

Green housing scheme launched

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WAKAD: Palash, the green commune, launched a five-star eco-housing scheme here on Friday. The promoters and builders of the scheme, Vilas Javdekar and Associates, claim that it is the first-of-its-kind scheme in the world.

Director General of YASHDA Ratnakar Gaikwad inaugurated the housing project. This is also the first eco-friendly housing project approved by Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation. The Science and Technology Park will monitor the project. Municipal Commissioner Dilip Band, Aditya Muchal and Vijay Dhombre of Knowledge Interlinks Consultancy were present.

"With the increasing urbanisation the pollution is increasing drastically. Eco-housing can help in checking the pollution," Gaikwad said and added, "This project will set a benchmark for the future schemes." Echoing the



Ratnakar Gaikwad inaugurating the eco-friendly housing project, at Wakad on Friday

sentiments Band said, "We need to spread awareness about eco-friendly housing. Solving problems like garbage management and other related issues would be easier."

The scheme has been planned keeping four R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Renew - in mind. Climatic

changes and global warming have been considered while providing facilities. Steps like bio-climatic design, solid waste management, solar energy, wind energy, recycling of water and recycling of garbage for energy generation are some of the key features of the scheme. The project may to be completed by 2009.