

ECO-FRIENDLY PRACTICES

Cafeteria waste is food for greenery on TCS campus

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LUCKNOW: All the food waste generated in Tata Consultancy Services' (Awadh Park, Gomti Nagar) cafeteria would now add to the greenery on its campus.

Here's how. The food waste would be treated in the organic waste convertor and transformed into organic fertilisers, which would be used for the maintenance of lawns, and the excess would be made available to the organisation's associates and NGOs free of cost.

The plant that was inaugurated by Adele Khudr, director, Unicef, UP on Friday, as part of TCS's Environment Day celebrations would treat 16,800 kg of food waste every year to produce over 7,700 kg of bio-fertilisers. The plant would help prevent greenhouse emission of 6.54 tonnes, claimed Laxmikant Prabhakar Naik, consultant, TCS' corporate health, safety and environment.

But, that's not all to TCS' green initiatives. Their campus in Lucknow alone has resorted to numerous eco-friendly practices including a



■ Unicef (UP) director Adele Khudr inaugurating the plant. HT

sewage treatment plant, vermi culture compost pit, rainwater harvesting system, birdhouses, medicinal garden etc.

Jayant Krishna, principal consultant and regional head TCS said, "The organic waste convertor makes TCS Lucknow a zero-discharge site. All kinds of wastes generated here are treated on the campus itself."

Biodiversity mapping from time to time, energy-saving measures, solar water heaters, lamps etc are also a part of the eco-friendly practices adopted on the campus.

All praise for the green efforts of the corporate house, Adele Khudr said, "We must always think of giv-

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