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## **Kalam to inaugurate meeting on solid waste management**

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COIMBATORE: Former President Abdul Kalam will inaugurate here on August 13 a conference on solid waste management organised by Anna University, Coimbatore and the National Solid Waste Association of India (NSWAI), Mumbai.

Union Minister of Environment and Forests Jairam Ramesh and the State Minister for Environment T.P.M. Mohideen Khan will deliver special address, a press release from the university's Dean of Academic Campus S. Premchand said on Tuesday.

An exhibition on solid waste management would open on August 12. All models of waste management and equipment used would be on display. The exhibition would be on till August 14.

The organisers have invited paper presentations from researchers, practitioners of waste management, students and non-governmental organisations on the following topics: municipal solid waste, bio-medical waste, e-waste, industrial, hazardous and toxic waste. An award would be given to the best paper by a student.

While the university wants to highlight its emphasis on waste management through this meet, the Union Government had identified NSWAI as one of the centres for capacity-building projects of World Bank in urban municipal solid waste management.