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Civic body to set up hotel to run biogas plant at central fish market

KOZHIKODE: Heaps of waste piled up in the surrounding areas of the biogas plant situated at the central fish market at Valiyangadi will be removed to set up a hotel. Members of Niravu, Vengeri, entrusted with the task have already started releasing the stored biogas from the plant before clearing the piled up waste at the areas. At the present, around four cents of land being used to dump the animal parts and plastic waste after the biogas plant that was established in 2009 stopped functioning soon after its commissioning.

Niravu will set up a hotel to sell the traditional snacks and fried fish items. Considered to be first of this kind of initiative in the entire state, Niravu is taking up the project after the successful execution of waste disposal at the Karipur airport. Kerala Agro Industries Corporation (KAIC) Ltd had set up the biogas plant at the market at a cost of Rs 27.6 lakh as part of the civic body's decentralised bio-waste management project in 2009. The plant has the capacity to generate 60 to 70 cubic meters of biogas per day.

The biogas plant having the capacity to treat 2000 kg fish and meat waste per day will be made functional. The generated biogas will be utilised to run the hotel setting up at the site through the sponsorship. Around Rs 15 lakh is required to set up the hotel. On an average around 200 kg animal waste is

being generated at the market.

Babu Parambath, Niravu coordinator said all the dumped waste will be disposed and a hotel will be constructed within a month. "We have started releasing around 80 cubic meters of stored biogas plant from the plant" he said adding that two sponsors have already come forward to render financial assistance to set up the hotel," he said.

Meanwhile, corporation health standing committee chairman K V Baburaj said the civic body will entrust Niravu to run the plant and to carry out maintenance of biogas plant for a period of five years. "The irregular maintenance resulted in non-functioning of the biogas plant. The gas generating from the biogas will be utilised to run the hotel and also to light up the lights at the market," he said.

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