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TAKING PRIDE IN DECISIVE INITIATIVES



The cyclathon event conducted by Stella Maris College on February 2

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It is said, that a nation's destiny depends on the pragmatic activities of its youth. There are innumerable, untold tales of students being fully immersed in activities that affect the lives of the deprived. While society lauds their unconditional initiatives, they modestly acknowledge it as their obligation to mankind. Encouragement from their respective educational institutions, gives a boost to the young philanthropists.

Samra Taban, a second-year student of Public Relations at Stella Maris College, who con-

ducted a cyclathon in the city, as part of her Department's 'Pro-fit' campaign on Sunday, avers, "I was happy to have been associated with the event, which was intended to create awareness among women about health and fitness. The Department has been organising such events every year, and I feel privileged being part of them. Our present lifestyle and the society we live in demands educational programs, which urge people to be vigilant. We youngsters are equipped with ideas that can impact positive changes in people's lives."

His penchant for plants persuaded Suresh Kumar to spearhead the Eco Club in his college. The commerce student is an

Students are quietly taking to fundraising and philanthropy, thanks to their wanting a change of mindset

ardent fundraiser for planting saplings in and around his locality. He is elated at the response he has been receiving, and asserts that, "Students who wish to make a change are definitely on the rise. Earlier, it was difficult to find volunteers for any initiative. Today, there is a sea change and many are aware of their responsibilities."

Sanjana Ganesh, a first-year student at Ethiraj College for Women, and four friends launched the 'Keni Project', to inculcate the reading habit among children. They believe that it is all about giving back to society. She explains, "We are setting up small libraries in underprivileged schools and have been conducting reading sessions for one hour on Fridays. The initiative stemmed out of the urge to take up a social cause and work on it. I strongly believe that being a change is important rather than preaching, and we found this project a productive and unique one."