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- The Cycling Federation of India (CFI) as the technical partner, oversaw event guidelines, rules, and regulatory compliance.
- The theme was #ChangeYourGear which focuses on the transformative power of cycling and its positive impact on individual well-being
- The winning prize purse of Rs 33.6 lakhs is the highest for any cycling race in India

**HCL Group**, a leading global conglomerate, successfully concluded the third edition of the HCL Cyclothon Chennai 2025 today, with an impressive turnout of over 2,000 participants. The event organized in association with the Government of Tamil Nadu and under the aegis of the Cycling Federation of India (CFI), celebrated cycling enthusiasts from all walks of life and saw professional and amateur cyclists compete across various categories for a total prize pool of Rs 33.6 lakhs, the highest in any cycling race in India. The event was graced by Dr Atulya Misra, IAS, Chief Secretary, Sports and Youth Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu as Chief Guest and Mr. Meghanatha Reddy IAS, Member Secretary of Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) as Guest of Honor.



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The Professional Elite Race (50 km) saw intense competition, with Dilawar from RSPB, Emil Josep from Tamil Nadu, Phiramoth from Tamil Nadu, in the male and Swasti Singh from Odisha, Himanshi Singh from Haryana, Chayanika Gogoi from RSPB, in the

**female category** claiming the top spot to become winner, runner-up and second runner-up respectively.

**Winners in the other categories are as follow:**

| Category                        | Winner            | Runners-Up          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner-up |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Amateur Road Race- 50 KM Male   | Kavish S.         | Sohel Bargir        | Pranesh S                 |
| Amateur Road Race- 50 KM Female | Urmi Das          | Gayatri Tamba Vekar | Jinat Ayub Sayyad         |
| Amateur Road Race- 24 KM Male   | Karthikeyan Kumar | Santhosh M.         | Khudboddin Shaikh         |
| Amateur Road Race- 24 KM Female | Nandhili T.       | Keerthi Sakthivel   | Anushka Raut              |

Speaking at the event, **Dr Atulya Misra**, said, *“Under the leadership of our Honorable Deputy Chief Minister, who is himself a cycling enthusiast, cycling is growing as one of the major sports in Tamil Nadu. Cyclists from the state are bringing laurels in national and international tournaments. I thank HCL and the Cycling Federation of India for their efforts in promoting cycling, and with new infrastructure like a velodrome and BMX facility coming up, Tamil Nadu is set to play an even bigger role in India’s cycling journey.”*

**Rajat Chandolia**, AVP & Head of Brand Strategy from HCL Group said, *“The HCL Cyclothon has now completed seven editions, including three in Chennai, and it is heartening to see the cycling community grow to over 14,000 riders across India. The turnout of more than 2,000 participants this year reflects not only the rising competitiveness of the event but also the growing enthusiasm for cycling as a movement for healthier living and a greener tomorrow. With each edition, our focus*

*remains on making the HCL Cyclothon more inclusive, impactful, and community-driven."*

**Maninder Singh, Secretary General, Cycling Federation of India (CFI)**, added, *"The third edition of the HCL Cyclothon has been a proud moment for Indian cycling. The strong participation and the quality competition reflect the sport's growing popularity nationwide. HCL's continued commitment is helping us build a stronger cycling culture, create opportunities for emerging talent, and inspire more people to take up cycling for fitness and sustainability."*

**Santhosh Kumar M., Runner-up in the Amateur Category (24 km Road)**, who was also a winner in the HCL Cyclothon Chennai 2024 and HCL Cyclothon Hyderabad 2024, shared, *"Winning again at the HCL Cyclothon in Chennai is a very special. Coming from Tenkasi, I have faced many challenges, but cycling has taught me that persistence always pays off. My dream now is to represent India at the national and international level, and I hope my journey inspires more young people from villages like mine to take up cycling."*

The race started and finished at **Mayajaal Multiplex on the ECR Road**, offering both professional cyclists and amateurs a competitive yet rewarding challenge.

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