

‘Collectors at School’ project for waste mgmt

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Kochi: In a bid to create civic consciousness and cleanliness among student community, the district administration on Wednesday launched ‘Collectors at School’ project, which envisages effective waste management through proper segregation of waste at the source itself.

The programme was laun-

ched by district collector S Suhas at the Government Girl’s Higher Secondary School, Paravur. Under the programme, the district administration has selected three schools in Ernakulam to start its mini material collection facility (MCF) programme on a pilot basis.

Suchitwa Mission, that has taken the initiative to launch the programme at schools, will

install MCFs in these three schools with the support of local bodies. Students have been advised to bring clean and segregated waste like plastic bottles, milk packets and paper from their homes to schools. Scrap dealers or Haritha Karma Sena of local bodies will collect the waste from MCFs.

“The programme is aimed at creating awareness among students on cleanliness and

hygiene and the need to segregate waste. MCF in schools will ensure segregation of four kinds of waste and also be a solution to the waste disposal issue at schools. The district administration plans to extend the programme to anganwadis and colleges in the names ‘Collectors at Anganwadi’ and ‘Collectors at College’ respectively,” Suhas said.

The schools will be the

centres from where inorganic materials will be cleaned and segregated and then handed over to the scrap dealers. Apart from inorganic waste, the collector has also given instruction to process organic waste. This waste will be converted into compost and then used for growing vegetables.

An organic farming programme was also launched at the school.