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## College Observes 'Car-free Day'

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**Kollam:** A 10-km marathon and bicycle rally, popularly known as the 'World Car-free Day,' was observed by the students and the faculty of the Amritapuri campus on Tuesday.

Dr S Chithra, Assistant Collector, Kollam district, flagged off the marathon from the premises of the municipal office, Karunagapally town, till the Amritapuri campus.

Over 300 staff and 800

students voluntarily avoided using cars and motorbikes, and commuted to the campus by college buses, public transport or bicycles as Amrita University observed 'Car Free Day' for the fifth year in a row.

P Prakash, City Police Commissioner, addressed the marathon participants as part of the concluding ceremony on the campus.

Br Sudeep, director, Amritapuri campus, Dr K Sankaran, Registrar, Amrita University, Dr Balakrishnan

Shankar, associate dean, Amritapuri campus, Salim, municipal chairman, Dr Bipin Nair, dean, Amrita School of Biotechnology, and Dr SN Jyothi, principal, Amrita School of Engineering, presided over the occasion.

'Car Free Day' is a major annual event initiated by the World Car-Free Day consortium with an objective to promote the use of public transport, car sharing and the use of emission-free vehicles in an effort to address environmental pollution.