropriate personal items such as wallet, camera, etc.; however, you are fully responsible for your personal belongings including the cycle.
- Please note that, there are no locker facilities available either at the start point or the endpoint.

**19 What is a smart card? How to use it? What if, I lose my smart card?**

Smart card will be issued to you with a unique identification number and pre-loaded services. This smart card gives you an access to the facilities such as rental cycle and helmet (for eligible categories only), food and beverages, certificate, medals etc. This card will track the services you avail. In case of misplace, duplicate smart card will be issued for a fee of Rs. 50

**20 What is Relay Ride?**

A Relay Ride is a team effort to cover the stipulated 100KM distance collectively. The team size can be either 5 members, 2 members or 10 members. There will be switch-over points along the route where riders can pass the cycle to the next member. The relay teams will have to arrange their own transportation along the route for non-riders.

**21 I misplaced my rider kit. Do I get one more rider kit? Or what do I do now?**

If you misplace the rider kit, please note that only the smart card can be replaced, that too for a fee of Rs.50/-. Further, please note that some of the services (e.g. E-certificate) may take a bit longer time than usual as they are driven off the smart card unique number.

**22 Is there any training sessions before the event day?**

Yes, you can visit Gachibowli stadium on weekends or Palapitta Cycling Park on daily basis to practice for this upcoming event.

**23 Can I park my cycle at the venue ahead of the event?**

The riders can park and lock their cycles at the venue ahead of the event on their own risk. The organizing team does not hold any responsibility in case of any damages or theft.

**24 Are there any parking facilities for the riders at starting point of the event?**

Yes. Please follow the parking instructions and security directions to avoid hassles.

**25 Are there any Sweep trucks available?**

Yes. There is one sweep truck as LRV (Last Rider Vehicle). In case of breakdown, please request for a mechanic support through Cykul Pelotons App.

**26 Is there any drop home facility available if I am unable to ride?**

No. There is no drop home facility. The rider can wait for the sweep truck to get back to the venue.

### **Day of Event Questions:**

**27 Do we get any mechanical support while riding?**

Yes. Rider can request for the mechanic support through Cykul Pelotons App. Mechanic will reach your location within 10 minutes.

**Note:** Rider must opt for the live tracking option to avail any on route support.

**28 Where are the support stations set up?**

There are support stations every 10 kilometers on the route.

**29 Do we have any cut off timing for the ride? If so, what is the cut off timing?**

Yes. 2:30 PM is the cut off time for finishing the ride. However please note that the intermittent support stations also have specific cut off times, so please refer to your rider kit material or the Cykul Peloton App to know the exact cut off time for all the services within the ride.

**31 Do we have any rest rooms on route and venue?**

Yes. We do have rest rooms at the stadium, and mobile toilets on route.

**32 Is there any emergency contact number?**

In case of emergencies/assistance, please call: +91 888 602 9585. Please note that you can reach respective support station supervisors through the Cykul Peloton App also.

**33 What is the Event Flow on 20<sup>th</sup>?**

- 6:00am - Reporting time
- 6:15am - warm up
- 6:27am - flag hoisting, national anthem
- 6:30am sharp - the flag off.
- Breakfast will be provided on route for the riders.
- Lunch will be provided at the stadium.
- Riders will be facilitated with medals back at the stadium, followed by lunch.

**34 Can I get one more lunch or breakfast kit?**

No. Only one breakfast and one lunch kit will be provided per rider.

**35 I have not registered my name before; can I register on the day of event?**

There are no spot registrations on the event day

**36 I had registered my name before. But, my name is not there in the list. What do I do?**

Please call on: +91 888 602 9585 or visit help desk at the venue with the registration confirmation receipt. All the riders are requested to get the registration confirmation print-out sent by TAF at the time of the registration. Without the registration confirmation copy, rider kit will not be provided.

**37 Where can I collect the cycle on the ride day?**

Please note that this applies to the relay riders only. All the cycles are parked at the Cykul Stations in the stadium. Please go to your respective organization stall, scan your smart card to pick your cycle.