

**NGO takes up green drive:** Environmental enthusiasts and members of Rotary Club of Coimbatore Town have undertaken an afforestation drive at Madukkarai.

The drive was inaugurated in the Madukkarai town panchayat's 4.5-acre waste compost site on Kurumbapalayam Road on August 15. As many as 5,000 saplings have been planted till Friday, said G Sakthivel, the club's secretary. "We have a target of planting 15,000 saplings. We will do it in batches of 5,000."

The club has been planting trees such as pungam, neem, peepal, banyan, guava, chikku and mango. The saplings are thriving on the compost heap, Sakthivel said. TNN