

# SHG members to get training in solid waste management

Learning centre set up by Pepsi, Pammal Municipality and Exnora

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**TAMBARAM:** A training programme for women's self-help group members and unemployed youth on solid waste management was inaugurated at the Zero Waste Management Learning Centre at Visveswapuram near Pammal last week. The learning centre has been set up in partnership with Pepsi, the Pammal Municipality, Exnora International and residents of the local body.

The programme for the first batch was inaugurated in the presence of Kancheepuram Collector R. Venkatesan, who hoped the centre will be a model not only in the district, but also in the entire State. Work on a model for a solid waste management project with a compost yard to convert kitchen waste into manure would commence on the premises of the Kancheepuram Collectorate from Monday, Mr. Venkatesan said.

The objective is to train women SHG members and unemployed youth on solid waste management and equip them with job-oriented skills, said Mangalam Balasubramaniam of Pammal Exnora.

The modules, spread over five days, would cover solid waste management and handling of non-degradable waste. Ms. Mangalam said the compost yard handled domestic waste from 13 wards of Pammal Municipality. The Central Institute of Plastics and Engineering Technology offered to set up a mini unit in Pammal where plastic waste could be recycled, Ms. Mangalam said.



**NEW FACILITY:** Kancheepuram Collector R. Venkatesan looks at the compost yard at the Visveswapuram in Pammal, where he inaugurated a zero waste management centre. — PHOTO: A. MURALITHARAN