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## **Pilot project to produce power from waste in Erode soon**

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The State government will set up a pilot project to produce power from municipal solid waste at Erode, Minister for Environment K. C. Karupannan said here recently.

Speaking at the World Environment Day celebrations organised by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board and Department of Environment, the Minister said that he along with officials had recently visited a similar plant in Delhi that is utilising 2,000 tonnes of garbage a day.

“We are serious about bringing about a solution to the issue of municipal solid waste,” he said.

Mr. Karupannan also said that Erode would soon get two plants to treat waste water from dyeing units in the region. “A Bengaluru-based company has developed the technology wherein a day one lakh litres are treated and the end product

is clear water. The units cost Rs. 1.50 crore and the amount was collected by the public in of Erode in just four hours,” he said. The Department had written to the Centre for funds for a Rs. 660 crore project to prevent coastal erosion in the State.

The Minister, who released the TNPCB’s compendium of government orders, proceedings and rules, also released a volume on the State of Environment in Tamil Nadu.

Director of Environment H. Malleshappa, Environment Secretary Mohammed Nasimuddin, TNPCB Chairman Atulya Misra and TNPCB Member Secretary N. Sundara Gopal also spoke.