

# Forest department holds Green Diwali rally

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Udhagamandalam: The forest department, in an attempt to create public awareness on the importance of pollution-free festivities, organised a Green Diwali rally in Ooty on Wednesday.

The rally, flagged off by Nilgiris collector M Aruna, started from Charing Cross junction and ended at the Ooty central bus stand, about 3km away.

More than 200 people, including forest department staff, field workers, police personnel and revenue staff, took part in the rally. District forest officer S Gowtham said, "The rally is to create awareness among the public about making the upcoming festivals green and pollution-free. We are taking all measures to

keep the hills pollution-free during the festivities." tnn

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