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## Activists to pedal on 'green mission'

**MYSORE:** To enhance green cover, Odanadi Seva Samsthe, a NGO has organised a cycle jatha from Mysore on May 25 under the banner of 'Our Earth Our People'.

Briefing the media about the event, Parashuram of the Samsthe on Saturday said, the jatha comprising 20 members of the organisation joined by 13 volunteers from United States of America (USA), Canada, Merryland, Belgium, Britain, Italy, England, Holland and other countries would cover a distance of 1,000 kms in 35 days visiting 71 villages in Mysore, Mandya, Hassan and Kodagu districts.

Daily they would cover 40 km, with a rest after every 20 km. They intend to cover 2 lakh people during the course of their journey.

The volunteers during their stay would plant saplings of various fruits between 50 and 100 in the complex of either schools or hospitals in each village. Like-

wise, 5,000 such saplings obtained from Indian Institute of Horticulture in Bangalore, would also be planted, Parashuram said.

Apart from creating an awareness on conserving green, the participants would also impart education on the rights of women and children through street plays and cultural programmes.

Most importantly, it provides an opportunity for the victims of human trafficking to share their sordid tale, if any.

Stanley of Odanadi said DG and IG Dr Ajai Kumar Singh would release the flag carrying the message of brotherhood, marking the inauguration of the jatha near the office of Deputy Commissioner on Monday at 11.30 am.

MLA V Sreenivas Prasad, Police Commissioner Dr S Parashivamurthy, Regional Commissioner M V Jayanthi and several others would be present on the occasion.

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