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Pack-a-thon to stop cruelty to animals

BANGALORE: A pack-a-thon was organised in the City on Sunday to raise voice against cruelty to animals.

The event was organised by animal welfare groups as part of the Animal Welfare Fort-night, which is observed across India from January 16 to 31 to create awareness about animal protection laws.

R Chenraj Jain, president Jain University Trust, who

flagged of the event said that: "Community outreach activities, such as the pack-a-thon, are important to sensitise people on a variety of issues ranging from cruelty to abandonment of pets. People's participation and a heightened sense of responsibility alone can promote animal welfare."

The participants who walked from Mayo Hall to

Cubbon Park carried placards highlighting various aspects of animal welfare and protection.

Vijaya Sitaram, one of the participants, said that the human race is too self-centric and seems to have forgotten that we share the planet with other creatures.

"Creatures other than human beings too are on the planet for a purpose. And, that purpose is not be used, abused

and exploited by humans," he said.

Another participant Meetali Mukherjee said: "I have taken part in this event, along with my family members, as we believe that animals play a crucial role in building stronger ties among family members and help foster a sense of compassion towards the environment around us."

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