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City to have more compost plants

New plant inaugurated at APIIC colony

The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation opened a vermicompost plant with 50 tonnes capacity at the APIIC Colony on Tuesday.

Vijayawada East MLA G. Rammohan Rao inaugurated the plant along with Mayor Koneru Sridhar, Municipal Commissioner J. Nivas and others.

Mr. Rao said the plant including the onsite compost unit could handle about 50 tonnes wet garbage generated in the nearby areas and de-compost it. He said the State government planned to setting up such plants in the rural areas.

Mr. Sridhar said garbage segregation was being done at the household level in many areas and the wet garbage dumped at the vermicompost plants. This would reduce the transportation burden on the civic body, he said.

Mr. Nivas said plans were afoot to set up similar plants at 11 locations and at all the rythu bazaars. He said each onsite waste compost machine costing Rs. 4 lakh could compost 200 tonnes of garbage per day if installed at strategic locations.

He said such initiatives of installing compost plants would also help the city get better ranking in Swacch Survekshan.