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CIPET move to generate jobs

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Aug. 7: The city-based Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET) will undertake a major study in association with Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) to draw a roadmap for plastic waste management and recycling units. "Thousands of jobs could be created all over the country if plastic recycling is done scientifically," said an official spokesman of the CIPET.

The CIPET spokesman who did not want to be named, told *Deccan Chronicle* that the institute was developing a new recycling technology for the conversion of plastic products into value-added products. "The TNPCB-CIPET mission is to guide and help the plastic recycling units in the state to switch over to

scientific and effective recycling process which will end up in the creation of more value-added products and jobs," said the CIPET spokesman.

A spokesman of the TNPCB said that there were no proper records about recycling industries functioning in the state. "We hope to reduce the waste and minimize the pollution to the lowest levels," said the TNPCB official. With the increase in the prices of petroleum products, polymers derived from petrol have also become costlier, according to the CIPET official.

CIPET is also offering consultancy services to entrepreneurs to set up recycling units. "We help them from the state of concept to commissioning. Even local NGOs can make use of our services and set up plastic waste management cells," the spokesperson said.