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Training for 'Freedom from Waste'

State programme to be launched on August 15

The local self-governing bodies have a major role to play in the implementation of 'Freedom from Waste', a programme of the Haritha Keralam Mission and being implemented by Suchitwa Mission aiming at sustainable waste management in the State.

A major focus of the programme is source-level waste management with the support of local bodies and residents.

The training phase of the project in Kozhikode district starts on Thursday at Nalanda Auditorium in the city where Mayor Thottathil Raveendran will inaugurate it. The presidents of all the grama panchayats in the district and Haritha Keralam resource persons from all local bodies will take part in the training session.

Extensive training to the representatives from grama panchayats will be given in separate sessions to be held at Nadapuram Grama Panchayat Auditorium (July 24), Kozhikode

Town Hall (July 25) and at EMS Memorial Town Hall in Koyilandy (July 26).

The local bodies will hold an internal meeting to discuss the implementation of the project on July 22 and ward sanitation committee meetings will be held on July 24. Regional meetings and ward-level meetings will be held in local bodies from July 27 to 31.

The training is being carried out by resource persons from the Kerala Institute of Local Administration. The plan is to ensure two resource persons for every 50 residences in a ward to ensure comprehensive sanitation and waste management.

The 'Freedom from Waste' programme will be officially launched in the State on August 15.