Cycling away for a green cause

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CHENNAI: Isha’s Project GreenHands — an initiative to increase green cover in the city — took off on Sunday with the planting of saplings on the Voluntary Health Services Hospital campus.

The greening project executed in association with the Tamil Nadu Cycling Club (TCC) saw a cycle rally from Madhya Kailash to Siruseri and back. R. Nataraj, former Director-General of Police, launched the project by planting a sapling and flagged off the ‘Cycle to work’ rally.

Maruthu, a member of Project GreenHands, said the cycle rally was organised to create awareness about pollution and to promote cycling.

He said the rally had four stages — four km, 12 km, 24 km and 48 km, and more than 100 cyclists participated.

Boris Bhim, a participant from Pallavaram, said the cycle rally was an eye-opener.

The dentist, who runs a clinic in Keelkattalai, after taking part in the 12-km category, has decided to purchase a cycle and rest his two-wheeler in the parking yard.

DRIVING CHANGE: Over a 100 cyclists took part in the ‘Cycle to work’ rally to create awareness about pollution — PHOTO: M.SRINATH