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The king is the subject here

Bicycle expedition to Agumbe roots for king cobra's protection

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BANGALORE: They will be on the road for nine days. To spread awareness about protecting the king cobra and inculcate the spirit of adventure in cadets, the 2A/5 Coy NCC of Jain University affiliated to 7 Karnataka Battalion NCC, Group 'B' Bangalore has undertaken a bicycle expedition from Bangalore to Agumbe from January 10.

The expedition, comprising 12 cadets from Jain University, was flagged off by Lt. Col. Alope Guha, Group Commander of Karnataka Battalion, NCC, Bangalore, at Jain University here Monday.

'Challenging'

Lt. Col. Guha said the bicycle expedition basically took the cadets on an adventurous trip across the real India. "The cadets will come out of their comfort zone and experience the other world that surrounds them. It is a proud moment for us to say that we would be involved in such an

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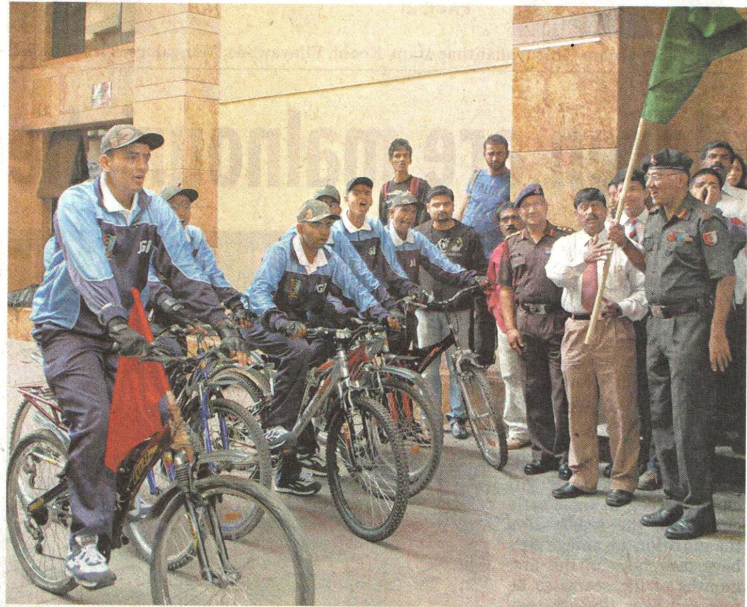
activity that spreads awareness among the people regarding an imperative issue. This will also motivate the youth to join NCC," he said.

Empowerment

Rohit, a final year student said: "This expedition is to spread awareness [on protecting] king cobras. We also want to [focus on] women's empowerment and the importance of [NCC] as part of co-curricular activities."

Jain University has undertaken seven bicycle and three motorcycle expeditions so far.

Jain University Vice Chancellor N. Sundararajan and Director of PU Programmes B.T. Venkatesh were present.



READY, GET SET...: The cadets are all set to take off on their mission.

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