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## Press Release

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### **E-garburator project commissioned to convert waste into compost manure**

A newly constructed E-garburator project aims to address proper waste management for the households, was commissioned at a Lauwaki village in Lautoka.

The eco-based dumpsites, that will efficiently convert the community waste into valuable composted manure, is a part of Flagship e-garburator 50 Program launched recently by the Ministry of Environment.

Speaking during the launch of the community based program, the Minister for Waterways, Environment and Agriculture Hon. Dr. Mahendra Reddy highlighted the significance of proper waste disposal and management among the communities.

Minister Reddy alluded towards the improper disposal of waste in which creates threats to the communities and generates several hazards relating to environment and health.

“First and fore most we are very concerned about the waste that is generated in the households, which are improperly disposed and has numerous implications on the health and wellbeing of the community,”

“Improper waste disposal can become a health hazard, where it can develop a breeding ground for a bacteria and formulate causes of other health illness.

Dr. Reddy further stressed that E-garburator project will not only help the villagers in proper waste management, but will also boost the agricultural activities in the village.

“About 80% of the waste generated in the households can be converted into usable product which is manure,” said Dr.Reddy.

“Instead of buying inorganic fertilizers which are a threat to our environment and health, we want people to convert the degradable waste into a compost, organic manure and utilize that in their farms and in the back yard garden to produce organic and healthy vegetables,” he added.

Meanwhile more than twenty villagers were trained by the Ministry of Environment staff on the compositing guidelines which will help them to guide villagers of the various process of compositing.