

MCC : Cycle with a message

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Imphal, October 29 2011: Under the stated objective of preventing pollution and protecting the environment, a cycle rally is being planned tomorrow by Manipur Cycle Club, also known as Critical Mass-VII . The rally will be flagged off from the DM College of Science campus and will end at Bir Tikendrajit Park where a public meeting will also be held. From its starting point, the rally will snake through Ima Khunthokhanbi Shanglen, Khoyathong traffic point, Wahengbam Leikai, Pishum, Singjamei traffic point, Post Office, Nityaipat Chuthek, Kangla Gate (western) traffic point. Announcing the proposed cycle rally at Manipur Press Club this evening, Manipur Cycle Club vice president Deben Sharma said the Club was formed to not only create awareness on the need to protect the environment but to promote a healthy society through use of cycle as the mode of commuting. Moreover cycle is the cheapest means of travel, highlighted Deben while adding that the Club in its 10th month of establishment commands a total of 450 members registered through the Facebook. He maintained that a memorandum has been handed over to the Chief Minister with the proposal for earmarking a cycle-only path and to provide parking space for cycles in the city areas. Deben further informed that a proposal has been submitted to the Art and Culture Commissioner to maintain Kangla as a cultural heritage site by declaring the sprawling complex as carbon-free zone. The proposal also include stationing of cycles at the three entry points of Kangla so that visitors could pedal their way through the historic location. He maintained that a joint initiative is under study with authorities of Environment and Ecology Wing of the Forest Dept for introducing 'rent a cycle' project in the Imphal city areas.