



PUMP TRACK NEPALGUNJ

In January 2024, the Velosolutions Pump for Team landed in Nepalgunj to start work on the Pump Track

The project was Nepal's 2nd and longest (to date) pumptrack supported by Velosolutions & Pump for Peace. To help get this project off the ground, Konolfingen Pump Track generously contributed CHF 5'000 to the project via Pump for Peace.

The project took 10 days to complete and is located 2.2km from the center of the city.

Nepalgunj, nestled in the southwestern region of Nepal, embodies a rich blend of culture and commerce. With a population surpassing 200,000, this bustling city stands as a vital economic hub in the nation's Terai region. Its strategic location near the Indian border fosters trade and cultural exchange, making it a melting pot of diverse influences. The climate in Nepalgunj oscillates between subtropical and tropical, characterized by hot summers and mild winters, creating an environment conducive to agriculture and trade year-round.

About Banke District Cycling Association (BDCA) is a vibrant community dedicated to promoting cycling culture and sports in Banke District, Nepal. Founded with a vision to encourage health, wellness, and environmental sustainability, BDCA has become a pivotal organization in the region. Comprising passionate cyclists, coaches, and enthusiasts, BDCA offers various programs and initiatives aimed at fostering cycling as a way of life. One of the primary objectives of BDCA is to organize cycling events and competitions, ranging from amateur races to professional tournaments, which not only showcase local talent but also attract participants from neighboring districts and beyond. These events serve as platforms for riders to test their skills, build camaraderie, and inspire others to embrace cycling.

Moreover, BDCA is committed to advocating for cycling infrastructure development, road safety measures, and environmental conservation efforts. Through partnerships with government bodies, NGOs, and corporate sponsors, BDCA strives to create a conducive environment for cycling enthusiasts while raising awareness about the benefits of cycling for both individuals and the community at large.

Overall, the Banke District Cycling Association plays a pivotal role in promoting cycling as a sport, a recreational activity, and a sustainable mode of transportation, thereby contributing to the holistic development of the region.

Since the pump track has been opened a community of users, including a lot of local youth has grown around the pump track which sees some 50 to 70 riders make use of it per day. This will continue to grow as the news spreads through the local community.

As the monsoon rains come to Nepal in mid June more works towards the landscaping of the project will begin to make the track more beautiful and green.

We hope that a kind of long distance Pump Track relationship can be formed between Konolfingen Pump Track and Pump Track Nepalgunj.

