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## Cycling for recycling



**GREEN MESSAGE:** *The 12-cadet team from Jain University will cover a distance of 535 km.*

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**BANGALORE:** "Cycling has been my passion since childhood. Today, I'm happy my passion has come in handy for a cause," said D. Balwant Singh, a Cadet Sergeant in the National Cadet Corps (NCC) as he was getting ready for a unique bicycle expedition from Bangalore to Virajpet in Kodagu district.

This NCC bicycle expedition from 2A/5 Coy NCC from Jain University, affiliated to 7 Karnataka Battalion NCC, is unique in the sense that the 12-cadet expedition team will collect newspapers en route and bring them back for recycling.

Jain University Vice-Chancellor N. Sundarajan flagged off the expedition on Thurs-

day. The 11-day expedition led by Sgt. Singh, will wheel its way through Channapatna, Mandya, Madikeri and Virajpet, covering a distance of 535 kilometres. "The aim of this expedition is to collect old newspapers by visiting homes en route and bring them back in a truck, which will follow us."

The old newspapers will later be handed over to people with disabilities who will recycle them into bags to earn their livelihood, Sgt. Singh said.

Cadets will also further the green message by creating awareness on tree protection, besides motivating the youth to join NCC. The cadets will also visit places of historical importance and spread conservation awareness.