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500 panchayats to be plastic-free: Collector

Solid waste management programme being implemented in villages

As many as 500 panchayats out of the total 860 panchayats in the district will become plastic-free due to the solid waste management programme implemented under the Swachh Bharat Mission, Collector A. Gnanasekaran said. Speaking at a meeting organised here on Tuesday to review the progress of development programmes, Mr. Gnanasekaran said that the programme is being implemented in the villages with at least 300 dwellings that either have industries, government hospital or primary health centre, or happen to be headquarters of district, taluk or block, or located near town, located along railway line, National or State highways.

Cleanliness guards

A cleanliness guard would be appointed for every 150 dwelling in every habitation. The garbage would be collected, dumped, segregated into perishable and non-perishable materials. Non-perishable waste would be sold for recycling and compost

would be generated from perishable wastes and sold, he said.

Speaking on the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) Mr. Gnanasekaran asked people to prepare a draft plan for every panchayat under the scheme for 2016-17 fiscal.